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## EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Ph.D. International Relations, *May 2009*

*Dissertation Title:* Imaginative Identification. Feminist Critical Methodology in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (1945-1975)

*Summary:* I explore the evolution of the WILPF's ideas about peace to develop a feminist theory of emancipatory agency which contributes to the agent-structure debate in constructivist IR.

*Dissertation Committee:* J. Ann Tickner (chair), Laurie Brand, Nancy Lutkehaus  
*Peace and Justice Studies Association's Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation of 2009*

University of Notre Dame

M.A. International Peace Studies, *August 1996*

Comprehensive exams passed with distinction

Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY (A.Y. 1992-1993)

Università degli Studi di Firenze

Laurea, Scienze Politiche, *June 1992*

*Thesis:* Ireland, Neutrality and the Cold War (1948-1951)

*Final Grade:* 110 cum laudam/110

University College Cork, Ireland (A.Y. 1991-1992)

Erasmus Scholar

## PUBLICATIONS

“A Review of Dustin Ells Howes’ *Toward a Credible Pacifism: Violence and the Possibilities of Politics* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2009).” *Peace Review* (2011 forthcoming)

“Doing Feminist Peace: The Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and the Decolonization Process, 1945-1975.” *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 13,3 (2011)

## **PUBLICATIONS, Continued**

“Reclaiming Agency for Social Change: Feminism, International Relations, Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1945-1975.” In *Feminist International Relations: Conversations about the Past, Present and Future*, ed. by J. Ann Tickner and Laura Sjoberg (Routledge, 2011)

“Links Between Women, Peace and Disarmament: Snapshots from the WILPF.” In *Gender, War, and Militarism: Feminist Perspectives*, ed. by Laura Sjoberg and Sandra Via (Praeger, 2010)

“Feminist Contributions and Challenges to Peace Studies.” In *International Studies Encyclopedia* (Wiley-Blackwell and International Studies Association, 2010)

“Feminist Ethics of Care: WILPF in Israel/Palestine (1945-1975).” *Peace and Freedom* (Fall 2009)

“Galtung, Violence, and Gender: The Case for a Peace Studies/Feminism Alliance.” *Peace and Change: A Journal of Peace Research*, 31:3 (July 2006)

“Women, Feminism, and Peace: Highlights from the 2005 World Social Forum.” *Peace & Freedom* (Spring 2005)

“Book Review: *Common Ground or Mutual Exclusion? Women's Movements and International Relations*.” *International Politics*, 41:2 (June 2004)

“You Still Don't Understand: Reflections on the FTGS Panels at the 41<sup>st</sup> ISA Annual Convention.” *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 2:2 (August 2000)

## **UNDER CONTRACT**

*Intelligent Compassion: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and Feminist Peace, 1945-1975*. Monograph under contract with **Oxford University Press**. Manuscript Due Date November 2011.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Janus-Faced Peace: a Comparison of Andrée Jouve's and Dorothy Steffens' Peace Activism and Feminism

Pursuing Just Peace: Sara Ruddick's Maternal Thinking as Peace Epistemology. Co-authoring with Abigail Ruane

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

How Matters: WILPF Trips to the Middle East, 1931-1975. Accepted for Presentation at the Peace History Society Annual Conference, Miami, Florida (October 2011)

Weakest 'P' in the 1325 Pod? Realizing Conflict Prevention through Security Council Resolution 1325. Co-authored with Soumita Basu. 52<sup>nd</sup> ISA Convention, Montreal Canada (March 2011)

Feminist Peace Missions: WILPF's visits to Israel/Palestine, 1931-1974. Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, Winnipeg, Canada (October 2010)

The Power of Peace. Co-authored with Laura Sjoberg. Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, Winnipeg, Canada (October 2010); 51<sup>st</sup> ISA Convention, New Orleans, LA (February 2010)

Reclaiming Agency for Social Change: Feminism, International Relations, Peace and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 1945-1975. 51<sup>st</sup> ISA Convention, New Orleans, LA (February 2010)

Roundtable Participant. FTGS Critical Scholarship Panel: Conversations in Queering IR. 51<sup>st</sup> ISA Convention, New Orleans, LA (February 2010)

Participant. FTGS Working Group, Gender and Security: Theory and Practice. 51<sup>st</sup> ISA Convention, New Orleans, LA (February 2010)

Imaginative Identification: Feminist Critical Methodology in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (1945-1975). Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI (October 2009)

