

CATHERINE PANTER-BRICK short CV 2026



Bruce A. and Davi-Ellen Chabner Professor of Anthropology, Health, and Global Affairs

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EDUCATION

D.Phil. Biological Anthropology, University of Oxford, UK

M.Sc. Human Biology, University of Oxford, UK

M.A. (First Class) Human Sciences, University of Oxford, UK

Baccalauréat, Lycée Français de Londres, UK

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Jackson School of Global Affairs; Department of Anthropology, Yale University, 2010-

Secondary appointment: Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, School of Public Health

Professor/Reader/Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Durham University, UK, 1990-2010

Research Fellow, St Hugh's College, University of Oxford, 1987-90

MAJOR INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Council of Heads of Colleges, Yale University, 2022-2026

Head of Morse College, Yale University, 2015-2026

Long-standing service in many senior committees

LEADERSHIP

Co-Founder and Co-Director, [Peacebuilding Initiative](#), Jackson School of Global Affairs, Yale University

Director, [Global Health Studies Multidisciplinary Academic Program](#), Jackson School of Global Affairs

Director, [Program on Conflict, Resilience, and Health](#), MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

Expert Consultant, [Early Childhood Peace Consortium](#) (ECPC)

RESEARCH EXPERTISE

Areas: Global health; Humanitarian systems; Peacebuilding; Refugees; Resilience and social inclusion.

Field research in: Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, the Gambia, India, Jordan, Mauritania, Nepal, Niger, Pakistan, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, United Kingdom, United States-Mexico border.

HONORS & AWARDS

President, Human Biology Association, 2020-22

Inaugural Chair, Yale University, 2019, *“to honor an outstanding faculty member renowned as a passionate teacher and outstanding researcher in the intersection of science and the humanities.”*

Lucy Mair Medal, Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Ireland, 2011, *“to honour excellence in the application of anthropology to the relief of poverty and distress, and to the active recognition of human dignity”*

SABBATICAL & RESEARCH POSITIONS

Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Northwestern University, 2026-27

European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 2026-27

Agence Française de Développement, Crisis Prevention & Post-Conflict Unit, 2013

Global Health & Social Change Program, Harvard Medical School, US, 2011-12

High Council for Science & Technology, Jordan, 2006

Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France, 1990-91

King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1988-89

EDITORIAL CONTRACTS

Guest Editor, Mental Health, War Trauma and Migration, Comprehensive Psychoneurobiology, 2023-24

Senior Editor, Medical Anthropology, *Social Science & Medicine* (Elsevier), 2007-2022

Series Editor, *Studies of the Biosocial Society*, Berghahn Books, 1998-2022

Associate Editor, *The International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*, Wiley-Blackwell, 2012-18

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

Keynote speaker at United Nations engagements

2026 UN Commission for Social Development / World Organization for Early Childhood Education, Early childhood experiences and intergenerational peace: what science requires of policy.

2025 United Nations General Assembly UNGA-80, Violence leaves its mark on the human genome across generations, Voices from Sciences, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations.

2024 United Nations General Assembly UNGA-79, Bringing evidence of war's biological legacy; Peace Innovation Roundtable, University for Peace UN Headquarters.

2023 United Nations General Assembly UNGA-78, Chair, High-level Session on Early Childhood Development: Pathways to Sustainable Peace, with UN representatives of Chile, Colombia, and Ireland, the EU Special Programmes Body, and UN Special Representative on Violence Against Children.

2018 UN Women/WFWPI, CSW62 sessions on the Status of Women.

Early Childhood Peace Consortium

Leading [Early Childhood Peace Consortium](#) networks. Speaker at [ACEV](#) / ECPC events in Istanbul, 2024 and 2015; New Haven, 2018; Belfast, 2017.

