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Curriculum Vitae
School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences
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Education

Ph.D., August 2015, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University

B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, 2007, Politics, Whitman College

Appointments

Associate Professor of Security Studies and Conflict Resolution, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2020-present

Assistant Professor of Security Studies and Conflict Resolution, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2015-2020

Publications

Under Contract

Benjamin Meiches, *Humanitarianism Beyond the Human: Animals, Ethics, Interventions* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, forthcoming).

Books

Benjamin Meiches, *The Politics of Annihilation: A Genealogy of Genocide* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2019).

Peer Reviewed Articles

Benjamin Meiches, "Genocide and the Brain: Neuroscience, Mental Harm, and International Law," *Journal of Genocide Research* vol. 24, no. 1, 2022, pp. 23-44

Benjamin Meiches, "Wars of Excess: Georges Bataille, Solar Economy, and the Accident in the Age of Precision War," *Security Dialogue*, vol. 51, no. 2-3, 2020, pp. 268-284.

Benjamin Meiches, "The Charge of Genocide: Racial Hierarchy, Political Discourse and the Evolution of International Law," *International Political Sociology*, vol. 13, no. 1, 2019, pp. 20-36.

Benjamin Meiches, "Traumas Without Bodies: A Reply to Emma Hutchison's *Affective Communities*," *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, vol. 47, no. 2, 2019, pp. 237-248.

Benjamin Meiches, "Non-human Humanitarians," *Review of International Studies*, vol. 45, no. 1, 2019, pp. 1-19.

Benjamin Meiches, "Speaking of Genocide: Double Binds and Political Discourse," *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*, vol. 11, no. 2, 2017, pp. 36-52.

Benjamin Meiches, "Weapons, Desire and the Making of War," *Critical Studies on Security* vol. 5, no. 1, 2017, pp. 9-27.

Benjamin Meiches, "A Political Ecology of the Camp," *Security Dialogue* vol. 46, no. 5, 2015, pp. 476-492.

Benjamin Meiches, "The Responsibility to Protect and Luxurious War," *Critical Studies on Security*, vol. 1, no. 2, 2013, pp. 219-237.

Non-Peer Reviewed Articles

Benjamin Meiches and Jeff Benvenuto, "Between Hagiography and Wounded Attachment: Raphaël Lemkin and the Study of Genocide," *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*, vol. 13, no. 1, 2019, 2-10.

Book Chapters

Benjamin Meiches, "The Complexity of Genocide: Atrocity Prevention and Interactive Learning," in Samuel Totten (Ed.) *Teaching About Genocide: Advice from Secondary Level Teachers and University Professors* 3rd edition (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2020), 175-186.

Benjamin Meiches, "On the Loss of Death: Necropolitics in the Study of Genocide" in Francois Debrix and Caroline Alphin (Eds.) *Necrogeopolitics: Studies of Death Making in Global Politics* (New York: Routledge, 2019), 51-68.

Forums

Brent Steele, Amy Eckert, Benjamin Meiches, Stefanie Neumeier, Brent E Sasley, Jelena Subotic, "Forum: Jelena Subotic's *Yellow Star, Red Star*," *New Perspectives*, 1-20, 2021.

Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries

Benjamin Meiches and Raymond Hopkins, "Regime Theory," *International Studies Encyclopedia and International Studies Online*, ed. Robert Denemark (Wiley Blackwell), 2013

Book Reviews

Benjamin Meiches, "Edward Weisband: *The Macabresque: Human Violation, Mass Atrocity, and Enemy-Making*," *Review of Politics*, vol. 80, no. 4, 2018, 714-717.

Benjamin Meiches, "The Concept of Cultural Genocide: An International Law Perspective," *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, vol. 14, no. 1, 2018, 188-190.

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Crimes Against Sensibility: Ethics, Aesthetics, and Institutional Design"

"Necro-technics: Rethinking Arms and Armament"

"Of Fog and War: The Accident in Armed Conflict"

"The Turn to Affect: Absenting Race in the Quest for Feeling"

"Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide"

Fellowships, Awards and Other Recognitions

Honorable Mention, Yale H. Ferguson Award, International Studies Association-Northeast, 2020
Review of International Studies, 'Best Article Prize,' 2020

Interdisciplinary Teaching and Scholarship Collaboration Grant, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington Tacoma, 2020, 2019 (\$6,000)

