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CURRENT POSITION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW

Associate Professor of Law (2019 – present)

Assistant Professor of Law (2016-2019)

Technology, Law & Security faculty affiliate

Courses: criminal law, national security law, international law.

Honors: Life Member, Council on Foreign Relations (nominated 2021)

Pulitzer Center grantee, 2020

Council on Foreign Relations, 2019-2020 International Affairs Fellowship

Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholars Award, 2018 and 2020 (outstanding scholar in public law)

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Juris Doctor, 2007

Honors: Knox Fellow (full tuition and living, merit-based scholarship), Gary Bellow Award

Journals: *Harvard Human Rights Journal*, Editor

Clinics: Harvard Human Rights Clinic, Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinic, Harvard Defenders

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Master of Public Policy, 2007

Honors: Robert F. Kennedy Award, Best Thesis in Human Rights Award, Policy Analysis Prize

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY, Australia

Bachelor of Economics with 1st class Honors in Psychology, 2001

Dissertation: Gamma Phase Synchrony and Integrative Function in Schizophrenia

Honors: The University Medal (outstanding academic record); Sydney Scholarship; Gladys Marks Award

SELECTED BOOKS & ARTICLES

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Platform-Enabled Crimes*, B.C. L. REV. (forthcoming 2022).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Governing the Global Public Square*, 62 HARV. INT'L L. J., 1, 117 (2021).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *New Media Evidence Across International Courts and Tribunals*, in BEYOND FRAGMENTATION: COMPETITION AND COLLABORATION AMONG INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS (Giorgetti & Pollack, eds.)(2020).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Africa, the Court, and the Council*, in ELGAR COMPANION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (deGuzman & Oosterveld, eds.)(2020).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Technology Companies in International Criminal Investigations*, CASE WESTERN RESERVE J. INT'L L. (2020)(invited symposium piece).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Putting the Values Debate Up Front*, PERRY WORLD HOUSE, THE FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL ORDER Colloquium (2019)(invited symposium piece).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Atrocity Prevention in the New Media Landscape*, 113 AJIL UNBOUND 262 (2019)

Rebecca J. Hamilton (with Molly K. Land), *Beyond Takedown: Expanding the Toolkit for Responding to Online Hate*, in PROPAGANDA AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW (Predrag Dojčinović, ed.)(2019).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *Jesner v. Arab Bank (International Decisions)*, 112 (4) AM. J. INT'L L. 720 (2018).

Rebecca J. Hamilton (with Joost Pauwelyn), *Exit from International Tribunals*, J. INT'L DISPUTE RES., 679 (2018) (peer-reviewed).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *New Technologies in International Criminal Investigations* in PROCEEDINGS OF THE 111TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2018).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *User-Generated Evidence*, 57 COLUM. J. TRANSNAT'L L. 1, (2018).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *State-Enabled Crimes*, 41 YALE J. INT'L L. 302 (2016).

Rebecca J. Hamilton, *The ICC's Exit Problem*, 47 N.Y.U. J. INT'L L. & POL. 1 (2014).

Rebecca Hamilton, *FIGHTING FOR DARFUR: PUBLIC ACTION AND THE STRUGGLE TO STOP GENOCIDE* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011).

Rebecca Hamilton, *Citizen-Driven Political Will*, in CONFRONTING GENOCIDE: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON LAW AND JUSTICE (René Provost & Payam Akhavan eds.) (2011).

Rebecca J. Hamilton (with Richard Goldstone), *Bosnia v. Serbia, Lessons from the Encounter of the International Court of Justice with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia* 21 LEIDEN J. INT'L L. 95 (2008)(peer reviewed).

Rebecca Hamilton (with Chad Hazlett), *Not On Our Watch*, in WAR IN DARFUR AND THE SEARCH FOR PEACE (Alex de Waal, ed.) (Harvard University Press, 2007).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Platform-Enabled Crimes

American Society of International Law, Mid-Year Research Forum, (virtual), Nov. 2021.

Junior Tech Law Scholars Forum, (virtual), July 2021.

Columbia Law School, International Criminal Law Workshop, (virtual), Jan. 2021.

- Social Media Evidence in International Law

Global Action Against Mass Atrocity Crimes Conference, (virtual), Nov. 2021.

International Nuremberg Principles Academy, (virtual), March 2021.

Case Western University Law School, Atrocity Prevention Conference, Oct. 2019.