Other policy engagement

Keynote speaker at the [Danish Refugee Council](#), 2025; [United States Institute of Peace](#) (USIP), 2024 and [UNDP Crisis Bureau](#), 2024; [Royal Cultural Center](#), Jordan, 2023; [British Council](#), 2020 and [European Horizons](#), 2020; [National Institutes of Health](#) and [Grand Challenges Canada](#), 2019; [USAID](#), 2018, [Overseas Development Institute](#), 2018, and [Save the Children](#), 2018; [World Bank](#), 2017 and [World Health Organization](#), 2017.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

Selected media and science communication

2026 Yale News, [What does 'everyday' peace look like? Mapping how people think about peacebuilding](#)

2025 Jackson News, [Yale faculty bring evidence of war's biological legacy to United Nations General Assembly](#)

2025 Yale and the World, [Yale Peacebuilding Initiative deepens work in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

2025 Yale News, [A first-of-its-kind study shows that experiencing violence and trauma leaves a heritable imprint on the human genome](#)

2025 Yale News, [Aid worker narratives reveal discontent within the humanitarian sector](#)

2024 Yale News, [Fuzzy maps offer insight into local perceptions of the value of volunteering](#)

2024 NBC Connecticut interview, [How volunteering impacts refugees](#)

2024 Yale News, [Volunteering enhances life satisfaction among refugee women](#)

2024 Yale News, [Parental discord over dads' role linked to child development shortfalls](#)

Recent podcast and documentary

2025 World Peace Foundation podcast, [Disrupting Peace: First Steps to a Peaceful Childhood for All](#), with Susan Bissell and host Bridget Conley, Sep 30

2023 [Terror and Hope: The Science of Resilience](#), award-winning documentary by Ron Bourke, featuring my research with Syrian refugees. Premiered on PBS/World Channel and broadcast on 191 PBS stations. Awards include the Humanitarian Award, Immigration Film Festival; Best Documentary Film, 2020 SCI-ON Film Festival; Best Documentary Short, RAW SCIENCE Film Festival and AFMX Festival.

Scholarship featured in YouTube videobytes

2025 [*Supporting the mental health of forcibly displaced children. A call to action*](#)

2025 [*Violence leaves its mark on the human genome across generations*](#)

2025 [*We Love Reading program promotes Emirati women's sense of agency and life satisfaction, catalyzing social innovation*](#)

2024 *Fuzzy cognitive mapping shows volunteering can empower women living in Jordan*

[English](#) | [Arabic](#)

2024 [*Father involvement, parental agreement, and child development in Syrian refugee families*](#)

ROLES AS SENIOR CONSULTANT

Referee and assessment panels for national and international fellowships (e.g., Government of Canada, CIFAR).

Advisory board member for multi-year EU and Horizon 2020 projects on refugee mental health.

Consultant for humanitarian agencies and NGOs, including Concern Worldwide (Niger), UMI Resilience (France), and international initiatives on resilience and humanitarian programming.

External expert for research councils and global mental health initiatives (e.g., RaRE, STRENGTHS, R2HC).

COLLOQUIA ORGANIZED (select examples)

Peace, Power, and the Global Good, Jackson School of Global Affairs, Apr 20-21, 2026

Dynamics of Peace, Jackson School of Global Affairs, 2025

Building Peace Across Generations, Jackson School of Global Affairs, 2024

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (select examples)

How do global peacebuilders think: Policy dialogue and system change, 5th Annual Peace & Conflict Studies Conference, Strengthening Global and Local Communities to Foster Human Security, Nova University, Florida, Jan 15, 2026

Everyday Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. '30 Years After Dayton' conference, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Nov 22, 2025

<https://jackson.yale.edu/peacebuilding-research-from-yale-takes-center-stage-in-sarajevo/>

Early Childhood and Peacebuilding. International Forum on Early Childhood, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico, Nov 12, 2025.

