Kara Ann Hooser

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Appointments

2023-Present

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)

The Ohio State University, **MA,** Political Science (2017-2019)

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

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

St. Mary's University—San Antonio, **Graduate Certificate**, Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies (2014-2015)

North Carolina State University, **BA**, Leadership in the Public Sector (2012-2014)
**summa cum laude*, rank 1st in a class of 5000+

Lakeland Community College, **AA**, Political Science focus, (2010-2012)
**summa cum laude*

Areas of Interest

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

Research Publications

Hooser, K. (2026). Peace from the Threshold: Queer Women's Everyday Peacebuilding in Burundi. *Journal of Gender Studies*. https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2026.2717271

Hooser, K. (2025). "Doing Gender, Doing Peace: Eurocentrism, Masculinities, and the WPS Agenda's 'Add Men and Stir' Problem." In *Routledge Handbook of Masculinities, Conflict, and Peacebuilding*, edited by Henri Myrttinen, Farooq Yousaf, Chloé Lewis, Elizabeth Laruni, Philipp Schulz and Heleen Touquet. Routledge.

Hooser, K., Kanyange, C., and Nijebariko, B. (2023) "When the Hen Sings: The Role of Silence in Women's Participation in Peacebuilding in Burundi." *Conjonctures de l'Afrique Centrale*, 39.

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.

Hooser. K. (forthcoming). "Student-Centered Teaching and Learning." In *Elgar Encyclopedia of Teaching and Pedagogy in Political Science*, edited by Daniel J. Mallinson, Julia Marin Hellwege, and Joseph Roberts. (accepted, in production, expected publication in early 2027)

Hooser, K. (forthcoming). "The Activist-Researcher Quandary: Unpacking Reflexivity, Responsibility, Whiteness, and Feminist Research Praxis in the Field." In *Women's Lived Experience as Researchers: Situating the Personal in Qualitative Inquiry*, edited by Meena Khatwa and Jyoti Belur. Routledge. (accepted, in production, expected publication in early 2027)

Hooser, K. (forthcoming). "When Significant Experiences Aren't Statistically Significant: Feminist Storytelling and Ontologies of Life and Death in International Relations" In *Why Not Ask What?: Descriptive Inquiry in Political Science*, edited by Carolyn E. Holmes, Michelle Jurkovich, Meg K. Guliford, and Mary Anne Mendoza-Davé. Cornell University Press. (accepted)

Ngia Yeo, Tsing & Hooser, K. (forthcoming). "The Security State and Feminist Reimaginings of Vulnerability." In *Rethinking National Security: Gender, Theory, and Practice*, edited by Sandra Biskupski-Mujanovic, Veronica Kitchen, and Tanya Narozhna. Routledge. (accepted, expected publication in 2027)

Thnaibat, D. & Hooser, K. (forthcoming). "Rewriting Time in Youth Peace Education: Storytelling and Temporal Worldbuilding." In *Youth, Peace, and the Politics of Worldbuilding*, edited by Helen Berents, Katrina Leclerc, and Siobhan McEvoy-Levy. Bristol University Press. (accepted)

Awards and Grants

- International Studies Association, Women's Caucus of International Studies, Deborah Gerner Grant for Professional Development, 2025
- American Political Science Association, 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 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2021
- Jacobina Aman Award for Best Graduate Paper in Gender and Sexuality Politics, 2021
- 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

- Social Sciences Division Excellence in MA Advising and Mentoring Award, University of Chicago, 2026
- Early Career Instructor Excellence in Teaching Award, International Studies Association, Education and Learning in International Affairs Section, 2025
- 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 (cross-listed with Gender and Sexuality Studies)
  - Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Fall 2026
- INRE 43000. Core Seminar: International Order and Security
  - Winter 2024, Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Fall 2025, Winter 2026
- INRE 33005. Peace in International Relations
  - Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026
- INRE 46500 MA Thesis Workshop
  - 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027
- INRE 11300 Power, Peace, and Play: Simulating World Politics
  - Precollege summer course; Summer 2026

The 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

Professional Development

AY 2026-2027

- Designing Civically Engaged Political Science Pedagogy, Participant, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2026
- Pedagogy Café on Teaching Human Rights in Political Science, Participant, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, September 2026

AY 2025-2026

- Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning Pedagogy Fellows Program, Selected Participant, AY 2025-2026
- Generative AI Exploratory Teaching Group, Participant, University of Chicago, January 2026
- Teaching Ethics in Dark Times, Participant, Ethics and World Politics Working Group, British International Studies Association Online Workshop, January 2026
- Reimagining Political Science Pedagogy Through Creative Practice, Roundtable, Chair and Organizer, International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, November 2025
- Teaching With, About, or Without AI in Writing Intensive Graduate Courses, Participant, Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning, October 2025
- Teaching International Relations in 2025: A Global Panel Discussion, Panel Attendee, International Studies Association, September 2025
- Activism and Pedagogy Roundtable, Conference Attendee, British International Studies Association, June 2025
- New Challenges and Approaches in Global IR Pedagogy Roundtable, Conference Attendee, British International Studies Association Conference, June 2025