RightsCon 2019, Tunis, Tunisia, June 2019.

American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington D.C., July 2018.

PluriCourts, Oslo, Norway, June 2018.

- Governing the Global Public Square

Association of American Law Schools, Selected Paper, Washington D.C., Jan. 2020.

Junior International Law Scholars Association, Cornell Law School, Jan. 2019.

Law and Society, Washington D.C., May 2019.

American Society of International Law, Mid-Year Research Forum, Los Angeles, Oct. 2018.

- Threats to Freedom of Expression Internationally

Congressional Free Thought Caucus, Capitol Hill, Washington D.C., Oct. 2019

- How Emerging Technologies are Re-wiring the Global Order

Expert Symposium, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 2019.

- *User-Generated Evidence*

American Society of International Law, Mid-Year Research Forum, St. Louis, Oct. 2017.
American Bar Association, Criminal Law Roundtable, D.C., Nov. 2017
Mid-Atlantic Junior Faculty Forum, Richmond Law School, May 2017
Women in International Law Conference, Duke Law School, Feb. 2017

- *State-Enabled Crimes*

American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting, Apr. 2016.
American Society of International Law, International Criminal Law Works-in-Progress, Dec. 2015.
American Society of International Law, Mid-Year Research Forum, Oct. 2015.
Columbia Associates and Fellows Workshop, Columbia Law School, Mar. 2015.

- *The ICC's Exit Problem*

Junior International Law Scholars Association Meeting, University of Berkeley, Selected paper, Jan. 2014. Columbia Associates and Fellows Workshop, Columbia Law School, Nov. 2013.

- *Genocide, legal definition and practical response*

New York Bar Association, CLE Presenter, Mar. 2014.
UN Leaders Conference, Torino, Italy, Keynote response to UN Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, July 2011.

- *Fighting for Darfur*

Royal Chatham House, London, Apr. 2011; UC Berkeley Law School, Human Rights Center, Apr. 2011; University of Southern California Law School, Apr. 2011; Columbia Law School, Human Rights Institute, Mar. 2011. Harvard Law School, Human Rights Program, Jan. 2011; Fordham Law School, Leitner Center, Jan. 2010.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and SERVICE

COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Life Member (awarded 2021)
International Affairs Fellow (awarded 2019)

JUST SECURITY (national security law blog)

Editorial Board (elected 2021)

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Executive Council, Member (2018-2021)
Digital Diplomacy Committee, Chair (2021)
Strategic Initiatives Committee, Member (2019- 2020)
International Criminal Law Interest Group, Advisory Board Member (2017)
International Criminal Law Interest Group, Co-Chair (2014 - 2016)

JUNIOR INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION (JILSA)

Co-Chair (elected 2016)

WCL PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEE

Committee Chair (2020 - 2021)

WCL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

Committee Member (2016 – 2019, 2021)

WCL ADVANCE (first generation law students)

First generation mentor (2016 – present)

S.J.D. SUPERVISOR

Dinesh Napal (2021 -) Screaming in the Night: Toward a thanatopolitical truth and reconciliation process for civilian survivors of drone strikes.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT (SO/LIC)

Oct. 2019 – Aug. 2020

International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations. Oversaw the Pentagon's UN Peacekeeping mandate renewal portfolio, providing recommendations to US/UN and the National Security Council regarding funding, force composition and mission priorities. Managed the Under-Secretary for Policy relationship with the Development Finance Corporation, coordinating across the interagency to advance projects aligned with U.S. national security interests.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Nov. 2015 – May 2016

Deputy Director, Bernstein Institute for Human Rights. Oversaw the daily management of the Institute, including budget allocation, staff training, website content, and Advisory Board meetings. Conceptualized and managed the Institute's annual conference. The first global conference on Predictive Analytics and Human Rights, *Tyranny of the Algorithm?* featured 35 speakers from around the world, attracting hundreds of attendees from academia as well as the public and private sectors.

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

July 2013 – Nov. 2015

Associate-in-Law, Post-doctoral research fellow. Participated in faculty workshops and colloquia; organized weekly workshops for post-doctoral researchers; taught Legal Analysis, Research and Writing.

THOMSON REUTERS

Oct. 2011 – Mar. 2013

Legal correspondent. Provided daily news reporting on litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court, as well as international law coverage and in-depth features.

