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### Research Interests

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

### Appointments

*University of Chicago*, **Assistant Instructional Professor**, Committee on International Relations (incoming, September 2023)

### Education and Training

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

-Fields: International Relations (major); Race, Ethnicity, and Gender (minor); Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (graduate certificate)

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

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

*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+

### Papers Under Review

Hooser, K., Kanyange, C., and Nijebariko, B. (2022) "When the Hen Sings: The Role of Silence in Women's Meaningful Participation in Peacebuilding in Burundi." *Revise and Resubmit*

Hooser, K. (2022). "In the Wake of War: On Everyday Thresholds and the Comfort of Violence." *Under Review*

### 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

### **Book Chapters**

Hooser, K. "Doing Gender is Doing Peace: Communitarian Cosmologies, 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, forthcoming 2024

Hooser, K. "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, forthcoming Spring 2023

### **Teaching**

#### *Awards*

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

#### *Instructor of Record*

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

#### *Co-instructor with Senior Faculty*

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

### **Works in Progress**

Hooser, K. "Body Counts, 'Not War,' and Everyday Masculinities: Why Gender Matters for Knowing and Growing Positive Peace."

Hooser, K. "The Violence of Silence: Women, Peace and Security Policy in Burundi and the Problem of Inclusion Without Participation"

Hooser, K. "When Significant Experiences Aren't Statistically Significant: Feminist Storytelling As Descriptive Research, Lessons From Black Feminist Thought."

Hooser, K. "The Spear and the Basket: Women's Inclusion in the *Bashingantabe* and Gender Justice in Burundi."

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*

- ❖ 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**

- ❖ ‘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,’ invited guest lecture, Ohio State University Upper-Division course on Race and Politics, 2019
- ❖ ‘Going Local in CVE: A Grassroots Guide,’ 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

### **Service**

#### *Disciplinary*

- ❖ 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*

- ❖ Dept of Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference Committee, 2018-2021
- ❖ Council of Graduate Studies Political Science Delegate, Fall 2019-Fall 2020
- ❖ Parallel Graduate Studies Committee At-Large Delegate, Fall 2018-Spring 2019
- ❖ Women in Political Science, Fall 2017-Present

#### *Other*

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

### **Dissertation Committee**

Dr. Jennifer Mitzen

Full Professor

Political Science Dept.

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Dr. Inés Valdez

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