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## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Research and teaching focus on global environmental politics; environment, conflict, and peacebuilding; the politics of water; and United Nations/global institutions.
- Recipient of the Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order (2021); the Al-Moumin Environmental Peacebuilding Award (2017); the Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for best book in international environmental affairs (2006, 2002); and the Chadwick Alger Prize for best book in international law and organization (2006).
- Residential or research fellowships from the Woodrow Wilson Center, the National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center, and the Fulbright Scholar Program.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**Current position:** Professor, [Department of Environment, Development & Health](#), [School of International Service](#), American University, September 2010 to date.

### **Previous positions:**

Professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2007-2010.

Associate professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 1998-2007.

Assistant professor, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, 1993-1998.

Visiting assistant professor, Department of Politics, Mount Holyoke College, 1992-93 academic year.

Research fellow, MIT Center for International Studies, 1991-92 academic year.

Lecturer, Program on Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Berkeley, spring semester 1991.

Contractor, Industry, Technology and Employment Program, Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, 1985-86.

Policy analyst, Office of Energy Emergency Policy and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Energy, 1984-85.

**Visiting and temporary appointments:**

Academic Writing Residency, [Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center](#), Bellagio, Italy, May/June 2017.

Sabbatical Fellow, [National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center](#) (SESYNC), Annapolis, Maryland, January-May 2017.

Fellow, [Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#), Washington, DC, August-December 2016.

Director, [Global Environmental Politics](#) program, American University, 2011-2014.

Visiting Scholar, [Peace Research Institute Oslo](#) (PRIO), Norway, June 2012.

Visiting instructor, [University for Peace](#), Costa Rica, February 2012. Co-taught course on disaster risk reduction.

Instructor, Maryland Leadership Institute, School of Public Affairs, University of Maryland, College Park, summer 1996 and summer 2001. Program to promote diversity in graduate education and careers in public affairs and public service.

Visiting professor, Department of Political Science, Nankai University, People's Republic of China, June 1995.

Visiting scholar, Interdisciplinary Energy Group (AIE), Graduate Engineering Program (COPPE), Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, September-October 1989.

Research associate, Berkeley Roundtable on the International Economy, University of California, Berkeley, 1987-1992.

## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., [Energy and Resources Group](#) (ERG), University of California, Berkeley, 1992.  
--ERG is an interdisciplinary graduate unit at UC Berkeley, conducting “education and research for a sustainable environment and a just society.”  
--Dissertation “Global Markets, Local Politics, and Military Industrialization in Brazil.”  
--Dissertation chair: John Holdren. Readers: John Zysman, Gene Rochlin, Etel Solingen.
- M.S., [Institute for Environmental Studies](#), University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1985.  
--Land Resources Program. Specialization in Energy Analysis and Policy.
- Sc.B., Geological Science, [Department of Geological Sciences](#), Brown University, 1982.  
--Senior thesis "Fluid flow in porous media."

## **SCHOLARLY RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS**

(see also [Google Scholar](#) and [ResearchGate](#) profiles)

### **Work in progress:**

*A greener peace: Breaking the cycle of violence against people and the natural world.* Book manuscript in preparation.

“Blind spots in multilevel river-basin governance.” Manuscript in preparation.

Laura Peters, Arianna Lipman, Ken Conca, Jamon Van Den Hoek, and Aaron Wolf.

“Relationality in environmental peacebuilding over shared waters in Israel, Palestine, and Jordan.” Manuscript in preparation.

“Environmental Peacebuilding: A self-paced course and toolkit for conflict analysis and strategic peacebuilding.” Training workshop and toolkit under development, in collaboration with EcoPeace Middle East and Department of Geography and Geospatial Science, Oregon State University.

Ken Conca, Monzima Haque, Zeina Abouelazm, Kristin-Faith Avenis, Rhea Guzman, and Kelsey Hall. “Embedded Theory in Professional Toolkits: The Case of Environmental Peacebuilding.” Manuscript in preparation.

### **Books:**

[After the Floods: The Search for Resilience in Ellicott City](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024).

[Advanced Introduction to Water Politics](#) (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021).

Ken Conca and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, eds., [Green Planet Blues: Critical Perspectives on Global Environmental Politics](#) (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, sixth edition 2019).

--Previous editions 1995, 1998, 2004, 2010, 2015. Recommended title in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*.

Ken Conca and Erika Weinthal, eds., [\*Oxford Handbook of Water Politics and Policy\*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

[\*An Unfinished Foundation: The United Nations and Global Environmental Governance\*](#) (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015).

--Winner of the [Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order](#), 2021.

Jacob Park, Ken Conca and Matthias Finger, eds., [\*The Crisis of Global Environmental Governance: Towards a New Political Economy of Sustainability\*](#) (London: Routledge, 2008).

[\*Governing Water: Contentious Transnational Politics and Global Institution Building\*](#) (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2006).

--Winner of the [Chadwick F. Alger Prize](#) for best book in the field of international organization, International Studies Association, 2006.

--Winner of the [Harold and Margaret Sprout Award](#) for best book in the field of international environmental affairs, International Studies Association, 2006.

Ken Conca and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, eds., [\*Environmental Peacemaking\*](#) (Washington: Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

Thomas Princen, Michael Maniates, and Ken Conca, eds., [\*Confronting Consumption\*](#) (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2002).

--Winner of the [Harold and Margaret Sprout Award](#) for best book in the field of international environmental affairs, International Studies Association, 2003.

