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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Global studies, international relations, normativity, power, transnational discourse, politics of identity, tourism ecologies, atrocity crimes and human rights, philosophy of science, inclusive pedagogy, interdisciplinarity.

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

### University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

Teaching Assistant Professor and Advisor, Department of Political Science (Aug. 2023 - *present*)  
Affiliated Faculty, Global Studies Center (GSC); Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES); Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Program (GSWS); European Studies Center (ESC)  
Faculty Leader, *Pitt in Romania* study abroad program  
Visiting Lecturer in Global Studies (Aug. 2021 - Apr. 2023)

### Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science (Apr. - May 2021)  
Lecturer of International Relations (Sept. 2020 - Mar. 2021)

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## EDUCATION

### Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA

Ph.D., Political Science, 2020  
Fields: International Relations (major), Political Theory  
Thesis: *Prometheus' Blind Spot: Invoking Rules and Political Histories of Fire*  
Advisors: Ian Hurd (chair), Hendrik Spruyt, Patrick Thaddeus Jackson  
M.A., Political Science, 2016  
Visiting Scholar at The University of Chicago (Springs 2015/2016)

### American University, Washington, DC, USA

M.A., International Peace and Conflict Resolution, 2014  
Thesis: *Humanitarian Intervention and the Evolution of Complex Normative Systems*  
Advisors: Patrick Thaddeus Jackson (chair), J. Ann Tickner, Jeffrey S. Bachman

### Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA

B.A., International Relations; B.A., Economics; B.S., Global & Area Studies, 2010  
Visiting Scholar at Boğaziçi Üniversitesi (Summer 2010)

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## TEACHING AND TRAININGS

### University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA

PS 0550: Introduction to Global Studies  
PS 1502: International Law and Problems of World Order  
PS 1521: Eastern Europe in World Politics (*Pitt in Romania* study abroad)  
PS 1550: Gender and Global Politics  
PS 1581: International Relations Capstone: Philosophy of Science and Global Politics  
PS 1650: Processes of Identity Formation (*Pitt in Romania* study abroad)  
PS 1675: Politics of Human Rights

#### Pedagogy and Advisor Training:

Students' Mental Health Concerns and the Role of Faculty  
Creating More Accessible Courses Using Universal Design for Learning  
Beyond Diversifying: Engaging in Decolonization in Teaching and Learning  
Preparing Your Syllabi for Gen Ed Submission: From Rejected to Accepted  
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Workshop  
From Study Abroad to Global Experiences  
Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Global Past

Advising and Certification Level One Training  
Advising and Certification Foundations Training  
Contemplative Pedagogy for Student Well-being  
Global Across the Curriculum Faculty Seminar Series  
Equity and Inclusion Faculty Learning Seminar  
Introduction to Specifications Grading  
Encouraging Student Participation  
Developing a Lesson Plan  
Teaching a 6-Week Course

Research Conduct Training:

Responsible Conduct of Research  
Social and Behavioral Science Human Subjects  
Conflicts of Interest (Non-PHS Regulated)  
International Research

**Northwestern University**, Evanston, IL, USA

PS 240: Introduction to International Relations  
PS 240: Introduction to International Relations (TA for Ian Hurd and Hendrik Spruyt)  
IS 290: Introduction to International Development (TA for Brian Hanson)  
PS 311: Politics of the [U.S.] Supreme Court (TA for Galya Ben-Arieh)  
PS 341: International Political Economy (TA for Stephen Nelson)  
SOC 379: Understanding Genocide (TA for Robert Braun)  
PS 377: Drugs and Politics (TA for Ana Arjona)

Pedagogy Training:

Contemplative and Critically Conscious Teaching  
Teaching across Cultural Strengths of International Students  
Responding to Students in Distress: A Primer for Faculty  
Foundations of Online Teaching Practicum  
Assessment & Academic Integrity  
Universal Design and Inclusive Pedagogy  
Targeting Feedback toward Student Growth  
Falsehood and Fallacy Workshop for Instructors  
Empowering Students to Teach in Your Classroom  
Exploring Personal & Social Identity: Self-Reflection as a Tool for Creating Inclusive Classrooms

**American University**, Washington, DC, USA

SIS 105: Introduction to World Politics (TA for Narendran Kumarakulasingam)  
SIS 206: Introduction to International Relations Research (TA for Heidi Hiebert)

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI, USA

ISS 325: Criminology of Genocide (TA for Christina DeJong)

## **PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH**

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Chapters in Edited Volumes

2023 Dijmarescu, H. M., & DeJong, C. (*forthcoming*), Discourse, Legitimacy, and Transnational Politics of LGBTQ+ Violence, in D. Peterson & V. R. Panfil (eds.), *The Handbook of LGBT Communities, Crime, and Justice, Vol. II* (Springer).

