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## Education

- Ph.D. University of Southern California, School of International Relations, 2010  
*Dissertation title:* "Pursuing Inclusive Interests, Both Deep and Wide: Women's Human Rights and the United Nations"  
*Dissertation Committee:* J. Ann Tickner (chair), Nicholas Onuf, Patricia Riley
- M.A. University of Southern California, School of International Relations, 2006  
*Master's thesis title:* "'Real Men' and Diplomats: Intercultural Diplomatic Negotiation and Masculinities in China and the United States"
- B.A. (with distinction in all subjects), Cornell University, in Psychology, 2002

## Expertise

**International Relations:** global governance (focusing on the United Nations); international law (focusing on women's human rights); intercultural negotiation and conflict resolution

**Political Theory:** International Relations; feminist theories; political psychology

**Human Rights:** historical constructions of human rights; religion and human rights; international human rights law; women's human rights

**Women and Gender Studies:** feminist political theory; culture, gender and human rights; culture, gender and negotiation; feminist Critical Discourse Analysis

## Publications

*The International Relations of Middle-earth: Learning from the Lord of the Rings.* With co-author Patrick James. University of Michigan Press. (forthcoming, 2012)

"Book Review: Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict." *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy.* (forthcoming, 2011).

"Pursuing Inclusive Interests, Both Deep and Wide: Women's Human Rights and the United Nations." In: *Feminism and International Relations: Conversations about the Past, Present and Future*, edited by Ann Tickner and Laura Sjoberg, chapter 3. Routledge. (2011).

"Conference Review: The 53<sup>rd</sup> Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: The Equal Sharing of Responsibilities between Women and Men, Including Caregiving in the Context of HIV/AIDS." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 13(1): 108-117 (March 2011)

"The International Relations of Middle-earth: Learning from the Lord of the Rings." With co-author Patrick James. *International Studies Perspectives*, 9(4): 377-394 (November 2008).

"'Real Men' and Diplomats: Intercultural Diplomatic Negotiation and Masculinities in China and the United States." *International Studies Perspectives*, 7(4): 342-359 (November 2006).

### **Work in Progress**

“Pursuing Just Peace: Sara Ruddick’s Maternal Thinking as Peace Epistemology.” With co-author Catia Confortini.

“‘Universal’ Rights as ‘Special’ Rights: Drafting The Universal Declaration of Human Rights for All but about only Some.”

*Telling a Collaborative Story: Pursuing Interests with Inclusive Roots, not just Borders in Women’s Human Rights Discourse.* Monograph based on the dissertation.

### **Conference Papers**

“Pursuing Inclusive Interests, Both Deep and Wide: Women’s Human Rights and the United Nations.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. (February 19, 2010).

“The International Relations of Middle-earth: Learning from the Lord of the Rings.” With co-author Patrick James. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. San Francisco, California. (March 27, 2008).

“Getting to ‘Us’: Negotiating More Inclusive Women’s Rights at the United Nations, 1985-1995.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Chicago, Illinois. (March 2, 2007).

“‘Real Men’ and Diplomats: Intercultural Diplomatic Negotiation and Masculinities in Chinese, Russian and Anglo-American Contexts.” Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Honolulu, Hawaii. (March 5, 2005).

### **National Awards for Scholarship**

- 2011 American Political Science Association’s (APSA’s) Human Rights Section Best Dissertation Award
- 2010 International Studies Association’s (ISA’s) Peace Studies Section Kenneth Boulding Award for “Pursuing Inclusive Interests” 2010 conference paper
- 2009 International Studies Association’s Misty Gerner Innovative Teaching Award, co-winner (with Patrick James) for work on teaching International Relations using J.R.R. Tolkien’s *The Lord of the Rings*
- 2007-2008 Josephine De Kármán Fellowship Trust Dissertation Fellowship

### **Other Honors and Awards**

- 2009 School of International Relations summer grant for dissertation writing
- 2009 School of International Relations grant for professional development
- 2008 School of International Relations summer grant for dissertation writing
- 2007 Center for International Studies Student Essay Competition, Second Prize Winner
- 2007 School of International Relations summer grant for dissertation writing
- 2007 Center for International Studies and School of International Relations Student Research Grant for preliminary archival and data collection dissertation research
- 2006 Unruh Institute of Politics summer graduate research fellowship for archival research
- 2006 School of International Relations summer language scholarship
- 2005 Vincent Jeffrey Butler summer scholarship
- 2004 Ross and Marjorie Berkes summer scholarship
- 2003 Unruh Institute of Politics summer internship scholarship

- 2003 Bannan Center scholarship for Johan Galtung's May workshop

### **Professional Experience**

*Teaching Assistant / Research Assistant (2002-2007)*

University of Southern California, School of International Relations

- *Courses:* International Bargaining, US Foreign Economic Policy, Introduction to International Relations, Global Gender Issues, Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, Order and Disorder in Global Affairs, and Approaches to Research.
- *Research projects:* Ethnic Group Politics, Popular Culture and International Relations, Diplomacy, Culture, Gender and Global Society, and Comparative Politics.

### **Professional Memberships**

- International Studies Association (ISA)
- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)
- Women in International Security (WIIS)
- Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS)

### **Professional and Student Service**

*Reviewing:*

- Manuscript reviewer for *International Studies Perspectives*, and the International Studies Association Compendium Project

*Editing:*

- 2006 USC SIR graduate delegate; official conference note-taker: "Who's making policy? What difference does it make?" Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Conference, San Diego, California (October)
- 2004-2005 Contributing Editor, *Journal of Public and International Affairs*, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, New Jersey

*Group Leadership:*

- 2011-2013 International Studies Association (ISA) Peace Studies section Executive Committee member
- 2008-2009 American Political Science Association (APSA) Politics, Literature and Film section Student Representative
- 2007-2009 ISA Feminist Theory and Gender Studies section Student Representative
- 2005-2006 USC Politics and International Relations Graduate Association New Graduate Student Mentor
- 2005-2006 University of Southern California (USC) School of International Relations graduate student representative to the Dean's Graduate Concerns Forum
- 2004-2005 USC School of International Relations Graduate Association (SIRGA) Vice President
- 2003 USC book salon graduate facilitator

*Conference and Workshop Leadership:*

- 2008 Panel co-chair: “Literature, Film and International Relations” panel (with co-chair Jennifer Sterling-Folker) at the annual International Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, California (March 27).
- 2007 Panel organizer: “Negotiating Women’s Human Rights” panel at the annual International Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago, Illinois (March 2).
- 2006 Panel moderator: “Text, Talk and Context”, USC Workshop on International, Inter-Disciplinary Discourse Analysis, Los Angeles, California (April).
- 2006 Discussant: “Women’s Political Activism in Northern Ireland: Women’s Political Response to ‘the Troubles’”, USC Center for International Studies research workshop, Los Angeles, California (October).