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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

Director, Office of Student Fellowships, July 2018 - present
Professor, September 2024 - present
Associate Professor (tenured), September 2016 – August 2024
Assistant Professor (tenure-track), September 2009 - August 2016

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Visiting Instructor, Spring 2009
Adjunct Instructor, Spring & Fall 2007, Fall 2008

RELATED POSITIONS

POSSIBILITY LAB, GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT UC BERKELEY

Director, Community Engaged Research, 2023 - present
Faculty Affiliate, 2021 - present

MOUNT TAMALPAIS COLLEGE

Instructor, San Quentin Community-Based Research Clinic, Fall 2022

EVERYDAY PEACE INDICATORS

Member, Board of Directors, 2018 - 2023

NATIONAL CENTER FOR FACULTY DIVERSITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Certified Workshop Facilitator, 2019 - present
Faculty Success Program Small Group Coach, 2015 - 2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California at Berkeley. Political Science (December 2009)
M.A. University of California at Berkeley. Political Science (May 1999)
M.A. Stanford University School of Education. Social Sciences of Education (June 1998)
B.A. University of California at Santa Cruz. Psychology, with honors. Phi Beta Kappa. (1992)

GRANTS

2024	Tipping Point (co-Investigator of award at UC Berkeley) “Firsthand Framework for Policy Innovation”	\$247,129
2024	The Unhoused Initiative, SCU support for undergraduate RAs	\$3000
2022	California 100 Initiative, subaward to SCU from UC Berkeley “Engaging Communities”	\$25,061
2021	California 100 Initiative, subaward to SCU from UC Berkeley “Everyday Indicators for Policy Innovation”	\$600,404
2021	Bannan Mission Integration Forum Grant “Building an Evidence-Based Anti-Racist Discussion Toolkit for SCU”	\$5000
2017	Carnegie Corporation of New York, subaward to SCU from George Mason “Everyday Peace Indicators”	\$24,107
2015	Minerva Research Initiative, Department of Defense (co-PI) Expansion Grant for “Public Service Provision as Peacebuilding”	\$141,285
2013	Minerva Research Initiative, Department of Defense (co-PI) “Public Service Provision as Peacebuilding: How Do Autonomous Efforts Compare to Internationally-aided Interventions?”	\$751,389
2013	Junior Faculty Development Leave, SCU	\$5000
2010-19	Faculty Student Research Assistant Program, SCU	6 x \$1000

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- 2023. "Reimagining Public Safety: Defining "Community" in Participatory Research." *Law and Social Inquiry*. With Amy E. Lerman, and Peter Dixon.
- 2021. "Measuring Peace from the Bottom Up with the Pasto Indigenous Group in Nariño, Colombia." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54(3). With Pamina Firchow.
- 2020. "When Aid Builds States: Party Dominance and the Effects of Foreign Aid on Tax Collection after Civil War." *International Interactions* 46 (3). With Louis-Alexandre Berg.
- 2020. "The Impact of Aid Dynamics on State Effectiveness and Legitimacy." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 55 (2). With Naazneen Barma and Jessica Piombo.
- 2017. "Disentangling Aid Dynamics in Statebuilding and Peacebuilding: A Causal Framework." *International Peacekeeping*, 24 (2). With Naazneen Barma and Jessica Piombo.
- 2014. "Measuring Multiple Identities: What Is Lost with a Zero-Sum Approach." *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. 2 (4).
- 2014. "The Utility of Identity: Explaining Public Support for the EU after the Crash" *Polity*. 46 (4). With Bonnie Phan (former SCU student).
- 2014. "International Peacebuilding and the Politics of Identity: Lessons from Social Psychology using the Bosnian Case." *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* 8 (1).
- 2013. "EU Identity: a Review Essay." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 1 (1).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2025. "Developing Firsthand Indicators of Wellbeing in Permanent Supportive Housing Resident Communities." Possibility Lab Report, January 2025. With Emily Jacobs and Amy E. Lerman.
- 2024. "Health & Harvest: Developing Health Indicators with Inland Empire & Coachella Valley Farm, Warehouse, and Service Workers." Possibility Lab Report, October 2024. With Fiorella Vera-Adrianzén, Rouselinne Gomez Cifuentes, and Amy E. Lerman.
- 2024. "Firsthand Framework for Policy Innovation: Exploring New Community-Engaged Models for Public Safety Reform." Possibility Lab Report, January 2024. With Amy E. Lerman, Peter Dixon, and Fiorella Vera-Adrianzén.
- 2023. "Americans do talk about peace -- just not the same way people do in other countries" *The Conversation*, September 20, 2023. With Peter Dixon, Amy E. Lerman, and Fiorella Vera-Adrianzén.
- 2023. "Participatory Methods for Evaluating New Approaches to Mental Health Crisis Response" Report to Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, May 19, 2023. With Amy E. Lerman and Jennifer Skeem.
- 2022. "Everyday Peace Indicators: An Effective Tool for Measuring Hard to Measure Social Concepts" submission to Open Philanthropy's *Cause Exploration Prizes*, August 11, 2022. With Pamina Firchow, Roger Mac Ginty, and Peter Dixon.
- 2019. "The Puzzle of International Intervention in Conflict-Affected States" *Owl in the Olive Tree*, Minerva Research Initiative blog, December 17, 2019. With Jessica Piombo and Naazneen Barma.
- 2010. Review of *Measuring Identity* (edited by Rawi Abdelal, Yoshiko M. Herrera, Alastair Iain Johnston, and Rose McDermott). *Political Studies Review* 8 (3): 403.
- 2004. "Public Education and Social Reconstruction in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia." In Eric Stover and Harvey Weinstein, (eds.), *My Neighbor, My Enemy: Justice and Community after Mass Atrocity*. Cambridge University Press. With Sarah Freedman, et al.