AY 2024-2025

- Podcasting for Creative Assignments, Workshop Attendee, Academic Technology Solutions, University of Chicago, April 2025

- State of the Field of Political Science Education Research Group, Working Group Participant, American Political Science Association Virtual Research Conference, April 2025
- Teaching Political Science: A Pedagogy Cafe about Supporting Early Career Instructors, Workshop Panelist, Teaching Day at ISA, International Studies Association Conference, March 2025
- Re-Thinking IR Scholarship Pedagogy Panel, Panel Chair, Teaching Day at ISA, International Studies Association Conference, March 2025
- Fake Scenarios, Real Emotions: Bridging Trauma-Informed Pedagogy & Simulations Roundtable, Roundtable Participant and Coordinator, International Studies Association Conference, March 2025
- Critique Makes the Institution: Perspectives on Pedagogy, Power, and Practice in the Modern University Roundtable, Conference Attendee, International Studies Association Northeast Conference, November 2024
- Teaching Political Violence and Terrorism in a Multicultural Environment, Dr. Daniela Irrera, Workshop Attendee, International Studies Association Virtual Webinar, September 2024
- Teaching Contentious International Issues, Journal of Political Science Education Roundtable, Conference Attendee, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2024
- Teaching through Domestic Challenges and Culture War, Journal of Political Science Education Roundtable, Conference Attendee, American Political Science Association Conference, September 2024

AY 2023-2024

- Pedagogy, Pop Culture, and Politics in the Social Science Classroom, Drs. Michael Allen and Julie VanDusky, International Studies Association Virtual Webinar, May 2024
- Student Reflective Work as a Learning and Assessment Tool in Higher Education with Dr. Carl Gibson, Western Political Science Association, Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Virtual Community Workshop, May 2024
- Spring Symposium: "Feeling Like a Fraud: Imposter Phenomenon, Student Motivation, and Student Achievement" and "Shifting Perspectives: Helping Students Overcome Imposter Phenomenon," Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning, April 2024
- Designing Political Science Classroom Games, International Studies Association Conference Pedagogy Workshop, April 2024
- Inspiring Empathy: Embracing Critical Pedagogical Techniques for Humanitarian Educators, International Studies Association Conference Pedagogy Workshop, April 2024
- Using Pop Culture in Teaching: Techniques, Opportunities, and Challenges, Western Political Science Association, Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Virtual Community Workshop, January 2024
- Effective Pedagogical Use of Course Blogs, Academic Technology Solutions, University of Chicago, January 2024
- Feminist Moments in a Security Classroom: A Critical Pedagogy in Practice, Western Political Science Association, Inclusive Teaching and Pedagogy Virtual Community Workshop, November 2023
- ISA Northeast Pedagogy Workshop, early career instructor participant, November 2023
- Introduction to the Social and Behavioral Sciences IRB Webinar, Social Sciences Research Center, University of Chicago, October 2023

- ❖ Inclusive and Accessible Digital Syllabi, Academic Technology Solutions, University of Chicago, September 2023
- ❖ Incorporating Information Literacy Skills into Your Syllabus, APSA pedagogy workshop, Association of College and Research Libraries, 2023

AY 2022 and before

- ❖ 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

Primary Faculty Advising

- ❖ 2026-2027 Faculty MA Thesis Advisor for: Siddhant Gupta (CIR); Miki Mukawa (CIR)
- ❖ 2025-2026 Faculty MA Thesis Advisor for: Ally Chang (CIR; honors); Daphne Hoang (CIR; honors); Jana Jacobs (CIR); Ellie Harvey (CIR); Kathleen Tapia German (CIR)
- ❖ 2024-2025 Faculty MA Thesis Advisor for: Danyah Thnaibat (CIR; honors); Andrea Giacomini (CIR; honors); Jade Joswick (CIR); Stephanie Reid (CIR); Tanvi Sharma (CIR); and Tsing Ngia Yeo (MAPSS)
- ❖ 2023-2024 Faculty MA Thesis Advisor for: Hannah Ni (CIR; honors); Ajah Sias (CIR); Emma Johansen (CIR); Jessica Garbeil (CIR); and Huaduo Geng (CIR)

Works in Progress

Solo-authored

Hooser, K. "When Heroes Hurt: Stories of Everyday Masculinities, Violence, and Peace After Armed Conflict." *(book project; currently accepted as target mentorship manuscript with Bristol University Press)*

Hooser, K. "Leaving Your Ego at the Door: Reflections on the Relationship Between Humility and Pedagogies of Care."

