

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

Dec 2023 – Oct 2025	Visiting Researcher, Center for Research on Social Memory, University of Warsaw, Poland
Jun 2022 – Dec 2022	Visiting Research Fellow, Post Conflict Research Center, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Feb 2022 – Dec 2022	Title VIII Research Scholar, American Councils for International Education, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Oct 2021 – Oct 2022	Visiting Research Fellow, Psychology of Intergroup Conflict and Reconciliation Lab, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Sep 2021 – Jun 2022	Peace Scholar Fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace, Jerusalem, Israel; Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
Sep 2019 – Jun 2020	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, European Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

Education

Aug 2017 – present	Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, School of Public and International Affairs Fields: International affairs and public policy Dissertation: <i>Beyond Contact Theory: Personal Cross-Ethnic Networks in Divided Societies</i> Advisor: Prof. Michael Kenney
Oct 2011 – Dec 2013	M.A., Tel Aviv University, Israel Field: International conflict resolution and mediation
Aug 2004 – Jun 2008	B.A., North Central College, Naperville, Illinois Fields: Global studies and political science

Languages

Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian (native)
Arabic (low intermediate)
Hebrew (low intermediate)

Research and Teaching Interests

Race and ethnicity; ethnic conflict; personal networks; intergroup contact; collective memory; conflict diasporas; the Mediterranean region; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Israel & occupied Palestine.

Research in Progress

Book Manuscript

- *Ties That Bind: Everyday Relationships Across Ethnic Divides* (based on dissertation).

Articles Under Review

- “Slow Peacebuilding in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Deploying Accumulated Memory to Shift Out of Postwar Liminality” (with Véronique Labonté and Emina Zoletić), *revise and resubmit*.

Articles Under Preparation

- “The Problem with Memory Institutionalization: A Case Study of Prijedor” (with Ajla Henić-Sarajlić), *in preparation*.

Fellowships, honors, and awards

(Listed by year granted)

2024	Provost Dissertation Completion Grant, \$11,000, University of Pittsburgh
2022	Conference Award, \$1,000, International Network of Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
2022	Dissertation Improvement Grant, Dissertation Research, \$3,600, GSPIA
2022	Professional Dev. Grant, \$1,600, ESC, University of Pittsburgh
2022	Conference Participation Grant, \$250, REEES, University of Pittsburgh
2021	Peace Scholar Fellowship, Dissertation Research, \$20,000, U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP)
2021	Title VIII Research Scholar, Dissertation Research, \$20,000, American Councils for Int'l Ed
2021	David L. Boren Fellowship, Hebrew Language Study, \$24,000 [declined due to COVID]
2021	Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Dissertation Research [listed as Alternate]
2020	Klinzing Dissertation Award, Dissertation Research, \$10,000, ESC, University of Pittsburgh
2020	Stanley Prostrednik Scholarship, Dissertation Research, \$3,000, University of Pittsburgh
2020	David L. Boren Fellowship, Hebrew Language Study, \$24,000 [declined due to COVID]
2020	EITM Certification Scholarship, 2020 ICPSR Summer Institute, \$3,200, Princeton University
2019	FLAS Summer Fellowship, Arabic Language Study, \$5,500, ESC, University of Pittsburgh
2019	Professional Training Scholarship, 2019 ICPSR Summer Institute, \$1,600, GSPIA
2019	FLAS Year Fellowship, Arabic Language Study, \$40,000, ESC, University of Pittsburgh
2019	Scholarship for Public Policy, ICPSR Summer Institute, \$2,500, University of Michigan
2019	Professional Training Scholarship, 2019 ICPSR Summer Institute, \$1,600, GSPIA
2019	Professional Training Scholarship, 2019 IQMR Summer Institute, \$2,250, GSPIA
2018	Language Study Scholarship for Arabic, \$5,000, SLI, University of Pittsburgh

Conferences and presentations

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| 2024 | “Homogenization of Memory as a Problem of Institutionalization,” <i>International Studies Association (ISA)–CEESA Conference</i> , Rijeka, Croatia. |
| 2023 | “Competitive Victimhood: Homogenization and Appropriation,” <i>Memory Studies Association (MSA) Annual Conference</i> , Newcastle, UK. |

- 2022 “The Nature of Cross-Ethnic Relationships in Ethnically Polarized Settings,” *Global Crises and Responses, International Studies Association (ISA)–IDSS*, Rethymno, Crete; and *Nations & Nationalism in the Contemporary World, Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)*, Zadar, Croatia.

