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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. *University of Wisconsin-Madison***, Department of Sociology (2012)  
Title: Making Society "Civil": NGOs, Donors, and Peacebuilding in Postwar Croatia
- M.S. *University of Wisconsin-Madison***, Department of Sociology (2006)  
Title: Recovering from the Revolution: Reintegrating Guerrilla Ex-combatants
- B.A. *Carleton College***, Department of Sociology and Anthropology (2003)  
Magna cum Laude, Distinction in Major, Berglund Social Sciences Prize

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Assistant Professor**, *Department of Sociology and Center for NGO Leadership and Development*, Northern Illinois University. Fall 2013-present.

**Visiting Fellow**, *Kroc Institute of International Peace Studies*, University of Notre Dame. Spring 2013.

**AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST**

Political Sociology; Sociology of War and Peace; Global Political Economy; Organizations; Research Methods; Transitional Justice; Human Rights; Democratization; Gender

**EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**Emerging Scholar Dissertation of Merit**. International Society for Third-Sector Research (2014)

**NSF Graduate Research Fellowship**, National Science Foundation, Division of Behavior and Social Science (2005-2010)

**Graduate Student Fellowship**, American Sociological Association Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict (2010-2011)

**Fulbright IIE Grant**, Croatia (2008)

**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship**, U.S. Department of Education (2008)

### **INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

**Research and Artistry Grant**, Northern Illinois University (2016)

**European Union Center of Excellence Travel Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2010)

**Dissertation Research Grant**, Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2009)

**Vilas Travel Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2009, 2010)

**University Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2004)

### **PUBLICATIONS (Peer-Reviewed)**

2017. "Cultivating Peace: Social Movement Professionalization and NGOization in Croatia." *Mobilization* 22(3): 345-362.

2017. "Making Civil Society Sustainable: The Legacy of USAID in Croatia." *Voluntas*. DOI 10.1007/s11266-017-9896-3

2016. "Institutional Amnesia: Sustainability and Peacebuilding in Croatia." *Sociological Forum* 31(2): 377-396.

2015. "Recovering from the Revolution: Long-Term Reintegration of ANC Ex-Combatants in South Africa." *Sociological Imagination* 51(1): 49-69.

2013. "Pathologies in Peacebuilding: NGOs, Donors, and Peace Projects in Croatia." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change* 36:135-166.

2013. "The Vulnerable Protecting the Vulnerable: NGOs and Human Security in the Aftermath of War" in *Gender, Violence, and Human Security: New Perspectives*. Christina Ewig, Myra Marx Ferree, and Aili Mari Tripp, eds. New York: NYU Press.

### **PUBLICATIONS (Other)**

“The Struggle for Democracy and Ex-combatants in South Africa.” Pp 149-166 in *Only Useful Until Democracy? Reintegrating Ex-combatants in Post-apartheid South Africa*, David Everatt, ed. Johannesburg, South Africa: Atlantic Philanthropies.

## **IN PROGRESS**

“Rethinking Legitimation: Positional and Mediated Legitimation Processes in Croatian Civil Society” (article under review)

*Making Society Civil: Peace, Democracy, and International Interventions in Postwar Croatia* (book manuscript)

“Learning from Crises: the Legacy of the 1990s War on Croatia’s Response to the European Refugee Crisis” (article in draft)

“Refugee, Migrant, Asylum Seeker: Challenges to Refugee Policy in the European Refugee Crisis” (article in draft)

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Forthcoming (2018). “Book Review: How Development Projects Persist: Everyday Negotiations with Guatemalan NGOs.” *American Journal of Sociology* 124(2).

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

- 2017** “Coordinating Humanitarianism: Croatia and the European Refugee Crisis.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtable. (Montreal, Canada).
- 2017** “Refugees, Migrants, Asylum Seekers: Challenges to Refugee Policy in the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” Presented at American Sociological Association, International Migration Roundtable. (Montreal, Canada).
- 2017** “Learning from Crises: the Legacy of the 1990s War on Croatia’s Response to the European Refugee Crisis.” Presented at International Studies Association (Baltimore, MD).
- 2016** “Tocqueville in Croatia: USAID and the Promotion of Associational Civil Society.” Presented at Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication Conference, University of Tetova (Tetova, Macedonia).
- 2016** “Can Civil Society Be Made Sustainable? Examining USAID Legacy Mechanisms.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Development Panel (Seattle, WA).