Other Publications

2013 Dijmarescu, H. M. (2013, spring), Peacebuilding through Inter-Group Contact: Challenges for Practitioners, *Intercultural Management Quarterly* 14, no. 1: 14-16.

Book Reviews

2020 Dijmarescu, H. M. Anatomies of Revolution (review of *Anatomies of Revolution*, by G. Lawson, 2019). *International Affairs*, 96(2), 518-20. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ia/iaa002>

2019 Dijmarescu, H. M. Ruling by Rights: Rule Making and Embedded Normativity (review of *Rights as Weapons: Instruments of Conflict, Tools of Power*, by C. Bob, 2019). *Ethics & International Affairs*.

<https://www.ethicsandinternationalaffairs.org/2019/ruling-by-rights-rule-making-and-embedded-normativity/>

Papers in Progress

Making the Eastern West: Power, Knowledge, and the Construction of “European” Romania through Heritage Tourism (paper)

**CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2024 CEEISA-ISA Joint International Conference, Rijeka, Croatia  
“Making the Eastern West: Power, Knowledge, and the Construction of ‘European’ Romania through Heritage Tourism” (paper, co-authored with D. S. Fleegle; *proposed*)  
  
University of Pittsburgh Gender Sexuality and Women’s Studies Program, Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
What US Feminists Can Learn from Eastern European LGBTQ+ Activists (panelist)
- 2023 Cluj Pride 2023, Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
“*Evoluții în Politică Anti-LGBTQ în SUA și la Nivel Global* [Evolutions in Anti-LGBTQ Politics in the United States and at the Global Level]” (invited lecture)  
  
APSA Teaching & Learning Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA  
“De-Centering Employability: Reimagining Student Success in Political Education” (paper)
- 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Montreal, QC, Canada  
Discussant, Human Rights and Refugee Crises During Civil Wars (panel)
- 2021 International Studies Association Annual Conference, virtual due to COVID-19 pandemic  
“Legal, Moral, and Identity Rhetorics and the Politics of Incendiary Munitions Use” (paper)  
“From Rules-as-Entities to Rules-in-Action: Rescuing Rhetoric in International Politics” (paper)  
Chair, New Approaches to International Norms, Rules, and Stigma Studies (panel)
- 2020 International Studies Association Annual Conference, cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic  
“This is How It’s Done’: Rules as Rhetoric and Meaning-Making in International Politics” (paper; nominated for the ISA Int’l Political Sociology Section’s Best Graduate Student Paper Award)
- 2019 British International Studies Association Annual Conference, London, United Kingdom  
“Institutions Beyond Rules” (paper)  
  
Northwestern University International Relations Speaker Series, Evanston, IL, USA  
Discussant for George Lawson’s *Anatomies of Revolution* (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2019)  
  
International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada  
“Incendiary Warfare and International Rules” (paper)
- 2017 International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA  
“Grounding Social Processes: Rules, Norms, and Decisions” (paper)
- 2016 International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, USA  
“International Normative Regimes and Local Alternatives” (paper)  
“Transcending Assigned Identities: Queering Statehood” (paper)
- 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA  
“Evolving Humanitarian Practices: Rethinking the Norm Life Cycle Model” (paper)  
“Excessive Cruelty during Armed Conflict” (paper, co-authored with C. DeJong)  
  
International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA  
“Whose Norm is it Anyway? Non-Western Norm Contestation” (paper)  
“Mothers of Dragons, Kings, & Nations: Gender Norms & War in Game of Thrones” (Paper)
- 2014 International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA  
“The Arc of the Moral Universe is an Asymptote: Goal Contestation, Marginalization, Intersectionality, and Patterns of Social Movements’ Pursuit of Justice” (paper)