School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences Research and Teaching Funds, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2018, 2016 (\$3,800 and \$1,060)
Strategic Initiative Fund, University of Washington-Tacoma (with Sarah Hampson), 2017 (\$15,000)
Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
The Leonard and Helen R. Stulman Jewish Studies Program Award, Johns Hopkins University, 2014-2009 (\$25,000)
Dean's Teaching Prize, Johns Hopkins University (declined), 2014
Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 2013
Charles Lathrop Pack Fellowship, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, 2013-2012
Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, Johns Hopkins University, 2012
Johns Hopkins University Political Science Department Fellowship, 2014-2009

Presentations

Invited Presentations

"The Humanity of Universal Crime and the Politics of Annihilation," Reflecting on the 60th Anniversary of the Eichmann Trial; Contemporary Impacts, *Minnesota Journal of International Law*, 2022 Symposium, March 4th, 2022
"Constituting the International through Law and (In)justice," Plenary Session, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* Annual Conference, October 22-24, 2021.
"Deadly Matter: Racism and Weaponry," *Review of International Studies* Forum on Racialized Violence in International Studies, October 19, 2021.
"The Making of Genocide and the Future of Atrocity Prevention," Flathead Valley Community College, March 29, 2021.
"Genocide by Brain: International Law After Neuroscience," Jackson Endowed Lecturer, Department of Politics, Whitman College, October 13, 2020
"The Politics of Genocide," Peter C. Schaeffer Memorial Lecture, Colgate University, October 2-4, 2019
"Pouncer Politics," Life Under Drones, Pacific Lutheran University, September 18-19, 2019
"A Small Charge of Genocide: Racial Amnesia and Segregative Humanitarianism," Department of Gender and Race Studies, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, October 18, 2018

Workshops and Panels Organized

The Transformation of Genocide: Colonial Orders, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD February 17-22, 2017
The Transformation of Genocide: International Orders, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD February 17-22, 2017
IR and the Human Estate, International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 4-5, 2016
The Holocaust in International Relations, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 16-19, 2016
The Camp as a Political Space, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON. March 26-29, 2014

Conference Presentations

- “Cannibal Humanitarianism: Agriculture, Intervention, and Otherness,” International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, November 4-5, 2021
- “Affective Pasts, Emotional Futures, Gendered Imaginaries: IR and the Felt,” with Lauren Wilcox, Cambridge University, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* Annual Conference, London, UK, October 22-24, 2021
- “Necro-Technics: The Politics of Life, Death, and the Emergence of the Human,” American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 11-14th, 2021
- Roundtable, “Racialized Violence in Global Politics,” British International Studies Association 2021 Conference, June 21-23, 2021.
- “Genocide, Ecology, and the Body,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV, April 6-10th.
- “Bystanders, Implicated Subjects, and the Practice of Social Science,” with Daniel Levine, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV, April 6-10th.
- “Heroes, Rats and the Practice of Post-Humanitarianism,” International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore MD, November 5-7, 2020.
- Roundtable, “The Ontological Insecurities of Memory: Roundtable on Jelena Subotic’s Yellow Star, Red Star,” ISA West Annual Conference, Pasadena, CA, September 27-28, 2019.
- “Necro-Technics: Desire, Design and the Assembling of Violence,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, CA, March 27-31, 2019.
- “Encountering Affect: The Politics and Philosophy of the ‘Affective Turn,’ with Lauren Wilcox, Cambridge University, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, CA, March 27-31, 2019.
- Roundtable, “Old Wounds, New Laws: Contesting and Legislating Memory after Genocide,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, CA, March 27-31, 2019
- Roundtable, “Honoring Professor Siba N. Grovogui,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, CA, March 27-31, 2019.
- “Genocide and the Brain,” International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 1-2, 2018.
- Roundtable, “Design and Planetary Politics,” International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 1-2, 2018
- Roundtable, “Qualitatively Different? Problems and Approaches in Non-Positivist Research Presentation,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2-5, 2018
- “Weapons of Excess,” Becoming War: Assembling Collective Violence Workshop, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2-5, 2018
- “The Transformation of Genocide,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2-5, 2018
- “On the Loss of Death: Necropolitics in the Study of Genocide,” International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, November 3-4, 2017
- “Nonhuman Humanitarians,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 13-15, 2017
- “The Limits of Lemkin,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD February 22-25, 2017
- “Weapons of Excess: War, Expenditure, Catastrophe,” International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD February 22-25, 2017

Roundtable, "Reification and Blues: Perspectives on 'Thingification' as Concept and Practice in International Studies" International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD February 22-25, 2017

Roundtable, "IR and the Human Estate," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 4-5, 2016

