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Dalhousie University
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science) 2010 - Present
Dalhousie University Halifax, Nova Scotia

Thesis: *Civilian Agency During Non-State Governance: Experiences from the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Committee: David Black (Supervisor), Christina Clark-Kazak (York University), Margaret Denike

Comprehensive Exams: Comparative Politics and International Relations

Masters of Arts (Political Science) 2005 - 2006
Dalhousie University Halifax, Nova Scotia

Thesis: *Victims, Perpetrators, Survivors: The Elusive Quest for Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda*

Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) 2000 - 2004
University of British Columbia Vancouver, British Columbia

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Pierre Elliot Trudeau Scholarship, Fourth Year Extension (\$30,000) 2015

Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Michael Smith Supplement (\$10,000) 2014

Pierre Elliot Trudeau Scholarship (\$180,000) 2012 - 2015

Social Science and Humanities Research Council Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$105,000) 2011 - 2013

Dalhousie University, President Award (\$9,200) 2011 - 2012

Dalhousie University, Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$12,000) 2010

Dalhousie University, Teaching Assistantship (\$3,620) 2010

Dalhousie University, Faculty Graduate Studies Scholarship (\$8,500) 2005

Dalhousie University, Teacher Assistantship (\$3,250) 2005

University of British Columbia, Allan Boag Award (\$4,000) 2004

RESEARCH GRANTS

International Development Research Centre, Research Award (\$10,000) 2008

Foreign Affairs Canada, John Holmes Fund (\$10,000 co-received with Liz St Jean) 2004

Foreign Affairs Canada, Public Diplomacy Program (\$10,000 co-received with Liz St. Jean) 2004

Department of National Defense, Special Projects (\$2,000 co-received with Liz. St Jean) 2004

Liu Institute for Global Issues (\$3,500 co-received with Liz St Jean) 2004

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

Suarez, E. B., & Suarez, C. (2015). The memorialisation of narratives and sites among indigenous women in Ayacucho: resilience in the aftermath of mass violence and atrocities. *Resilience*, 1-18.

Suarez, C., & Black, D. (2014). Surviving Violence: Transgressing Categories and Boundaries in Armed Conflicts. *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*, 3(1), Art-26.

Edited Collections

Suarez, C., & Black, D. (Eds.). (2014). Special Collection Surviving Violence: The Politics of (Self) Protection. *Stability: International Journal of Security and Development*.

Suarez, C. (Ed.). (2011). *Security and Conflict: Evolving Theory and Practice*. Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University.

Chapter Contributions

Suarez, C. (2008). Transitional Justice Dilemmas in Northern Uganda: The ICC in the Midst of Conflict In Radhika Sujatja (Ed.), *International Criminal Court: Contemporary Issues*, (172-190) ICFAI Law Book Division.

Wolfgang, D., & Suarez, C. (2007). Civil Society and the State: Formal Arrangements and Actual Interactions In Heinrich, F., & Fioromonti, L (Eds.), CIVICUS Global Survey of the State of Civil Society, Volume 2 Comparative Perspectives, (273-288) Bloomfield, Kumarian Press.

Suarez, C. (2006) Good Intentions, Bad Results: The International Criminal Court's Intervention in Northern Uganda In Wilner, A., & Hennessey, R (Eds.) *Revolution or Evolution: Security Threats in the 21st Century* (215-238), Centre for Foreign Policy Studies.

Other Publications

Suarez, C. (2012, November, 27). Survival in the Everyday of Armed Violence. *Open.Canada.Org*. Available at: <http://opencanada.org/features/the-think-tank/essays/survival-in-the-everyday-of-armed-violence/>

Suarez, C. (2008). Amplified Silences: Ethical Dilemmas of Field Work in Guatemala and Peru. Peace Conflict and Development Program, *International Development Research Centre*.

St. Jean, E., & Suarez, C. (2005). A Generation at Risk: Acholi Youth in Northern Uganda, *Liu Institute for Global Issues*, the University of British Columbia.

