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Education

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, In
Ph.D., Theology and Peace Studies, May 2017
Dissertation: "Agency Under Duress: A Political Theological Approach to Peacebuilding"
Dissertation Co-directors: Gerald P. McKenny and Todd Whitmore

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, In
M.A. Peace Studies, May 2011

Goshen College, Goshen, In
B.A. Anthropology/Sociology, Minors: Justice, Peace and Conflict Studies;
Communications, May 2000

Current Positions

Scholar in Residence, Kroc Institute for International Peace, University of Notre Dame,
(fall 2019)

Assistant Professor of Peace Studies and Christian Social Ethics, (2015—present)
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Director of Peace Studies (2015—present)

Prior Positions

Religion and Peace Consultant, Peace Accord Matrix, Kroc Institute for International Peace
(2016—2017), University of Notre Dame

Adjunct Professor of Justice, Peace and Conflict Studies, Goshen College

Courses taught

“Political Theology and Ethics,” in conversation with Gerald P. McKenny, 2018-19

“Witness Colloquium: Witness and the Anthropocene,” 2019

“Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies: Integrative Seminar,” 2019

“Religion and Peace Processes,” AMBS, 2018

“Religion, Violence, and Peacebuilding,” AMBS, 2017

“Introduction to Peace Studies,” AMBS, 2016 and 2017
“Spiritualities of Justice and Peacemaking,” AMBS, 2016
“War, Peace, and Revolution,” AMBS, 2016 and 2017
“Introduction to Peace Studies,” TA for Atalia Omer, 2013
“Theology, Biotechnology, and Humanity,” TA for Gerald McKenny, 2013
“Jerusalem: Peace or Apocalypse,” TA for Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
“War and Peace,” co-teacher David Cortright, Goshen College
“Violence, Nonviolence,” Goshen College
“Stopping War and Building Peace in Colombia,” Goshen College, in Bogotá, Colombia

Scholarships & Fellowships

Religion and its Publics, University of Virginia
Emerging Scholar (2018)

The Pontifical Javeriana University of Colombia
Fellow (2016)

Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development
United States Agency for International Development Fellow (2016)

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Notre Dame University
Tuition and Stipends (2011-2015)

Kroc Institute for International Peace, University of Notre Dame
Inaugural Pepe Ph.D. Fellowship in Peace Studies (2014-2015)

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame
Mullen Family Fellowship (2011-2012)

Professional Service

Advisory Board Member, Kroc Institute for International Peace, University of Notre Dame, 2018-2021

Planning Committee Member, Yoder Service of Lament, Society of Christian Ethics, 2017

Distinctions, Honors, Awards

John H. Yoder Award for excellence in graduate work in theological ethics and peace studies, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 2011

Decade of Service Leadership Award, Goshen College, 2005

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
Catholic Theological Society of America

Publications

Book in process: *Becoming Agents for Peace Under Duress*

“State of Change: Concept Metaphor of Pauline Principalities and Powers for a Political Theology of Peacebuilding,” *Political Theology* (2019).

"Peace through Participation: Enhancing Post-Accord Peacebuilding Through Linking Stakeholders to Peace Accord Stipulations." *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* 14.1 (2019).

"Theologies of Nonviolent Peacebuilding: Retrospect and Prospect." *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* Vol 38, No 2 (Fall/Winter 2018), 149-169.

Hunter-Bowman and Heather Dubois, "The Intersection of Christian Theology and Peacebuilding," *Oxford Handbook on Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding*, eds Scott Appleby, Atalia Omer and David Little, Oxford Press, 2015.

"From Conflict Resolution to Conflict Transformation," in *From Suffering to Solidarity: The Historical Seeds of Mennonite Interreligious, Interethnic, and International Peacebuilding*, ed Andrew P. Klager (Wipf and Stock Publishers: 2015), 115-139.

Hunter-Bowman and Lederach, "Building Peace: Religious Leadership in Divided Communities," in *Religious Leadership, A Reference Handbook*, ed Sharon Henderson Callahan (SAGE Publications, Inc: 2013), 464-474.

“Boomerang Violence, a Dangerous Game” in *Where was God on September 11?: Seeds of Faith and Hope* eds. Donald B. Kraybill and Linda Gehman Peachey, Herald Press, 2002.

Popular Journal Articles

“Towards Agonistic Practice as Public Theology,” *Political Theology Network*, November, 2018, <https://politicaltheology.com/toward-agonistic-practice-as-public-theology/>.

“The Opportunity Stanley Hauerwas Missed,” *Christian Century*, blog post, October 27, 2017, <https://www.christiancentury.org/blog-post/guest-post/opportunity-stanley-hauerwas-missed>.

“They’re Back: Colombian paramilitaries target community and church leaders.” *Sojourners Magazine*, Vol. 39, No. 4 (April 2010): 12.

“Break-In Threatens Christians,” *Sojourners Magazine*, Vol. 36, No. 9 (September/October 2007): 10.

Additional articles in popular journals *Mennonite Weekly Review*, *The Mennonite*, and *Timbrel* and news outlets including *Common Dreams* and newspapers.

Regular contributor to Sojourners “God’s Politics” Blog (2006-2010).

Conference presentations

“The Making of Duress: Tracing the Borders of Constraint Suffered and Confronted by War-Affected Agents in Northwest Colombia,” annual meeting of the *Catholic Theological Society of America*, Pittsburgh, PA, May 2019.

“The Making of Duress,” Option for the Poor: Engaging the Social Tradition. Catholic Social Tradition Conference, University of Notre Dame, March 22, 2019.