"Genocide as Racial Discourse," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 4-5, 2016

"The Peril of Genocide," Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 24-March 26, 2016

"The Nazi Genocide and the Limits of Security Studies," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 16-March 19, 2016

"Genocide and the New War Hypothesis," International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 18-21, 2015

"Genocide and the Problem of New War," International Studies Association-Northeast, Baltimore, MD, November 7-8, 2014

"Steps Toward an Ecology of the Camp," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, March 26-29, 2014

"Horror and Political Experience: The Problem of Genocide," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, ON, March 26-29, 2014

"Lemkin's Legacy: Genocide and Politics After Sovereignty," International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 3-6, 2013

"Weapons of Another Sort: The Camp and New Materialism," Millennium: Journal of International Studies Annual Conference on Materialism and International Relations, London School of Economics, London, UK, October 20-22, 2012

"The Responsibility to Preserve: Humanitarian Intervention and Violent Expenditure," War Beyond War Workshop, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, March 30-31, 2012

"Luxurious War: Schematizing Humanitarian Intervention," Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. February 12, 2012

Chair/Discussant

"Cybernetics, Digital Technologies, and Global Politics," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, November 4-5, 2021

"Human Rights," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore MD, November 5-7, 2020

"The Non-Western Origins of the Genocide Convention, the ICC, and R2P: Re-Envisioning Progress and Innovation in Global Studies and Human Rights," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, CA, March 27-31, 2019

"Global Governance in the Digital Age," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 1-2, 2018

"Genocide and World Politics: Concepts, Methods, and Epistemologies," International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2-5, 2018

"Complexity in World Politics," Plenary Session, International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, November 3-4 2017

"The Critical Politics of Security," International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, RI, November 3-4, 2017

- “Class, Identity, Solidarity,” Chair, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, April 13-15, 2017
- “Power and Resistance in a Complex Globe,” Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017
- “The Transformation of Genocide: International Orders,” Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 22-25, 2017
- “Boundary Spaces (Or, Where is the International?),” Discussant, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 16-March 19, 2016
- “On Fragility,” Discussant, The Fragility of Things Symposium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, April 25-26, 2014
- “Prosperity without Morality: Ransoming, Ordering and Social Justice in the Sahel,” Discussant, Sawyer Seminar, The Arrighi Center for Global Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, November 18, 2013
- “Relative Strangers: Reflections on Hospitality, Social Distance, and Diplomacy,” Discussant, Political Science Department Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, November 1, 2012
- “Imperial Laboratories and the Modern Surveillance State,” Discussant, Department Seminar, Johns Hopkins Department of Political Science, Baltimore, MD, November 14, 2011

Campus and Local Presentations

- “Smelly Liaisons: On Multispecies Humanitarianism,” PPPA Research Seminar, April 21, 2022
- “Dogs, Rats, and Goats! Oh My!: On the Wonderful World of Nonhuman Humanitarians,” Grit City Think and Drink, August 10, 2021
- “The History of Genocide and the Future of Atrocity Prevention,” Olympia World Affairs Council, April 15, 2021
- “The Charge of Genocide,” SIAS Brown Bag Seminar, University of Washington-Tacoma, January 24, 2018
- Participant, “Human Rights, Immigration and Cosmopolitanism,” International Colloquium, University of Washington-Tacoma, October 26th, 2016
- Panelist, “Killer Drones: Immoral, Illegal, Unwise,” Interfaith Network on Drone Warfare, Seattle WA, June 29, 2016
- “Becoming Weapon,” PPPA Retreat, Port Townsend Washington, May 2nd, 2016

Guest Lectures

- “The Politics of Annihilation,” POL 8460- Topics in International Relations, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, April 2022
- “The Politics of Genocide,” SISU 370-International Politics and Genocide, American University, January 2022
- “The Politics of Annihilation,” PSC 641.001-Normative & Critical International Theory, University of Alabama, September 2019
- “Rethinking Presentation,” TMGT 516, Milgard School of Business, August 2019
- “Global Pluralism and Armed Conflict,” Pacific Lutheran University, March 2017
- “The Rise of Drone Warfare and the Social Transformation of War,” Evergreen State College, December 2016
- “Peacekeeping Operations in Rwanda,” THIST 213, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences January 2016

