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Education

Political Science, Ph.D. 2010- 2016
University at Buffalo, SUNY
Field Exams: Comparative Politics, International Relations
Title of Dissertation: “UN Responsiveness to Wartime Sexual Violence”
Committee Members: Jacob Kathman, Chair; Claude Welch, Michelle Benson, and Harvey Palmer

The Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer 2014, 2020
(ICPSR) Summer Program

Political Science, M.A. 2010-2012
University at Buffalo, SUNY
Title of Thesis: “Ideology and Gender Equality: The Impact of Social Democratic Ideology on Promoting Gender Equality”

Political Science, B.A. (*Summa Cum Laude*) 2006- 2010
City University of New York (CUNY) - Queens College
Minors: Psychology; Anthropology

Teaching Experience

SUNY Buffalo State

Visiting Assistant Professor
Assistant Professor

Spring 2015- Spring 2019
Fall 2019-Present

- PSC 101: Introduction to Government and Politics
- PSC 102: Introduction to American Politics
- PSC 189: Women and Conflict
- PSC 230: Introduction to International Relations
- PSC 302: International Conflict and Peace Resolution
- PSC 305: Environmental Politics
- PSC 308: International Organizations and Law
- PSC 330: U.S. Foreign Policy
- PSC 335: International Relations of the Middle East
- PSC 340: Politics of Developing Nations
- PSC 342: Russian Politics
- PSC 389: Politics and Practices of the UN
- PSC 399: Research Skills
- PSC 470: Senior Seminar

SUNY Buffalo State 2014
Instructor

- PSC 103: Great Political Issues Spring 2014

University at Buffalo, SUNY 2013-2016
Instructor

- PSC 101: Introduction to American Politic Winter 2016 (online), Winter (online)
and Summer 2014 (online)
- PSC 103: Introduction to Comparative Politics Spring 2016
- PSC 371: Middle Eastern Politics Fall 2014, Summer 2015 (online),
Fall 2015, and Summer 2016 (online)
- PSC 378: Politics of Gender Summer and Fall 2013, Spring 2015

Recitation Instructor

- UGC 112LR: World Civilizations since 1500 (three sections) Spring 2013

Professional Experience

Department of Political Science, SUNY Buffalo State January 2015 - Present
Visiting Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo January 2012 -May 2016
Research and Teaching Assistant

Pillar Processing LLC October 2011 - February 2012
Administrative Assistant

Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) May 2010 – September 2010
Translator

- Wrote subtitles for *Women, War, and Peace*: a documentary on the role of women in conflict and state development in Afghanistan

Women for Afghan Women May 2009 - August 2010
Office Assistant

- Served as co-director of the Girls Leadership Program
- Responsible for volunteer coordination
- Drafted articles for organization's quarterly e-newsletter
- Taught ESL and computer classes
- Served as translator for non-English speaking clients and students

Publications

Norrevik, Sara and **Mehwish Sarwari**. Forthcoming. "Third Party Regime Type and Civil War Duration." *Journal of Peace Research*.

Sarwari, Mehwish. 2020. "Impact of Rebel Group Ideology on Wartime Sexual Violence." *Journal of Global Security Studies* ogaa040, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogaa040>.

Sarwari, Mehwish. 2020. "Ideology and UN Responsiveness to Sexual Violence." *Journal of Intervention and State Building* 14(5): 671-690.

Johansson, Karin and **Sarwari, Mehwish**. 2019. "Sexual violence and Biased Military Interventions in Civil Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 36(5): 469–493.

Sarwari, Mehwish and Jacob Kathman. 2017. "Civilian Intervention." In the Sage Encyclopedia of Political Behavior. Fathali M. Moghaddam (Ed.). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Manuscripts in Preparation and Under Review

"The Effects of Foreign Direct Investment on Wartime Sexual Violence" (co-authored with Chhandosi Roy, and Dr. Samaila O. Adelaiye)

"Defense Cooperation Agreements and Support to Conflict Parties" (co-authored with Sara Norrevik)"

"The Unexpected Effects of Targeted Sanctions on Wartime Sexual Violence"

"The Impact of Child Soldiers on Democratic Military Interventions" (with Dr. Samaila O. Adelaiye)

Conference Participation

"Is Digital Learning For Everyone? Comparing Faculty and Student Perceptions and Learning Styles, and Experiences with OERs and Online Learning" (with Dr. Kyeonghi Baek and Dr. Peter Yacobucci). Scheduled to be presented at the Annual Western Political Science Association Conference in Los Angeles, CA, April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).