[\*Manufacturing Insecurity: The Rise and Fall of Brazil's Military-Industrial Complex\*](#) (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 1997).

Ronnie D. Lipschutz and Ken Conca, eds., [\*The State and Social Power in Global Environmental Politics\*](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 1993).

Wayne Sandholtz, Michael Borrus, John Zysman, Ken Conca, Jay Stowsky, Steven Vogel, and Steve Weber, *The Highest Stakes: The Economic Foundations of the Next Security System* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).

#### **Articles in scholarly journals:**

Ken Conca and Geoffrey D. Dabelko. "The international (in)security order and the climate-conflict-security nexus." Forthcoming in *Environment and Security*.

Katy Davis, Laura Peters, Jamon Van Den Hoek, and Ken Conca. 2023. "Power in environmental peacebuilding." *World Development Sustainability* 3:100110 (December).

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wds.2023.100110>

Ken Conca, Abby Ostovar, and Ratia Tekenet. 2023. "Assessing learning outcomes of a role-playing simulation in international environmental politics." *Journal of Political Science Education* 20 no. 1 153-171. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15512169.2023.2241588>

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"Is There a Role for the UN Security Council on Climate Change?" *Environment* 61 no. 1 (January/February 2019): 4-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00139157.2019.1540811>

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"Between Global Markets and Domestic Politics: Brazil's Military-Industrial Collapse." *Review of International Studies* 24 (1998): 497-511. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0260210598004999>

Ken Conca and Dennis Pirages, "Editors' Introduction: New Perspectives on U.S. Foreign Policy." *Futures Research Quarterly* (now *World Futures Review*) 13 no. 1 (Spring 1997): 5-9.

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"Rethinking the Ecology-Sovereignty Debate." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 23 no. 3 (January 1995): 701-711. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03058298940230030201> Reprinted in Peter M. Haas, ed., *Environment in the New Global Economy* (Cheltenham, UK: Edwin Elgar, 2003) and in Ken Conca and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, eds., *Green Planet Blues* (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, various editions).

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"In the Name of Sustainability: Peace Studies and Environmental Discourse." *Peace and Change* 19 no. 2 (April 1994): 91-113. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-0130.1994.tb00602.x>

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"Climate change, adaptation, and risk of conflict in international river basins." Luis Paolo Silva, Wagner Ribeiro, and Isabela Espindola, eds. *New Perspectives on Transboundary Water Governance: Interdisciplinary Approaches and Global Case Studies* (New York: Routledge, 2024).

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Joakim Öjendal, eds., [Routledge Handbook of Environmental Conflict and Peacebuilding](#) (New York, Routledge, 2018).

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"Causes of the New Earth: The Changing Shape of Global Environmental Politics." In Sikina Jinnah and Simon Nicholson, eds., [New Earth Politics: Essays from the Anthropocene](#) (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2016).

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Environmental Human Rights.,” In Peter Dauvergne, editor, [Handbook of Global Environmental Politics](#) (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2012).

Jennifer Wallace and Ken Conca, "[Peace through Sustainable Forest Management in Asia: the USAID Forest Conflict Initiative.](#)" In Päivi Lujala and Siri Aas Rustad, Eds., [High-Value Natural Resources and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding](#) (Abingdon, UK: EarthScan, 2012). Also published in Carl Bruch, Mikiyasu Nakayama, and Ilona Coyle, *Harnessing Natural Resources for Peacebuilding: Lessons from U.S. and Japanese Assistance* (Washington: Environmental Law Institute, 2011).

"Rethinking Authority, Territory, and Knowledge: Transnational Socio-Ecological Controversies and Global Environmental Governance." In Jacob Park, Ken Conca and Matthias Finger, eds., [The Crisis of Global Environmental Governance: Towards a New Political Economy of Sustainability](#) (London: Routledge: 2008).

"Transnational Dimensions of Freshwater Ecosystem Governance." In A.R. Turton, J. Hattingh, G.A. Maree, D.J. Roux, M. Claassen, and W.F. Strydom, eds., [Governance as a Dialogue: Government-Society-Science in Transition](#) (Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 2006).

"Water." In Roland Robertson and Jan Aart Scholte, eds., [Encyclopedia of Globalization](#) (New York: Routledge, 2006).

"Growth and Fragmentation in Expert Networks: The Elusive Quest for Integrated Water Resources Management." In Peter Dauvergne, editor, [Handbook of Global Environmental Politics](#) (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2005).

Ken Conca, Alexander Carius and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, "Building Peace Through Environmental Cooperation." In The Worldwatch Institute, [State of the World 2005: Redefining](#)



[Global Security](#) (New York: W.W. Norton, 2005).

"Old States in New Bottles? The Hybridization of Authority in Global Environmental Governance." In John Barry and Robyn Eckersley, eds., [The State and the Global Ecological Crisis](#) (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2005).

"Global Water Prospects." In Dennis Pirages and Kenneth Cousins, eds., [From Resource Scarcity to Ecological Security: Exploring New Limits to Growth](#) (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2005).

"Imagining the State." In Michael Maniates, ed., [Encountering Global Environmental Politics: Teaching, Learning, and Empowering Knowledge](#) (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003).

"The Case for Environmental Peacemaking." In Ken Conca and Geoffrey D. Dabelko, eds., [Environmental Peacemaking](#) (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press and Washington: Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2002).

"Consumption and Environment in a Global Political Economy." In Thomas Princen, Michael Maniates, and Ken Conca, eds., [Confronting Consumption](#) (Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2002).

