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Academic placements

Assistant professor of Modern Ireland and Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame

July 2026-present, South Bend, Indiana

Assistant professor affiliated with the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies

Postdoctoral researcher, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, January 2024 - June 2026, South Bend, Indiana

Postdoctoral researcher supporting the 'Legacy Project: Preserving and Engaging the Digital Archive of the Colombian Truth Commission' to prepare a report on the lessons the Colombian peace process holds for Northern Ireland

Teaching fellow in social justice, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, University College Dublin, September 2023 - December 2023

Module coordinator and lecturer for graduate level course in Egalitarian Theory

Education

PhD, University College Dublin, September 2018 - September 2023, Dublin, Ireland, School of Politics and International Relations

Project title: 'Agonistic transitional justice through a gender lens: a comparative approach'

Visiting fellow at London School of Economics from August-September 2022

Master of Philosophy, University of Cambridge (Pembroke College), October 2017 - July 2018, Cambridge, UK, Department of Politics and International Relations

Graduated with merit; dissertation, 'Women's Renegotiation of Agency in Postconflict Marawi and Colombia through an Agonistic Lens,' awarded distinction

Bachelor of Arts, Mount Holyoke College September 2011 - May 2015, South Hadley, MA

Double major in Politics and East Asian Studies

Magna cum laude with high honours; Phi Beta Kappa; 3.96 GPA

Peer-reviewed publications

Walsh, D., Murphy, E., 2025. Gender quota adoption for commissions in post-conflict societies. *International Political Science Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/01925121241304749>.

Prada Ramirez, M., Murphy, E., 2025. The right to peace and the right to stay: insights from approaches to peace and migration in Colombia. *Journal of Migration and Human Security*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/23315024241309721>

Daşlı, G., Murphy, E., 2024. Moving beyond binary identities in transitional justice: recognising the complexity of agency in agonistic spaces. *International Journal of Human Rights*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/13642987.2024.2430288>.

Murphy, E., 2024. Independent commission design and inclusion in Northern Ireland: agonistic versus traditional approaches. *International Political Science Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/01925121241284621>.

Murphy, E., 2024. Gender as an analytic lens for agonistic peace: insights from the Colombian truth commission. *Peacebuilding* 12(2), pp. 260-277, <https://doi.org/10.1080/21647259.2023.2247723>.

Gutiérrez, J. A., Murphy, E., 2023. The unspoken red-line in Colombia: gender reordering of women ex-combatants and the transformative peace agenda. *Cooperation and Conflict* 58(2), pp. 211-230, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00108367221099085>.

Murphy, E., Walsh, D., 2022. Agonistic transitional justice: a global survey. *Third World Quarterly* 43(6), pp. 1380-1398, <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2021.1952068>.

Riley, H., Murphy, E., 2021. Women in peace mediation on the island of Ireland: towards a more inclusive definition. *Glencree Journal*.

Review essays and book reviews

Murphy, E., 2026. Performing peace, obscuring power: state rationalities and grassroots resistance in post-accord Colombia. Invited review essay for *Peacebuilding*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21647259.2025.2610141>

Murphy, E., 2025. H-Diplo Roundtable Review of *Relational Peace Practices* (eds. Jarstad, A., Söderström, J., Åkebo, M.). Manchester University Press, 2024. Invited book review for *H-Diplo*. <https://issforum.org/to/jrt17-11>

Murphy, E., 2025. The good, the bad, and the ideal: towards an embrace of complexity in 'victim-centred' transitional justice. Review essay for *International Journal of Transitional Justice*. <https://academic.oup.com/ijtj/advance-article/doi/10.1093/ijtj/ijaf014/8137816>

Murphy, E., 2020. Book review: *For a left populism* – Chantal Mouffe. *ID: International Dialogue* 10, pp. 68-73, <https://doi.org/10.32873/uno.dc.ID.10.1.1184>.

Under contract

Murphy, E., expected January 2027. *Agonistic transitional justice and the pursuit of post-liberal peace: Beyond 'one single truth.'* Book manuscript under contract with Bristol University Press' *Space of Peace, Security and Development* series.

Accepted for publication

Murphy, E. Defining feminist 'peace' and 'participation' in Northern Ireland: identifying an agonistic feminist discourse in transitional justice. *Global Studies Quarterly*.

Under review

Murphy, E., Echavarria Alvarez, J. How and why does agonistic peace develop? Analysing agonistic emergence in the Colombian Truth Commission. Under review; part of special issue proposal for *Alternatives*.

