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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Scholar in Political Science and Global Health Studies 09/2023—present
Department of Political Science
Affiliate: Global Poverty Research Lab (Department of Economics)
Northwestern University: Evanston, IL

Junior Visiting Scholar 09/2022—08/2023
Nuffield College
Affiliate: T.E. Lawrence Program on the Study of Conflict (All Souls College)
University of Oxford: Oxford, UK

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Public Policy and Political Science 04/2023
Duke University: Durham, NC
Sanford School of Public Policy and Department of Political Science
Dissertation: “The Political Economy of Gender in Global Health: How International Actors Shape Women’s Outcomes”
Committee: Sarah Bermeo (co-chair), Livia Schubiger (co-chair), Kyle Beardsley, Joseph Grieco, Subhrendu Pattanayak

Master of Arts, Political Science 05/2003
University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT
Master’s Essay: “Universal Applicability and Cultural Adaptability: Understanding Fledgling Microfinance Institutions in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union”

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science 08/2001
Brigham Young University: Provo, UT

PUBLICATIONS

Kelly Hunter, Michael Shepherd, Hilary Izatt, Daniel Nielson, Katherine McCabe, Zoe Walker, Eve Bryner, Wylie Chang, and Alister Martin. (2026). “Healthcare-led Get-out-the-vote Efforts as Treatments for Public Health and Democracy” (Forthcoming; *American Journal of Public Health*)

Kelly Hunter, Michael Shepherd, Hilary Izatt, Eve Bryner, and Alister Martin. (2026). “Abortion Politics: Physician Mobilization in the Wake of the *Dobbs* Decision” (Forthcoming; *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*)

Amy Finnegan, Saisahanaa Subburaj, **Kelly Hunter**, Priya Parkash, Elizabeth Shulman, Janel Ramkalawan, J., Megan Huchko. (2023). “Big Data, Machine Learning and Contraceptive Use: A Scoping Review.” *Oxford Open Digital Health*, 1, oqad002.

Lauren Mitchell, Bhamini Vellanki, B., Linda Tang, **Kelly Hunter**, Amy Finnegan, Jonas Swartz, Megan Huchko. (2023). “Contraceptive Provision to Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Enrolled in Medicaid.” *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 10-1097.

Kelly Hunter, Sarah Hubner, Ema Kuczura. (2021) “If You Don’t Help Me, I’m Going to Take My Life”: The Devastating Impact of the US’s Global Gag Rule and the COVID-19 Pandemic on Women’s Sexual and Reproductive Health in Kenya. *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 1-8.

Kelly Hunter, Brandon Knettel, Deborah Reisinger, Pranav Ganapathy, Tyler Lian, Jake Wong, Danielle Mayorga-Young, Ailing Zhou, Maram Elnagheeb, Melissa McGovern, Nathan Thielman, Kathryn Whetten, Emily Esmaili. (2020). “Examining Healthcare Access for Refugee Children and Families in the North Carolina Triangle Area.” *North Carolina Medical Journal*, 348-354

WORKING PAPERS

“Active Learning in the Global Health Classroom.” Book chapter in *Teaching Global Health Policy* (under contract with Edward Elgar Publishing).

“Global Health Politics in the Post-USAID Era: Lessons from the US’s Global Gag Rule and its Impact on NGOs in Kenya”

“When New Laws and Progressive Norms Aren’t Enough: Addressing Gender-based Violence in Kenya”

“Stepping Up or Stepping Out? Donor Response to the US’s Global Gag Rule and the Implication for Providing Global Public Goods”

“Conflict and Contraception: Method Switching and Contraceptive Discontinuation during War” with Amy Finnegan, Signe Svallfors, and Megan Huchko

“When Pediatricians Prescribe Voting, Do Patient Households Vote?: RCT Results” with Daniel Magleby, Hilary Izatt, and Sam Fuller

“How Aid Sanctions Affect Funding for Local Actors in Aid Recipient Countries” with Pei-Yu Wei and Lucy Right

“Give and Take: The Impact of Foreign Aid Withdrawal on Women’s Societal and Health Rights” with Pei-Yu Wei

“More Harm than Good?: The Differential Effects of Sanction Instruments on Women’s Rights” with Pei-Yu Wei

