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EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
Ph.D., Political Science, expected May 2022
M.A., Political Science, September 2017
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Human Rights Institute, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, Storrs, CT
Graduate Certificate in Human Rights, December 2018

Columbia University, New York, NY
M.A., Human Rights Studies, October 2011

Connecticut College, New London, CT
B.A., International Relations, May 2009

APPOINTMENTS

University of Sydney, Visiting Researcher, New South Wales, Australia, 2019

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

George F. Cole Dissertation Fellowship, Political Science, UConn, 202: \$750
President's COVID Recognition Award, HRALC, Office of the President, UConn, 2021
Human Rights Institute Dissertation Fellowship, UConn, 2020: \$7,000
George F. Cole Dissertation Fellowship, Political Science, UConn, 2020: \$2,000
National Fellowship Incentive Program, UConn, 2019: \$250.00
Governor Abraham Ribicoff Fellowship, Political Science, UConn, 2019: \$1,500
Predoctoral Fellowship, Graduate School, Political Science, UConn, 2019: \$3,700
Centennial Center Research Grant, American Political Science Association, 2019: \$2,500
Human Rights Institute Graduate Research Award, UConn, 2019: \$2,000
Norman Kogan Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UConn, 2018: \$500
Predoctoral Fellowship, Graduate School, Political Science, UConn, 2018: \$2,000
Conference Funding Initiative, Department of Political Science, UConn, 2018: \$1,200
Human Rights Institute Graduate Research Grant, UConn, 2018: \$2,000
Graduate Travel Fellowship, Graduate School, UConn, 2017: \$750
Department of Political Science, Collaborative Research Grant, UConn: \$750
Gary J. Clifford Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UConn, 2016-2017: \$500
Predoctoral Fellowship, Graduate School, Political Science, UConn, 2016: \$3,000

FUNDING

Graduate Assistantship, Dodd Human Rights Impact, UConn, 2020-2021: \$28,443
Graduate Assistantship, Human Rights Institute, UConn, 2019-2020: \$28,443
Graduate Assistantship, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, UConn, 2019-2020: \$28,338

Graduate Assistantship, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, UConn, 2018-2019: \$27,338
Graduate Assistantship, Thomas J. Dodd Research Center, UConn, 2017-2018: \$11,360
Graduate Assistantship, Office of First Year Programs, UConn, 2017-2018: \$11,360
Graduate Assistantship, Office of First Year Programs, UConn, 2016-2017: \$11,360
Graduate Assistantship, Office of First Year Programs, UConn, 2015-2016: \$11,360
Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, UConn, 2015-2016: \$11,360

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Erica MacDonald, "Sex, Stigma and Institutions" International Studies Association Annual Conference, Seattle, April 2021.
Erica MacDonald, "Sex Work, Stigma and Institutions," American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, September 2020.
Erica MacDonald, "Mapping the 'Official' and 'Unofficial': the Evolution of Sex Work Discourse 2000-2020," International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, Honolulu, March 2020 (Accepted – Canceled due to COVID).
Erica MacDonald, "Formally Informal? Classifying Enterprise and Employment Relations in the Legal Sex Industry," International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, Honolulu, March 2020 (Accepted - Canceled due to COVID).
Erica MacDonald, "Sex Work and the State: Framing Rights-Based Struggles for Institutional Reform," American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Boston, August 2018.
Zehra Arat and Erica MacDonald, "From Anti-Discrimination to Empowerment of Women: A Critical Assessment of the CEDAW, MDGs, and SDGs," International Political Science Association, Brisbane, July 2018.
Erica MacDonald, "Beyond the Trafficking Frame: Tracing the Inclusions and Exclusions of Sex Workers' Rights at the UN," International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, April 2018.
Zehra Arat and Erica MacDonald, "From Anti-Discrimination to Empowerment of Women: A Critical Assessment of the CEDAW, MDGs, and SDGs," International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference, April 2018.
Zehra Arat and Erica MacDonald, "From Anti-Discrimination to Empowerment of Women: A Critical Assessment of the CEDAW, MDGs, and SDGs," Columbia University Faculty Seminar: Women and Society, January 2018.
Zehra Arat and Erica MacDonald, "Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women: Assessment of Progress from MDGs to SDGs," American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, San Francisco, August 2017.
Erica MacDonald, "The Metonymy of Prostitution: A Hurdle to Coalition Building for Sex Workers' Rights Movement in New York City," Comparative Political Culture Conference, University of Connecticut, December 2016.
Panel discussant, "When the Whip Cracks: Political Culture and State Repression," Comparative Political Culture Conference, University of Connecticut, December 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Teaching Assistant, UConn Human Rights Institute, Spring 2020