Suarez, C. (2005, October). Reflections on Northern Uganda and Internally Displaced Youth,” Canadian Consortium on Human Security, *Human Security Bulletin*.

Manuscript in Progress

‘The fact that they did not harass us, is also a way to protect us’: Subjective Interpretations and Experiences with Violence in the Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo. Expected to be completed by March 2016.

JOURNAL REVIEWER

Conflict, Security & Development; Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies. “Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings Conference, Micro-Dynamics in Particular Cases of Violence.” Denver, Colorado. April 2015.

Concordia University, Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling. “Notes from the Field in the Aftermath of Mass Violence and Colonization.” Montreal, Canada, November 2014.

Academic Conferences & Workshops

Conflict Research Group, University of Ghent. Workshop on “Rebels, Security and Public Authority: A Critical Deconstruction of the ‘Rebel Governance’ Concept”. Presentation in “Standardized Variables and Ethnographic Experiences” session. Belgium, Ghent, December 2015.

European Conference of African Studies. Paper presented: *Hybrid Governance between the State and Non-State Armed Groups: Civilian Perspectives on Power in the DRC*. Paris, France, July 2015.

International Studies Association, Annual Meeting. Paper presented: *The (Mis)use of Human Rights: Voice, Images and Representations from Northern Uganda*. San Diego, California. April 2012.

Canadian Political Science Association, Annual Meeting. Paper presented: *Crossing the Bridge: From Combatant to Community Member*, Waterloo, Ontario. May 2011.

Dalhousie University, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, The Sixth Annual Graduate Symposium, Security & Conflict: Evolving Theory and Practice. Panel Discussant for *Transitional Justice Praxis*. Halifax, Nova Scotia. March 2011.

City University of New York, State and Security Program, Field Research and Ethics in Post-Conflict Environments Conference. Paper presented: *Amplified Silences: Field Reflections from Guatemala and Peru*. New York, New York. December 2008.

University of Victoria, Graduate Students Conference. Paper presented: *Transitional Justice Dilemmas in Northern Uganda*. Victoria, British Columbia. June 2006.

Dalhousie University, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, The First Annual Graduate Symposium, Revolution or Evolution. Paper presented *Good Intentions, Bad Results: The ICC's intervention in Northern Uganda*. Halifax, NS. March 2006.

Conferences and Workshops Organized

International conference, "Surviving Violence: Comparative Perspectives". Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. Sept 28-29, 2012. Co-organized with David Black.

Sixth Annual Graduate Symposium, "Security & Conflict: Evolving Theory and Practice". Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. March 10-11, 2011. Co-organized with the Steering Committee.

Workshop on "Small Arms, Gangs, Youth and Human Security in the Americas", Co-hosted by the Institute of International Relations, University of West Indies St. Augustine Campus and Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Trinidad and Tobago. February 13-14, 2011. Co-organized with Shelly Whitman, David Black and Timothy Shaw.

"The International Criminal Court, Peacebuilding and Security" Workshop. Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS. December 3, 2011. Co-organized with David Black.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interview on CBC News: Nova Scotia, Halifax, with Tom Murphy. September 26, 2012. Available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9capmP6KYc&feature=plcp>.

Interviewed on "Making a Difference in the Developing World", the Link Program, Radio Canada, Ottawa, ON. December 19, 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecture

Research in Conflict & Post-Conflict Areas: Ethical Dilemmas and Challenges. Guest lecture for "Research Methods in International Studies", International Studies, Undergraduate (Upper-Level), Glendon College, York University. January 2015.

Re-Thinking Civilian Protection during Armed Conflict. Guest lecture for "Poverty and Human Rights", International Development Studies, Undergraduate (Upper-Level). November 2012.

Justice and Reconciliation after Mass Atrocities: The Case for Child and Youth Combatants. "Children and Armed Conflict", Political Science, Undergraduate (Upper-Level). August 2011.