"Environmental Cooperation and International Peace." In Paul F. Diehl and Nils Petter Gleditsch, eds., [Environmental Conflict](#) (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2001).

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"Environmental Confidence Building and Regional Security in Northeast Asia." In Miranda Schreurs and Dennis Pirages, eds., *Ecological Security in Northeast Asia* (Seoul: Yonsei University Press, 1999).

"Peace, Justice, and Sustainability." In Dennis C. Pirages, ed., *Building Sustainable Societies* (Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe, 1996).

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“Thought-leaders and Frontline Workers in Environmental Peacebuilding--An Oral History: Dr. Ken Conca and Dr. Geoff Dabelko.” Podcast interview, *New Security Beat*, Woodrow Wilson Center, March 19, 2024. Available at <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2024/03/thought-leaders-and-frontline-workers-in-environmental-peacebuilding-an-oral-history-dr-ken-conca-and-dr-geoff-dabelko/>

“Managing resilience and adaptation conflicts around water.” *New Security Beat*, May 2, 2022. <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/author/kconca/>

[“The Russian invasion of Ukraine is causing an environmental crisis, and experts say it could take years to fully realize the impact.”](#) Interview, *Business Insider*, March 10, 2022.

[“Open letter calling for an International Non-Use Agreement on Solar Geoengineering.”](#) Co-author and initiator, January 2022.

[“ODVV Interview: It Is Time to Recognize a Human Right to a Healthy Environment.”](#) Interview, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (Iran), September 28, 2021.

*Global Connections Television with Bill Miller*. Interview, June 2021. Available at <https://www.globalconnectionstelevision.com/video-gallery/2021/6/24/ken-conca?rq=conca>

“Five Things to Know about Water Conflict.” Blog post, School of International Service, American University, March 17, 2020. Available at <https://www.american.edu/sis/news/20200317-5-things-to-know-about-water-conflict.cfm>

[“The Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Recovery: Q&A with Ken Conca and Anita Van Breda.”](#) Interview, *New Security Beat*, January 15, 2020.

[“A Look Downstream: Thoughtful Water Infrastructure Planning May Yield Economies of Flexibility.”](#) Podcast interview, *New Security Beat*, March 29, 2019.

[“Ken Conca on Transboundary Water Basin Management.”](#) Podcast interview, *New Security Beat*, January 18, 2019.

Profiled in the newsletter of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association, December 2018.

[“Should the UN Security Council take up climate change and if so how? Interview with Prof. Ken Conca.”](#) Video Interview, *Climate Diplomacy*, December 2017.

[Comment on the U.S. Global Water Strategy.](#) Blog post, *New Security Beat*, November 29,

2017.

[“Ken Conca on the Good, Bad, and Ugly of Water Conflict and Cooperation.”](#) Podcast, Woodrow Wilson Center, March 24, 2017.

[“Five Focal Points for US Global Water Strategy.”](#) Blog post, [New Security Beat](#), November 3, 2016.

[“What’s Next for the Environment at the UN? Bringing Rights to the Fore.”](#) Blog post, [New Security Beat](#), October 16, 2016.

Participant, media briefing on the opening of the 71<sup>st</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly, School of International Service, American University, September 13, 2016.

[“Should the UN Security Council Take Up Climate Security Issues? Ken Conca on Institutional Change.”](#) [New Security Beat](#), May 20, 2016.

[“A Healthy Environment is a Human Right.”](#) Op-ed essay in *The Guardian*, October 1, 2015.

[“World Environment Day – Three Questions for Ken Conca.”](#) American University, School of International Service, June 2015.

Blog post: “GEP Commencement Address,” [GEP Blog](#), May 15, 2014.

Blog post: “Water: What to Do,” [GEP Blog](#), March 14, 2014.

“Don’t poach tactics from the war on drugs,” Letter to the editor, *Washington Post*, 12 February 2014.

Video interview “Why I Teach and Do Research on Water,” filmed and edited by Andrea Keebler, American University School of Communication, December 2013. Available on [YouTube](#) and [MediaFire](#).

[“The Future of Water Conflict.”](#) Video interview, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, February 2010.

[“Environment, Conflict, and War-torn Societies.”](#) Video interview, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, February 2010.

[“Green Planet Blues: Sustainability, Security, and Justice.”](#) Video interview, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, February 2010.

[“Green Planet Blues: Four Decades of Global Environmental Politics.”](#) Video interview, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, February 2010.

“Administrar el agua: globalización, redes y nueva faz del conflicto del agua (Governing Water: Globalization, Networks, and the New Face of Water Conflict).” *Vanguardia Dossier*, no. 21, October-December 2006.



"State Can Do More to Combat Warming." Letter to the editor, *Baltimore Sun*, December 27, 2005.

Featured participant in the web chat on "Building Peace Through Environmental Cooperation," Worldwatch Institute, July 14, 2005.

"Mixed message: Bush pledges to spread freedom even as the U.S. spreads world pollution," *Newsday*, February 13, 2005 (solicited op-ed).

Commented on and led public discussion of the documentary film *Drowned Out* at the Environmental Film Festival, Washington DC, March 25, 2004.

Radio interview on the 2002 Brazilian presidential elections for "On the Barricades," WRPI, November 13, 2002.

"False Alarmist." *Washington Post*, Saturday October 24, 1998.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Scholarly awards and honors:**

[Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order](#), 2021. Awarded for *An Unfinished Foundation: The United Nations and Global Environmental Governance* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

[Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding](#), 2017. Co-recipient with Geoffrey D. Dabelko.

