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CURRENT POSITION

Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala, Sweden

Course convener: Master's Thesis in Peace and Conflict Research (15 credits); Masters-level Gender, War and Peace (elective, 7.5 credits); and Undergraduate and Graduate Internship Courses.

Thesis supervision: Masters-level (10 students 2015 - 2018); Bachelors-level (7 students 2015)

Principal researcher for the three-year project (January 2016 – December 2018): “Disciplining Fighters: Understanding Armed Political Actors’ Control of Sexual Violence”, funded by the Swedish Research Council.

Researcher in Associate Professor and Wallenberg Academy Fellow Lisa Hultman's project : “Ending Atrocities: Third-Party Interventions into Civil Wars”.

Researcher in the Nordic Africa Institute (NAI) project: “Navigating between Big Man Politics and Democratization: Local Perceptions and Individual Agency in Processes of Electoral Violence”, project head Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs, Head of Research, Folke Bernadotte Academy, funded by the Swedish Research Council.

RECENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Selected conference participation

- Visiting Researcher, invited talk “Disciplining Fighters: Non-State Armed Groups and the Prevention of Wartime Sexual Violence”, Fondation Maison Sciences de l'Homme, 13 April 2018, Paris, France.
- Folke Bernadotte Academy (FBA) and Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO), paper presentation: Mediating Atrocities: How Diplomatic Intervention Shapes Rebel Behavior, Women, Peace and Security Research Working Group, 19 – 20 January 2018, Oslo, Norway.
- Discussant for Keynote lecture *Assumptions and Desires in Scholarship on Gender in Africa: some (self) critical reflections*, Dr. Maria Eriksson Baaz, Nordic Africa Days 2016, Uppsala, 24 September 2016.
- “Disciplining Fighters: Non-state Armed Groups and the Prevention of Wartime Sexual Violence”, Panel 21: Chronic Violence and Non-Conventional Armed Conflict in Africa: Unlocking Complex Dimensions of Human Security, Nordic Africa Days 2016, Uppsala, 23 September 2016.
- Discussant for Panel IV: Conflict-related Sexual Violence, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Research for Peace: 1325 Workshop, Stockholm, 7 - 9 June 2015.
- Presentation: “Stronger than Justice: Armed Group Impunity for Sexual Violence”, Expertgruppen för Bistandsanalys, Development Dissertations Briefs Seminar, Conflict, Sexual Violence and Statebuilding In Sweden´s Development Cooperation, Stockholm, 8 October 2015.
- “Burundi’s CNDD-FDD and Armed Group Impunity for Sexual Violence”, *Workshop on Sexual*

Violence and Armed Conflict: New Research Frontiers, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, 2-3 September 2014.

- “Conflict-related Sexual Violence: The Role of Impunity?” International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, 6 April 2013.
- “Explaining Impunity: Burundi’s Rebels and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence”, International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, 3 April 2013.
- “With Impunity: Explaining Conflict-related Sexual Violence”, 4th European Conference on African Studies, Uppsala, Sweden, 18 June 2011.

Committee Work

- January 2013-March 2014 PhD Corporation Representative, Equality Committee, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

PRIOR POSITIONS

Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research

Doctoral Candidate (August 2010- January 2015) Uppsala, Sweden

Successfully defended on: 17 January 2015.

Dissertation title: *Stronger than Justice: Armed Group Impunity for Sexual Violence*, Report No. 104, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University.

Scope: Fieldwork and comparative study of Burundi’s armed groups. Quantitative study of sexual violence events by 23 armed actors in Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Liberia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone and South Africa (1989-2011).

Faculty opponent: Professor Chandra Lekha Sriram, University of East London

Main supervisor: Erik Melander, Professor, Uppsala University

Assistant supervisors: Mimmi Söderberg Kovacs, Assistant Professor, Uppsala University
Mats Utas, Associate Professor, Uppsala University.

African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD)

Senior Research Fellow (July 2010-August 2014) Durban, South Africa

Responsibilities included:

- Contributing to ACCORD’s research and policy activities and outputs within its Department of Knowledge Production.
- Serving on the editorial team of ACCORD’s *African Journal of Conflict Resolution*.
- Collaborating with ACCORD’s strategic partners in Sweden.