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- American Political Science Association (accepted) 09/2026
Boston, MA
“Compete or cooperate?: How the USAID shutdown impacts NGOs in Kenya”
- Midwest Political Science Association 04/2026
Chicago, IL
“Public health at home and abroad: How health access impacts political participation in rural communities in the US and Kenya” with Eve Bryner and Michael Shepherd
“Understanding Linkages Between Sexual and Reproductive Health Knowledge and Women’s Empowerment: Survey Evidence from Rural Kenya.”
- International Studies Association 03/2026
Columbus, OH
“When New Laws and Progressive Norms Aren’t Enough: Addressing Gender-based Violence in Kenya”
“Global Health Politics in the Post-USAID Era: Lessons from the US’s Global Gag Rule and its Impact on NGOs in Kenya”
Invited Roundtable Participant: Teaching Global Health: Pedagogical innovation and application in the classroom
- American Political Science Association 09/2025
Vancouver, Canada
“When New Laws and Norms Aren’t Enough: Addressing Gender-based Violence in Kenya”
- Midwest Political Science Association 04/2025
Chicago, IL
“Abortion Politics: Physician Mobilization in the Wake of the *Dobbs* Decision” with Michael Shepherd, Hilary Izatt, Eve Bryner, and Alister Martin
“When New Laws and Norms Aren’t Enough: Addressing Gender-based Violence in Kenya”
- International Studies Association 03/2025
Chicago, IL
“Stepping Up or Stepping Out? Donor Response to the US’s Global Gag Rule and the Implication for Providing Global Public Goods”
“Malignant Health Diplomacy: The US Global Gag Rule and its Impact on NGOs in Kenya”
Invited Roundtable Participant: The U.S. Foreign Aid Crisis
- American Political Science Association 09/2024
Philadelphia, PA

“A Man has the Right to Beat his Wife:” Experimental Evidence on Intimate Partner Violence,
 Protective Policies, and Women’s Empowerment in Kenya”
 International Studies Association 04/2024
 San Francisco, CA
 “More Harm than Good? The Effects of Sanctions on Different Aspects of Women’s Rights” with
 Pei-Yu Wei

T.E. Lawrence Program on the Study of Conflict Workshop 06/2023
 Oxford, UK
 “A Man has the Right to Beat his Wife:” Experimental Evidence on Intimate Partner Violence,
 Protective Policies, and Women’s Empowerment in Kenya”

EuroWEPS 06/2023
 Oxford, UK
 “Understanding Mechanisms and Outcomes of Women’s Empowerment: Experimental Evidence
 from Kenya”

Midwest Political Science Association 04/2023
 Chicago, IL
 “Understanding Mechanisms and Outcomes of Women’s Empowerment: Experimental Evidence
 from Kenya”

International Political Economy Society 10/2021
 Boulder, CO
 “More Harm than Good?: The Differential Effects of Economic Sanctions on Women’s Rights” with
 Pei-Yu Wei

American Political Science Association 09/2021
 Virtual
 “More Harm than Good?: The Differential Effects of Aid Withdrawal on Women’s Rights” with Pei-
 Yu Wei

Midwest Political Science Association 04/2021
 Virtual
 “More Harm than Good?: The Differential Effects of Sanction Instruments on Women’s Rights”
 with Pei-Yu Wei

International Studies Association 03/2019
 Toronto, ON Canada
 “Understanding a Piece of the Peace: Explaining the Rise of Gendered Provisions in Peace
 Agreements”

Midwest Political Science Association 04/2018
 Chicago, IL
 “Overcoming the Free-Rider Problem with Donor Aid Coordination for Public Goods: Lessons from
 the Global Gag Rule”

CONFERENCE POSTERS

- Global Health Day 11/2025
Northwestern University: Chicago, IL
“Global health at home and abroad: How health access impacts political participation in rural communities in the US and Kenya” with Michael Shepherd and Eve Bryner
- Global Health Education Day 05/2025
Northwestern University: Chicago, IL
“Global Health in the Post-USAID Era: Lessons from the US’s Global Gag Rule and its Impact on Health NGOs”
- Global Health Day 12/2024
Northwestern University: Chicago, IL
“Understanding Linkages Between Sexual and Reproductive Health Knowledge and Women’s Empowerment: Survey Evidence from Rural Kenya.”
- Global Health Education Day 05/2024
Northwestern University: Chicago, IL
Judges’ Award: Best Poster (Faculty and Staff Division)
“Assessing the Long-term Impact of an HPV Screening Intervention on Willingness to Vaccinate: Evidence from Rural Kenya.”
- Global Health Day 12/2023
Northwestern University: Chicago, IL
“A Man has the Right to Beat his Wife:’ Evidence on Intimate Partner Violence, Protective Policies, and Women’s Empowerment in Kenya.”
- American Political Science Association 09/2021
Virtual
“Diagnosing Malignant Health Diplomacy: The Global Gag Rule and COVID-19’s Gendered Impacts”
- Women Deliver 06/2019
Vancouver, Canada
“Why Did She Quit?: Understanding Contraceptive use Trajectory and Discontinuation through Data Visualization and Machine Learning” with co-authors
- Bass Connections Showcase 04/2019
Duke University: Durham, NC
Judge’s Award: Best Poster, 1st place
“Why Did She Quit?: Understanding Contraceptive use Trajectory and Discontinuation through Data Visualization and Machine Learning” with co-authors
- International Conference on Family Planning 11/2018
Kigali, Rwanda
Judges’ Award: Best Poster

“A Novel Application to Facilitate Greater Utilization of the DHS to Characterize Women’s Contraceptive Trajectories” with co-authors

Bass Connections Showcase 04/2018
Duke University: Durham, NC
Judges’ Award: Best Poster, 1st place
Audience Award: Best Poster, Runner up
“Addressing Global Health Needs Among Refugee Children & Families in Durham” with co-authors

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fleishman Civil Society Fellowship	08/2022—12/2022
Duke Graduate School Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Fellowship	08/2021—05/2022
Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism Fellowship	08/2021—05/2022
Bradley Fellowship	11/2020—06/2021
Duke Global Health Institute Doctoral Scholar	08/2019—07/2021
Duke Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellow	08/2018—05/2019
Peace Research Institute Oslo: Gender, Peace, and Conflict Course (Participant)	05/2019
Summer Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Declined)	06/2019
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute (Participant)	06/2018—07/2018
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Certification Scholarship (ICPSR)	06/2017—08/2017
Duke Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship	06/2021—08/2021
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Duke Bass Connections: Funding as Lead Student fulfilling TA/RA role on three projects:	
Refugee Health Needs Assessment	07/2017—08/2018
International Reproductive Health	08/2018—05/2019
Big Data for Reproductive Health	09/2019—05/2022
Duke Graduate School James B. Duke Fellowship	08/2016—05/2020
University of Utah Political Science Department Teaching Assistantship	08/2002—05/2003
Brigham Young University Academic Scholarship	05/1999—08/1999

GRANTS

Northwestern Graduate School Research Grant	04/2025
APSA Conference Travel Grant	07/2024; 06/2025
Northwestern Postdoc Conference Travel Grant	04/2024; 02/2026
Duke Center for International & Global Studies Graduate Research Award	04/2021
Duke Bass Connections Student Research Award	03/2021
Duke Bass Connections Student Research Award (declined)	04/2020
Duke Political Science Department Research Grant	01/2020
Duke Graduate School Dissertation Research Travel Award	07/2019
Duke Center for International & Global Studies Graduate Travel Award	04/2019

Duke Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies Travel Award	10/2018
Duke Sanford School of Public Policy Small Grants Award	10/2021
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Duke Sanford School of Public Policy Small Grants Award	10/2018
Duke Sanford School of Public Policy Small Grants Award	10/2017
Duke Sanford School of Public Policy Small Grants Award	10/2016

GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING EXPERIENCE—HIGHER EDUCATION

Duke University: Durham, NC 07/2017—08/2018

Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research, Duke Global Health Institute

- Bass Connections Project for 2017—2018 (PI: Kate Whetten; I was responsible for writing the proposal, which funds the inter-disciplinary research project titled “Addressing Global Health Needs among Refugee Children and Families in Durham County”)

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

School of Natural Resources and Environment

09/2014—06/2016

- NSF Faculty Early Career Development Program (CAREER award for Assistant Professor Ming Xu; I was responsible for the broader impacts section), 2016
- National Science Foundation, Office of Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation, Research Experience and Mentoring Program, 2015
- Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program, 2015

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

Law School Human Trafficking Clinic

09/2014—01/2015

- Ethiopia-Michigan Platform for Advancing Collaborative Engagement, 2014
- International Institute Experiential Learning Fund, 2014

University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT

Second Language Teaching and Research Center 03/13—04/13; 03/14—04/14; 01/15—04/2016

- US Department of Defense, National Security Education Program, Language Flagship Teacher Training Workshop Program, 2015
- US Department of Defense, National Security Education Program, Language Flagship Proficiency Initiative, 2014
- US Department of Defense, Language Training Center Program (administered by the Institute of International Education), 2013

University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT

Asia Center

11/2009—03/2010; 09/2013—06/2014; 09/2017—06/2018; 02/2022

- US Department of Education, Title VI, National Resource Centers and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022 (consortium application with Brigham Young University)

University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT
Center for Latin American Studies 10/10—03/11; 09/11—06/12; 09/13—06/14; 09/17—
06/2018; 02/2022

- US Department of Education, Title VI, National Resource Centers and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships Program, 2014, 2018, 2022 (consortium application with Brigham Young University)
- US Department of Education, Title VI, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, 2012

University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT
International Studies Board 08/2003—05/2005

- US Department of Education, Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad, 2004
- US Department of Education, Title VI, Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program, 2004
- US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program, 2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University: Evanston, IL Spring Quarter 2026
Politics of Health and International Development (Political Science 390)
Instructor of Record (27 students)
Designed new course at Northwestern (created syllabus, lectures, assessments).

Northwestern University: Evanston, IL Winter Quarter 2025 & 2026
Politics of Global Health (Political Science 390/Global Health 390)
Instructor of Record (34 students in 2025; 30 students in 2026)
Designed new course at Northwestern (created syllabus, lectures, assessments). Oversaw graduate student TA in 2025.

Duke University: Durham, NC
Global Health Independent Study: US Foreign Policy and Sexual & Reproductive Health
Instructor of Record for two undergraduate students 08/2020—12/2020

Duke University: Durham, NC
Global Health Institute Bass Connections Project (Teaching Assistant) under Megan Huchko, MD
Connections in Global Health: Big Data for Reproductive Health (bd4rh) 08/2018—05/2022
Helped create syllabus, taught some lectures, oversaw undergraduate and master's students' projects and research.

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI
ICPSR Summer Program TA under Shawna Smith, PhD
Categorical Data Analysis

07/2018—08/2018; 07/2019—08/2019; 07/2020—08/2020; 07/2021—08/2021; 07/2022—08/2022

Held office hours, graded assignments, helped develop instructional materials for the course

Duke University: Durham, NC

Global Health Institute Bass Connections Project (Teaching Assistant) under Kathryn Whetten, PhD and Deborah Reisinger, PhD

Connections in Global Health: Refugee Health Needs Assessment 08/2017—05/2018

Created syllabus, led weekly classes, oversaw undergraduate and master's students' projects and research, administered grades

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

School of Natural Resources and Environment 09/2014—06/2016

Coordinator and lead instructor for the Teaching and Inspiring Environmental Stewardship Program, a community engagement program to educate the public (K-16 and adults) about sustainability issues.

University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT

Political Science Department Teaching Assistant under Lauren Holland, PhD

Conducted weekly discussion sessions, review sessions, lectured, graded exams:

- Political Science 3140/Gender Studies 3140: Gender and Politics 01/2003—05/2003
- Political Science 1100: US National Government (Head TA) 08/2002—12/2002

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

Northwestern University: Evanston, IL 01/2026

Global Health Speaker Series

Topic: Global Health Politics in the Post-USAID Era

Tulane University: New Orleans, LA 11/2025

Intro to International Development (PSDV 2400)

Topic: Impact of USAID shutdown on health in LMICs

University of Utah: Salt Lake City, UT 10/2025

Department of Political Science Speaker Series

Topic: Global Health Politics in the Post-USAID Era: Lessons from the US's Global Gag Rule and its Impact on NGOs in Kenya

ETH Zurich: Zurich, Switzerland 09/2025

International Relations and Data Science

Topic: Global Health Politics in the Post-USAID Era: Lessons from the US's Global Gag Rule and its Impact on NGOs in Kenya

University of Tennessee—Chattanooga 04/2025

American Foreign Policy (PSPS 3810)

Topic: Impact of USAID shutdown on health diplomacy

Duke University: Durham, NC 03/2025
Global Health Policy: Transforming Evidence into Action (GLHLTH 306)
Topic: Impact of democratic backsliding on global health

Duke University: Durham, NC
Global Reproductive Health (GLHLTH 215)
02/2018, 10/2018, 09/2019, 11/2019, 09/2020, 11/2020, 09/2021, 11/2021, 09/2022, 11/2022;
03/2026
Topics: Foreign aid for family planning; Gender and armed conflict; Politics of Global Health Policy

Duke University: Durham, NC 03/2022
Civil Wars (POLSCI 659S)
Topic: Gender and armed conflict

University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI 07/2021
Categorical Data Analysis.
Topic: Maximum likelihood estimation

FIELD WORK

Kenya (key informant interviews, household survey in multiple target languages) 2020, 2022, 2025
Nairobi, Kisumu, Migori

Durham, NC (focus groups in multiple target languages with refugee population) 12/2017

SERVICE

Reviewer 2024—present
JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association), NIHR (National Institute for Health and Care Research, UK)

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society) inducted 04/1999
Member, Midwest Political Science Association since 2018
Member, International Studies Association since 2018
Member, American Political Science Association since 2021

SKILLS

Data Analysis Statistical Software (Stata, R, SPSS)
Qualitative Data Analysis Software (NVivo, Dedoose)
Survey Software (Qualtrics, SurveyCTO)
French: Intermediate fluency (reading, writing, speaking)
Logic models (applied to program planning and evaluation)

REFERENCES

Sarah Blodgett Bermeo, Ph.D.
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Dept of Hum., Social & Poli. Sciences, ETH Zurich
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School of Public Health, University of Michigan
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