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ACADEMIC POSITION

- 2023-present Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair of the intercollege Masters of Professional Studies in Homeland Security
School of Public Affairs, Penn State Harrisburg
- 2022-2023 Program Coordinator, Political Science Program
La Salle University, Philadelphia PA
- 2018-2023 Assistant Professor, Political Science Department
La Salle University, Philadelphia PA
- 2016-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science Department
La Salle University, Philadelphia PA

EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Political Science & African Studies, *The Pennsylvania State University*
(defended July 21, 2016, graduated December 16, 2017)
Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, & African Studies

Dissertation: Explaining Violence in African Civil Wars: Sierra Leone and Liberia in Comparative Perspective
Committee: James A. Piazza, Kidane Mengisteab, Doug Lemke, Donna Bahry, & Kevin Thomas
- 2013 M.A., Political Science, *The Pennsylvania State University*
Master's Essay: "Explaining Patterns of RUF Violence in Sierra Leone."
- 2008 M.Sc., African Studies, *Oxford University*
Master's Essay: "A Comparison of US and UK Government Policy Toward the Conflict in Northern Uganda, 1986-2006."
- 2005 M.A., International Relations, *University of St Andrews*
(Under the Scottish University system, all undergraduate Arts degrees are awarded as Master of Arts degrees)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2013 **Leonard, Emma** & Gilbert Ramsey (Eds.) *Globalizing Somalia: International, Multilateral and Transnational Consequences of Conflict*. New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic Press
 Reviewed in the *Journal of Modern African Studies* 2015, 53(1)

Articles

- 2021 **Emma Leonard Boyle**, “Eleven years since the Kampala world cup bombings: what we remember and why.” *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 14(4): 490-493
- 2021 Mary Beth Altier, **Emma Leonard Boyle**, and John Horgan. “Returning to the fight: An empirical re-engagement and recidivism.” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 33(4): 836-860
- 2021 Mary Beth Altier, **Emma Leonard Boyle**, and John Horgan. "On Reengagement and Risk Factors." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 33(4)
- 2020 Mary Beth Altier, **Emma Leonard Boyle**, and John Horgan. “Terrorist Transformations: The Link between Terrorist Roles and Terrorist Disengagement.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, OnlineFirst
- 2017 Mary Beth Altier, **Emma Leonard Boyle**, John Horgan, & Neil Shortland. “Why They Leave: An Analysis of Terrorism Disengagement and Re-engagement Events Based on 87 Autobiographical Accounts.” *Security Studies*, 26(2), April-June 2017
- 2017 **Leonard Boyle, Emma**. “Was Idi Amin’s Government a Terrorist Regime?” *Terrorism & Political Violence*, 29(4)
(Published online in 2015)
- 2010 **Leonard, Emma**. “The Lord’s Resistance Army: An African Terrorist Group?” *Perspectives on Terrorism* (4:6)

Book Chapters

- 2018 **Leonard Boyle, Emma**. “Counter-terrorism in Museveni’s Uganda” in Michael J. Boyle (Ed.) *Non-Western Responses to Terrorism* (Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press)

Non-Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2019 Mary Beth Altier and **Emma Leonard Boyle**. “The London Bridge knife attacker was a bad risk for release. Here’s why.” *The Washington Post*. (Editor reviewed current events commentary)
- 2017 **Leonard Boyle, Emma**. “Somalia 2016 Report” in International Institute for Strategic Studies (eds.) *Armed Conflict Survey 2016*, London, UK: International Institute for Strategic Studies

Book Reviews

- 2011 Review of: Oil Wealth and the Poverty of Politics: Algeria Compared, by Miriam R. Lowi, in *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 23:5, 848-849
- 2010 Review of: Child Soldiers: Sierra Leone’s Revolutionary United Front, by Myriam Denov, in *Journal of Terrorism Research*
- 2010 Review of: Killing Civilians: Method, Madness and Morality in War, by Hugo Slim, in *Terrorism and Political Violence* 22:4, 663-664

UNDER REVIEW

Emma Leonard Boyle, “Boko Haram: Kidnapping as theatre”, *Revise and Resubmit*, August 2023

WORKING PAPERS

Emma Leonard Boyle, James A. Piazza, and James Igoe Walsh, “Oil Wealth and Civil War Interventions.”

“Explaining the link between terrain and violence in the Sierra Leone civil war.”

“The link between diamonds and violence in the Sierra Leone civil war.”