Manager, Knowledge Production Department (June 2008 – July 2010)

Achievements include:

- Reconceptualized and initiated new objectives and operational methods of ACCORD’s knowledge production, research and publications programs.
- Facilitated a learning culture across the organization, capturing new insights from ACCORD’s work in Burundi, Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Somalia and other countries.
- Planned, prioritized and sequenced research, public events and publications, including ACCORD’s

biannual peer-reviewed journal, the *African Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and its quarterly publication, *Conflict Trends*.

- Addressed the knowledge production needs of ACCORD's relations with external partners and networks at the United Nations (UN) and its agencies in New York, Addis Ababa and Pretoria; African actors such as the African Union (AU) and regional economic communities (RECs); international institutions such as King's College, the University of Uppsala's Department of Peace and Conflict Research and the Nordic Africa Institute; and civil society networks such as the KwaZulu-Natal Democracy and Elections Forum (KZNDERF).
- Developed new research agendas, programs and projects with the aim of bridging theory, policy and practice in conflict management, particularly: South Africa's political transition and peace; peace agreements and mediation; and development issues such as climate change, gender, land and livelihoods.
- Managed a team of seven Program staff, as well as partnership relations.
- Oversaw the financial management and administrative requirements of the department.

Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR)

Program Manager (July 2005 – May 2008) Cape Town, South Africa

Achievements include:

- Drafted the AU Commission (Department of Social Affairs) HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan, AIDS Watch Africa (AWA) Strategic Framework, *2007-2008 Implementation Plan: Accelerating Action and Responding to A Continental Emergency*. This output was funded by the government of Denmark and was a consultancy I reported directly to the Commission.
- Managed policy research and development on HIV/AIDS and society in South Africa; human security; the AU and RECs; and HIV/AIDS and Africa's militaries.
- Conceptualized and organized policy fora, seminars and policy research initiatives in order to deepen the understanding of the links between HIV/AIDS and national and human security and relevance among governments, militaries, academics, policymakers and civil society in Namibia, South Africa, Ghana, Ethiopia, and Egypt. In particular, three major seminars in Windhoek, Addis Ababa and Cairo on HIV/AIDS, African militaries and peacekeeping issues in Southern, North, West, Central and Eastern Africa.
- Co-wrote nine policy reports and co-edited two multi-author volumes on HIV/AIDS and African human security issues.
- Published seven opinion editorials in South African mainstream media and contributed to media debates and discussions in the public domain.
- Developed an extensive network of policymakers, civil society representatives and academics from 28 African countries.

African Union Commission

Political Officer, Office of the Chairperson, (June 2004 – February 2005, on a leave of absence from IPI) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Achievements include:

- Contributed to the planning process of the Commission, particularly the implementation of its Priority Programs.
- Drafted communications of the Commission and the Union and coordination of Special Assistants of the Commissioners, Directors and meetings with external partners including the European Union

Commission

- Facilitated the drafting and publication of the Commission's reports to the Executive Council, the Assembly of Heads of State.
- Maintained correspondence for the Director of the Office of the Chairperson.
- Supported the work and implementation of priorities for the Directorate of Gender, Women and Development and helping to draft the Solemn Declaration of Gender Equality.
- Liaised with the Directors and senior officers of the Peace and Security, Political Affairs, Trade and Industry, Social Affairs, and Economic Affairs directorates and organization of the conceptual work for the interim Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC).

United Nations (UN) Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa

Consultant (March 2004 – May 2004) and (November - January 2005)

Achievements include:

- Produced preliminary conceptual assessment of existing evidence concerning the impacts of HIV/AIDS on democratization and governance in Africa.

Farleigh Dickinson University

Adjunct Lecturer, (Fall 2001 – Spring 2002) Teaneck, New Jersey

Courses taught:

- *The United States and the Developing World:* graduate seminar covering the history and practice of US foreign policy and its relationship to the developing world.
- *Geography and World Politics:* undergraduate course investigating the linkages among geographical factors, political processes and economic systems, within the framework of political geography.