Recognized three times as Scholar/Teacher of the Year in the School of International Service, American University (2013, 2016, 2018).

Doctoral Program Mentor Award, School of International Service, American University, 2018.

Fulbright Specialist Roster, 2011-2016.

Winner of the International Studies Association's Chadwick F. Alger Prize for best book in the field of international organization, 2006. Awarded for *Governing Water* (MIT Press, 2006).

Winner of the International Studies Association's Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for best book in the field of international environmental affairs, 2006. Awarded for *Governing Water* (MIT Press, 2006).

Elmer Plischke Faculty Research Award in Political Science, 2006. The Plischke Award is presented annually to a member of the University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics faculty for outstanding accomplishment in research publication.

Winner of the International Studies Association's Harold and Margaret Sprout Award for best book in the field of international environmental affairs, 2003. Awarded to Thomas Princen,

Michael Maniates, and Ken Conca for *Confronting Consumption* (MIT Press, 2002).

**Grants and fellowships received:**

Grant “Blind spots in multi-level river basin governance.” United States Institute of Peace. Principal investigator. \$22,161, awarded 2024.

Grant “Charting new pathways to peace: A systematic, comparative analysis of environmental peacebuilding conditions, mechanisms, and outcomes.” United States Institute of Peace. Project associate and sub-grant PI. \$299,997, awarded 2020. Joint project of Oregon State University, American University, and EcoPeace Middle East.

[Meigunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow](#), University of Melbourne, Australia. Declined due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Academic Writing Residency, [Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center](#), Bellagio, Italy. Residential fellowship awarded for May/June 2017.

Sabbatical Fellow, [National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center](#) (SESYNC), Annapolis, Maryland. Residential fellowship awarded for January-May 2017.

Fellow, [Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars](#). Residential fellowship awarded for August-December 2016.

American University Center for Teaching Research and Learning, Ideas Incubator Grant, For improvement of a role-playing simulation on river-basin diplomacy. \$500 awarded December 2014.

Collaborative Research Award, “SIS Roundtable on the United Nations.” School of International Service, American University. Co-principal investigator, with David Bosco and Charles Call. \$8,764, awarded September 2012.

Fulbright Specialist Grant in Peace and Conflict Resolution, J. William Fulbright Foundation. Awarded April 2012 for a visiting scholar appointment at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Oslo, Norway.

Grant “Learning from Post-Conflict and Disaster-Recovery Experience: Emerging Environmental Dimensions of Sustainable Recovery.” United States Institute of Peace. Principal Investigator, with Anita van Breda. \$117,712, awarded April 2012.

Workshop grant, International Studies Association, 2007. \$5000.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service. Grant to the Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda to support a Natural Resources Advisor, Latin American and Caribbean Region. 2002-2005. \$451,557.

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service. Grant to the Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda to support a Biodiversity and Social Sciences Specialist. 2003-2008. \$230,588.

Semester research grant, University of Maryland Graduate Research Board, Fall 1999. Award provided salary support for full release from teaching duties for one semester.

Designated Research Infrastructure Fund (DRIF) grant, Department of Government and Politics, 1998. \$3000.

Workshop grant, Social Science Research Council, 1995. Co-recipient with Miranda Schreurs. \$5200.

Summer research grant, University of Maryland Graduate Research Board, 1994. \$6000.

**Lectures, presentations, and conference/workshop activities (past ten years only):**

Participant in the roundtable, "Environmental peacebuilding priorities over the next decade." Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, The Hague, Netherlands, June 2024.

Participant in the roundtable, "Bridging research and education for environmental peacebuilding." Third International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, The Hague, Netherlands, June 2024.

Presented paper "Reconceptualizing conflict risk in transboundary river basins," annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2024.

Presented paper "Environmental peacebuilding," annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2024.

Participant in the roundtable "The UN Security Council and Climate Change: Potential for Transformative Change?" at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 2024.

Invited panelist, "Environmental Peacebuilding: A Scoping Workshop for Research and Funding Priorities." George Mason University, November 2023.

Invited panelist, "The Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza." Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, November 2023.

Panelist, "Humanitarian Aid, Human Rights and Dehumanization in Gaza/Israel/Palestine." School of International Service, American University, October 2023.

Keynote address "Environmental Peacebuilding: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." College of St. Benedict & St. John's University, 34<sup>th</sup> annual Peace Studies Conference, September 2023.

Organizer and chair for the roundtable discussion "Environmental Peacemaking at 20," annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2022.

Presented paper “Embedded Theory in Professional Toolkits: The Case of Environmental Peacebuilding,” annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, April 2022. Co-presented with Monzima Haque.

Invited presentation for the conference “Climate Change and International Security.” Center for International Security Studies, Princeton University, March 2022.

Co-organizer panel chair and discussant for the conference “Peace on the River? The Nile, the Jordan and the Middle East in an Era of Climate Change.” School of International Service, American University, March 2022.

Invited participant for the plenary roundtable “Environmental Peacebuilding and Sustainable Development: The Way Forward.” Second International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, Geneva, February 2022. Participated remotely.

Panelist for the roundtable “Looking Back and Moving Forward: Reflections Twenty Years After Environmental Peacemaking [Conca & Dabelko 2002].” Second international Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, Geneva, February 2022. Participated remotely.