'Voices from Sciences' Invited Speaker, *Violence leaves its mark on the human genome across generation*. Diplomatic Acknowledgment of Epigenetic Science in Conflict Settings, 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, NYC, Sep 25, 2025

https://jackson.yale.edu/news/yale-faculty-bring-evidence-of-wars-biological-legacy-to-united-nations-general-assembly/?utm_source=YaleToday&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=YT_YaleToday-Staff_10-24-2025

Everyday peace in Mauritania: A Participatory Mapping Approach to Local Knowledge and Problem Solving, 10th [European Conference of African Studies](#) (ECAS 2025), Prague, 2025

Pathways to everyday peace: Visual maps and scenario-building in Mauritania, [European Peace Science conference \(NEPS\)](#), Barcelona, 2025

Pathways to everyday peace: A systems mapping approach visualizing how people 'see peace' and 'think about' peace promotion in Mauritania, [Yale Peacebuilding Initiative](#), 2025

Afghanistan since Withdrawal, Co-lectures in the Theory and Practice of Statescraft, Jackson [Blue Center for Global Strategic Assessment](#), Yale University, 2025

Intergenerational pathways to peace: using developmental science to promote sociality through positive caregiver-child interactions after war. [International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development \(ISSBD\)](#), Lisbon, 2024. <https://2024biennial.issbd.org/>

Caregiving interactions are seeds of peace, trust, and intergenerational change: Innovative approaches in developmental science, [International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development](#), ISSBD, Lisbon, 16-20 June 2024. <https://2024biennial.issbd.org/>

Relationship quality, father involvement, and child development: A prospective study with intergenerational implications. In 'Intergenerational pathways to peace,' ISSBD, Lisbon, 2024. <https://2024biennial.issbd.org/>

Coparenting, mental health, and the pursuit of dignity: A systems-level analysis of refugee father-mother narratives. Bold Ideas for Brighter Futures Karolinska Institutet-UNICEF Joint Conference on Global

Child and Adolescent Mental Health, 2024 Stockholm, Sweden.
<https://brighterfutures2024.ki.se/program/>

TEACHING AT YALE (examples)

Graduate teaching

Session in EMD 541: Health in Humanitarian Crises

Undergraduate teaching (seminar class/speaker series)

HLTH 490, Global Health Colloquium

ANTH453/HLTH425: Global Health: Practice and Policy

GLBL393/ANTH386: Humanitarian Interventions

Mentorship & training: Mentor *per year* to 40+ Global Health Scholars, numerous Morse College students, and to postdoctoral, doctoral, and early-career colleagues in global leadership positions.

RESEARCH GRANTS (select examples)

Blue Center Faculty Research Grant, *Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU and NATO Accession Initiative*, Co-PI, 2026-27

MacMillan Collaborative International Research Grant, *Everyday Peace*, PI, 2024-26.

National Science Foundation, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, *Intergenerational impact of violence*, Co-PI, 2019-25

National Institute of Mental Health, *Youth as community mental health workers in humanitarian settings*, Co-PI, 2021-24

International Organization for Migration, *Joint Intersectoral Analysis Framework*, Co-PI, 2021

National Science Foundation (multiple NSF grants), for work in Brazil, Poland, Rwanda, US.

PUBLICATIONS (select examples)

~190 publications in the biomedical, health, and social sciences. Scopus h-index: 44.

POLICY BRIEFS (select examples)

Ambati M, ... Panter-Brick C, Brown F, Lai J. (2026). Investing in Caregivers: Low-Cost, High-Impact Strategies to Improve Child Development and Well-Being. Policy Brief, Global Health Studies Program, Yale University.

Fereydooni S, ... Panter-Brick C (2026). Transforming Conflict: Former Combatants and Community Healing in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Policy Brief, Global Health Studies Program, Yale University.

Nurkić M, Panter-Brick C, Simon D et al. (2025). Everyday Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Findings from Sarajevo and East Sarajevo. Policy Brief, Peacebuilding Initiative, Yale University.

Panter-Brick C et al. (2025). How Global Peacebuilders Think: A Tool for Policy Dialogue and System Change. Policy Brief, Peacebuilding Initiative, Yale University.

Cook S, ... & Panter-Brick C (2025). In Pursuit of Sustainable Peace: Practical Recommendations for Integrating Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), Policy Brief, Global Health Studies Program, Yale University.

Ramos L, ... Panter-Brick C & Khoudour D (2025). Promoting Forcibly Displaced Children's Mental Health Through Educational Intervention. Policy Brief, Global Health Studies Program, Yale University.

Merritt ME.... Panter-Brick C & Hein S. (2024). Intergenerational Pathways to Peace: Putting Children First. Policy Brief, Global Health Studies Program, Yale University.

