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Appointments

Associate Professor of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, Fall 2021-

Founder, [International Race and Rights Lab](#), Spring 2022-
Faculty Fellow, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, Fall 2021-
Faculty Fellow, Pulte Institute for Global Development, Fall 2021-
Faculty Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center, 2023-

Associate Professor of Politics, Drexel University, 2021

Assistant Professor of Politics, Drexel University, 2015-2021

Open Society Fellow, 2017-2018

Visiting Scholar, McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, 2014

Postdoctoral Fellow in International Law, Drexel University, 2012-2015

Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Ohio State University, 2012

M.A. Political Science and International Relations, University of Delaware, 2006

B.A. European Studies and International Relations, Babeş-Bolyai University (Romania), 2004

Publications

Book

Evading International Norms: Race and Rights in the Shadow of Legality (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights, 2021).

Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics* (December 2021), *the American Journal of International Law* (January 2022)

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

“Racism by Designation: Making Sense of Western States’ Non-Designation of White Supremacists as Terrorists,” (with Anna Meier) *Security Studies*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09636412.2023.2230882> .

“Racism and Antiracism in the Liberal International Order,” *International Organization*, vol. 75, no. 2 (2021): 440-463.

“A House Divided: Norm Fragmentation in the International Human Rights Regime” (with Rochelle Terman), *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 65, no. 2 (2021): 488-499.

“Emergent Flexibility in Institutional Development: How International Rules Really Change” (with Erin Graham), *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 64, no. 4 (2020): 821-833.

“Is the Good News About Law Compliance Good News About Norm Compliance? The Case of Racial Equality,” *International Organization*, vol. 72, no. 2 (2018): 351-385.

- Best Post-PhD Paper Award by ISA’s Theory Section

“Evading International Law: How Agents Comply with the Letter of the Law but Violate Its Purpose,” *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 23, no. 4 (2017): 857-883.

“The Color of Threat: Race, Threat Perception, and the Demise of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance (1902-1923),” *Security Studies*, vol. 22, no. 4 (2013): 573-606.

Other Publications

“Racial Ideologies in World Politics.” In *Routledge Handbook of Ideology and International Relations*. Eds. Mark Haas and Jonathan Leader Maynard (Routledge, 2022)

“The Racial Dimensions of US Policies and the Indo-Pacific.” In *Routledge Handbook of US Policy in the Indo-Pacific*. Eds. Oliver Turner, Nicola Nymalm, and Wali Aslam (Routledge, 2022).

“Law, Morality, and Culture in *Rights as Weapons*,” *Ethics and International Affairs*, November 2019, online book symposium on Clifford Bob, *Rights as Weapons* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2019).

“Race and International Relations.” In *Oxford Bibliographies in International Relations*. Ed. Patrick James. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Presidential Disaster Declaration Decisions, 1953-2003: What Influences Odds of Approval?” *State and Local Government Review*, vol. 39, no. 1 (2007): 3-15 (with Richard Sylves)

Invited Workshops and Talks

Freie Universitat Berlin (October 23-30, 2023, scheduled)

Princeton University, Qualitative Research Colloquium (April 28, 2023, scheduled)

Tufts University, The Fletcher School (April 18, 2023)

Cornell University, PSAC Colloquium (April 14, 2023)
University of Notre Dame, International Race and Rights Lab talk (November 28, 2022)
Indiana University, workshop on human rights (November 8, 2022)
Arizona State University, workshop (online), “Constructing and Deconstructing International Law” (April 22, 2022)
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Models, Experiments, and Data Workshop (March 31, 2022), (project presented by co-author Lotem Bassan-Nygate)
University of Notre Dame Law School, “Race, Governance, and Human Rights” (March 26, 2022)
University of Chicago, workshop, “Race and Security” (January 21 and 28, February 4 and 11, 2022)
University of Notre Dame, workshop, Center for Social Concerns and Nanovic Institute for European Studies, “Dignity and Justice” (November 12, 2021)
University of Notre Dame, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights lunch talk (November 11, 2021)
University of Chicago, workshop, “Resistance and Opposition to Liberal International Institutions” (May 14, 2021)
Florida International University, Department of Politics and International Relations research colloquium (March 25, 2021)
University of Massachusetts-Amherst, workshop on Conflict, Violence and Security (February 11, 2021)
Columbia University International Politics Seminar (CUIPS) (January 28, 2021)
Georgetown University, GPEP-R speaker series (December 3, 2020)
University of Oregon, guest lecture in Ron Mitchell’s IR class (November 19, 2020)
Swarthmore College, guest lecture in Aysa Kaya’s class (October 21, 2020)
University of Pennsylvania, Christopher H. Browne Center Summer Virtual IR Workshop, July 9, 2020
University of Wisconsin-Madison, invited talk, International Relations Colloquium, March 3, 2020
Drexel University Law School Faculty Workshop, invited talk, January 30, 2020
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (Germany), workshop, “Exploring Norm Relations and Norm Interactions in a Complex Global Order,” 7-8 November, 2019
Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), workshop, 75th anniversary issue of *International Organization*, June 12-14, 2019
University of Minnesota International Relations Colloquium, invited talk, October 29, 2018
University of Wisconsin-Madison, workshop, 75th anniversary issue of *International Organization*, September 6-8, 2018
Open Society Fellows Retreats: Mexico City (April 2019), Dakar (April 2018), and Budapest (June 2017)
University of Washington International Security Colloquium, invited talk, March 2, 2018
Open Society Foundations, workshop, “Critical Rights,” Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina), October 22-26, 2017
Temple Workshops on International Institutions and Global Governance, Philadelphia (October 12, 2018; November 4, 2016; October 30, 2015)
“The Forced (Im)mobility of EU Citizens of Roma Ethnicity,” workshop, Bucharest (Romania)