Panel Chair. "Women as Peacemakers: From Jane Addams to UN Sec. Co. Resolution 1325" Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI (October 2009)

Doing Feminist Peace: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Decolonization Process, 1945-1975. 50th ISA Convention, New York, NY (February 2009)

Gendered Peace: Feminist Critical Methodology in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's Disarmament Policies. 50th ISA Convention, New York, NY (February 2009)

Discussant. "Laws, Resources, and Conflicts: Challenges and Hopes for Women's Rights in the Developing World." 50<sup>th</sup> ISA Convention, New York, NY (February 2009)

The Gendered Construction of 'Peace': Conflict in Israel/Palestine and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. 47<sup>th</sup> ISA Convention, San Diego, CA (March 2006)

The WILPF's Changing Ideas of Peace as Reflected in their Policies on Israel/Palestine. Talk to the Los Angeles (January 2006) and Fresno (February 2006) Branches of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS, Continued

Roundtable. "Interpretation In/And IR." Western Political Science Association Meeting, Oakland, CA (March 2005)

Panel. "Sponsorship, Scholarship and Social Activism: Building Bridges and Fostering Leadership." World Social Forum, Porto Alegre, Brazil (January 2005)

Galtung, Violence, and Gender: The Case for a Peace Studies/Feminism Alliance. 45<sup>th</sup> ISA Convention, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (March 2004); ISA West, Las Vegas, NV (October, 2003)

Revolution, the State, Women, and Family Violence: the Case of Chiapas. 39<sup>th</sup> ISA Convention, Minneapolis, MN (March 1998)

Violence Against Women: Personal or Structural? A Feminist Critique of Johan Galtung's Analysis of Violence. ISA West Meeting, University of California, Davis (October 2007); 'Thinking Gender:' 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Research Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA (March 1997)

Discussant. "Violence and Inequality: Theory and Practice." 1996 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA (August/September 1996)

Crimes of Silence: Rape as a War Crime. Building Peace: A Student Conference Celebrating Peace Studies, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (March 1996)

## TEACHING

Visiting Lecturer, Wellesley College, Peace and Justice Studies Program, Wellesley, MA.  
**Courses taught:** Introduction to the Study of Conflict, Justice and Peace; Feminism and Peace Studies; Nonviolent Direct Action in Theory and Practice; Conflict Transformation in Theory and Practice (July 2010 - present)

**Distinguished Faculty**, Madeleine Korbelt Albright Institute for Global Affairs (January 2011)  
**Faculty**, Wellesley Wintersession in India (forthcoming January 2012)

Adjunct Professor, Soka University of America, International Studies Program, Aliso Viejo, CA.  
Class Title: Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2010)

Guest Lecturer, University of California Irvine, Department of Political Science, Graduate Seminar on Interpretive Qualitative Methods (Prof. Cecelia Lynch). Sessions on Feminist Methodologies (April 29, 2009; May 2, 2007)

Guest Lecturer, California State University Long Beach, Department of Political Science, Introduction to International Politics (Prof. Serena Simoni). Session on Feminist International Relations (October 14, 2009)

Lecturer, Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures, California State University, Long Beach, CA (August 2001 – Fall 2004)

## **TEACHING, Continued**

Teaching Assistant, School of International Relations, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (August 1999 - May 2000 and January 2001 - May 2001)

Language Fellow, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY (A.Y. 1992-1993)

## **AWARDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

- Best Ph.D. Dissertation of the Year Award, Peace and Justice Studies Association (July 2009)
- Graduate Student Paper Award, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section of the International Studies Association, for “The Gendered Construction of ‘Peace’: Conflict in Israel/Palestine and the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom” (March 2007)
- First Prize Winner, USC Center for International Studies Essay Competition, for “Revolution, the State, Women, and Family Violence: the Case of Chiapas” (A.Y. 1997-1998)