International Peace Institute (IPI) (formerly International Peace Academy)

Senior Program Officer, Africa (November 2000 – May 2004, promoted from Program Officer in September 2002) New York, New York

Achievements include:

- Organized major seminars and policy fora in partnership with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS); Makerere University and the African Peace Forum; the Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region; the African Dialogue Centre; the Mwalimu Nyerere Foundation, the UN Sub-Regional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa; and the Centre for Conflict Resolution.
- Contributed to the promotion and organization of IPI policy forums with New York constituency of media, diplomats, and United Nations officials on HIV/AIDS as a security threat, Zimbabwe, Angola, Zanzibar, Rwanda, Ethiopia and Eritrea, West Africa's Mano River Union, and the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD).
- Organized policy fora in New York on the scale of, and response to, HIV/AIDS in Africa in 2002 and the security implications of HIV/AIDS in 2003.
- Liaised with the inaugural AU Commission to organize a brainstorming session for the H.E. Professor Alpha Oumar Konaré, AU Chairperson in Addis Ababa, October 2003.
- Conducted field research on the capacity of semi-formal and women's organizations for conflict management in Uganda for a Ford Foundation assessment of conflict management institutions in Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes:

1. *HIV/AIDS and Society in South Africa*, with Robyn Pharaoh (Scottsville: University of KwaZulu Natal Press, June 2008)
2. *The African Union and Its Institutions*, with John Akokpari and Tim Murithi (Auckland: Jacana Media, 2008).

Chapters in other books:

1. “Sexual and Gender-Based Violence”, section in “Violence, Wars, Peace, Security”. 2017. The International Panel for Social Progress, Coordinating Lead Authors: Peter Wallensteen, Michel Wieviorka; Lead Authors: Itty Abraham, Karin Aggestam, Alexander Bellamy, Lars-Eric Cederman, Jérôme Ferret, Jean Baptiste Jeangène Vilmer, Wilhelm Heitmeyer, Angela Muvumba Sellström, Laurie Nathan, Hideaki Shinoda, Ekaterina Stepanova, Contributing Authors: Olga Odgers Ortiz, Forthcoming, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. “Impunity for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence: Insights from Burundi’s Former Fighters.” in *Deconstructing Women, Peace and Security: A Critical Review of Approaches to Gender and Empowerment*, eds. Sandra Cheldelin and Martha Mutisi. Cape Town: Human Sciences Research Council.
3. “The World Health Organisation, UNAIDS and the Global Fund,” in Adekeye Adebajo *et al.*, (eds.), *The United Nations and Africa: Peace, Development and Human Security*, Forthcoming, (Cape Town: Centre for Conflict Resolution 2009).
4. “HIV/AIDS and the African Renaissance: South Africa’s Achilles Heel?,” with Shauna Mottiar Adebayo Adedeji, Adekeye Adebajo and Chris Landsberg (eds.), *South Africa’s Role in Africa: The Post-Apartheid Era*, (Scottsville: The University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2007).
5. “Aligning HIV/AIDS And Security: The United Nations And Africa,” in Adekeye Adebajo and Helen Scanlon (eds.), *A Dialogue of the Deaf: Essays on African the United Nations*, (Auckland: Jacana Press, 2006).
6. “Civil Society Actors and Democratization in Uganda,” in Gilbert Khadiagala and Musifiky Mwanasali, (eds.), *Peace, Security, and Governance in the Great Lakes Region*, (Boulder, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006).
7. “Halting the Flow of Small Arms and Light Weapons”, with Comfort Ero, in Adekeye Adebajo and Ismail Rashid, (eds.), *West Africa’s Security Challenges: Building Peace in A Troubled Region*, (Boulder, London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2004).

Public interest articles:

1. “Preventing sexual violence: lessons from rebel armies in Burundi and Uganda”, *The Conversation*, April 10, 2018, Available from: <https://theconversation.com/preventing-sexual-violence-lessons-from-rebel-armies-in-burundi-and-uganda-94321> [Blog].
2. “Whither Burundi? Violence, protest and the post-Arusha dispensation?”, *Mats Utas Blog* Posted on May 11, 2015, Available from: <https://matsutas.wordpress.com/2015/05/11/whither-burundi-violence-protest-and-the-post-arusha-dispensation-by-angela-muvumba-sellstrom/>. [Blog].
3. “Gender, Peace, and Armed Conflict”, Elin Bjarnegård, Erik Melander, Gabrielle Bardall, Karen Bronéus, Erika Forsberg, Karin Johansson, Angela Muvumba Sellström and Louise Olsson, in *2015 SIPRI Yearbook* (Stockholm: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute).
4. “#EndSexualViolenceinConflict”, Nordic Africa Institute (NAI), NAI Forum, 9 June 2014. Available from: <http://naiforum.org/2014/06/endsexualviolenceinconflict/>. [Blog]
5. “La Compleja Lucha contra el VIH/SIDA”, *Sudáfrica. Veinte años de democracia*

por VANGUARDIA *La Vanguardia Dossier*, Nº: 51, Fecha: ABRIL / JUNIO 2014 Available from: <http://www.lavanguardia.com/internacional/20140313/54403060102/vanguardiadossier-sudafrica-veinte-anos-de-democracia.html#ixzz2yrhOjfvK>

