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Appointments

University of Chicago, **Assistant Instructional Professor**, Committee on International Relations

-Department of Political Science Affiliate, University of Chicago

-Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality Affiliate, University of Chicago

Education and Training

The Ohio State University, **PhD**, Political Science (2017-2023)

-Fields: International Relations (major); Race, Ethnicity, and Gender (minor)

-Dissertation: “Violence as Peace: Stories of Everyday Masculinities, Violence, and Peace After Armed Conflict”

-Committee: Jennifer Mitzen(chair, OSU), Christopher Gelpi (OSU), Inés Valdez (JHU)

MA in Political Science, 2019

The Maxwell School at Syracuse University, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research—IQMR (2021)

-Ethnographic methods, fieldwork, interviews, and focus group design and implementation

St. Mary’s University—San Antonio, **MA**, International Relations (2014-2017)

-Fields: Security Policy (MA *with distinction*); Conflict Transformation and Peace (graduate certificate)

North Carolina State University, **BA**, Leadership in the Public Sector (2012-2014)

-Summa Cum Laude Honors, rank #1 of 5000+

Research Interests

Feminist and Post-Colonial Thought; Africa in International Relations; Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies; Critical Security Studies; Queer Theory; Interpretive Research Methods

Publications

Hooser, K. (2023). “Educating Around Conflict: Civil Society Oppression and Peace Education in Burundi.” In *Teaching Peace Amidst Conflict and Post-Colonialism*, Cambridge Scholars Press, edited by Chris Davey, Maria Paula Unigarro Alba, Cris Toffolo, and Juan Felipe Carrillo Gafaro. (Chapter copy available upon request).

Hooser, K., Kanyange, C., and Nijebariko, B. (2023) “When the Hen Sings: The Role of Silence in Women’s Meaningful Participation in Peacebuilding in Burundi.” *Conjonctures de l’Afrique Centrale*, 101. (pre-print available upon request)

Hooser, K. (forthcoming). “Doing Gender is Doing Peace: Eurocentrism, Masculinities, and Women, Peace, and Security Policy in Burundi.” In *Routledge Handbook of Masculinities, Conflict, and Peacebuilding*, edited by Henri Myrntinen, Farooq Yousaf, Chloé Lewis, Elizabeth Laruni, Philipp Schulz and Heleen Touquet

Academic Awards and Grants

- ❖ American Political Science Association (APSA), Women, Gender, and Politics Section, Small Grants Award, 2023
- ❖ Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section, International Studies Association, Best Graduate Paper Award, 2023
- ❖ Ohio State University Distinguished University Fellowship, 2018-2019 and 2022-2023
- ❖ American Political Science Association (APSA) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2021
- ❖ APSA Travel Grant Award, 2021, 2022
- ❖ Jacobina Aman Award for Best Graduate Paper in Gender and Sexuality Politics, 2021
- ❖ Graduate Associate Performance Award, Ohio State University, 2021 (nominated)
- ❖ Ohio State University Alumni Graduate Grants for Research and Scholarship, 2020
- ❖ Mershon Center for International Security Studies Student Grant Competition, 2020
- ❖ Coca Cola and Women's Place Critical Difference for Women Grant, 2020
- ❖ Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship, Ohio State University, 2019, 2020
- ❖ Mershon Center for International Security Studies Student Grant Competition, 2019
- ❖ Council of Graduate Studies Ray Travel Award for Outstanding Service, 2019

Teaching

Awards

- ❖ Graduate Associate Teaching Award, Ohio State University, 2023
- ❖ Francis R Aumann Award for Distinguished Teaching, Ohio State University, 2022

Instructor of Record

University of Chicago

- ❖ INRE 43600. Critical Security Studies
 - Planned for Fall Quarter 2023; Winter Quarter 2023
- ❖ INRE 43000. Core Seminar: International Order and Security
 - Planned for Winter Quarter 2023
- ❖ INRE XXXX. Peace in International Relations
 - Planned for Spring Quarter 2024

Ohio State University

- ❖ PS 4465 Feminist Political Theory (cross-listed with Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)
 - Sections taught in-person and synchronous online
- ❖ PS 4893 Global and Post-Colonial Feminisms in International Relations

Co-instructor with Senior Faculty

- ❖ INTSTDS 4803 Intervening for Peace: Peacekeeping and Collective Security

Professional Development

- ❖ ISA Northeast Pedagogy Workshop, early career instructor participant, November 2023
- ❖ Introduction to the Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB, Social Sciences Research Center, University of Chicago, October 2023
- ❖ Inclusive and Accessible Digital Syllabi, University of Chicago, Academic Technology Solutions, September 2023
- ❖ Incorporating Information Literacy Skills into Your Syllabus, APSA pedagogy workshop, Association of College and Research Libraries, 2023

- ❖ Serious Games and World Politics: A Cooperative Pedagogy Seminar, Ohio State University and University of Belgrade, 2023
- ❖ A Guide to Accessible Lectures, Western Political Science Association Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy, Virtual Workshop, 2023
- ❖ CARE for Inclusion and Equity in Learning Environments, Stanford University and the Center for Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL), 2022
- ❖ Supporting Neurodivergent Students Workshop, University of Illinois at Chicago and CIRTL, 2022
- ❖ Ethical Dilemmas in the College Classroom: A Casebook for Inclusive Teaching, University of Wisconsin-Madison and CIRTL, 2022
- ❖ Teaching Citational Practice: A Critical Feminist Approach, Columbia University and CIRTL, 2021

Works in Progress

Hooser, K. “When Significant Experiences Aren’t Statistically Significant: Feminist Storytelling and Ontologies of Life and Death in International Relations.”