Academic Experience

- Jan 2022 – April 2022 Lecturer, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), University of Pittsburgh, Course: *Us vs. “Them”: Intergroup Bias, Dynamics, and Opportunities*
- Designed the course syllabus and all class exercises
 - Conducted weekly class discussions virtually
- May 2021 – Sep 2021 Graduate Student Intern, University Center for International Studies (UCIS), Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES), University of Pittsburgh
- Collected institutional data for funding applications and reports
 - Compiled, organized, and designed materials for external evaluation
 - Designed promotional materials to highlight events and activities
 - Edited policy briefs, event programs, and organizational documents
- Jul 2020 – April 2023 Teaching Assistant (courses listed below)
- Regression Analysis I: Intro and Application, ICPSR, University of Michigan*
Race and Ethnicity Using Quant Methods II, ICPSR, University of Michigan
Introduction to Global Studies, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh
Intermediate Quantitative Methods, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh
Introduction to Quantitative Methods, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh
- Provided detailed feedback on weekly and semester assignments
 - Delivered recitations, held small-group discussions and regular office hours
 - Designed teaching materials, including R scripts and STATA do files
 - Provided individualized support and hands-on training to students with emphasis on methodological, theoretical, and technical skills
- Aug 2018 – May 2021 Bosnian Language Tutor, Slavic Lang. and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh
- Provided individualized tutoring support to struggling and advanced students
 - Held weekly conversation groups to encourage shared language practice
 - Evaluated student performance at all levels of language proficiency
- Aug 2017 – May 2020 Research Assistant, Ford Institute for Human Security, European Studies Center (ESC), Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership, University of Pittsburgh
- Managed a research group revising an article on humanitarian intervention
 - Oversaw student nonprofit consultancies and evaluated organizational reports
 - Assisted independent research and provided proofreading and editing support
- Mar 2013 – Jul 2014 Human Rights Educator, Amnesty International Israel (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Designed a Human Rights course curriculum for refugee populations
 - Instructed Human Rights courses to bolster knowledge and activism
 - Mentored refugees to communicate with media and policymakers
 - Assisted community leaders in organizing community initiatives

Academic service

Aug 2019 – May 2021 Editor-in-Chief, Pitt Policy Journal, GSPIA
Jan 2019 – Dec 2019 Founder, Ph.D. Peer Mentorship Project, GSPIA
Aug 2017 – Dec 2019 Ph.D. Student Representative, Student Cabinet, GSPIA
Aug 2017 – Aug 2019 Editor, Pitt Policy Journal, GSPIA
Oct 2011 – Oct 2013 MA Student Representative, Tel Aviv University

Membership in academic organizations

American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Women Also Know Stuff (WAKS)
Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Memory Studies Association (MSA)

Practitioner experience

Sep 2015 – Jun 2016 Organizational and Fundraising Consultant, Elhawakeer: Community, Development, Action, and Environment (Nazareth, Israel)

- Outlined key fundraising targets, drafted high-profile grant applications, and supported organizational strategy development

Jan 2014 – Aug 2015 International Advocacy Manager, African Refugee Development Center (Tel Aviv, Israel)

- Co-published a compilation of refugee stories “Untold Stories of Success”
- Lead tours and site visits for policymakers and the general public
- Organized inter-community gatherings to improve public opinion of refugees
- Managed the website, social media accounts, and all promotional materials

Aug 2014 – Aug 2015 Resource Development Manager, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality (Beer Sheva, Israel)

- Established and maintained relations with private and institutional donors
- Trained staff on grant policy, grant development, and project management
- Oversaw budget implementation and accountability

Jun 2012 – Jan 2013 Executive Intern, Israeli Palestinian Chamber of Commerce (Tel Aviv, Israel)

- Organized meet-and-greet events with Israeli and Palestinian businesspeople

Feb 2009 – Feb 2010 Advocacy Officer & Case Manager, Harmony in Life (St. Louis, MO, USA)

- Cultivated relations with social service agencies to manage cases of torture survivors suffering from a range of mental illnesses
- Coached refugee families on how to cope in their new environment
- Tutored refugee children and youth to meet academic requirements

Aug 2008 – Jul 2021 Interpreter & Cultural Broker, International Institute of St. Louis & Language Access Metro Project (MO, USA), Global Wordsmiths (Pittsburgh, PA, USA)

- Provided medical, legal, academic, and general interpretation services
- Advocated on behalf of clients in meetings with social service agencies
- Served as a cultural broker for torture and war trauma victims in therapy