6. "Is Africa a Special case for Conflicts and Mediation?", Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation's 50th Anniversary Roundtable, Security and Development – Conflict Prevention, Mediation, Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Justice, Uppsala, Sweden, 2 March 2012. Main speakers were Martti Ahtisaari, Lakhdar Brahimi, Francis Deng and Jan Eliasson.
7. "South Africa and the African Union: The Dynamics of African Solidarity", *Unpublished paper*. Presented at the conference organised the United States of America's Department of State, *The African Union After Ten Years: Progress, Practice and Prospects for the Future* in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 20 February 2012.
8. "My Sister's Keeper", *New Routes*, Life and Peace Institute and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation. Special Issue, Vol 2, No 16, 2011.
9. "Change Social Order to End AIDS," *Business Day*, 1 December 2006.
10. "No Half Measures in Fight for the Health of Africa," *Cape Times*, 22 May 2006.
11. "Aids is More Than a Health Emergency," *Business Day*, 15 December 2005.
12. "Too Late to Make HIV/AIDS History," *South African Labour Bulletin*, Vol. 29, Number 4, August/September 2005.
13. "The Forgotten Human Face of Security," *Mail and Guardian*, 9-15 September 2005
14. "UN Reform Must Include Africa," *Sunday Independent*, 5 June 2005
15. "From Health Crisis to Security Threat: HIV/AIDS and Peace in Africa," *Institute for Global Dialogue*, Vol 10, Number 2, 2005.
16. "AIDS in Africa: Security Implications, Plague of Our Times," in *The World Today*, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Volume 59, Number 10, October 2003.
17. "What Next after Kabila's Death?" in *West Africa Magazine*, February 5-11, 2001.
18. "Nashville Conference Targets Global Pandemic", on Africana.com, November 13, 2000.
19. "On the Rwanda Genocide: How Do You Tell the Story of An African Genocide?" in *Africa on Campus*, Columbia University's Institute of African Studies, Summer 2000.
20. "Reflections on the Struggle for Full Participation and Agency", An opinion on the African women's movement based on the Virginia C. Gildersleeve Conference, Old Struggles, New Millennium: African Women Fighting for Change, in *Africa on Campus*, Columbia University's Institute of African Studies, Summer 2000.

Policy reports and briefs:

1. *Stronger than Justice: Armed Group Impunity for Sexual Violence*, Development Dissertation Brief 05 Expertgruppen för Biståndsanalys (EBA), Stockholm, 2015, (Available at: http://eba.se/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/DDB-2015-5-Angela-Muvumba-Sellstr%C3%B6m_web.pdf)
2. *The OAU/AU and an Africa at Peace with Itself: Time for Serious Business*, ACCORD Policy and Practice Brief, Issue 26, 2013. [Also translated into French]
3. *Preventing and Punishing Sexual Violence*, ACCORD Policy and Practice Brief, Issue 17, 2012.
4. *Who said it was Simple? Implementing 1325*, ACCORD Policy and Practice Brief, Issue 2, 2010.
5. *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon? China in Africa: Engaging the World's Next Superpower*, with Lucy Corkin, Center for Conflict Resolution: Cape Town, South Africa, September 2007, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
6. *HIV/AIDS and Militaries in Africa*, with Robyn Pharaoh, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Cape Town, South Africa, A policy research report, 2008, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
7. *Southern Africa: Building an Effective Security and Governance Architecture for the 21st Century*, with Robyn