Hooser, K. "Techno-Feminism and Training for Peace: Rethinking Digital Literacy in the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda."

Co-authored

Cantwell-Chavez, D., Hooser, K., Hyder, M., & Rosen, A. "Fake Scenarios, Real Emotions: How to Use Classroom Sims and Games to Help Rather Than Harm Students."

Public Engagement and Policy Publications

Hooser, K. January 2026. "Practicing Hope in Difficult Times: What WPS at 25 Still Makes Possible." Gender on the Ballot Blog, Women and Politics Institute, American University School of Public Affairs. View Here

Hooser. K., Kanyange, C., Nijebariko, B., & Murphy, T. September 2021. "Exploring Social Norms in Burundi: A Report on the First Phase of Research." Mershon Center for International Security Studies. View Here

Hooser, K. & Billing, T. May 2021. "Moving from Violence to Peace: An International Working Group on Individuals and Communities in Transition." Corrymeela and the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. View Here

Hooser, K. & Knuppe, A. November 2019. "Exploring Obstacles to Social Cohesion in the Aftermath of Violent Conflict: A Scholar-Practitioner Symposium." The Conflict to Peace Lab at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. 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." The Conflict to Peace Lab at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. View Here

"Peacebuilding and Violent Extremism: Key Insights and Lessons from a Global Consultation Convened by Peace Direct." 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

- Workshop Mentor and Speaker, International Studies Association Northeast Pedagogy Workshop, November 2025
- 'Women in International Relations: Global Perspectives,' Guest Panelist, International Studies Association Virtual Programs Workshop
- 'Eurocentrism and Communitarian Peacebuilding Logics,' Community of Practice on Men, Masculinities, and Peace, Guest Speaker, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, June 2025
- 'Gender, Masculinities, and Peacebuilding,' Guest Speaker/Author, Book Launch, Ulster University, June 2025

- ‘In the Wake of War: On Everyday Thresholds, the Coloniality of Gender(ed)/Peace, and the Comfort of Violence,’ Guest Speaker, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, June 2025
- ‘Trump 2.0: Uncertainty and Cross-Strait Relations,’ Invited Panelist, UChicago Alumni Club, Taipei, Taiwan, March 2025
- ‘Fake Scenarios, Real Emotions: Bridging Trauma-Informed Pedagogies and Simulations,’ Roundtable, International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, November 2024
- ‘Gaming World Politics: A Critical Perspective,’ Roundtable, Central and Eastern European International Studies Association Annual Conference, June 2024
- ‘A Renaissance of the "What": Descriptive Research in Social Science,’ Roundtable, International Studies Association Annual Conference, April 2024
- ‘Feminist Approaches to the Study of International Relations,’ Guest Speaker, International Development Society and Society for International Relations, University of Chicago, April 2024
- ‘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, Workshop Facilitator, The Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University; 2021
- ‘Gender Sensitive Research,’ Workshop Facilitator, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University, 2020
- ‘Troubling the Troubles: Gendered Peace in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland,’ Invited Speaker, 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, 2024, 2026
- British International Studies Association Conference; 2025
- International Studies Association Annual Conference; 2022, 2024, 2025, 2026
- International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference; 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Feminist Peace Summit; 2024
- International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference; 2021, 2022
- Central and East European International Studies Association Conference; 2019, 2024
- Midwest International Studies Association & Int. 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

To the Discipline

- Peer Reviewer: *International Political Sociology, Review of International Studies, Third World Quarterly*
- Book Proposal Reviewer: *Independent Social Research Foundation*
- International Studies Association Northeast Governing Council, 2021-present
- International Studies Association Annual Conference Volunteer, 2025; 2026
- International Studies Association, Panel Chair, 2025

Departmental

University of Chicago

- Recruit Strategy, Outreach and Admissions, CIR, 2026-2027
- Faculty Co-Organizer (with Pinar Alakoc), CIR DC Career Trek, 2025-2026
- Program Assistant Lead, CIR, Winter Quarter 2025
- Interview Committee, Career Services Assistant Director Search, 2025
- Faculty Co-Organizer (with Pinar Alakoc), CIR East Asian IR Seminar & Field Trip to Taipei, Taiwan, 2024-2025
- Admissions and Recruitment Lead, CIR, 2024-2025
- Admissions Review Committee, CIR, 2023-present
- Social Media Lead, CIR, 2023-present

The Ohio State University

- Ohio State University Women in Political Science, Fall 2017-May 2023
- Post-doctoral Researcher Search Committee, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 2022
- 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
- Peace Studies Speaker Series Organizer, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Spring 2018-Fall 2018