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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

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

8. Balcells, Laia, Francesca Parente, and Ethan vanderWilden. "Consequential Histories: A Field Experiment at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum" *Journal of Politics* (Just Accepted), doi/10.1086/744218.
7. Haglund, Jillienne and Francesca Parente. 2026. "Balancing Justice: Damages Awarded by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights." *Review of International Organizations* 21(2): 321-350.
6. Sharnak, Debbie and Francesca Parente. 2025. "From Cautious Optimism to Backlash: Uruguay and the *Gelman* Decision After Ten Years" *Journal of Latin American Studies* 57(2): 277-301.
   ◇ *Best Article*, Latin American Studies Association Southern Cone Studies Section, 2026
5. Haglund, Jillienne and Francesca Parente. 2025. "The Price of Justice: Compliance with Damages Awarded by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights." *Journal of Law and Courts* 13(1): 326-349.
   ◇ *Best Paper*, International Studies Association Human Rights Section, 2024
4. Parente, Francesca. 2025. "Domestic Accountability and Non-Compliance with International Law: Evidence from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights." *Journal of Peace Research* 62(1): 119-133.
3. Johns, Leslie and Francesca Parente. 2024. "The Politics of Punishment: Why Non-Democracies Join the International Criminal Court." *International Studies Quarterly* 68(3): sqae087.
   ◇ *Honorable Mention for Best Article*, Interest Group on International Law and Social Science (ILASS) of the American Society of International Law, 2025
2. 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.
1. 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.

Edited Collections

3. Parente, Francesca and Kelebogile Zvobgo. "Special Issue: Local Human Rights in the United States." *Journal of Human Rights* (Forthcoming).
2. Zvobgo, Kelebogile and Francesca Parente. 2026. *Innovations in Human Rights: Concepts, Data, and Measurement*. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
1. Zvobgo, Kelebogile and Francesca Parente. 2025. "Special Issue: The Afterlives of Transitional Justice." *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 19(1) 1–197.

Editor-Reviewed Publications

3. Parente, Francesca and Kelebogile Zvobgo. "Local Human Rights in the United States." *Journal of Human Rights* (Forthcoming).
2. Zvobgo, Kelebogile and Francesca Parente. 2025. "The Afterlives of Transitional Justice." *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 19(1): 1–19.
1. Parente, Francesca. 2022. "Disability in International Human Rights Law." *Law and Politics Book Review* 32(3): 32–35.

Book Chapters

5. Parente, Francesca. "International Human Rights Courts." In Hillbrecht, Courtney and Jillienne Haglund (Editors). *What Do We Know About Human Rights?* New York: Bloomsbury (*Forthcoming*).
4. Parente, Francesca and Kelebogile Zvobgo. 2026. "Moving Forward: Challenges and Opportunities for Measurement in Human Rights." In Zvobgo, Kelebogile and Francesca Parente (Editors). *Innovations in Human Rights: Concepts, Data, and Measurement* (pp. 126-133). Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
3. Parente, Francesca and Kelebogile Zvobgo. 2026. "Structural Violence and International Law." In Price, Joshua M., and Alexandra S. Moore (Editors). *De Gruyter Handbook of Structural Violence.* (pp. 71-83). Berlin, DE: De Gruyter.
2. Zvobgo, Kelebogile and Francesca Parente. 2026. "Advancing Empirical Human Rights Research." In Zvobgo, Kelebogile and Francesca Parente (Editors). *Innovations in Human Rights: Concepts, Data, and Measurement* (pp. 1-13). Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
1. Parente, Francesca and Kelebogile Zvobgo. 2025. "Academic Networks as Research and Learning Communities." In Hertel, Shareen, Mark Gibney and Bonny Ibhawoh (Editors). *The Role of Networks in Advancing Human Rights: Making Human Connections* (pp. 52-60). Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Other Publications

1. Johns, Leslie and Francesca Parente. 2024. "Dictators and the ICC: The Enemy's Enemy." *Australian Outlook*, Australian Institute of International Affairs.

In Progress

Working Papers

5. "Gendering Justice: Women Victims and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights Reparations" (with Jillienne Haglund). *Revise and Resubmit.*
4. "Democratic Lock-in and the American Convention on Human Rights" (with Andrew Moravcsik and Cassandra Emmons).
3. "In Defense of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights: How (Not) to Compare Compliance Across International Courts."
2. "The Politics of Petitioning: Mobilization and Decision-Making in UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies" (with Rachel Schoner).
1. "Quasi-Judicial Reasoning: Citation Practices in UN Treaty Bodies" (with Rachel Schoner).

Selected Works in Progress

3. Monograph: *The Promise and Peril of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights* (in progress)
   - ◇ *Best Dissertation*, American Political Science Association Human Rights Section, 2020
2. "Teaching Transitional Justice" (with Kelebogile Zvobgo). In Ries, Nancy, Jennifer Spindel, Karen Harpp (Editors). *The Routledge Handbook for Teaching about War and Conflict.* Routledge (under contract).
1. "Do Cultural Institutions Persuade? The Effects of Eurovision as a Queer and International Competition" (with Gino Pauselli and Ethan vanderWilden)

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

External

Best Article, Latin American Studies Association Southern Cone Studies Section, 2026
Best Article (Honorable Mention), Interest Group on International Law and Social Science of the American Society of International Law, 2025
Charles E. Scheidt Faculty Fellow in Atrocity Prevention, Binghamton University, Institute for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention, 2024–2025
APSA Centennial Grant, American Political Science Association, 2024
Best Paper, International Studies Association Human Rights Section, 2024
Best Dissertation, American Political Science Association Human Rights Section, 2020
Lynne Rienner Publishers Award for Best Dissertation (Honorable Mention), International Studies Association Human Rights Section, 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, Fall 2024
Faculty Development Grant, Spring 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 (**indicates virtual*)