"Foreign Direct Investment and Sexual Violence" (with Chhandosi Roy and Dr. Samaila Adelaiye)." Scheduled to be presented at the Annual International Studies Association Conference in Honolulu, HI, March 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).

Panel Chair and Discussant. "Justice, Trust, and Public Goods: Civil War Legacies and Citizens' Political Preferences." 2020 Annual International Studies Association Conference in Honolulu, HI, March 2020 (cancelled due to Covid-19).

"Take Back Control Of Your Classroom: Using OERs to Boost Instructor Autonomy" (with Drs. Kyeonghi Baek and Peter Yacobucci, SUNY Buffalo State). Presented at the Annual Political

Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., August 2019.

“Responding to the Host: How the Gender Equality Values of Host Peacekeeping Mission States Explain Variation in Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) by Peacekeepers” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2019.

Panel Chair and Discussant. "Making Peace with Peacekeeping Forces." 2019 Annual Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2019.

“Let’s Connect! Using Online Technology to Maximize Pockets of Expertise” (with Drs. Kyeonghi Baek, Patrick McGovern, and Peter Yacobucci, SUNY Buffalo State). Presented at the Annual Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, September 2018.

“Seamless Integration of Political Science Across SUNY” (with Drs. Kyeonghi Baek, Patrick McGovern, and Peter Yacobucci, SUNY Buffalo State). Presented at the Conference on Instruction & Technology in Cortland, NY, May 2018.

“Impact of Rebel Ideology on Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“Impact of Rebel Ideology on Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

“Biased UN Peacekeeping Operations and Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2016.

"Power Relations, Domestic Ideological Polarization, and IGO Membership” (with Dr. Mayra Velez, University of Puerto Rico, and Dr. Kyeonghi Baek, SUNY Buffalo State) Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, April 2016.

“United Nations Effectiveness in Addressing Wartime Sexual Violence” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“Ideological Commitments and UN Responsiveness to Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“United Nations Effectiveness in Addressing Wartime Sexual Violence” Presented at the Annual Political Science Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, September 2015.

“United Nations Effectiveness in Addressing Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“Ideology and UN Responsiveness to Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2015. “Power Relations

and Wartime Sexual Violence.” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., August 2014.

“Descriptive Representation, Gender Quotas, and Women’s Role in Politics: Why Gender Quotas Do Not Increase Women’s Representation in Africa.” Presented at the New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting in New York, NY, April 2014.

“UN Personnel Commitments and Sexual Violence in Civil Conflict.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2014.

“Biased Interventions and Sexual Violence in Civil Conflict.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2014.

“Gender, Peacekeeping, and Sexual Violence: Where Are UN Women Personnel Deployed To?” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, September 2013.

“Descriptive Representation, Gender Quotas, and Women’s Role in Politics: Why Gender Quotas Do Not Increase Women’s Representation in Africa” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2013.

“Party Ideology and Childcare: The Impact of Social Democratic Ideology on Promoting Childcare Services to Improve Gender Equality.” Presented at the New York State Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Syracuse, New York, April 2013.

“Social Democracies and Women’s Rights: The Impact of Social Democratic Governments on Fostering the Progression of Women’s Rights.” Presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, April 2012.

Invited Talks

“Democratization in the Middle East in PSC 344: Comparative Democracy (taught by Dr. McGovern) at SUNY Buffalo State, Buffalo, NY, October 9th, 2019.

“Impact of Rebel Ideology on Wartime Sexual Violence.” Talk given at the Political Violence Research Group (PVRG) Meeting held at the University at Buffalo, March 2017.

“U.S. Immigration Policies and International Students/Scholars Today.” Guest speaker at bi-monthly International Student Advisory Council meeting held at Buffalo State College, SUNY in March, 2015.

