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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Texas (2014)
Major Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

B.A., International Politics (*with distinction*), The Pennsylvania State University (2006)

Professional Appointments

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, 2014–present

Research Interests

Transitional Justice
Human Rights
International Organizations
Post-Conflict Processes
Gender Politics

Teaching Interests

International Relations
Comparative Politics
Human Rights
Peace and Conflict Studies
International Law

Publications

Journal Articles

Jacqueline H. R. DeMeritt, Angela D. Nichols, and Eliza G. Kelly. "Escaping the Conflict Trap: Female Participation and Civil War Relapse". 2014. *Civil Wars* 16(3): 346-368.

James D. Meernik, Rosa Aloisi, Marsha Sowell, and Angela Nichols. "Human Rights Infractions, Political Traction and Urgent Actions: Networks and the International Human Rights Agenda".

2012. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56(2): 233-256.

James D. Meernik, Angela Nichols, and Kimi L. King. "The Impact of International Tribunals and Domestic Trials on Peace and Human Rights After Civil War". 2010. *International Studies Perspectives* 11(4): 309-334.

Under Review

"State Repression and Post-Conflict Peace Failure" with Eric Keels.

"Understanding the Limitations of Truth Commission Impact".

Book Chapters

John Ishiyama and Angela D. Nichols. 2011. "Graduate Student Teacher Training Courses, Job Placement, and Teaching Awards". In Eszter Simon and Gabriela Pleschová, eds., *Improving Teaching in Higher Education: The Challenges of Creating effective Instructional Development Programs*. New York, NY: Taylor and Francis/Routledge.

James D. Meernik, Rosa Alosi, Angela D. Nichols and Marsha Sowell. 2010. "The Impact of Tribunals and Truth Commissions on Post-Conflict Peace Building". In J. Joseph Hewitt, Jonathan Wilkenfield, and Ted Robert Gurr, eds., *Peace and Conflict 2010*. College Park, Maryland: Center for International Development and Conflict Management.

Conference Papers

"You Catch More Flies with Honey: State Repression and Post-Conflict Peace Failure" with Eric Keels. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 2014.

"Understanding the Limitations of Truth Commission Impact". Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Knoxville, Tennessee, October 2013.

"Understanding Truth Commission Legitimacy and Impact". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, California, April 2013; the annual meeting of the European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions, Mainz, Germany, March 2013; & the annual meeting of the Peace Science Society (International), Savannah, Georgia, October 2012.

"Transitional Justice and Institutional Legitimacy: Prospects for a more Sustainable Peace following Civil War". Paper would have been presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2012.

“Do Truth Commissions Deter Civil War Relapse?”. Paper presented at the 2012 Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, Austin, Texas, February 2012.

“Teaching as Learning: The Transformational Effect of Teaching on Graduate Instructors” with John Ishiyama. Paper presented at the 2011 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico. February 2011.

“NGOs and Post-Conflict Peace: An Imagined or Sustainable Peace?” Paper presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Midwest Region of the International Studies Association, St. Louis, Missouri, November 2009.

“Human Rights Infractions, Political Traction and Urgent Actions: Networks and the International Human Rights Agenda” with James D. Meernik, Rosa Aloisi, Marsha Sowell. Paper presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 2010. Previously presented at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society (International). Claremont, California, October 2008.

Working Papers

“The Genesis of Rebel Groups and Women’s Engagement in Rebel Movements” with Michael Widmeier.

“The Role of Legal Traditions in the Adoption of Transitional Justice Mechanisms” with Eliza G. Kelly.

Invited Talks

“A Brief Intro to Duration Models.” 2013. Presented at the Applied Methods Summer Series. University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

“Beamer.” 2013. Presented at the Applied Methods Summer Series. UNT, Denton, TX.

“Human Rights and Conflict.” 2012. Presented at the Rotary Peace Symposium. Tarrant County College, Ft. Worth, TX.

Teaching

Graduate Courses

- *The Politics of Human Rights*: Spring 2015, Fall 2016

Undergraduate Courses

- *Post-Conflict Peace and Justice*: Spring 2016
- *Research Methods in Political Science*: Fall 2015
- *Introduction to World Politics*: Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Spring 2016 (Honors)
- *War and Peace*: Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Summer 2016
- *The Politics of Human Rights*: Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
- *American Government: Laws and Institutions*, University of North Texas: Fall 2013
- *Introduction to International Relations*, University of North Texas: Fall 2012

Courses Developed

- *Introduction to Peace, Justice, and Human Rights*, Graduate
- *Post-Conflict Peace and Justice*, Undergraduate
- *The Politics of Human Rights*, Graduate
- *The Politics of Human Rights*, Undergraduate

Other Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant

American Political Science Review

UNT: December 2013-June 2014

John Ishiyama-Lead Editor, Marijke Breuning, Steven Forde, Valerie Martinez Ebers

Graduate Mentor

National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates

UNT: Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Summer 2013

John Ishiyama and J. Michael Greig

Editorial Assistant

Journal of Political Science Education

UNT: September 2009-June 2012

John Ishiyama

Organizational Assistant

Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society International

Ft. Worth, Texas: October 2010

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Honors & Awards

- Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Fellow, FAU (2014–2016)
- Steven Poe Award for outstanding graduate work in human rights, UNT (2014)
- Mentoring Pre-Convention Short Course Travel Grant, ISA Annual Convention (2014)
- Student Government Association Raupe Travel Grant, UNT (2013)
- Toulouse Graduate School Travel Grant, UNT (2013)
- 2nd Place, Graduate Student Global Research Competition, UNT (2013)
- Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, UNT (2012-2013)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Travel Grant (2012)
- SALUTE Veterans Honor Society, UNT (2011)
- Harold Simmons Scholarship/Steven Poe Peace Science Scholarship, UNT (2008–2011)
- College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Travel Grant, UNT (2009, 2012, 2013)

Academic Service

Service to the Discipline

- Manuscript Referee: *International Journal of Transitional Justice, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, Journal of Peace Research*

Service to the University

- Peace, Justice, and Human Rights Fellow, FAU (2014–2016)
- Instructor Search Committee Member, FAU (Summer 2015)
- ACCESS Mentor, FAU (Fall 2015)
- Major Platforms: Human Trafficking Awareness Club Advisor, FAU (Fall 2015–present)

Other Service

- Peacemakers International Member, Dallas, TX (2011-2014)

Academic Associations

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Peace Science Society (International)

Military Experience

- Serbian and Croatian, The Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA (October 1999-November 2000)
- Signals Intelligence Interceptor , U.S. Army, (1999-2004)