April 7, 2016
International Studies Association (ISA), workshop, “The Instrumental Uses of Norms in World Politics,” Atlanta, 2016
McGill University, workshop, “Nationalism and War,” May 9, 2015
Seton Hall University, invited talk, December 2, 2014
McGill University, invited talk, September 19, 2014
University of Delaware Colloquium on Global Governance and Society, invited talk, April 18, 2014
University of Pennsylvania, workshop, “From Imperial Science to International Relations,” September 27, 2013
American Political Science Association (APSA), workshop, “Interpretive Methods in Political Science,” Toronto, September 2009

Selected Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference 2022: papers presented on the Race and Racism in International Security panel; and the International Criticism, Public Opinion, and Human Rights panel (with Lotem Bassan-Nygate)
The Politics of Ambiguity, APSA 2021 roundtable
Race and the Liberal International Order, ISA 2021
Race and the Liberal International Order, ISA 2020 (canceled)
Evading International Norms, APSA 2019
Normative Communities in International Society (with R. Terman), ISA 2019, APSA 2018
An Evasion Model of Norm Resistance, APSA 2017; Junior Scholar Symposium panel, ISA 2015; ISA 2014
Lost in Legal Translation: How Legalization Allows Human Rights Violations, ISA 2017
Rethinking Flexibility in International Institutions (with E. Graham), ISA 2017, APSA 2016

Teaching Experience

International Human Rights (undergraduate and graduate)
Race and International Relations (undergraduate)
Introduction to Global Affairs and Integral Human Development (undergraduate)
Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate)
Introduction to Political Science (undergraduate)
American Foreign Policy (undergraduate)
International Security (undergraduate)
Ethics and International Relations (undergraduate)

Awards and Grants

Emerging Scholar Award recognizing an outstanding early career scholar who has made a significant contribution to the field of ethnicity, nationalism or migration 2021 (Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Studies section, International Studies Association)
Service Recognition Honoree, Drexel University, 5 year category (2020)
Faculty Summer Research Award for Tenure/Tenure-Track Faculty 2020, Drexel (\$7,000)
College of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, Drexel University, Summer 2019
International Studies Association, Theory Section, Best Post-PhD Paper Award (2017-2018)
Open Society Fellowship 2017-2018 (\$80,000)
Outstanding STAR (Students Tackling Advanced Research) Mentor nominations, 2017, 2015
Humanities and Social Science Fellowship, Drexel University, 2016 (\$4,000)
McGill University Fellowship, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, 2014
International Studies Association Travel Grant, 2011 (\$250)
Ohio State University's Distinguished University Fellowship, 2011-2012 and 2007-2008
Commendation for Excellence in Teaching by OSU Department Chair, Spring 2011
Mershon Center for International Security, Dissertation Research Grant 2011 (\$4323)
Ohio State University Derby Scholarship, School of Graduate Studies 2007 (\$400)
University of Delaware Graduate Travel Fund and Alumni Enrichment Awards 2006 (\$1600)