Murphy, E., Echavarria Alvarez, J. The Colombian Peace Agreement implementation

challenges a decade later. Under review; part of special issue proposal for *Latin American Perspectives* for the tenth anniversary of Colombia's peace agreement.

Working papers

Strömbom, L., Murphy, E. Agonism, peace and conflict in challenging times. Draft introductory article for special issue in *Alternatives*.

Murphy, E., Veliu, L. Disappearance and its afterlives: Ireland's lessons and legacies. Draft introductory article for special issue in *Journal of Disappearance Studies*.

Prada Ramirez, M., Murphy, E., Echavarria Alvarez, J., Velitchkova, A. A comprehensive platform for peacebuilding: Introducing the transmedia digital archives of the Colombian Truth Commission. Working paper.

Garikipati, S., Murphy, E., Rao, N. Bridging the gap: Investigating and addressing gender disparities in self-presentation among higher education academics. Working paper.

Gutiérrez, J. A., Giri, K., Meger, S., Murphy, E. Is the patriarchal backlash in the aftermath of civil war inevitable? Working paper.

Policy publications and submissions

Brett, R., Echavarría, J., Juncos, A. E., Murphy, E., Olsson, L., Rojas, N., 2024. Inclusion, interconnectivity, and equality: recommendations for the United Nations Pact of the Future from the FuturePeace network. *Peace Accords Matrix Policy Brief*. <https://doi.org/10.7274/26815015.v1>

Murphy, E., Echavarría, J., 2024. Submission to the Independent Commission on Reconciliation and Information Recovery: consulting on the Commission's operational design.

Teaching experience

Instructor of record, 'Research Design for Global Affairs,' Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame; advanced undergraduate module

Lecturer, 'Transitional Justice: Introduction and Current Debates,' School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin, spring 2023; advanced undergraduate module

Head tutor, 'Introduction to Political Theory and International Relations,' autumn 2021; introductory undergraduate module

Tutorial instructor, 'Introduction to Political Theory and International Relations' (introductory undergraduate module); 'Foundations of Contemporary Politics' (introductory undergraduate module); 'Comparative Politics' (second year undergraduate module); University College Dublin, autumn 2018-spring 2022

Tutorial instructor, 'History of Political Thought A & B' (introductory undergraduate module); Trinity College Dublin, autumn 2019- spring 2020

Guest lecturer, University College Dublin: 'Gender, War, and Peace' (advanced undergraduate module); 'Gender, Peace, and Security' (graduate module); April 2020, March 2021, April 2021

Guest lecturer, University of Notre Dame: 'Capstone Seminar' (advanced undergraduate module),

February 2024; 'Truth Commissions' (graduate module), September 2024; 'Introduction to Peace Studies' (introductory undergraduate module), October and November 2025; 'Research Design for Global Affairs' (undergraduate module), November 2025

Teaching qualifications

Advanced Teaching Scholar Certificate, Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Notre Dame, 22 May 2025

Striving for Excellence in College and University Teaching certification, Kaneb Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Notre Dame, 10 January 2025

Honours and prizes

Global Policy Impact grant, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame
\$5,000 awarded for project 'Agreeing to Disagree: New Avenues for Post-Conflict Identity Expression on the Island of Ireland'

PhD Fellowship, Irish Research Council Laureate-affiliated award
Total award amount: €104,000; research assistant for Dawn Walsh's project 'Independent Commissions and Power-Sharing in Post-Conflict Societies'

Ruth C. Lawson Fellowship in International Politics, Mount Holyoke College
\$10,000 grant awarded for advanced study of global politics at University of Cambridge

Travel Grant, University of Cambridge
£400 awarded to support field work for MPhil dissertation in Manila, Philippines

Boren Scholarship, United States Department of State
\$20,000 awarded to study abroad in Japan to enhance the study of languages critical to US national security interests

Invited talks

Lund comparative politics seminar, Lund, Sweden, February 2026; Paper title: 'Comparative institutional design: agonistic transitional justice in Colombia, Northern Ireland, and Uganda'

Lund peace symposium, Lund, Sweden, May 2025; Paper title: 'How and why does agonistic peace develop? Analysing agonistic emergence in the Colombian Truth Commission'

Transitional Justice - Marginalised Voices in Theory and Practice workshop, Dublin, Ireland, March 2025; Paper title: 'Agonistic transitional justice and the pursuit of post-liberal peace: beyond "one single truth"'

Dublin Political Theory Reading Group, Dublin, Ireland, March 2025; invited guest speaker