- 2016** “International Interventions, Local Peace: Donors, NGOs, and the Legitimation of Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Panel: International Legitimacy in Peace Negotiations. International Studies Association. (Atlanta, GA).
- 2015** “Legacies of Intervention: Peacebuilding and Donor Withdrawal in Post-War Croatia.” Colloquium: Donor Withdrawal. ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action). (Chicago, IL).
- 2015** Workshop: “Aid Reduction and Local Civil Society in Conflict and Post-Conflict States.” Invited Participant. United States Institute for Peace. (Washington, DC).
- 2015** “Transnational Flows and Local Outcomes: International Donors and Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Roundtable. (Chicago, IL).
- 2014** “Transnational Flows and Local Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at International Association for Peace and Conflict Studies: Shaping Peace—Local Infrastructures and State Formation. (Manchester, UK).
- 2014** “Institutional Amnesia: Organizational Memory and Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtable (San Francisco, CA).
- 2013** “Making Society ‘Civil’: Supporting Civil Institutions in Postwar Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Peace and Conflict Panel. (New York, NY).
- 2013** “Women and Peacebuilding in Croatia.” Presented at Sociologists for Women in Society. (Albuquerque, NM).
- 2012** “Spreading Peace: Organizational Growth and Outreach.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtable. (Denver, CO).
- 2012** “Using Ethnography to Connect Transnational Policies and Local Outcomes in Peacebuilding.” Presented at Midwest Sociological Association Panel, “Constructing Ethnographies of Global and Transnational Actors and Processes.” (Minneapolis, MN).
- 2011** “Pathologies in Peacebuilding: NGOs, Donors, and Peace Projects in Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Regular Session. Peace and Conflict: Peacebuilding and Nonviolence. (Las Vegas, NV).
- Earlier version presented at conference “Twenty years after (the) Split, Thirty years after Prishtina, Ten years after Tanushevci: Beginnings, Endings, Continuities and Discontinuities in former Yugoslavia and the Successor States.” (Madison, WI).
- 2010** “Creating” Civil Society: Theorizing Civil Society Through Peacebuilding In Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict Roundtable. (Atlanta, GA).

- 2010** “Building Civil Society, Building Peace: NGOs and Human Security in the Post-War Moment.” Presented at “New Perspectives on Gender and Human Security”, Panel on Gender and Post-Conflict Violence. (Madison, WI).
- 2009** “Citizenship and Belonging: The Role of NGOs in Post-war Peace Building in Croatia.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Political Sociology Roundtable. (San Francisco, CA).
- 2007** “Beyond the Revolution: The Long-Term Reintegration of Guerrilla Ex-Combatants in South Africa.” Presented at American Sociological Association, Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict Paper Session. (New York, NY).

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### ***Refugees in Croatia***, Croatia

Interview and archival study of Croatia’s humanitarian response to the Syrian refugee crisis (2016)

### ***Longitudinal NGO Research***, Croatia

Study of the development of the NGO sector in Croatia (2010; 2013; 2016)

### ***Fulbright IIE Fellow***, Croatia

Interview, archival, and observational research of peacebuilding in Croatia (2008-2009)

### ***Project Assistant***, UW Survey Center

Project Director for two independent qualitative research projects. (2006)

### ***Consultant***. Strategy and Tactics (a South Africa-based development consultancy)

Assisted in design and implementation of a study on ex-combatants in South Africa. Collected ethnographic data for Master’s thesis.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Center for Nonprofit and NGO Studies, Northern Illinois University (Fall 2013-present).

Courses taught: Social Movements, Qualitative Research Methods, Global Social Problems, Globalization and International NGOs, Peace and Social Justice, Introduction to Research in NGOs and Communities, NGOs in the News

**Study Abroad Faculty**, Northern Illinois University. Transitional Justice and the International Courts (The Hague, 2014)

**Masters Thesis Committees**, Northern Illinois University. Stephanie Jones, Ana Hernandez, and Greta Gustafson.

**Research Rookie Mentor**, Northern Illinois University (2014-16)

**MS Independent Study Supervisor**, Sociology of Development, Northern Illinois University (2015, 2016, 2017).

**Visiting Fellow**, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame (Spring 2013).

Course taught: Gender, War, and Peace.

**Lecturer**, Sociology, UW-Madison (2011, 2012)

Course taught: Statistics for Sociologists I, Methods of Social Research

**Teaching Assistant**, International Studies and Sociology, UW-Madison (2007, 2010, 2011)

Courses taught: Introduction to International Studies, Statistics for Sociologists I

**Supervisor**, Undergraduate Research Assistants, UW-Madison (2010-2011)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### To the discipline

Secretary-Treasurer, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section, American Sociological Association (2015-2018).

Guest curator, NIU Anthropology Museum, 50 Years of the Museum of Anthropology (2014).

Member, American Sociological Association (2005-present)

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society (2012-present)

Member, International Studies Association (2015-present)

Mentoring Committee Co-chair, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section, ASA (2013-2015)

Co-editor, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section Newsletter, ASA (2010-2012)

### To the university

2013-present NGOLD Curriculum Committee

2014-present Sociology Department Council

2015-present Sociology Department Development Committee

2015-present Faculty Steering Committee, Center for Peace and Transcultural Communication