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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Yale University

Co-Director, the Certificates in Human Rights, Yale University (2025–present)

Senior lecturer of Global Affairs (2023–present)

Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Education, Jackson School of Global Affairs (2023–present)

Senior lecturer of Political Science (2021–2023)

Director of Undergraduate Studies for Ethics, Politics, and Economics (2021–2023)

Lecturer of Political Science (2015–2021)

Research Associate, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies
(2015–2023)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Assistant Professor of Political Science (2012–2015)

VISITING APPOINTMENTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Visiting Scholar, Institute for Global Peace, Security, and Justice, Queen’s University Belfast (2022–Present)

Visiting senior lecturer, Yale-National University of Singapore (Fall 2024)

Henry Hart Rice Visiting Assistant Professor, MacMillan Center, Yale University (2014–2015)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2012), Political Science

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

B.A. *Cum Laude* (2001), Political Science

The College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Political violence, peace processes, post-conflict politics

International Relations: Terrorism

Political Methodology: Qualitative fieldwork, survey experiments, spatial data

SELECTED RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS

“[The Trap of Sectarian Politics](#)” (working paper; with Milan Švolík)

April 2019. “[Brexit and a Border Town: Trouble Ahead in Northern Ireland?](#)” *The New York Review of Books*.

March 16, 2022. “[A U.S. Special Envoy to Northern Ireland would help preserve the peace.](#)” *The Hill*.

December 2021. “[From Revolutionary to Poet.](#)” *Irish Voice*.

The Aftermath of Conflict in Northern Ireland (book project)

“Minority Rights Provisions in Divided Societies” (working paper)

TEACHING

Yale University

Civil Conflict (seminar); Terrorism (seminar); War and Peace in Northern Ireland (seminar); EP&E Senior Essay (seminar)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Political Violence (lecture and seminar); Terrorism (seminar)

ORIGINAL DATA COLLECTION

Political behavior in Northern Ireland 2017–2023

Do Linguistic Minority Rights Make a Difference? Hungarian Minorities in Slovakia 2015

The Politics of Paramilitaries qualitative interview data in the case of “The Troubles” in Northern Ireland, Ireland, England, and the United States 2009 – present

Spatial Data on Political Violence during the Troubles in Northern Ireland 1968–1998

Counterinsurgency in Northern Ireland: Arrests under Special Legislation, Length of Detentions, and Releases without Charge, 1990–2009

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and AFFILIATIONS

Founder and co-Director, the [Peacebuilding Initiative](#) at Yale, 2023–present

Founder and co-Director, the Certificates in Human Rights at Jackson, 2025—present

The Office of Global Affairs & Planetary Health Council, Yale School of Nursing, 2024–present

Founding co-Director, [Program on Peace and Development](#) at Yale University, 2020–24

Fellow, Morse College, Yale University (2023–present)

Member: American Political Science Association, European Political Science Association, Ad Hoc Committee to Protect the Good Friday Agreement

Board Member: Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning Advisory Board (Yale, 2023–present), Peaceful Schools International (2018–present)

INVITED TALKS and CONFERENCES

Peace, Power, and the Global Good (April 2026) Yale University
Dynamics of Peace (April 2025) Yale University
Peacebuilding across Generations (April 2024) Yale University
Troubled Democracies: Lessons learned from N. Ireland (April 2023) New York University
Violence and Democratic Decline (March 2023) George Mason University
Lessons from Peace: Northern Ireland and Colombia (April 2022) Yale University
Yale Young Global Scholars (summer annually, 2019–present)
Taking Stock: The Process of Peace in Colombia (December 2021) Yale University
Northern Ireland: Peacebuilding after Brexit (November 2020–February 2021) Yale Program on
Peace and Development and National Committee on American Foreign Policy
Using Research to Inform Pedagogy—Teaching Conflict Resolution (April 2021) Yale University
Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning
Bridging the Atlantic conference (November 2020) Georgetown University, University College
Dublin, Queens University Belfast
Conference series on Democracy, Identity, and Civil Society (Autumn 2020) Yale Program on
Peace and Development, Washington Ireland Program, and Centre for Democracy and
Peacebuilding
Greenberg World Fellows speaker (December 2019 and October 2020) Yale University
Jackson Institute Panel Series on Brexit (October and December 2019) Yale University
ISIS After the Fall of Al-Baghdadi (November 2019) Yale University
Local Peacebuilding: Peacebuilding at a Community-Level (October 2019) USIP Alliance for
Peacebuilding (Washington, DC)
Twenty Years of Peace: Progress and Possibilities in Northern Ireland (November 2018) Yale
University
Survey and Qualitative Methods in the Field (October 2017) The School for Conflict Analysis and
Resolution at George Mason University
A Farewell to Arms? Decommissioning and the Political Transformation of Armed Groups
(November 2015) George Mason University, The School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
The Good Friday Peace Accords (October 2010) Case Western Reserve University, Cox Center for
International Law
How to Make Peace: Former combatants' views of the Good Friday Agreement process (May
2010) The University of Chicago, Center for International Studies
Local Variation in Repressive Violence: The Case of the Troubles in Northern Ireland (November
2009) University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois Informatics Institute

FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Faculty Award, Yale University, 2018–2022

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2009–2014

Research Board Research Support Award, 2014

William and Flora Hewlett International Research Travel Grant, 2013

Scholar's Travel Fund, Campus Research Board, 2009–2012

Incomplete List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent (with Outstanding Ratings), Spring 2010,
Spring and Fall 2013, Spring 2014

Smith Richardson Foundation, 2008–2010

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, 2008–2009 and 2009–2010

The University of Chicago, 2002–2010

Norman Waits Harris Fellowship, Michael and Ling Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship, Orin

Williams Grant, Overseas Dissertation Research Grant, Grodzins Prize Lectureship, Social Sciences

Doctoral Scholarship, Program on International Security Policy (PISP) Research Grant

SERVICE

Senior essay and independent study advising

2026: Noa Ní Aolain Gross; 2025: Éile Donegan, Will Leggat (Andrew D. White Prize in European History), Stephen McNulty, Lim Yuhang (Yale-NUS); 2024: Nina Mital 2023: Joanna Ding, Deirdre Flanagan; 2022: Sarah Grube, Ella Cox, Kimberley Cruz; 2021: Kurt Nowak, Lucy Wilkins, Shannon Guerra; 2020: Mbella Beseka, Moses Cho, Jacqueline Hayre-Perez, Chloe Prendergast (Charles Washburn Clark Prize in political science), Collett Preston, Minseung Yoo, Matthew Foley; 2019: Louis Abrassard, Jade Chowning, Esteban Elizondo, Chandler Lindstrand, Joseph Sessa, Luke Stevens; 2018: Otis Baker, Jonathan Kovac, John Tigh; 2017: Alexandra Butler, Jeffrey Cimbalista, Samuel Downey, Joseph Garcia, Delaney Herndon, Brian Pratt, Madeline Skrocki; 2016: Shane Carr, Curran Boyce, Henry Guild, Hanna Karimipour, Tess McEvoy

Sophomore year and academic advising

Luca Girodon (2023–), Sofiia Gaidamaka (2025–), Olivia Smit (2025–), Sofia Teifeld (2025–), Nick West (2025–)

LANGUAGES

English, French, Slovak