Gendering discourse and discursing gender in transitional justice workshop, London, UK, November 2024; Paper title: 'New avenues for empirical transitional justice research: identifying an agonistic feminist discourse'

Independent commissions special issue workshop, Dublin, Ireland, March 2024; Paper title: 'Independent commission design and inclusion in Northern Ireland: agonistic versus traditional

approaches’

UCD Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies Launch, Dublin, Ireland, 28 February 2023;
Presentation title: ‘Agonistic transitional justice through a gender lens: a comparative approach’

University of Antioquia La Paz es Una Obra de Arte [Peace is a Work of Art] symposium,
Medellin, Colombia, April 2022; Paper title: Arte, expresion de la identidad y justicia transicional
agonista: la evidencia de Irlanda del Norte [Art, identity expression, and agonistic transitional justice:
evidence from Northern Ireland’

Agonistic Peace Workshop, virtual (hosted by Lund University, Sweden), November 2020; Paper
title: ‘Agonistic Transitional Justice in Peace Agreements: A Global Survey’

Symposium on Catherine Turner’s *Violence, Law and the Impossibility of Transitional Justice*,
Dublin, Ireland, April 2019; Paper title: ‘Deconstructing transitional justice binaries: contestation in a
Derridean justice’

Conference presentations

International Studies Association Annual Convention, 2025, 2023, 2022
Conflict Research Society Annual Conference, 2024, 2022
Future of Irish Studies Symposium, 2025
International Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2023
British International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2024, 2023, 2022
Kroc Institute Strategic Peacebuilding Academy, 2025, 2026
Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019
European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, 2019, 2026
European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, 2019
UK-Ireland Transitional Justice Network Workshop, 2019

Research and administrative experience

EMA coordinator, European Master’s Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation;
September 2021-December 2023
Liaised with students and Venice-based colleagues to coordinate functioning of EMA programme
at UCD; oversee financials and reporting for the programme

Research assistant, Gender Differences in Academic Expression project (principal investigators:
Supriya Garikipati and Namrata Rao); July 2023-December 2023
Collected and analysed academic profiles of UK-based academics using NVivo software to explore
gender differences in expression; conducted literature review on gendered differences in academic
career progression

Research assistant, Police reform, militarisation, and accountability project (principal investigator:
Lucía Tiscornia); November 2023-February 2024
Conducted a literature review on policing reform and accountability measures in South Africa and
Northern Ireland; produced summaries of current research on policing, militarisation, and
accountability in both contexts

Research assistant, Conflict-Related Violence Against Women in Northern Ireland project (principal
investigator: Aisling Swaine); March 2020-November 2022
Assisted in planning of project examining CRVAW in Northern Ireland and globally; conducted
literature reviews on violence against women, paramilitary violence, and related topics

Consultant, Safe Ireland; May-August 2022

Conducted a literature review in the areas of domestic violence, community development, community responses and how domestic violence is framed in terms of public responses

Research assistant, Irish Consortium on the Promotion of Women in Peace Mediation and Negotiations project (principal investigator: Heidi Riley); June 2019-March 2020

Assisted in planning and facilitating of focus groups for women mediators on the island of Ireland as well as in creating a network of women mediators in Ireland

Digital verification volunteer, Amnesty International Digital Verification Corps; October 2017-May 2018

Verifier of human rights abuses for Amnesty International; used digital tools to compare reports of human rights violations with empirical evidence in a wide range of global cases

Research assistant, Transitional Justice Research Collaborative; January-May 2013

Conducted primary research to locate and summarise individual international amnesty laws; interpreted and coded amnesty laws to compile into a database on transitional justice mechanisms

Service to the academy

Associate editor, *Journal of Disappearance Studies*

Guest editor, *Journal of Disappearance Studies*, special issue on ‘Disappearance and Its Afterlives: Ireland’s Lessons and Legacies’ (forthcoming)

Guest editor, *Alternatives*, special issue on ‘Agonism, peace and conflict in challenging times’ (forthcoming)

Reviewer, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Development Studies Research*, *Journal of Disappearance Studies*, *Journal of Human Rights Practice*

Served as a member of a Campus Committee Evaluation for Fulbright fellowship application at the University of Notre Dame; served as part of 2026 selection committee for National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Keough-Naughton fellowship

Languages

Spanish: intermediate, writing, reading, and speaking

Japanese: intermediate, writing, reading, and speaking (N4 certified)

Other Employment

Research intern, Office of Transition Initiatives, USAID; September 2021-May 2023 Translated academic and grey literature into policy implications; drafted communications on policy recommendations based on literature related to conflict, transitional justice, and US government aid