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

- Final Summer Fellowship, USC College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (Summer 2008)
- Tuition Remission Award, USC School of IR (A.Y.s 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008)
- Peace and Conflict Studies Fellowship, USC School of IR (A.Y. 2004-2005)
- Haynes Dissertation Fellowship, USC Graduate School (A.Y. 2003-2004)
- Tuition Remission Awards, USC School of IR (Fall 2002 and Spring 2003)
- Teaching Assistantships, USC School of IR (A.Y.s 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and Spring semester 2001)
- Research Assistantship, USC School of IR and USC Center for International Studies (A.Y. 1998-1999)
- Haynes Intermediate Fellowship, USC Graduate School (A.Y. 1997-1998)
- Allen Fellowship, USC School of IR (A.Y. 1996-1997)
- McCloskey Fellowship, Notre Dame Graduate School (A.Y. 1995-1996)
- Vassar College Language Fellowship, given to one native Italian speaker each year to advance cultural understanding and the learning of Italian (A.Y. 1992-1993)
- European Commission's Erasmus scholarship for study abroad (University College Cork), given to select students for the promotion of European integration (A.Y. 1991-1992)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Visiting Lecturer* (July 2010-present)

Peace and Justice Studies Program

Wellesley College

- Wrote grants for several Program events, including class experiential education trips
- Organized lecture series on Gender, Peace and Justice (September 2010-April 2011)
- Organized students' attendance to *From Hull House to Human Rights: A Jane Addams Symposium*, City College Center for Worker Education, New York (September 24, 2010)
- Organized student experiential education days at Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Boston, MA (November 2010 and April 2011)
- Member of selection committees for Emily Green Balch student's summer grant (April 2011) and for Winter Session Experiential Course on Gandhi's Legacy in India (September 2011)
- Honors Theses supervision and student advising
- Revising requirements for Program Honors

*Program Coordinator* (A.Y. 2004-2005)

Peace and Conflict Studies Minor

School of International Relations, University of Southern California

*Conference Coordinator* (August 2000-June 2001)

Gender in International Relations Conference, sponsored by the Ford Foundation, Center for International Studies, and Women in International Security (WIIS)

University of Southern California, February 2001

*Research Assistant* (August 1998-May 1999)

Center for International Studies, University of Southern California

- Assisted Prof. Ann Tickner in research on the role of gender in international politics, and in teaching courses on Gender and Global Issues and Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies

*Research Assistant* (August 1995-July 1996)

The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

University of Notre Dame

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

*Memberships:* Peace Studies Section, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section (FTGS) and Women's Caucus in International Studies, International Studies Association; Peace History Society; Peace and Justice Studies Association; American Political Science Association; Sociologists for Women in Society, National Women's Studies Association

*Incoming Member:* International Studies Association's Professional Development Committee (expected March 2012)

*Founding Member, Secretary and Treasurer:* Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered Queer and Allies (LGBTQA) Caucus, International Studies Association

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES, Continued**

*Conflict Transformation by Peaceful Means.* Participant at Johan Galtung's Workshop on the "TRANSCEND" method. Santa Clara University, California (May 2003)

*Reviewer:* Political Research Quarterly; Journal of International Women's Studies; Gender, Place and Culture

*Student Representative,* FTGS Section Board, International Studies Association (1997-1998)

## **SKILLS**

*Languages:* English (fluent), Italian (native), Spanish (fluent), French (conversational to fluent), Portuguese (reading only)

*Software:* Apple and Windows applications, including MS Office; OpenOffice; Internet and Multimedia Applications; Databases; Website Creation Applications; Interactive Classroom Applications

Dual Italian/US citizenship

## **EMPLOYMENT BACKGROUND**

*Assistant Export Manager* (November 1993-March 1995)  
Nemo srl, San Zeno Naviglio BS, ITALY

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Volunteer,* Quaker Meeting, Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Massachusetts Department of Correction, Norfolk, MA (September 2011-present)

*International Board Member (U.S. Section Representative to IB),* Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), US Section (August 2011-present)

*Board Member and Google Group Coordinator,* WILPF, LA Branch (2004 – July 2010)

*Rotating chair, Peace and Justice Ministry, Founder and Past Chair, Feminist Spirituality Group; Steering Committee Member, Global Aids Interfaith Alliance Support Ministry; Sunday School Teacher, Children's Ministry, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Long Beach, California* (January 2003 – June 2010)

*Outreach, Hotlines and Emergency Domestic Violence Counselor/Advocate,* WomenShelter, Long Beach, CA (February 2002 – December 2006)

*Treasurer,* School of International Relations Graduate Association (A.Y. 2000 - 2001)

*Research Coordinator,* Human Rights Watch, Los Angeles Office (October 1996 - March 1998)

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE, Continued**

*Intern*, Centro de Derechos Humanos “Fray Bartolomé de las Casas”, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico (May - August 1997)

*Volunteer*, Center for the Homeless, South Bend, IN (January - August 1996)

*Memberships*: Amnesty International, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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