“UN Responsiveness to Wartime Sexual Violence.” Talk given at the 2014 Samuel Efron Lecture Series held at Lehigh University, November 2014.

“International Conflicts and Global Issues.” Talk given at the 2014 InFocus Series held at the University at Buffalo, November 2014 (with Dr. Claude Welch).

“Women’s Representation in the Media and Politics.” Guest Speaker at the UB Girl Effect Movie Night Series, October 2014.

“Turkey’s Challenges.” Talk given at the 2014 Great Decisions Discussion Series held in Buffalo, NY, March 2014.

Academic Honors, Achievements, and Awards

SUNY Buffalo State, Buffalo, NY

- SUNY Buffalo State Research and Creativity Incentive Program (RCIP) Grant (with Drs. Baek and Yacobucci from Buffalo State) (PI) (awarded \$1,182.00)
- SUNY Buffalo State Early Undergraduate Research Opportunity (EURO) Micro-Project Award (Spring 2019) (\$2000) (Fall 2020) (\$500)
- SUNY Open Educational Resources Grant (co-investigator with Drs. Kyeonghi Baek and Peter Yacobucci) (2018-2019) (\$32,000)
- SUNY IITG Grant (co-investigator with Drs. Kyeonghi Baek, Patrick McGovern, and Peter Yacobucci) (2017-2018) (\$20,000)
- SUNY Buffalo State Political Science Department “Professor of the Year Award:” Presented by the Student Political Society Club (2018, 2019)
- UUP Professional Development Award (2015-2016; 2016-2017; 2017-2018) (\$1000); (2018-2019) (\$531.41)
- United University Professions (UUP) Discretionary Award (2017-2018; 2018-2019; 2019-2020)

University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

- Isabel S. Marcus International Research Fellowship (2015-2016) (\$3000)
- GSEU Professional Development Award (2013) (\$531); 2015 (\$403); (2016) (\$340)
- UB Department of Political Science Travel Grant (2012-2016) (\$250)
- Paul D. Senese Teaching Assistantship (2014-2015) (\$250)
- University at Buffalo Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award (2013-2014)

National

- Member of Phi Beta Kappa since 2011
- Member of Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society since 2009
- Member of Golden Key International Honor Society since 2007

Service

Discipline

- *WCPS Representative and Chair*, 2021 APSA Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory Committee
- *Abstract Reviewer*, 2021 Council on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) Conference
- *Reviewer, Terrorism and Political Violence, International Studies Quarterly*

Department

- *Chair*, SUNY Buffalo State Student Engagement Committee (Fall 2019-Present)
- *Faculty Advisor*, SUNY Buffalo State Model United Nations (2017-Present)
- *Faculty Advisor*, SUNY Buffalo State Student Political Society Club (2017-2020)
- Undergraduate Research Advising: Elizabeth Rakowski (2020); Jennifer Briones (2019); Tyler Minnick (2017); Taylor Schultz (2017); Michelle Campanella (2017); Tiffany Winklemann (2016), Gabrielle Montebiano (2016), Ashley D'Amico (2015), Guyin Wu (Honors College Thesis committee member, University at Buffalo) (2012-2013)
- *Vice President*, Political Science Graduate Student Association (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)
- *Secretary*, Political Science Graduate Student Association (Fall 2013-Spring 2014)

University

- *Chaperone and Co-Faculty Advisor* (with Dr. Fred Floss and Jayatilleke, Senior Academic Advisor), SUNY Buffalo State Model Senate Team (March 2019; March 2020)
- *Member*, SUNY Buffalo State Conflict & Analysis Resolution Interdisciplinary Unit Committee (Fall 2017-Present)
- *Member*, University at Buffalo Graduate Student Grievance Committee (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)
- *Faculty Advisor*, UB Model European Union Club (Fall 2014-Spring 2016)

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Peace Science Society
United University Professions (UUP)

Research Areas

International Security
Third-party Interventions
Peacekeeping
Civil Conflict
Human Rights

Languages

English (Native)
Farsi (Native)
Spanish (Intermediate)

References

Available upon request