Moderator for the Seventh Al-Moumin Award and Distinguished Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding, featuring Patricia Gualinga. Cosponsored by the Environmental Peacebuilding Association, the Environmental Law Institute, the UN Environment Programme, and American University. December 2021. Presented remotely.

Invited panelist for the panel “Human Insecurity in a Water-scarce World.” Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo, Canada, October 2021. Participated remotely.

Invited lecture “Climate change, adaptation, and conflict risk in international river basins,” University of São Paulo, August 2021. Presented as part of the series “Transboundary Water Governance around the Globe.” Participated remotely. Webcast available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bL42qIXleA4&t=1615s>

Invited presentation, Young Rapporteurs Interest Group, Environmental Peacebuilding Association, June 2021. Participated remotely.

Participant for the panel “World Environment Day.” School of International Service, American University, June 2021. Participated remotely.

Honorary lecture “An Unfinished Foundation: The United Nations and Global Environmental Governance, April 2021. Award ceremony, 2021 Grawemeyer Awards. Participated remotely.

Presented paper “Testing the learning effects of role-playing simulation in teaching international environmental politics.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, April 2021. Co-presented with Ratia Tekenet. Participated remotely.

Invited lecture “Water, Climate Change, and the Risk of Violent Conflict.” Invited lecture, Center for a Sustainable Water Future, Illinois State University, March 2021, Participated remotely.

Invited speaker, American University Model UN Conference. School of International Service,

American University, March 2021. Participated remotely.

Delivered keynote address "[Environmental Peacebuilding Education](#)" at the annual meeting of EcoPeace Middle East, December 2020. Participated remotely.

Participant in the online panel discussion "How Achievable Are the Sustainable Development goals?" Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Toronto, November 2020. Participated remotely.

Moderator for the online panel discussion "United Nations at 75," School of International Service, American University, October 2020.

Presenter in the plenary panel "Early Linkages in Environment, Conflict, and Peace" at the First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, Irvine, California, October 2019.

Presenter in the roundtable "Lessons from Teaching Environmental Peacebuilding" at the First International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, Irvine, California, October 2019.

Presented invited briefing "Environment and Peacebuilding" at the United States Institute of Peace, Washington, September 2019.

Invited participant in the workshop "Water in Our Future", American Academy of Arts and Science, Boston, June 2019.

Presented paper "The Unsettling Politics of Flood Resilience: Lessons from the Ellicott City Floods." Sixtieth annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2019.

Discussant for the panel "Institutional Responses to Climate-Related Security Risks." Sixtieth annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2019.

Invited presentation for the panel discussion "Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding: Recent Developments at the United Nations." Washington College of Law, American University, November 2018. Sponsored by the Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group.

Invited participant for the panel "The Future of Water Peace", as part of the symposium [Water @ Wilson: 50 Years of Water, Conflict, and Cooperation](#), Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, November 2018.

Presented invited remarks to the Seminar on the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict, United Nations Headquarters, New York, October 2018. Organized by the Mission of Finland, the Law Interest Group of the Environmental Peacebuilding Association, UN Environment, Lund University, and the Environmental Law Institute, and sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, to advise the International Law Commission's Special Rapporteur on the topic of Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict.

Panel participant for the launch of the report *Governing Solar Radiation Management*, American University, October 2018. Sponsored by the Forum for Climate Engineering Assessment.

Teacher training workshop for the water diplomacy and peacebuilding curricular initiative led by EcoPeace Middle East, August 2018 (via Skype).

Al-Moumin Distinguished Lecture on Environmental Peacebuilding, American University, January 2018.

Featured speaker for the panel discussion "[UN Security Council and Climate Change: Bully Pulpit or Bull in a China Shop?](#)" United Nations headquarters, December 20, 2017. Co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of the Federal Republic of Germany and Uruguay and organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Invited presentation for the Special Session "UN Security Council: What Role for Action on Climate-Security Risks?" [Planetary Security Conference](#), The Hague, the Netherlands, December 2017.

Lecture "Climate Change, Water, Risk and Resiliency." Rockefeller Bellagio Center, Bellagio Italy, June 2017.

Invited lecture "Climate Change, Water, and the Social Construction of Risk," National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis Maryland, April 2017.

Invited participant for the panel "Building Community Resilience to Natural Resource Conflict," World Bank Civil Society Policy Forum, April 2017.

Invited participant for the presidential theme panel "Environmental Peacebuilding to Sustainable Peace", 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Discussant for the panel "What Does Global Environmental Politics Look Like from the Global South?" 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 22-25, 2017.

Invited speaker for the panel "[Fifteen Years of Environmental Peacemaking](#)," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, February 22, 2017. (See also the summary in [New Security Beat](#)).

Organizer for the workshop "Future Directions in Environmental Peacemaking", held in conjunction with the 58<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, February 22, 2017.

Workshop participant, "Religion and Climate Change in Cross-regional Perspective," cosponsored by the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies at American University and the Observer Research Foundation. New Delhi, India, December 2016.

Presenter for the panel discussion "Climate Change and Civil Society in India and the United States," American Center, New Delhi, India, December 2016.

Invited lecture, "Water and the Sustainable Development Goals." University of the District of



Columbia, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences, November 2016.

Invited lecture, "Implementing the SDGs and the Paris Accord: Bringing Rights to the Fore." Friedrich Ebert Foundation, New York, November 2016.

Discussant for the fourth annual Al-Moumin Environmental Peacebuilding Award, Environmental Law Institute, Washington, November 2016.