THE WASHINGTON POST

July 2010 – July 2011

Special correspondent on Sudan. Provided feature-length articles on the basis of on-the-ground reporting from Sudan.

NEW AMERICA, U.S./Sudan

Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2011

Bernard Schwartz Fellow. Covered the situation in Sudan during its historic move toward partition. Media commentator on U.S. foreign policy, genocide prevention, human rights, and international criminal law.

OPEN SOCIETY FOUNDATIONS, Sudan/Egypt/Ethiopia/Rwanda/Kenya/Chad

Feb. 2009 – Feb. 2010

Open Society Fellow. Research for *Fighting for Darfur*. Conducted interviews with senior policymakers, diplomats, and military commanders within the U.S. Government, Arab League, African Union, Sudanese Government and United Nations, as well as Darfuri refugees and citizen advocates. Reconstructed the formulation of Darfur policy, examined the impact of the citizen advocacy movement, and assessed the prospects for citizen engagement with international law.

THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, The Netherlands

Sept. 2007 – Feb. 2009

Special Assistant to the Prosecutor. Provided legal advice and analysis regarding the Prosecution's filings in the Lubanga, Katanga (DR Congo) and Bemba (Central African Republic) cases before the Pre-Trial, Trial and Appeals Chambers. Assisted the coordination of investigation, prosecution and complementarity divisions in the Darfur (Sudan) case.

WILMER HALE

Summer 2006

Summer associate

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL for the FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, The Netherlands

Summer 2005

Legal Clerk to Judge Pocar, Appeals Chamber of the ICTY.

SELECTED MEDIA

- VOX, “Is ignoring the pandemic a crime against humanity?” (Oct. 2021) (print interview).
- AL-ARABIYA, “The coup in Sudan” (Oct. 2021) (television interview).
- CBS NEWS, “Facebook Strikes Deal to Restore News Sharing in Australia” (Feb. 2021) (television interview).
- VOX, "Sudan’s former dictator may finally face justice for the Darfur genocide" (Feb. 2020) (print interview).
- WCPN IDEASTREAM, Talking Foreign Policy, “Facebook and genocide in Myanmar” (Oct. 2019) (radio interview).
- ALHURRA, “Military Crackdown in Sudan” (June 2019) (television interview).
- BBC WORLD NEWS, “Trump-Putin Summit in Helsinki” (July 2018) (television interview).
- THE NEW YORK TIMES, "[Burundi Quits the International Criminal Court](#)" (Oct. 2017) (print interview).
- WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO, "Human Rights under the Trump Administration" (May 2017) (radio interview).
- NPR, On The Media, "[The G-Word Paradox](#)" (Apr. 2016) (radio interview).
- BBC/PRI, The World, “Three-pronged approach needed in Syria” (Sept. 2013) (radio interview).
- PBS, NEWSHOUR, "[In South Sudan, a Nation is Born](#)" (July 2011) (television interview).
- WNYC RADIO, The Leonard Lopate Show, “Fighting for Darfur” (Mar. 2011) (radio interview).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED ARTICLES

- Rebecca Hamilton, *Sudanese Send Clear ‘No’ to Military Coup*, JUST SECURITY, NOV. 1, 2021.
- Rebecca Hamilton, [Sudan’s Coup is a Gamble that Nobody Will Care](#), FOREIGN POLICY, Oct. 29, 2021.
- Rebecca Hamilton, *After the Coup in Sudan*, JUST SECURITY, Oct. 25, 2021.
- Rebecca Hamilton, *The Path Not Taken: Re-Imagining the Post-9/11 World*, JUST SECURITY, Sept. 7, 2021.
- Rebecca Hamilton, *Facebook’s Unconscionable Action in Australia – and what it means for the rest of the world*, JUST SECURITY, Feb 18, 2021.
- Rebecca Hamilton, [De-Platforming Following Capitol Insurrection Highlights Global Inequities in Content Moderation](#), JUST SECURITY, Jan 20, 2021.
- Rebecca Hamilton, *If We Could See Ourselves from the Outside*, JUST SECURITY, June 4, 2020.
- Rebecca Hamilton, *Articulating a Completion Strategy for Each Situation Will Help the Court Fulfill Its Mandate, and Could Catalyze Support to Domestic Criminal Justice Systems*, ICC FORUM, Feb. 24, 2020.
- Rebecca Hamilton, [The Georgetown Student Who Became Justice Minister of Sudan](#), WASHINGTON POST MAGAZINE, Feb. 5, 2020.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Myanmar's Commission Report Delivers Genocide Denial Playbook*, JUST SECURITY, Jan. 31, 2020.