University Teaching Experience

University of Washington-Tacoma

TGH 490 "Research Methods," Global Honors, University of Washington-Tacoma
TLAW 215 "Introduction to International Organizations," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 451, "Human Rights and the Use of Force," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 420, "Theories of Political Violence," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 371, "The Politics of Security," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 360, "Genocide," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TIAS 305, "Seminar in Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 275, "Political Rhetoric," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 210, "Debate," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPOLS 203, "Introduction to International Relations," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma
TPHIL 466, "Philosophy of the Future," School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, University of Washington-Tacoma

Johns Hopkins University

AS 370, "The International Politics of Genocide," Political Science and Jewish Cultural Studies, Johns Hopkins University
AS 361, "The Politics of Guilt and Sin," (co-taught with Tim Hanafin), Political Science, Johns Hopkins University
AS 350, "Justice in Transition," Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University
AS 318, "On War and Its Discontents," Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University
AS 107, "Global Politics in Theory and Film," Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University

Independent Study Advising

Bamford Fellowship: Race, Activism, Trauma
Colonial Genocide
Humanitarian Intervention
Race, Xenophobia and Citizenship
Existential and Catastrophic Threats
Social Media and Genocide Prevention
Society of the Spectacle and Critical Theory
Social Theory, Crime and Sociopathy

Professional Service

Service to the Profession

Yale Ferguson Book Award Committee, International Studies Association-Northeast-2018
Theory Book Award Committee, International Theory Section, ISA-2017
Program Co-Chair, International Studies Association-Northeast 2017
Governing Council International Studies Association-Northeast 2017-present
External Reviewer, *Security Dialogue*
External Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*
External Reviewer, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*
External Reviewer, *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*
External Reviewer, *Australian Journal of Politics and History*
External Reviewer, *International Political Sociology*
External Reviewer, *Australian Feminist Law Journal*
External Reviewer, *Third World Quarterly*
External Reviewer, *Critical Studies on Security*
External Reviewer, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*
External Reviewer, *Review of International Studies*
External Reviewer, *Global Studies Quarterly*
External Reviewer, *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*
External Reviewer, *Journal of Genocide Research*
External Reviewer, *Genocide Studies International*
External Reviewer, *Space and Culture*
External Reviewer, Routledge
External Reviewer, Rutgers University Press
External Reviewer, Cambridge University Press
External Reviewer, University of Minnesota Press
Editorial Board, *Global Studies Quarterly*

Service to the University

Diversity Advisory Council, 2021-2020
Search Committee, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, 2020-2019
Community Book Project, 2021-2019
SEED Participant, 2019
Organizer and Faculty Supervisor, UW-Tacoma Urban Debate 2019-present
Faculty Council Representative, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, 2018-present
Search Committee, American Politics, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences 2018-2019
Search Committee, Global Ethics Lecturer, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, 2017
Interview Committee, Sociology Lecturer, School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences, 2016
Member, MAIS Admissions Committee, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
Graduate Student Representative, Department Seminar Committee, Department of Political Science,
Johns Hopkins University, 2015-2014
Organizer, International Relations Theory Colloquium, Department of Political Science, Johns
Hopkins University, 2014-2012

Service to the Community

Participant, Atrocity Prevention Board Study Group 2018-present
Moderator, "Understanding Ethnic Conflict at Home and Abroad," Global Classroom: An Interactive Speaker Series, World Affairs Council, Tacoma-2017
Participant, "Third Parties," 4th Annual Ruth Anderson Public Debates, Pacific Lutheran University, October 4th, 2016
Organizer, "Campaign Rhetoric of Perpetual War," University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
Organizer, "Presidential Debate Viewing," University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
Organizer, "Unfinished Settlements: Seeking Justice in El Salvador," Angelina Godoy and Emily Willard, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
Organizer, "The Campaign Rhetoric of Perpetual War," Rob Crawford, University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
Organizer, "The World at Night with (ret.) Admiral Eric T. Olson," University of Washington-Tacoma, 2016
Board of Directors, Washington Debate Coalition, Seattle, WA, 2011-2008

Language

French (Reading Proficiency)

Professional Associations

Member, International Studies Association
Member, American Political Science Association
Associate, University of Washington Center for Human Rights

References

Anna M. Agathangelou, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and School of Women's Studies, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3; (416) 736-2100; agathang@yorku.ca

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Daniel Bertrand Monk, George R. and Myra T. Cooley Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Professor of Geography and Middle East Studies, Colgate University, 13 Oak Drive, Hamilton NY 13346; (315)-228-7806; dmonk@colgate.edu

Jelena Subotic, Professor, Department of Political Science, Georgia State University, 1018 Langdale Hall, 38 Peachtree Center Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30303; 404-413-6173; jsubotic@gsu.edu

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