Public remarks for the Global Water Strategy Listening Session, U.S. Department of State, Washington, October 2016.

Invited speaker for the panel "[Water and Security in an Uncertain World](#)," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, October 2016.

Keynote address "Water Stress as a Source of Conflict: Tools for Cooperation," CNA Military Advisory Board, Arlington, VA, October 2016.

Workshop participant, "The Conflict Potential of Climate Adaptation and Mitigation: Backdraft Revisited," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, September 26-27, 2016.

Invited speaker for the panel "[The Conflict Potential of Climate Adaptation and Mitigation: Backdraft Revisited](#)," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, September 26, 2016.

Workshop participant, Forum on Climate Engineering Assessment, Tarrytown, New York, September 22-24, 2016.

Presented paper "Bully Pulpit or Bull in a China Shop? Climate Change and the UN Security Council" at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS), New York, June 2016.

Participant in the roundtable "The Environment after Paris and the SDGs" at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (ACUNS), New York, June 2016. Podcast: <https://www.newsecuritybeat.org/2016/05/security-council-climate-security-issues-ken-conca-institutional-change/>

Invited presentation for the panel "Rights-based Approaches: Patchwork or Panacea?" at the conference "From Extractivism to Sustainable Development in Latin America: How to Make the Best Use of the UN," sponsored by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, New York, June 2016.

Presentation "Issues in Investment in Water Infrastructure and Climate Uncertainty," Annual meeting of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS), Washington, June 2016.

Panelist, "[Peace after Paris: Addressing Climate, Conflict and Development](#)." Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, May 2016.

Workshop participant, "Religion and Climate Change in Cross-cultural Perspective," Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, March 2016.

Discussant for the workshop "Climate Change and the UN Security Council," Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, March 2016.

Presented paper "Bully Pulpit or Bull in a China Shop? Climate Change and the UN Security Council" at the 57<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 2016.

Presented invited remarks to the Seminar on the Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict, United Nations Headquarters, New York, October 2015. Sponsored by the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway in order to advise the International Law Commission's Special Rapporteur on the topic of Protection of the Environment in Relation to Armed Conflict.

Conducted briefing for senior staff of the UN Environment Programme's Program Strategy and Planning Team, "A 'Horizon Scan' on Global Environmental Governance to 2030," Nairobi, Kenya (via teleconference), October 2015.

Discussant for the Third Annual Al-Moumin Environmental Peacebuilding Award and Lecture, featuring Liz Alden Wily, School of International Service, American University, October 2015.

Featured speaker for the panel discussion and book-launch event "An Unfinished Foundation: The United Nations and Global Environmental Governance," School of International Service, American University, September 2015.

Invited participant in the roundtable discussion "[The Role of Musicians in Peace and Environmental Movements](#)," Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, April 2015.

Presenter, Congressional briefing on "Conflict and Natural Resources in the Central African Republic", along with representatives of Mercy Corps, the World Wildlife Fund, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and the Environmental Law Institute. United States Congress, March 23, 2015.

Panelist for the roundtable "Water Securities and Insecurities," Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, March 2015.

Invited presentation for the workshop on Water and Security in the 21st Century, sponsored by The World Peace Foundation in association with the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy and the Water Diplomacy Program, Tufts University, Medford, MA, March 2015.

Panel chair, GEP Alumni Conference, American University, February 2015.

Invited presentation for the Conference on Intersectionality of Human Rights and U.S. Foreign Policy, American University, January 2015.

Moderator for the panel "Water Governance & Development: Progress and Challenges for the 21st Century," American University School of International Service, October 2014.

Discussant for the Second Annual Al-Moumin Environmental Peacebuilding Award and

Lecture, featuring Jon Barnett, School of International Service, American University, October 2014.

Invited participant for the Distinguished Scholar Roundtable honoring Peter M. Haas at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014.

Discussant for the Presidential Theme Panel “Environmental Security Revisited: New Theoretical and Empirical Challenges” at the 55th annual meeting of International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014.

Discussant for the panel “New Earth Politics” at the 55th annual meeting of International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014.

Discussant for the Junior Scholars’ Symposium panel “NGOs and Institutions in Environmental Governance” at the 55th annual meeting of International Studies Association, Toronto, March 2014.

Invited panelist for the roundtable “Future of Water Cooperation in the Middle East Region” for the Conference on Israel and Water: Scarcity, Innovation and Cooperation. American University, March 2014.

(Activities prior to 2014 available on request)

#### **Advisory boards, committees, and professional memberships:**

Board of Directors, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (2024-2026).

Advisory board member, [New Security Beat](#) (blog of the Woodrow Wilson Center’s Environmental Change and Security Program).

Advisory committee member, Water Security initiative, [EcoPeace Middle East](#).

Lead faculty, [Earth System Governance Project](#).

Advisory panel member, “[Riverine Rights: Exploring the Currents and Consequences of Legal Innovations on the Rights of Rivers](#),” University of Oslo.

Professional association memberships: Academic Council of the United Nations System; Environmental Peacebuilding Association; International Studies Association.

#### Past activities:

Associate editor, [Global Environmental Politics](#), 2005-2011. Editorial board member, 1999-2004 and 2011-2022.

Founding member, [Expert Advisory Group on Conflict and Peacebuilding](#), United Nations Environment Programme.

Co-convener, [Environmental Peacebuilding Working Group](#) (Washington-area network of

professionals working on environment-conflict-peace linkages).