Georgetown University, Mortara Center for International Studies, 2027 (sch.)
Denison University, Cephus Stevens Lecturer, 2026 (sch.)
William & Mary, Global Research Institute, "Research in Progress" Workshop, 2026 (sch.)
United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Staff Presentation, 2025
William & Mary, Global Research Institute, "Research in Progress" Workshop, 2024
International Justice Lab,"Justice in Conflict" Roundtable Discussion, 2023
Junior Law and Politics Research Community*, 2023
Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, "New Directions in International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law", 2023
Arizona State University, "Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice", 2021*

Christopher Newport University, Department of Political Science, 2021*
International Justice Lab, Nexus Series, 2021
University of Chicago, "Resistance and Opposition to Liberal International Institutions", 2021*
University of Pennsylvania, Latin American and Latinx Studies Internal Speaker Series, 2021*
University of Texas at Dallas, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, 2021*
William & Mary, Government Department Colloquium, 2021
Perry World House, Global Order Colloquium, "The UN at 75: Coronavirus and Competition": 2020*
Princeton University, International Relations Faculty Colloquium, 2020
University of Notre Dame, "Rethinking Compliance in International Law", 2020*
University of Virginia, International Relations Speaker Series, 2020
Binghamton University (SUNY), Department of Political Science, 2019
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, 60th Anniversary Conference, 2019
Southern California International Law Scholars Workshop, Loyola Law School, 2019
Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance, 2019
University of Pittsburgh, Department of Political Science, 2019
Princeton University, Department of Politics, 2018
USC-UCLA Graduate Student International Law-International Relations Workshop, 2018

Conference Presentations (**indicates virtual*)
American Political Science Association: 2017, 2019, 2020*, 2021*, 2023, 2024, 2025
Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences: 2021*
Empirical Studies of Conflict: 2020*, 2025
International Studies Association: 2019, 2021*, 2022*, 2024, 2025, 2026
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, Spring 2025)
POLS 322: Conflict and Peace Studies (Spring 2022, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026)
POLS 327: International Law and International Organizations (Fall 2023, Fall 2025)
POLS 329: International Human Rights (Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2027)
POLS 352: Research Methods and Quantitative Analysis (Fall 2023, Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Spring 2027)

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

Guest Lecturer
"The Inter-American Commission and Inter-American Court of Human Rights," November 2026 (sch.), April 2026, April 2025, March 2024 for LAW 382: "Human Rights Law" (Dr. Nancy Combs, William & Mary School of Law).
"Genocide: 'A Problem From Hell,'" October 2024 for SOCL 220: "Global Social Problems" (Dr. Linda Waldron, CNU)
"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).
"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–present
Director, Minor in Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, 2021–present
Major Advisor, Political Science/International Affairs, 2023–present
Committee Member, Institutional Review Board, 2024–present
Committee Member, Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council, 2026–present
Committee Co-Chair, Undergraduate and Graduate Research Council, 2023–2026
Committee Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Event Space Use and Pricing Practices, 2025–2026
Committee Member, Liberal Learning Council, 2025–2026
Faculty Advisor, Undergraduate International Moot Court Competition, 2025–2026
Committee Member, Judicial Politics Lecturer Search, 2025
Committee Member, College of Social Sciences Executive Secretary Senior Search, 2024

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

Service to Organizations

External Advisory Board Member, Institute for Human Rights, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2025–present
Executive Committee Member, Consortium of Higher Education Centers for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Studies, 2025–present
Executive Committee, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2025–2027
Committee Member, Best Paper Award, ISA Human Rights Section, 2026
Committee Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ISA International Law Section, 2026
Committee Chair, Best Paper Award, ISA Human Rights Section, 2025
Committee Chair, Best Paper Award, APSA Human Rights Section, 2024
Committee Member, Best Article Award, APSA Law and Courts Section, 2024
Contributor, APSA Educate, "De-Centering the U.S. in the Global Politics Classroom," APSA Teaching and Learning Symposium, 2024
Panelist, "Applying to Jobs at Teaching Institutions," APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, 2024
Panelist, "Work as a Part of Life," Women in Conflict Professional Development Series, 2023
Committee Member, Lawrence S. Finkelstein Prize, ISA International Organization Section, 2022

Service to Journals

Editorial Board Member, *International Interactions*, 2024–present
Referee for *American Journal of Political Science; American Political Science Review; Cambridge University Press; Democratization; Edward Elgar Publishing; Foreign Policy Analysis; International Interactions; International Organization; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Human Rights; Journal of Law and Courts; Journal of Peace Research; Law, Democracy & Development; Law and Social Inquiry; Nordic Journal of Human Rights*

Service as Discussant/Facilitator

American Political Science Association Annual Convention: 2017, 2023, 2024 (x2), 2025
International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2021 (x2), 2024, 2025 (x2), 2026
International Studies Association Research Cooperative Program: 2022
Junior IO Scholars Workshop: 2023
Junior Law and Courts Research Community: 2023–2024
Law and Society Association Annual Convention: 2021 (x2)
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Convention: 2018, 2019, 2021
Violence, Instability, and Peace Workshop: 2025

Professional Activities

Affiliated Scholar, International Justice Lab, William & Mary, 2024–present

Invited Presenter, "The Future of Human Rights and International Law," Deltaville Great Decisions, March 2026

Panelist, "The Yazidi Struggle," CNU Middle East and North African Studies Program, March 2026

Breakout Session Leader, "Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt: Overcoming Imposter Syndrome," CNU Women's Leadership Summit, October 2025

Co-Organizer, "Religion and Human Rights Colloquium," Christopher Newport University, April 2025

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