BOOKS (select examples)

Abramowitz S and Panter-Brick C (2015). [*Medical Humanitarianism: Ethnographies of Practice*](#). Pennsylvania Studies in Human Rights, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Leckman J, Panter-Brick C, and Salah R (2014). [*Pathways to Peace: The Transformative Power of Children and Families*](#). Strüngmann Forum Report, volume 15. MIT Press.

IMPACT CASE STUDIES

Elrha (2023). Measuring the health and wellbeing impacts of a scalable program of psychosocial intervention for refugee youth. [*Good Practice in Research Participation Series, no.5*](#).

Elrha (2023). Demonstrating the effectiveness of mental health support for war-affected adolescents. [*Research Impact Case Studies, no.19*](#). Elrha: London.

ARTICLES (recent examples)

Khraisha Q... Panter-Brick C, Hadfield K (2026). [*Protective Paradox: Caregiving in Protracted Crises Across 72 Countries*](#). *Trauma, Violence & Abuse* 1-15. doi: 10.1177/15248380251411241

Stathopoulou T... Panter-Brick C, Mollica RF (2026). [*Belonging, discrimination, and risk in displacement: Bayesian variable selection in predicting mental health and resilience among refugee adolescents in Greece*](#). *Soc. Sci. Med. – Mental Health*, vol.9: 100574. doi: 10.1016/j.ssmmh.2025.100574

Panter-Brick C et al. (2025). [*Pathways to everyday peace: visualizing local knowledge to model system change*](#). *Frontiers in Political Science* 7:1614779. doi: 10.3389/fpos.2025.1614779

Pluess M, Brown FL, Panter-Brick C (2025). [*Supporting the mental health of forcibly displaced children*](#). *Nature Reviews Psychology* 4, 370–387. doi: 10.1038/s44159-025-00447-9

Mulligan CJ... **Panter-Brick C**, Dajani R. (2025). [*Epigenetic signatures of intergenerational exposure to violence in three generations of Syrian refugees*](#). *Scientific Reports* 15, 5945. doi: 10.1038/s41598-025-89818-z

Tbaishat D, Qtaishat L, Eggerman JJ, **Panter-Brick C**, Dajani R (2025). [*Mapping the perceived impacts of a social innovation program on women’s agency and life satisfaction*](#). *Frontiers in Sociology* 10:1527841. doi: 10.3389/fsoc.2025.1527841

Strohmeier H, Karunakara U, **Panter-Brick C** (2025). [*Public discourse narratives: from ‘Secret Aid Worker’ discontent to shifting power in humanitarian systems*](#). *Disasters* 49(1):12651. doi: 10.1111/disa.12651

Jankovic-Rankovic J. & **Panter-Brick C**. (2024). [*Physiological and Genomic Signatures of War and Displacement: A Comprehensive Literature Review and Future Directions*](#). *Psychoneuroendocrinology* 166:107084. doi: 10.1016/j.psyneuen.2024.107084

Panter-Brick C et al. (2024). [*Volunteer programs, empowerment, and life satisfaction in Jordan: mapping local knowledge and systems change to inform public policy and science diplomacy*](#). *Frontiers in Sociology* 9:1371760. doi: 10.3389/fsoc.2024.1371760

Panter-Brick C et al. (2024). [*Does volunteering impact refugee women’s life satisfaction, empowerment, and wellbeing? Experimental evidence and causal reasoning*](#). *Social Sciences & Medicine* 347:116735. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116735

Hadfield K, Al-Soleiti M, Dajani R, Marechal I, **Panter-Brick C** (2024). [*Father involvement, mental health, and child social emotional learning: Evidence from Syrian refugees in Jordan*](#). *Journal of Child and Family Studies* 33:1029-1042. doi: 10.1007/s10826-024-02809-y

Khraisha Q, Sawalha L, Hadfield K, Al-Soleiti M, Dajani R, Panter-Brick C. (2024). [*Coparenting, mental health, and the pursuit of dignity: A systems-level analysis of refugee father-mother narratives*](#). *Social Sciences & Medicine* 340:116452. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116452