“Identity Salience and Electoral Violence: Comparing Kenya and Zimbabwe.”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2015-2016 Sheila B. & Douglas T. Noakes, Jr Graduate Fellowship (awarded for excellence in research)
College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University
- 2015 Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching (\$1,000)
Political Science Department, Pennsylvania State University

- 2015 Participant in the Journeys in World Politics Conference (travel expenses covered)
Every two years, around 12 female International Relations students from around the country are selected as up-and-coming researchers in their field and invited to attend this workshop
- FA2014 PEIR Teaching Fellow
Political Science Department, Pennsylvania State University
- 2013 Summer research grant (\$3,000)
Political Science Department, Pennsylvania State University

Travel grants (various years) to attend the International Studies Association Annual Conference and the Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record:

The Pennsylvania State University
HLS805: Violence and Threats (Graduate) (online)
HLS558: Whole Community Disaster Preparedness (Graduate) (online)
HLS595A: Internship Experience in the Homeland Security Exercise (Graduate) (online)
AFR110: Introduction to Contemporary Africa (online)
PLSC418W: International Relations Theory (online, writing intensive)
PLSC414: Dictators and Their Demise
PLSC594: Research in Political Science (Graduate) (online)

La Salle University
POL151: Introduction to American Government
POL171: Political Analysis
POL221: Comparative Political Systems
POL240: Introduction to International Relations
POL272: The Rise and Fall of Dictators
POL341: Globalization
POL371: Brexit and the Future of the European Union
POL375: Civil Wars and Peacebuilding
POL480 & POL481: Senior Seminar
HON375: The People of the Polis: The Psychology of Political Decision-Making

St Andrews University
Short course on 'Terrorism in sub-Saharan Africa.' MLitt Terrorism Studies, 2008-2011 (online and classroom-based course)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2022 “War in Ukraine, Russia’s Goals and the West’s Response.”
La Sallian Forum, March 3rd 2022
- 2021 “Exploring Violent Extremism in Africa,”
Foreign policy Research Institute, April
- 2021 "Assault on the US Capitol" Panel Discussion,
La Sallian Forum, Political Science Department, February 2nd 2021
- 2020 “FPRI Briefing: The Ethiopia-Tigray Conflict”
Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia
- 2019 “A Very British Coup: Brexit Explained”
La Sallian Forum, Political Science Department
- 2019 “Are we living in a man’s world?”
Explorer Café, La Salle University
- 2019 “The Role of Women in West African Politics”
La Salle University Art Museum
- 2016 “Politically unprecedented or déjà vu: the 2016 elections in historical perspective” –
La Sallian Forum, Political Science Department
- 2016 “Brexit” – La Sallian Forum, Political Science Department
- 2015 “Women and Children in African Conflict Zones.” – La Sallian Forum, Women’s
Studies and Political Science Departments
- 2015 “Boko Haram” La Salle University, Philadelphia – Explorer Café Panel
- 2013 “Explaining Westgate: Who are Al Shabaab and why did they attack Kenya?” La
Salle University, Philadelphia – La Sallian Forum, Political Science Department

Recent Conferences

- 2022 “Boko Haram: Kidnapping as Theater.” Mid-West Political Science Association Annual
Conference, Chicago IL
- 2019 “Terrorist Transformations: The Link between Terrorist Roles and Terrorist
Disengagement,” with John Horgan (PI) and Mary Beth Altier. American Political
Science Association Annual Conference, Washington DC
- 2018 “The Relevance of Roles and Functions in Terrorist Groups for Understanding Exit
Processes.” with John Horgan (PI), Mary Beth Altier, and Neil Shortland

- International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco CA
- 2016 “The Relevance of Roles and Functions in Terrorist Groups for Understanding Exit Processes.” with John Horgan (PI), Mary Beth Altier, and Neil Shortland
American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 “Oil and Civil War Intervention” with James A. Piazza and James Igoe Walsh
International Studies Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2015 “Explaining the link between group strength and violence in the Sierra Leone civil war”
Peace Science Association Annual Conference, Oxford, Mississippi
- 2015 “Does Group Strength Explain Patterns of Violence in African Civil Wars?”
Pennsylvania Political Science Association
- 2015 “Does Group Strength Explain Patterns of Violence in African Civil Wars?” Journeys
in World Politics Conference, Women in Conflict Studies Group, University of Iowa
- 2015 “Does Group Strength Explain Patterns of Violence in African Civil Wars?”
International Studies Association, New Orleans

SERVICE AT LA SALLE

Faculty Advisor for Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honors Society
Member, Calendar Committee 2018-2020
Member, Curriculum Committee 2021-2022
Member, International Education Council 2022-present
Member, University Appeals Board 2022-present
Member, Political Science Departmental Committee
Get Out the Vote Drive, 2018 Midterms
Initiative Leader, Project Compass
Political Science Hiring Committee, 2018, 2020
Economics Hiring Committee, 2021, 2022
BUSCA Hiring Committee, 2022

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Countries lived in: UK, US, Uganda
In-country experience (4 weeks or more): France, Romania
Languages: French (basic)
Computer packages: STATA, R, NVivo, Python, GIS

Methods Classes Taken: Methods of Political Analysis; Statistical Methods for Political Research; Multivariate Analysis for Political Research; Events Data Analysis; Duration Analysis, Geographic Information Systems

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association
African Studies Association
International Studies Association
Oxford Transitional Justice Research

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer for Terrorism and Political Violence, International Studies Quarterly, Security Studies, Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, Journal of Conflict Resolution

References available on request