- Pharaoh, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Cape Town, South Africa, May 2007, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
8. *West Africa's Evolving Security Architecture: Looking Back to the Future*, with Abdul Lamin, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Cape Town, South Africa, October 2006, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 9. *HIV/AIDS and Human Security in South Africa*, with Robyn Pharaoh, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Cape Town, South Africa, June 2006, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 10. *AIDS and Society in South Africa: Building a Community of Practice*, with Helen Scanlon, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Cape Town, South Africa, March 2006, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 11. *HIV/AIDS and Militaries in Southern Africa*, with Noria Mashumba, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Windhoek, Namibia, February 2006, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 12. *HIV/AIDS and Human Security: An Agenda for Africa*, with Helen Scanlon, Centre for Conflict Resolution: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, September 2005, (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 13. *Building an African Union for the 21st Century: The AU, NEPAD, RECs and Civil Society*, with Tim Murithi, Centre for Conflict Resolution, Cape Town: August 2005. (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 14. *A More Secure Continent: African Perspectives on the UN High-Level Panel Report, A More Secure World: Our Shared Responsibility*, with Dr. Helen Scanlon, Centre for Conflict Resolution, Cape Town: April 2005. (Available at: <http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za>).
 15. *10 Years after Genocide in Rwanda: Building Consensus for the Responsibility to Protect*, An International Peace Academy (IPA) report on The Memorial Conference on the Rwandan Genocide, jointly organized by the Governments of Rwanda and Canada, United Nations, New York: 26 March 2004, (New York: IPA, June 2004).
 16. *Civil Society Perspectives from the Mano River Union*, Report on a Civil Society Dialogue, (New York: IPA, June 2003).

EDUCATION

School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, New York, NY, MA in International Affairs, May 2000

Research: Gendered dimensions of conflict and humanitarian responses.

U.S. Foreign Policy International Fellow, Ambassador Warren Zimmerman, Columbia University

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI B.A., June 1996

Anthropology, Minor in Gender Studies. *Summa cum Laude* in Independent Study.

MEDIA, ACADEMIC REVIEWING, AWARDS and LANGUAGES

Live Media Interviews

- 24 May 2016 BBC World Service, Newsday (Radio interview)
- 16 May 2016 Aljazeera Inside Story, 30 minute segment on Burundi peace talks
- 12 December 2015 Aljazeera Newshour
- 28 July 2015 Aljazeera Newshour
- 21 July 2015 Aljazeera Newshour
- 16 May 2015 Aljazeera Newshour

Print Media Interviews

- 22 July 2015 “Burundi stemmer på freden” by Karitte Lind Bejer, *Kristeligt Dagblad*, Denmark. [available from: <http://www.kristeligt-dagblad.dk/udland/burundi-stemmer-paa-freden> 22 July 2015]
- 16 May 2015 “Stridigheterna över – svårigheterna kvar” by Hanne Kjöllner, *Dagens Nyheter*, Sweden. [available from: <http://www.dn.se/ledare/signerat/hanne-kjoller-stridigheterna-over-svarigheterna-kvar/> 16 May 2015]

Academic Reviewer

- February – July 2015 *Cooperation and Conflict*, edited by Annika Björkdahl and Martin Hall. **Impact Factor:**1.375 | **Ranking:** International Relations 19 out of 85 | Political Science 38 out of 161 | **5-Year Impact Factor:** 1.151 | **5-Year Ranking:** International Relations 31 out of 85 | Political Science 64 out of 161. Google Scholar Metrics Scores: h5-index – 18; h5 median– 24. One double-blind article.
- August 2010 – September 2017 *African Journal of Conflict Resolution*, edited by Jannie Malan. An open access journal published by the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD). Google Scholar Metrics Scores: h5-index –7; h5 median–16. Advisory Panel Member

Awards and Merits

- Member of the International Panel of Exiting Violence, hosted by the Fondation MAison Sciences de l’Homme, Paris, France.
- Member of the International Panel for Social Progress, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’Homme, Paris, France and Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University.
- Nordic Africa Institute (2012): Travel Grant for Research in Africa
- Westover School (2007): Distinguished Young Alumna Award.
- Columbia University (1999 – 2000): Masters in International Affairs (MIA) Institute of African Studies, Continuing Fellowship.
- International House (1999 – 2000): Women in International Leadership Fellowship.
- Riverside Church (1998): Youth Grant, South Africa Initiative.
- Lawrence University (1992 – 1996): Dean’s List (1994 – 1996); Martin Luther King Jr. Prize (1996); and Harriet Tubman Prize (1995).