Forced Displacement, Humanitarianism, and Politics. Guest lecture for "Human Rights and Politics", Political Science, Undergraduate (Upper-Level). February 2011.

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Political Science 2300, Professor Peter Arthur) 2011

Introduction to Politics (Political Science 1100, Professor Lori Turnbull) 2010

POLICY AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dalhousie University June 2011- June 2012
Researcher, Maritime Piracy Project Halifax, Canada

- Collected and analyzed data for the socio-economic indicators affecting piracy for the Policy Development and Interdisciplinary Research for Actions on Coastal Communities, Youth and Seafarers (PIRACY) Project. Research resulted in *The Root Causes & True Costs of Piracy* report.

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade January – June 2010
Policy Analyst, International Crime and Terrorism Division Ottawa, Canada

- Responsible for Latin America files related to international crime and terrorism
- Coordinated departmental and intra-departmental input for Organization of American States Inter-American Drug Abuse Committee (CICAD) and the Inter-American Committee on Counter-Terrorism (CICTE)

Public Safety Canada August – December 2009
Policy Analyst, International Affairs Division Ottawa, Canada

- Wrote various briefing notes to inform senior management regarding Canada's potential and current involvement in international security sector reforms
- Managed tasking and input from the Public Safety department and Portfolio agencies on a variety of international issues (e.g. United Nations General Assembly Resolutions, etc)

International Development Research Centre April 2009 – August 2009
Research Officer, Partnership and Business Development Division Ottawa, Canada

- Prepared an array of Donor Briefs and Thematic Landscapes that analyzed donor trends and activities related to international development

Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade January – April 2009
Policy Advisor, Latin America Regional Policy Division Ottawa, Canada

- Responsible for collecting and synthesizing outputs across Federal Government departments in the Latin America and Caribbean region.
- Managed a series of communication products, including "Canada and the Americas: Priorities and Progress" report. Also coordinated the graphic design, editing, translation and printing components of the communication products

International Development Research Centre January 2008 – December 2008
Researcher, Peace, Conflict and Development Program Ottawa, Canada

- Developed and managed a \$10,000 research project titled “Transitional Justice Realities and Complexities in Guatemala and Peru”. Responsibilities included: developing research design, four months field work in indigenous communities, data analysis, and writing final report
- Reviewed and evaluated funding proposals on a quarterly basis, varying from \$10,000 to \$80,000 with other team members.

CIVICUS November 2006 – November 2007
Research Fellow, Civil Society Index Johannesburg, South Africa

- Program coordination and implementation of the CSI in Guatemala, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Mauritius. Responsible for monitoring and tracking activities; and for writing/editing the CSI Country Reports. Also assisted in capacity training workshop for our partners

Justice and Reconciliation Project June – Aug 2005
Research Assistant Gulu and Kitgum, Uganda

- Conducted field research on traditional justice mechanisms used to reintegrate ex-child and youth combatants into communities. Assisted in data collection, analysis and writing of *Roco Wat I Acoli: Traditional Approaches to Reintegration and Justice* report

Liu Institute for Global Issues June 2004 - June 2005
Principal Researcher, Internally Displaced Youth Project Gulu and Kitgum, Uganda

- Co-directed a research project that focused on displaced youth protection strategies. Raised and managed \$50,000 (including in-kind) of funding from the Government of Canada and the Liu Institute for Global Issues. Research resulted in a policy-based report entitled *A Generation at Risk: Acholi Youth in Northern Uganda*, and the creation of an international youth-fund.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Studies Association, African Studies Association, Canadian Political Science Association, American Political Science Association

FIELDWORK

Uganda (Jan - April 2005 & July – Aug 2006)

South Africa (Nov 2006 – Nov 2007)

Guatemala (May – June 2008)

Peru (July – Aug 2008)

South Sudan (March - May 2013)

Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sept – Dec 2014 & April – Aug 2015)

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent), French (Basic)