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Academic Appointments

Christopher Newport University

Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2021–
Director, Reiff Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, 2021–

University of Pennsylvania

Postdoctoral Fellow, Perry World House, 2020–2021

Princeton University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, 2019–2020

Education

University of California-Los Angeles

Ph.D., Political Science, June 2019
Concentrations: International Relations, Political Methodology, Comparative Politics (minor field)
Committee: Leslie Johns (chair), Art Stein, Chad Hazlett, Asli Bâli (UCLA School of Law)

University of Virginia

B.A., Highest Distinction, May 2013
Echols Scholar, 2009–2013
Majors: Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law; Classics

Publications

Johns, Leslie and Francesca Parente. “The Politics of Punishment: Why Non-Democracies Join the International Criminal Court.” *International Studies Quarterly* 68(3): sqae087.

Parente, Francesca. 2023. “Domestic Accountability and Non-Compliance with International Law: Evidence from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.” *Journal of Peace Research* Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022343323120092>

Hazlett, Chad and Francesca Parente. 2023. “From ‘Is it Unconfounded?’ to ‘How Much Confounding Would It Take?’: Applying the Sensitivity-Based Approach to Assess Causes of Support for Peace in Colombia.” *Journal of Politics* 85(3): 1145-1150.

Parente, Francesca. 2022. “Settle or Litigate? Consequences of International Design in the Inter-American System of Human Rights Protection.” *Review of International Organizations* 17(1): 39–61.

Works in Progress

- Book Manuscript: *The Promise and Peril of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights* (in progress)
Winner: Best Dissertation, American Political Science Association Human Rights Section, 2020
- “From Optimism to Backlash: Uruguay and the *Gelman* Decision After Ten Years” (with Debbie Sharnak). *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Latin American Studies*
- “Balancing Justice: Damages Awarded by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” (with Jillienne Haglund). *Under review.*
- “The Price of Justice: Compliance with Damages Awarded by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights” (with Jillienne Haglund). *Under review.*
- “Academic Networks as Research and Learning Communities” (with Kelebogile Zvobgo). In Gibney, Mark, Shareen Hertel, and Bonny Ibhawoh (Editors). *Networks in Human Rights*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing (under contract).
- “Structural Violence and International Law” (with Kelebogile Zvobgo). In Moore, Alexandra and Joshua Price (Editors). *De Gruyter Handbook on Structural Violence*. Berlin, DE: De Gruyter (under contract).
- “In Defense of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: How (Not) to Compare Compliance Across International Courts.” *Working paper.*
- “Democratic Lock-in and the American Convention on Human Rights” (with Andrew Moravcsik and Cassandra Emmons). *Working paper.*

Book Reviews

- Parente, Francesca. 2022. “Disability in International Human Rights Law.” *Law and Politics Book Review* 32(3): 32–35.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

External

- Best Dissertation, APSA Human Rights Section, 2020
Lynne Rienner Publishers Award for Best Dissertation, ISA Human Rights Section (finalist), 2020
Conference Travel Grant, Society for Political Methodology, National Science Foundation, 2018
Conference Travel Grant, Hayek Fund for Scholars, 2018
Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2017
Bradley Fellowship, Bradley Foundation, 2015, 2016 (declined)

Christopher Newport University

- Faculty Development Grant, 2024
Student Government Association Faculty Appreciation Award, 2024

UCLA

- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2018–2019
Fieldwork Fellowship Award, UCLA International Institute, 2018
Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship, Burkle Center for International Relations at UCLA, 2017
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016
Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2015–2016
Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award, UCLA Graduate Division, 2013–2015
Graduate Student Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2013–2014

Presentations

Workshops and Invited Talks

2023–2024

William & Mary, International Justice Lab, “Justice in Conflict” Roundtable Discussion

2022–2023 (** indicates virtual*)

Junior Law and Politics Research Community*

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, “New Directions in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law”

2021–2022

Qualitative Data Repository, Annotation for Transparent Inquiry/Anno-Rep “Workshop on Openness in Law-Related Research” (withdrew)

William & Mary, Government Department Colloquium and International Justice Lab Nexus Series

2020–2021 (** indicates virtual*)

Arizona State University, “Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice”*

Perry World House, Global Order Colloquium, “The UN at 75: Coronavirus and Competition”*

University of Chicago, “Resistance and Opposition to Liberal International Institutions”*

University of Pennsylvania, Latin American and Latinx Studies Internal Speaker Series*

2019–2020 (** indicates virtual*)

Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 60th Anniversary Conference

Princeton University, International Relations Faculty Colloquium

Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance

University of Notre Dame, “Rethinking Compliance in International Law”*

University of Virginia, International Relations Speaker Series

2018–2019

Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola Law School

USC-UCLA Graduate Student International Law-International Relations Workshop

Conference Presentations

(** indicates virtual*)

American Political Science Association: 2017, 2019, 2020*, 2021*, 2023, 2024 (sch.)

Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences: 2021*

Empirical Studies of Conflict: 2020*

International Studies Association: 2019, 2021*, 2022*, 2024

Latin American Studies Association: 2022*, 2024*

Law and Society Association: 2021*

Midwest Political Science Association: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Society for Political Methodology: 2018, 2024

Southern California Methods Conference: 2019

Visions in Methodology: 2021

Teaching

Christopher Newport University

POLS 215: Comparative and International Politics, Spring 2024

POLS 322: Conflict and Peace Studies, Spring 2022, Spring 2024

POLS 327: International Law and International Organizations, Fall 2023

POLS 329: International Human Rights, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2024

POLS 352: Research Methods and Quantitative Analysis, Fall 2023

UCLA

PS 123A: Politics of International Law, Summer 2017, Summer 2018

Guest Lecturer

“The Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” August 2024, for “Regional Human Rights Law” (Dr. Nan Kham Mai Ying, Institute of Human Rights and Democratic Governance, Spring University Myanmar).

“The Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights,” March 2024, for LAW 382: “Human Rights Law” (Dr. Nancy Combs, William & Mary School of Law).

“International Investment Law,” March 2024, for IDST 480: “Global Culture and Commerce Capstone” (Drs. Frank Garmon and Christopher Tweedt, CNU).

University and Departmental Service

Christopher Newport University

Director, Reiff Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, 2021–

Director, Minor in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, 2021–

Committee Co-Chair, Undergraduate Research Council, 2023–

Perry World House

Co-Organizer, Perry World House Seminar Series, 2020–2021

Mentor, Perry World House Student Fellows Program, 2020–2021

UCLA

Vice President of Finance, UCLA Social Sciences Council, 2015–2018

Graduate Student Organizer, International Relations Speaker Series, 2016–2017

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, 2016–2017

Co-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2016–2017

Political Science Representative to UCLA Social Sciences Council, 2015–2016

Co-Head, UCLA International Relations Reading Group, 2015–2016

Professional Service

Guest Editor (with Kelebogile Zvobgo), “The Afterlives of Transitional Justice,” *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 2025 Special Issue

Committee Chair, APSA Human Rights Section Best Paper Award Committee, 2024

Committee Member, APSA Law and Courts Section Best Paper Award Committee, 2024

Contributor, APSA Educate, “De-Centering the U.S. in the Global Politics Classroom,” APSA Teaching and Learning Symposium, 2024

Conference Discussant, APSA 2017, 2023, 2024 (x2, sch.); ISA 2021 (x2), 2024; LSA 2021 (x2); MPSA 2018, 2019, 2021

Facilitator, Junior Law and Courts Research Community, 2023–2024

Panelist, “Work as a Part of Life,” Women in Conflict Professional Development Series, 2023

Committee Member, Lawrence S. Finkelstein Prize Committee, ISA International Organization Section, 2022

Discussant, Junior IO Scholars Workshop, 2023

Discussant, International Studies Association Research Cooperative Program, 2022

Referee for *American Political Science Review*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Edward Elgar Publishing*,

Foreign Policy Analysis, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Nordic Journal of Human Rights*

Professional Activities

Organizing Committee, “Exploring the Middle East: Dynamics, Challenges, and Perspectives,” Christopher Newport University, February 2025

Panelist, “The Life and Death of Alexei Navalny,” CNU Pizza, Perspectives, and Politics, March 2024

Panelist, “And the Nobel Prize Goes to...Narges Mohammadi,” CNU Middle East and North African Studies Program, November 2023

Faculty Discussant, *La Llorona* Film Screening, CNU Latin American Studies Program, November 2023

Panelist, “War in Israel and Gaza,” CNU Middle East and North African Studies Program, October 2023

Breakout Session Leader, “Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt: Overcoming Imposter Syndrome,” CNU Women’s Leadership Summit, October 2023

Site Leader, “Day One of Service,” CNU Center for Community Engagement, August 2023

Invited Presenter, Rotary Club of Warwick at City Center Newport News, March 2023

Panelist, “Iran in Turmoil II,” CNU Middle East and North Africa Studies Program, March 2023

Panelist, “Iran in Turmoil I,” CNU Middle East and North Africa Studies Program, October 2022

Organizer, “Roundtable Discussion on Humanitarian Intervention,” CNU Teach-In on Russia-Ukraine War, March 2022