Hooser, K. “Model Women and the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda: When Authoritarianism and Liberal Peacebuilding Collude” (special issue contribution)

Hooser, K. “Body Counts, ‘Not War,’ and Everyday Masculinities: Why Gender Matters for Knowing and Growing Positive Peace.”

Hooser, K. “In the Wake of War: On Everyday Thresholds and the Comfort of Gendered Violence.”

Hooser, K. “Peace Incorporated: How the INGO Measurement and Evaluation Regime Distorts Peace.”

Hooser, K. & Mitzen, J. “Welcome to the Gray Zone: Taking a Gender Lens to U.S. Strategic Anxiety.”

Public Engagement and Policy Publications

Hooser, K., Kanyange, C., Nijebariko, B., & Murphy, T. September 2021. “Exploring Social Norms in Burundi: A Report on the First Phase of Research” [View Here](#)

Hooser, K. & Billing, T. May 2021. “Moving from Violence to Peace: An International Working Group on Individuals and Communities in Transition” [View Here](#)

Hooser, K. & Knuppe, A. November 2019. “Exploring Obstacles to Social Cohesion in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict: A Scholar-Practitioner Symposium” [View Here](#)

Gelpi, C., Knuppe, A., Hooser, K., & Gurevich, V. November 2019. “Symposium Report: Exploring Obstacles to Social Cohesion in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict: A Scholar-Practitioner Symposium” [View Here](#)

“Peacebuilding and Violent Extremism: Key Insights and Lessons from a Global Consultation Convened by Peace Direct” (quoted throughout); April 2017; [View Here](#)

Research Experience

Academic

- ❖ Research Consultant, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2021- 2022

- ❖ Research Assistant, Conflict to Peace Lab, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2019-2021
- ❖ Research Assistant, Dr. Chris Gelpi, The Ohio State University, 2018-2019

Public Sector

- ❖ Research Workshop Facilitator, Christian Aid Burundi, 2023
- ❖ Researcher, US Dept. of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, 2015-2016
- ❖ Researcher, US. Dept of State's Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy, 2014-2015
- ❖ Researcher, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), 2013-2014

Invited Talks

- ❖ 'The Women, Peace and Security Agenda,' Guest Lecture, American University undergraduate course on Women and Politics, October 2023
- ❖ 'Teaching Peace Amidst Conflict and Postcolonialism,' Book Webinar, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, October 2023
- ❖ 'Tradition and Transmission in Burundi: Silence, Voice, and Song and the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda,' guest lecture, Ohio State University graduate course on Theorizing Folklore and Tradition, 2023
- ❖ 'Storytelling as Social Science Method,' Descriptive Work and Social Science Research Symposium, University of Massachusetts-Boston, 2022
- ❖ 'Violence as Peace: Everyday Masculinities and Violence in Post-Conflict Communities', Routines, Foreign Policy, and International Politics' Symposium, Ohio State University, 2022
- ❖ 'Global North-South Collaborations and Feminist Methods,' Conflict to Peace Lab, The Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University; 2021
- ❖ 'Gender Sensitive Research,' Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2020
- ❖ 'Troubling the Troubles: Gendered Peace in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland,' Edward F. Hayes Annual Graduate Research Forum, Ohio State University 2020, 2021
- ❖ 'White Women and the Politics of White Supremacy,' guest lecture, Ohio State University Upper-Division undergraduate course on Race and Politics, 2019
- ❖ 'Going Local in CVE: A Grassroots Guide,' workshop facilitator, International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education, 2017

Professional Conferences

- ❖ American Political Science Association Annual Conference; 2019, 2021, 2022
- ❖ International Studies Association Annual Conference; 2022
- ❖ International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference; 2019, 2021, 2022
- ❖ International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference; 2021, 2022
- ❖ Central and East European International Studies Association Conference; 2019
- ❖ Midwest International Studies Association & International Security Studies Joint Conference; 2016

Relevant Memberships

- ❖ Western Political Science Association Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Virtual Community
- ❖ International Studies Association Education and Learning in International Affairs Section

Service

Disciplinary

- ❖ Reviewer, *International Political Sociology*, 2023
- ❖ International Studies Association Northeast Governing Council, 2021-present
- ❖ Post-doctoral Researcher Selection Committee, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2022
- ❖ Peace Studies Speaker Series Organizer, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Spring 2018-Fall 2018

Departmental

- ❖ Ohio State University Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference Committee, 2018-2021
- ❖ Ohio State University Council of Graduate Studies Delegate, Fall 2019-Fall 2020
- ❖ Ohio State University Parallel Graduate Studies Committee Delegate, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- ❖ Ohio State University Women in Political Science, Fall 2017-May 2023

Other

- ❖ Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland, Troop Leader, 2016-2023