- Introduction to Human Rights
- Human Rights Through Film
- Approaches to Human Rights Advocacy

Instructor, UConn Human Rights Institute, Summer 2018

- Introduction to Human Rights

Teaching Assistant, Departments of Engineering, and Human Rights, August 2016-Present

- Assessment for Human Rights and Sustainability (Fall 2016; Fall 2018)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, August 2015-Fall 2017

- Comparative Perspectives on Human Rights (2015-2016; 2016-2017)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (2015-2016)
- Introduction to International Relations (2015-2016)

Instructor, First Year Students & Learning Communities, August 2015-Spring 2018

- Humanities House Connections (2015-2016)
- Leading the Digital Humanities (2016-2017; 2017-2018)
- Humanities House (2016-2017; 2017-2018)

Central Wyoming College, Jackson, WY

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Political Science, November 2012-May 2014

- U.S. and Wyoming Government
- Introduction to Human Rights in Theory & Practice

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate Assistant, Democracy and Dialogues Initiative, Fall 2020-Present

Program Assistant, Business & Human Rights Initiative, Spring 2017-Winter 2020

Associate Director, Humanities House, Office of First Year Students, Fall 2015-Spring 2018

RESEARCH

Researcher, Dialogic Approaches to Human Rights Education, December 2019-Present

Team Leader, Crowd Counting Consortium, University of Connecticut, May 2017

Research Assistant, Brussels Institute of Contemporary China Studies, Vrije Universiteit, Brussels, Belgium, 2007

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International Political Science Association, Human Rights Member-At-Large, 2018-2020

Political Science Graduate Admissions Committee, 2017-2018; 2018-2019

Learning Community Leadership Award Selection Committee, 2016-2017

President, UConn Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2016-2017

Volunteer, International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2016-2018

Assistant Editor, *RightsNews*, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, 2010- 2011

Contributing Writer, *RightsViews*, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, 2010- 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Columbia University Women and Society Seminar Series, Member, 2017-Present

International Political Science Association, Member, 2017-Present

American Political Science Association, Member, 2015-Present

International Studies Association, Member, 2015-Present

UConn Economic and Social Rights Research Group, Member 2015-Present
UConn Political Science Graduate Student Association, Member 2015-Present

POPULAR PRESS

- “Reflections on the Erasure of Violence Against Sex Workers Pre- and Post-Atlanta.”
Black Issues In Philosophy, Blog of the American Philosophy Association,
March 30, 2021.
- “In Trump’s America, who’s protesting and why?” with Erica Chenoweth and Jeremy
Pressman, *Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*, June 26, 2017.
- “Condoms as Evidence: a contradictory and discriminatory practice.” RightsViews,
Columbia University, October 2011.
- “A dissident of the human rights establishment: an interview with Gita Saghal.”
RightsNews, vol. 29, no. 3, Columbia University, May 2011.
- “The unfinished business of Africa’s longest wars.” RightsNews, vol. 29, no. 2,
Columbia University, February, 2011.
- “After 62 years, Nuremburg documentary debuts.” RightsNews, vol. 29, no. 1,
Columbia University, October, 2010.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Scientists for Sex Workers Rights, February 2021-Present
COYOTE-RI, Board of Directors, July 2020-Present
SWOP BehindBars/SWOP-USA, Community Support Line Volunteer, October 2018-2020
Girls Reaching Out in Wilderness Leadership (GROWL), Trip Leader, Summer 2016
Bike & Build, Trip Leader & Volunteer, September 2009-August 2012