“Gender as Trump: Unity at the Price of Peace,” annual meeting of the *American Academy of Religion*, Denver, November 2018.

“Theologies of Nonviolent Peacebuilding: Retrospect and Prospect,” a concurrent session of the annual meeting of the *Society of Christian Ethics*, Portland, OR, January 2018.

“The State in Post-Accord Colombia, New Accounting for a Political Theology of Peace,” on the proposed panel “Colombia Emerging: Aspirations of the New in a Time of Post-Peace Accord” sponsored by the Religion, Social Conflict and Peace subgroup of the annual meeting of the *American Academy of Religion*, Boston, MA, November 2017.

“Political Theology and Peacebuilding: Is a Nonviolent Eschatology of Peace and Change Viable?,” a presentation at the “Word, Spirit, and the Renewal of the Church” conference, Goshen College, Goshen, IN, September 2017.

“Is the State a Sword?: Gender, Justice and Peace Theology,” presented at the conference “Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries” at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, June 2017.

“Human rights and conflict transformation,” presented at the conference “Representing Peace and Conflict,” Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre at Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, July 2016.

“Temporality and social change,” presented at the Peace and Justice Association, Harrisonburg, VA, October 2015.

“Peacebuilding, Time, and Eschatologies,” presented at the conference “Eschatology and Moral Order,” University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL, 2014.

Janna Bowman and Judith Friedenburg, “Immigrant Women and Work,” *American Anthropology Association*, Chicago, IL, 1999.

Invited lectures and addresses (select)

“Engaged Peacebuilding” and “Conflict Transformation,” Faith and Culture Forum, Palm Beach Atlantic University, February 7, 2019.

Remarks, Kroc Institute Strategic Plan Launch, September 11, 2018.

“Theology and Peace Studies,” Guest lecture at a doctoral seminar, Kroc Institute for International Peace, University of Notre Dame, November 2017.

"Theology and peace studies? Reflections on doing first order theology in a political and social science dominated field," Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, Spring 2013.

"Barth's church world distinction: A paradigm for interpretation and analysis in situations of oppression," Guest lecturer at Goshen College, Goshen, IN, fall 2012.

"Religion and Peacebuilding: Max Weber in Colombia today," Guest lecture at Goshen College, Goshen, In, Spring 2011.

"Making the move: social movement impact on public policy," Guest lecture at Notre Dame Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, March 2012 and April 2013.

“Embodied Discourse as Truth Claims and Behavior Change,” Occupy Empire Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, April 2012.

"Salvation in crossing over: A gift from Colombia" Prepared for World Fellowship Sunday, 2005. Hyde Park Mennonite Church, Spring 2005.

"The sacred 'Yes' of peacebuilding in a war-torn land," Goshen College Decade Servant Leadership Award, award speech and classroom presentations, October 2009

Hunter-Bowman and Ricardo Esquivia, "Global Mennonite Peacemaking" workshop at Mennonite World Conference, Zimbabwe, 2003.

One-month speaking tour of U.S. with dozens of talks included: Eastern Mennonite University lectures, Mennonite church guest sermons and evenings talks, United Church of Christ panel discussions, panel discussion at Washington Christian fellowship (included representative from the Colombian Embassy and Washington DC advocacy organizations), Goshen peace church panel (including director of Decade to Overcome Violence and MCC country representatives), Idaho Mennonite church panel, 2002.

Peacebuilding Field Experience

Graduate student consultant to the Peace Accords Matrix of the Kroc Institute for International Peace at the University of Notre Dame

October 2015 to March 2016

Documentation and Advocacy Program Director

Justapaz: Christian Center for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action, Colombia

Seconded by Mennonite Central Committee

February 2006-July 2010.

Founded and directed program; oversaw program office staff (2) and field researchers (25). Conducted and analyzed primary source documentation of political violence. Authored and produced "Prophetic Call" sociopolitical violence and peace annual reports containing case profiles, political theological analysis, and recommendations to foreign governments and parties to the conflict. Authored news articles, press releases, context analysis for international advocacy, and contributions to US and Colombian government religious freedoms and human rights reports. Designed and implemented international action campaigns in response to human rights emergencies. Coordinated education and policy advocacy efforts with Washington, Canadian and European non-governmental organizations to critique and suggest alternatives for foreign policy towards Colombia and promote human rights. Participated in governmental and multilateral advocacy with the United Nations, Colombia's Human Rights Ombudsman office, U.S. State Department and embassies.

Colombia grassroots Organizer

Witness for Peace, Washington DC

June 2004- January 2006

Designed and lead strategic public actions, wrote news articles, public speaking, organized events, and provided tools for effective constituent policy advocacy.

Education and Advocacy Director

Justapaz: Christian Center for Justice, Peace and Nonviolent Action, Colombia

Seconded by Mennonite Central Committee

February 2002- March 2004

Participated in organizational development, including design of the documentation and political advocacy program that I later implemented. Co-facilitated "global peacebuilding" workshop at Mennonite World Conference, Zimbabwe, 2003. Strategized, organized, accompanied and interpreted for 10 North American delegations seeking analytical tools to understand and transform political violence in Colombia, encourage peace churches and support grassroots movements. Carried out investigative regional studies on the impact of U.S. foreign policy in Colombia. Designed and implemented action campaigns for threatened leaders and communities.

Immigration Paralegal

Proyecto Libertad, Harlingen Texas

Service worker of Mennonite Voluntary Service

June 2000-December 2001

Assisted Latin American immigrants with Nicaragua and Central America Refugee Act (NACARA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) cases.

Languages

Fluency in Spanish

Reading proficiency in French and Latin