Rebecca Hamilton, [The Enemies of Sudan's Democracy are Lurking Everywhere](#), FOREIGN POLICY, Dec. 6, 2019.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Bringing the Rule of Law to Sudan*, JUST SECURITY, Oct. 1, 2019.

Rebecca Hamilton, [Commission on Unalienable Rights](#), JUST SECURITY, June 5, 2019.

Rebecca Hamilton, [It Takes a Village to Make a Monster](#), FOREIGN POLICY, April 15, 2019

Rebecca Hamilton, [The Hidden Danger of User-Generated Evidence for International Criminal Justice](#), JUST SECURITY, Jan. 23, 2019.

Rebecca Hamilton (with Sarah Knuckey), *Time to Dust Off the War Crimes Act?*, JUST SECURITY, May 9, 2018.

Rebecca Hamilton (with Deyaa Alrwishdi), *Paying Attention to Land Rights in Syria Negotiations*, JUST SECURITY, Apr. 12, 2018.

Rebecca Hamilton, [Foreigners Fighting for the UAE in Yemen](#), JUST SECURITY, May. 16, 2017.

Rebecca Hamilton, [Tinkering Won't Save the Immigration and Refugee Executive Order](#). JUST SECURITY, March. 9, 2017.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Justice for MH17*, FOREIGN POLICY, July 25, 2014

Rebecca Hamilton, [The Wonks Who Sold Washington On South Sudan](#), REUTERS SPECIAL REPORT, July 14, 2012.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Last Words*, THE NEW YORKER, March 14, 2012

Rebecca Hamilton, *Will Gaddafi's Son Be Tried in Libya or The Hague?*, REUTERS, Nov. 22, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Litigation Overview: Status of same-sex marriage cases*, REUTERS, Nov. 17, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, [Inside Colin Powell's Decision to Declare Genocide in Darfur](#), THE ATLANTIC, August 17, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Trouble in Khartoum*, FOREIGN POLICY, June 17, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Thousands Flee Sudanese Bombing Amid Food and Fuel Shortages*, THE WASHINGTON POST, May 31, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Sudan Preventing Food Aid, Health Care, from reaching Darfur, Aid Group Says*, THE WASHINGTON POST, March 25, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Looming Challenge for Southern Sudan: Regulating oil companies*, THE WASHINGTON POST, Feb. 11, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Awaiting Independence Vote, Southern Sudan Has High Hopes*, THE WASHINGTON POST, Nov. 28, 2010.

Rebecca Hamilton, *In Radio Dabanga Raid, Sudan Targets Last Uncensored Media Outlet on the Ground*, THE WASHINGTON POST, Nov. 10, 2010.

Rebecca Hamilton, [Left Behind: Why aid for Darfur's rape survivors has all but disappeared](#), THE NEW REPUBLIC, Oct 14, 2009.

SELECTED EDITORIALS

Rebecca Hamilton, [*Sudan has made amends. Let's take it off the terrorism list*](#), THE WASHINGTON POST, Oct. 6, 2020.

Rebecca Hamilton, [*Yes, New Zealand is confronting a new coronavirus outbreak. But, it's still way ahead of the U.S.*](#) THE WASHINGTON POST, Aug. 25, 2020.

Rebecca Hamilton, [*Seize this Moment in Sudan*](#), THE WASHINGTON POST, Sept. 30, 2019.

Rebecca Hamilton, *One Referendum, Two New Nations*, THE NEW YORK TIMES, Feb. 10, 2011.

Rebecca Hamilton, *Sudan After Garang: Saving the peace*, THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, Aug. 4, 2005.

SELECTED SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

Clark C.R., Veltmeyer M.D., Hamilton R.J., Simms E., Paul R., Hermens D. & Gordon E., *Spontaneous alpha peak frequency predicts working memory performance across the age span*, 53(1) INT'L J. PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY, 1 (2004).

Hamilton, R.J., Goldberg, E., Haig, A., Williams, L., Gur, R.C., Gur, R.E., Flor-Henry, P. and Gordon, E., *How the Brain Puts the Pieces Together: Sex Differences in Integrative Function*, 19(2) NEUROIMAGE, 32 (2003).