Member, Academic Working Group on International Governance of Climate Engineering, [Forum for Climate Engineering Assessment](#).

Awards Committee member, Environmental Peacebuilding Association (2021-23).

Mentor, Early Career Mentoring Initiative, Earth Systems Governance Project (2020-21).

Member, Scientific Committee, International Conference on Sustainable Development (2017). Sustainable Development Solutions Network.

Judge for the student video competition "World of Seven Billion", sponsored by Population Connection (2014-2017).

Co-convenor, SIS Roundtable on the United Nations (2011-2015). The SIS Roundtable seeks to improve the quality of the Washington-area dialogue on the UN by bringing together experts from diplomatic, academic, governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations working on UN issues.

External Reviewer, Fifth Assessment Report of the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) (2011-2013).

Member of the Advisory Committee for the [Project on Improving Natural Resource Management in Post-conflict Societies](#). Joint initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme, the Environmental Law Institute, the University of Tokyo, and the Commission on International Law of the World Conservation Union.

Member of the Steering Committee for the [Global Environmental Change and Human Security](#) (GECHS) program of the International Human Dimensions Program on Global Environmental Change (IHDP) (2007-2010).

Associate editor, [Encyclopedia of Globalization](#) (New York: Routledge, 2006; Roland Robertson and Jan Aart Shulte, eds.).

Member of the Water Conflict and Cooperation Working Group of the [Navigating Peace](#) Initiative, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2003-2006).

International Studies Association: Nominating Committee, Environmental Studies Section, 2006-2008; Executive Committee, Environmental Studies Section, 2001-2003 and 2017-2019; Chair of the Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Environmental Studies Section, 2002; Harold and Margaret Sprout Award Committee, 1998-2000; Chair of the Nominating Committee, Environmental Studies Section, 1996-1997.

Contributing Editor, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 2001-2004.

Advisory Group, Initiative on Public Access to Environmental Decisionmaking, World Resources Institute (2000-2002).

Critical Issues Committee, Geological Society of America (1995-2000).

## **TEACHING AND ADVISING**

### **Teaching awards and honors:**

Recognized three times as Scholar/Teacher of the Year in the School of International Service, American University (2013, 2016, 2018).

Mentor Award, School of International Service doctoral program, American University, 2018.

Profiled on the American University web site as an [outstanding faculty mentor](#), Spring 2015.

Nominee for Faculty Mentor of the Year, University of Maryland, 2010.

Nominee for Faculty Advisor of the Year, Provost's Commission on Academic Advising, University of Maryland, 2006.

Fellow, Academy of Excellence in Teaching and Learning, University of Maryland (2004-2007).

Identified as an outstanding mentor by the Celebrating Teachers Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Maryland, 2004.

Excellence in Teaching Mentorship Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2003.

Award for Outstanding Teaching in Political Science, American Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, 1998 and 2003.

Identified as a faculty mentor in survey of outstanding graduating seniors, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (multiple occasions).

Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 1998.

Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Award, College Park Association of Parents, 1997.

### **Teaching activities at American University, Fall 2010 to date:**

#### **Courses taught:**

--Graduate courses: Water Governance (SIS 620); Policy Analysis for Global Environmental Politics (SIS 620); Environment, Peace and Conflict (SIS 619); Environment and Politics (SIS 660).

--Undergraduate courses: First-year Seminar (SIS 106); The Politics of Water (SIS 350); Environment, Conflict and Peacebuilding (SIS 359); The United Nations (SIS 380).

### Masters-level capstone team-research projects:

--“Political Ecology of Water Activism in the Térraba River Basin.” Field-based rapid appraisal conducted in partnership with community organizations in the Térraba basin, Costa Rica (2022).

--“Water and peacebuilding in Israel and Palestine.” Field-based rapid appraisal and desk study conducted in partnership with Palestinian Wastewater Engineers Group and Arava Institute (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019).

--“Carbon offsets and Costa Rica’s Payment for Environmental Services program.” Field-based rapid-appraisal and desk study conducted in partnership with American University Office of Sustainability (2014).

--“Future of conflict and development in the Mekong River Basin.” Desk study conducted in partnership with the water team of the US Department of State (2013).

### Advising and research supervision:

**Director** for 2 completed doctoral dissertations (A. Kantel, A. Lindsay Ostovar) and 2 dissertations in progress (M. Haque, C. Ramin). **Reader** for 5 completed dissertations (B. Brockmyer, N. Jayasinghe, G. Lee, K. Goodwin Reese, D. Stevens Léon). **Director** for 3 completed master’s theses (C. Johnson, T. Lord, J. Wayland) and 44 M.A. Substantial Research Papers. **Supervisor** for the research of 2 Summer Scholars Undergraduate Fellow (S. Dugdale, L. Derrick). **Advisor** for 2 completed honors theses (N. Tamure, L. Williamson) and 4 Olsen Scholar undergraduate research projects.

### **Teaching activities at University of Maryland, 1993-2010:**

#### Courses taught:

Doctoral level: Global Environmental Politics; Third World in World Politics; Non-state Actors, Advocacy and Social Movements in International Relations; International Law and Organization.

Undergraduate level: Introduction to Environmental Politics; Advanced Topics in Environmental Policy Analysis; Comparative Environmental Politics and Policy; International Political Relations; The United Nations; International Relations of the Third World; Problems of World Politics.

#### Advising and research supervision:

Advisor and concentration director for undergraduate specialization in Environmental Politics and Policy within the campus major in Environmental Science and Policy, 1997-2010.

**Director or co-director** for 17 completed doctoral dissertations since 1998 (C. Ban, M. Beevers, C. Blumel, A. Chatrchyan, S. Chen, F. Chery, K. Cousins, O. Orhan, R. Pinto, T. Ricker, A. Sebastian, Q. Snyder, J. Swinski, K. Travis, J. Wallace, F. Wu, E. Yoon). **Reader** for 43 completed doctoral dissertations since 1993 (G. Al-Madbouh, A. Amato (public affairs), J.



Audley, B. Biswas, A. Brettell, P. Burke, K. Chadha (journalism), Y. Chen, G. Dabelko, M. Davila, H. De Vries, E. Frajman, S. Glasgow, G. Hathaway, W. Haxton, J. Ignatova, T. Innes, A. Berland Kaul, D. Khosla, A. Kogl, C. Loyle, S. Marshall, C. Merrill, N. Massotto, B. Miller, M. Milligan, P. Mofson, D. Moore, A. O'Donnell (sociology), J. Olsen, A. Pate, T. Perry, A. Pitsch, S. Rada, N. Sahgal, M. Schaper, J. Sciubba, S. VanDeveer, I. Vassoler, J. Wallace, T. Wedig, S. Weyker, J. Wustenberg). **External reviewer** for 7 completed doctoral dissertations (J. Allouche, Geneva Institute of International Studies, 2005; M. Asante, Department of Political Science, Howard University, 1999; C. Kauffman, Department of Political Science, George Washington University, 2012; T. Kramarz, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, 2012; S. Nicholson, School of International Service, American University; J. Stripple, Department of Political Science, Lund University, 2005; and N. Yajima, University of Melbourne, 2006).

**Member** of 27 undergraduate honors thesis committees (11 as director) in Government and Politics and 5 honors thesis committees (5 as director) in Environmental Science and Policy, 1993-2010. **Supervised** more than 120 undergraduate independent study projects, research projects, and internships with local, state and national organizations.

Faculty advisor, Maryland Model United Nations Program, 1994-1998.

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **American University (Fall 2010 to date):**

#### **School of International Service:**

Administrative positions: Program Director, Global Environmental Politics (Fall 2011 through Spring 2014); Placement Director, Doctoral Program (2018-19).

Committee service: Doctoral Committee (2010-11, 2011-12, 2018-22); Diversity, Excellence and Inclusion Committee (2020-21); Faculty Actions Committee (2012-13, 2013-14, 2019-20); First-level review committees for third-year reappointment (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15) and promotion & tenure (2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2024-25); Search committees in Global Environmental Politics (2010-11; 2011-12, chair; 2017-18, chair) and Global Urban Studies (2014-15, chair); Standing Committee on Term Faculty Actions (2014-15, 2015-16, 2022-23).

Task forces and working groups: Dean's Task Force on a Mid-Level Administrative Structure (2022, co-chair); Dean's Working Group on Hybrid Education (spring 2021); Dean's Task Force on Masters' Education (2015-16, chair); Dean's Task Force on Reorganization (2011-12).

Mentoring activities: Faculty mentor, SIS Informal Mentorship Program for undergraduates (2019-date); Faculty mentor, Partners in Teaching Program, Center for Teaching, Research, and Learning (2018-19); Faculty mentor for individual SIS tenure-track faculty (several instances).

#### **Campus level:**

LeoGrande Award Committee, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (2023); SIS Dean Search Committee (2017-18, chair); Provost's Task Force on High-Impact Research (2013-14); AU 2030 Environmental Science Faculty Search Committee (2012-13, 2013-14); Tinker Field Research Grant Selection Committee, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (2012); Environmental Science Faculty Search Committee (2010-11 and 2011-12); Fulbright Campus Committee (occasional service).

### **University of Maryland, 1993-2010:**

#### Department of Government and Politics:

Director, Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda, Department of Government and Politics (2000-2010). Duties included administering program budget; supervising two doctoral research fellows and one program assistant; organizing research workshops, conferences and speaker series; and promoting research initiatives.

Committee service: Awards Committee (2007-08); Executive Committee (1994-95, 1998-99, 2004-05, and 2007-08); Graduate Studies Committee (2001-03, 2005-06, 2006-08); Post-tenure Review Committee (2008, chair 2009); Promotion and Tenure Committee (1999, 2001, 2008); Recruitment Committees in Comparative Politics (1994-95), International Relations & Comparative Politics (1998-99), Harrison Postdoctoral Fellow (chair, 1999), East Asian Science and Technology Policy (2002), International Relations (2004-05); Salary Committee (1995-96, 1997-98, 2001-02); Tenure Review Committee (1998-99, 2001-02); Teaching Committee (2003-05).

#### Environmental Science and Policy Program:

Program Development Committee (1995-1996); Steering Committee (1997-2010); Faculty Coordinator, Environmental Politics and Policy Concentration (1997-2010); Chair, Assistant Director Search Committee (2000); Program and Director Performance Review Committee (member 2003-04 and chair 2009).

#### College- and campus-level committees:

Teaching Mentorship Award Selection Committee, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2006; Teaching Committee, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, 2007-08; University of Maryland Climate Action Plan Workgroup (2007-08); Provost's Committee on International Affairs (2005-06); Chair, Scholarships and Internships Subcommittee, Campus Certificate Program in East Asian Studies (2002-03); Postdoctoral Fellow Selection Committee, Center for Latin American Studies (multiple occasions).