Professional Activities and Related Service

Annual Meeting Program Co-Chair, American Political Science Association (APSA) 2023
External letter writer for tenure, Fall 2023
Organizer, Race and International Relations workshop, Notre Dame 2023 (in-person version on March 30-31, Zoom versions on May 25 and June 1)
Discussant, International Relations Theory Colloquium 2023 (June 1, online)
Discussant, Race and International Relations, APSA 2022
Discussant, Race and US Foreign Policy, APSA 2022
Discussant, Race and Racism in Foreign Policy, APSA 2021
Discussant, Norm Dynamics Reconsidered, ISA 2017
Discussant, Understanding Resistance to Transnational Human Rights Norms, panel at ISA 2015
Discussant, Assessing the Impact of International Law on Non-Parties, panel at ISA 2015
Discussant, Diplomacy as Change Management in International Security, panel at ISA-PSS, Budapest, Hungary, June 2013
Discussant, Power, Conflict, and Cooperation, MPSA, 2013
Discussant, "Domination and De-legitimation: Eroding Unipolarity and China's Vision for International Order" (Randall Schweller and Xiaoyu Pu), OSU, October 2008

Managing Editor of *International Theory* (2009-2010)
Dissertation committee member for Vanessa Quince, University of Washington (2018)
External Reader, PhD Dissertation Defense, Danielle Scherer, "Return to the First Image: A Place for Peoples in International Relations," Temple University, (November 15, 2018).
Co-organizer (with Fernando Nuñez-Mietz) of "Instrumental Uses of International Law at the Intersection of Legality and Legitimacy," panel at APSA 2017

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Democracy and Security*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *International Organization*, *International Relations*, *International Security*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Review of International Studies*, *Security Studies*, *The Chinese Journal of International Politics*; Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press.

Departmental, College, and University Service

University of Notre Dame

Moderator and organizer, The Promise and Peril of Politicizing International Human Rights (part of the Dignity and Development conference, March 2023)
Discussant, Comparative Politics Workshop (February 17, 2023)
Tenure Committee, Keough School of Global Affairs, Fall 2022-
Lecture series on the Human Right to Water (virtual), offered as part of the Diploma in Governance, Regulation and Integrated Water Management at the Institute for Global Dialogue and Culture of Encounter, Argentina, Fall 2022
Faculty Advisory Committee member, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, Fall 2022-
Faculty Fellow, Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, Spring 2022-
Keough School of Global Affairs Curriculum Committee, Spring 2022-
Masters of Global Affairs, admission committee, Winter 2022
Search Committee (2 opportunity hires), Fall 2021
Racial Justice Reading Group, co-moderator, Fall 2021
International Development Studies, Student Research Advisor, starting Fall 2021
Thesis advising: Ese-Onosen Omoijuanfo (Spring and Fall 2022), Ella Cate Hungeling (Fall 2022), Susan Nchubiri (Fall 2022), Kevin Bustamante (ongoing PhD thesis)

Drexel University

Truman Scholarship Nominating Committee, 2020-21
Faculty advisor of Dragons for UNICEF student organization, 2019-2021
Faculty advisor for Drexel Student Power Network, 2020-2021
Department of Politics Curriculum Committee, 2016-2017, 2018-2021
College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, April 2020-2021
Department of Politics Writing Prize Committee, 2016-2017, 2019-2021
“Evading International Norms,” guest lecture in the Introduction to Multi-Disciplinary Methods class, Drexel University, March 4, 2020
“Awful but Lawful: Race and Rights in the Shadow of Legality,” talk in the “Spotlight On...” Series, Office of Global Engagement, Drexel University, January 15, 2020
Open House, Department of Politics, October 13, 2019

Judge at the poster session of Students Tackling Advanced Research, August 29, 2019
Open House, Department of Politics, August 17, 2019; also 2015 and 2016.
MA Thesis Defense, Kevin Thomas, Jr, June 5, 2019
Judge for Drexel Publishing Group Essay Contest, April-May 2019
Judge at poster presentations for the Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholar conference, April 10, 2019
MA Thesis Defense, Sembu Kamara, October 2018
“Roma Participation in Politics,” talk given to a South American delegation at an event of Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia, April 2018
Co-organizer (with Phillip Ayoub) of Drexel’s APSA event on social movements and international law, featuring Sidney Tarrow (Cornell University) and Ian Hurd (Northwestern University), Philadelphia, September 2016
Carnegie Junior Fellows Selection Committee, 2014 and 2016
Student Degree Clearing through Hyperion and Degree Works, 2016-2017
Raft Debate: A Disciplinary Battle to Save Humanity (Representing Political Science), 2016
Students Tackling Advanced Research (STAR) Scholar Mentor, 2014-present

Other:

Volunteer Coach, Clark Park Youth Soccer, 2016
OSCE International Observer at the Presidential Elections of Azerbaijan, October 2003

Languages

Hungarian (native), Romanian (native), English (proficient), French (intermediate), German (basic)

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