- International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada  
 “Discourse and Policy Permanence: US Non-Intervention in Rwanda” (paper)
- 2013 International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, USA  
 “(Re)Conceptualizations of “Power” & “Security” Based on the Experiences of Gay Men” (paper)
- Undergraduate International Affairs Research Conference, Washington, DC, USA  
 Discussant and Moderator, Civil Conflict and its Aftermath (panel)
- 2012 International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, USA  
 “Dynamic Norms and the Status Quo: The UN, Sovereignty & R2P” (paper)
- 2011 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada  
 “Mass Murder & Mens Rea: The Intent Requirement in International Criminal Law” (paper)

## **NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

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### Grants Research Assistant, United States Institute of Peace (Aug. 2012 - July 2014)

Oversaw a portfolio of 65 grants, communicated with project directors to ensure fulfillment of grant criteria, reviewed applications for USIP’s Horn of Africa Priority, Strategic Focus, and Annual Grant Competitions, evaluated the Institute’s grant management system, and developed and implemented the transition of USIP’s grant filing system to electronic format.

### Program Assistant, Intercultural Management Institute (Jan. - Aug. 2012)

Designed qualitative survey tools to evaluate athletic schools’ impact on inter-group cooperation in Lebanon, Serbia, and Ukraine, developed curriculum and documented trainee progress for the Libya Diplomatic Training Program, and helped develop a grant proposal to train Kuwaiti diplomats.

### Business Analyst, Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (Mar. 2009 - Jan. 2011)

Conducted cross-state, multi-variable research on over 40 Michigan permits and recommended fee changes that could increase revenue by \$54 million per annum.

### Legislative Intern, Office of Michigan State Senator Hansen Clarke (Jan. - Mar. 2009)

Researched state economic policy, responded to constituent inquiries, and delegated responsibilities to staff during a one- month leave of the Chief of Staff.

### Divestment Director/Founder, 4 Peace Inc. (Oct. 2006 - May 2010)

Founded and managed a nonprofit advocacy organization, engaged 45+ state lawmakers to pass a bill requiring the State of Michigan to divest from companies in Sudan. Actions resulted in the unanimous passage of H.R. 4854 and divestment of \$300 million.

## **AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE**

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### Professional memberships

International Studies Association (2010 - *present*)  
 International Political Science Association (2020 - *present*)  
 Association for Political Theory (2023 - *present*)  
 American Political Science Association (2010 - 2011, 2019 - *present*)  
 British International Studies Association (2019 - 2020)  
 International Association of Genocide Scholars (2010 - 2011)

### University Service

Member, Political Science DEI Committee (2023 - *present*), University of Pittsburgh  
 Member, Political Science Technology and Alumni (2023 - *present*), University of Pittsburgh  
 Member, Political Science TAP/Advisor Search Committee (AY 2023 - 2024), University of Pittsburgh  
 Faculty Advisor, Political Science Student Association at Pitt (AY 2023 - 2024), University of Pittsburgh  
 Member, GSWS Steering Committee (AY 2023 - 2024), University of Pittsburgh  
 Reviewer, Global Studies Center AY 2024-2025 and Summer 2024 Graduate and Undergraduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Spring 2024), University of Pittsburgh  
 Selection Committee, GSWS 2024 LGBTQ+ Endowed Research and Outreach Fund Awards (Spring 2024), University of Pittsburgh

Selection Committee, REEES AY 2023-2024 Graduate Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship  
(Spring 2023), University of Pittsburgh  
Chair, IR Working Group (2018 - 2019), Northwestern University  
Co-Organizer, History/Law/Politics Workshop (Spring 2016), Buffett Institute, Northwestern University  
Member, Undergraduate Research Advisory Board (2010 - 2011), Michigan State University

B.Phil. Thesis Committees and Supervision

Committee member, Anna F. Baskin, *The Perils of Modernization: The Uncertain Benefits of the Turkish GAP Project and Downstream Iraqi Farmland* (defended Dec. 2023)

Peer review

*International Affairs* (Chatham House / Oxford Univ. Press)  
*Journal of International Service* (American University, School of International Service)

**LANGUAGES**

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Romanian (native/fluent); English (fluent); Spanish (intermediate); French (intermediate)

**REFERENCES**

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