OTHER MEDIA

2025. *The New Narrative*. Possibility Lab mini-documentary. www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDmoYux79j0
2024. *Health and Harvest*. Possibility Lab mini-documentary. www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXXtndCFtRc
2019. *Researching Post-Conflict Peace Building using Semi-Structured Interviews & Secondary Data* and *An Introduction to Latent Variable Modelling* [Streaming videos]. London: SAGE Publications Ltd, 2019. *SAGE Research Methods*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Introducing Everyday Peace Indicators – A Database of Community-Generated Indicators for Peace Research” under review. With Pamina Firchow, Roger MacGinty, and Peter Dixon.
- “Advancing Peace Measurement: The Scalability of Locally-Sourced Indicators.” presented at the International Studies Association Meeting, April 6-9, 2021. With Pamina Firchow and Fiorella Vera-Adrianzén.
- “Firsthand Framework for Policy Innovation: The New Narrative Team’s Recommendations to the City of Oakland’s Department of Violence Prevention.” With Dante Angel Miguel, Hakim Owen and Amy E. Lerman.
- “Realigning Justice? Assessing California’s Juvenile Justice Reform Implementation.” With Frankie Ramos, Amy E. Lerman, Meredith Sadin, and Dante Angel Miguel.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fall 2024	President’s Special Recognition Award
Spring 2022	Best Senior Seminar
Spring 2015	Best Senior Seminar
Fall 2006	UC Berkeley Political Science Department Continuing Student Fellowship
2005-2006	ACLS Dissertation Fellowship in East European Studies
2004-2005	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian
2003-2004	Political Science Department Continuing Student Fellowship
2000-2002	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Hebrew (2 awards)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

- Panelist and Moderator of “Health & Harvest Community Briefing” Possibility Lab Event, October 22, 2024.
- “Developing Participatory Public Safety Metrics in Oakland, CA” presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 5-8, 2024, Philadelphia, PA. With Amy E. Lerman.
- Panelist and Moderator of “Exploring New Community-Engaged Models for Public Safety Reform” Possibility Lab Event, January 17, 2024.
- “From Garbage Cans to Double Dutch: Community-Sourced Indicators of Public Safety in Urban America” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 14-18, 2023 Montreal. With Amy E. Lerman, Peter Dixon, and Fiorella Vera-Adrianzén.
- “An Analysis of World Bank Development Aid Effectiveness in Lao PDR and Cambodia” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 14-18, 2023 Montreal. With Naazneen Barma.
- Panelist on “Participatory Methods for Policymaking” session at the Goldman School of Public Policy Annual Conference and Alumni Gathering, September 8, 2023.

- “Data Collection” invited presentation as part of Urban Strategies Council’s work with Oakland’s Deeply Rooted Fellows, July 13, 2023.
- “Data Collection Strategies: Tools for Evaluating Impact in Your Organization” invited facilitation of Capacity Building Session for Urban Strategies Council’s work with Oakland’s Department of Violence Prevention grantees, June 27, 2023.
- Invited facilitation of “Combining Forces: Overcoming Barriers to Jail-Based Voter Registration” online convening hosted by UC Berkeley’s Possibility Lab April 6, 2023.
- “Everyday Indicators for Policy Innovation” spotlight presentation at Alternative Safety Metrics Online Convening, co-hosted by Civil Rights Corps and UC Berkeley’s Possibility Lab, January 9, 2023.
- “Everyday Indicators” invited presentation on California’s Health in All Policies Task Force Safe & Equitable Communities Roundtable Kickoff Meeting, October 12, 2022.
- “Everyday Indicators for Policy Innovation” invited participation on New Perspectives on Race and Public Opinion Panel. Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research, University of California at Berkeley, September 28, 2022.
- “Reimagining Public Safety: Using Everyday Indicators of Safety to Assess Police Reform” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 28-April 2, 2022 Nashville. With Peter Dixon, and Fiorella Vera-Adriadzen.
- “Peace and its Indicators” invited participation in Masterclass: Global Actors for Peace, Beyond “the West and the Rest.” Faculté de Droit, Université Catholique de Lille, France. September 22, 2021
- “Re-Imagining Safety” presented at the Law and Society Association annual conference, May 27-30, 2021 and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 29-October 2, 2021, Seattle, WA. With Amy E. Lerman and Karalyn Lacy.
- “Effects of Parental Engagement on Student Outcomes: Preliminary Evidence from Oakland Unified Schools” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 29-September 1, 2019 Washington, DC. With Amy E. Lerman.
- Panelist on “Participatory Numbers – Methodological Innovation in Concept Formation” roundtable. International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 27-30, 2019, Toronto.
- “Everyday Peace Indicators” invited presentation at Positive Peace Conference: Envisioning a Positive Peace Agenda for the Americas.” Stanford University. November 6, 2018.
- “An Empirical Approach to Disentangling Statebuilding and Peacebuilding” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 30-September 2, 2018 Boston. With Naazneen Barma and Jessica Piombo.
- “Do Top-Down Peace Indexes Measure Up to Everyday Peace Indicators?” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 4-7, 2018 San Francisco.
- “Aid Dynamics, Public Service Provision, and Post-Conflict Government Legitimacy” presented at the American Political Science Association Meeting, August 31-September 3, 2017 San Francisco and at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, April 4-7, 2018 San Francisco. With Naazneen Barma and Jessica Piombo.
- “Conceptualizing the Mechanisms of Peacebuilding: How do Aid Dynamics Affect the Depth of Peace” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 22-25, 2017 Baltimore. With Naazneen Barma and Jessica Piombo.
- “Post-Conflict Statebuilding and the Domestic Determinants of Aid Effectiveness” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, February 22-25, 2017 Baltimore. With Louis-Alexandre Berg.

“Building Peace by Delivering Public Services: How Does External Engagement Condition the Relationship Between Peacebuilding and Statebuilding?” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 16-19, 2016 Atlanta. With Naazneen Barma and Jessica Piombo.

“Post-Conflict External Engagement: Help or Hindrance?” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention, March 16-19, 2016 Atlanta. With William Portnof (SCU student).

OTHER EDUCATION

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Summer 2001 and 2000. Topics studied included structural equation modeling with latent variables, simultaneous equation modeling, multivariate regression, and maximum likelihood discrete choice modeling.

“Tools for Text” Workshop sponsored by the National Science Foundation, hosted at University of Washington, June 2010. Invited Participant.

R Programming, Johns Hopkins University on Coursera, completed with distinction May 2015

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

Co-Instructor Short Course on Designing and Conducting Field Research, 2008-2014

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Instructor Workshop on Designing and Conducting Field Research, February 17, 2012

MAJOR SERVICE

University Service

Member, Equity Hearing Panelist Pool, 2020-

Chair, Equity Hearing Panel Appeal, Spring 2024

Chair, Equity Hearing Panel Appeal, Summer 2021

Member, Financial Integrity Resilience and Recovery Team, Summer 2020

Member, Diversity Faculty Core Committee, 2018-2020

Member, Planning Action Council, 2017-2020

Reviewer

American Political Science Review

PS: Political Science and Politics

Political Research Quarterly

International Peacekeeping

Journal of International Relations and

Development

Nationalities Papers

Politics, Groups and Identities

Journal of Education in Emergencies

Sociological Methods and Research

Chicago University Press

Cambridge University Press

Governance

Journal of Peace Research

Outside Dissertation Committee Member

Christiana Botticello, Brandeis University (2021)

Zuzana Ringlerova, Purdue University (2015)

Mentor

SCU New Faculty Mentorship Program, Jeannette Alden Estruth (2024-25)

SCU New Faculty Mentorship Program, Alice Villatoro (2021-22)

SCU Inclusive Excellence Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program, Fiorella Vera-Adrianzén (2021-23)

SCU Inclusive Excellence Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program, Matt Lesenyie (2017-19)

Midwest Political Science Association, Anthony Hustedt (2017-18)

LANGUAGE AND COMPUTING SKILLS

Proficiency in both quantitative and qualitative data analysis programs

Near native fluency in spoken Hebrew, Intermediate Spanish, Beginning Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian