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EMPLOYMENT

2011 – present	Trinity College, Dublin	Assistant Professor in Political Science (International Relations) Dep't of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin
2009-2011	New York University	Research Fellow (interdisciplinary research on international law) New York University School of Law
2008-2009	Harvard University	Research Fellow (National Human Rights Institutions) Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School

EDUCATION

2011	PhD in Politics Supervisor: PhD Examiners: (Pass/No Revisions)	Nuffield College, University of Oxford Laurence Whitehead (University of Oxford) Nancy Bermeo (University of Oxford) Susan S. Stokes (Yale University)
2006	MPhil Latin American Studies Distinction awarded for MPhil thesis (77)	St. Antony's College, University of Oxford
2002	BScEcon International Politics with Law Distinction awarded for dissertation (77)	Aberystwyth University of Wales

TEACHING EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE

Teaching expertise:	Comparative politics, international relations, human rights, democratization, international law and regimes, Latin American politics
2011 – present	Candidate in Postgraduate Diploma in Education, Department of Education, Trinity College Dublin Comparative Politics (PO3670) and International Relations (PO4700) (undergraduate); Human Rights and International Politics (PO8016) (postgraduate) PO4700: third highest rated for student satisfaction in the Department of Political Science, TCD (2011/12 Spring Term Student Survey)

2009	Guest lecturer on National Human Rights Institutions, Law School, Harvard University, March 2009
2007 – 2008	Class teacher, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, Comparative Government (paper 201)
2006 – 2008	Tutor in Comparative Government, Department of Politics, University of Oxford, Comparative Politics 209: Politics in Latin America
2007	Guest lecturer on National Human Rights Institutions in Latin America, Law School, Alberta University, Canada, October 2007
2006 – 2007	Guest lecturer in democratization in Latin America, Latin American Centre, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Human Rights, State Compliance, and Social Change: Assessing National Human Rights Institutions (Cambridge University Press, 2012) with Ryan Goodman (Eds.)

The Equality and Human Rights Commission: Challenges and Opportunities, AHRC Public Policy Series No. 1 (Arts and Humanities Research Council, 2012)

Articles (peer-review journals)

'Weak institutions, rights claims and pathways to compliance: the transformative role of the Peruvian Human Rights Ombudsman,' *Oxford Development Studies*, vol. 39, No. 2, June 2011, 229-250.

'Diffusion across political systems: the global spread of national human rights institutions,' *Human Rights Quarterly*, vol. 32, No. 3, August 2010, pp. 729-760.

'Accountability in hostile times: the case of the Peruvian Human Rights Ombudsman 1996-2001,' *Journal of Latin American Studies*, vol. 40, no. 1, February 2008, pp. 51-82.

'Book review: Accountability politics: Power and Voice in Rural Mexico (by Jonathan Fox),' *Revista Latinoamericana de Política Comparada*, vol. 1, 2008, CELAEP: Ecuador.

Chapters

'Soft Law at Work: International Standards and the Design of National Human Rights Institutions,' in Ryan Goodman and Beth Simmons (eds.) *Implementing Commitments: The Domestic Effects of Human Rights Treaty Ratification* (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2013) (with Katerina Linos)

'National human rights institutions and their potential role in prevention and response to mass atrocities in Latin America,' in Monica Serrano (ed.), *Responsibility to Protect in Latin America* (Routledge Press, forthcoming 2013)

'The Bolivian Human Rights Ombudsman and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,' in Eva Brems et al. (eds.) *The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in the Protection of Economic and Social Rights* (Intersentia, forthcoming 2012)

'National human rights institutions in Latin America: Politics and institutionalization,' in Ryan Goodman and Thomas Pegram (eds.), *Human Rights, State Compliance, and Social Change: Assessing National Human Rights Institutions* (Cambridge University Press, 2012)

‘Introduction: National human rights institutions, State Conformity, and Social Change,’ in Ryan Goodman and Thomas Pegrum (eds.), *Human Rights, State Compliance, and Social Change* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), (with Ryan Goodman)

‘La Defensoría de los Habitantes de Costa Rica: ¿un puente entre el estado y la sociedad?’ [The Costa Rican Human Rights Ombudsman: A bridge between the state and society?], *Revista Perfiles Latinoamericanos-FLACSO* (Mexico: FLACO, 2012)

‘Bridging the Gap: The Defensoría, Informal Institutions and the ‘Accountability Gap’ in Peruvian Politics,’ in John Crabtree (ed.), *Peruvian Democracy: Old Problems, New Challenges* (Institute for the Study of the Americas, May 2011)

Articles, reports and opinion pieces

‘International Standards and Local Reform Outcomes: Assessing the Equality and Human Rights Commission,’ Equality and Human Rights Commission Project Working Paper Series, Human Rights Consortium (University of London, February 2012)

‘Human Rights as a Vocation: A Portrait of Ana María Romero Campero,’ Harvard Review of Latin America (ReVista, Harvard Review of Latin America, Fall 2011)

‘The HR Legacy of Brazil’s Upcoming Mega-Events’ *Human Rights & Human Welfare Journal* Roundtable, University of Denver, 9 January 2012

‘The U.S. on the Palestinian Statehood Bid: Weighing the Costs’ *Human Rights & Human Welfare Journal* Roundtable, University of Denver, 12 November 2011

‘The UN Security Council on Syria: Radical Change or Continuity?’ *Human Rights & Human Welfare Journal* Roundtable, University of Denver, 22 September 2011

OTHER MEDIA

Contributor to *The Guardian*

‘The equality commission deserves our support,’ guardian.co.uk, Thursday 6 October 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Fellowships

2011 **Visiting Fellowship and Research Associate in Human Rights** at the Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London, May-June 2011

Editorial and review

2012-2009 **Occasional referee** for Cambridge University Press, *Human Rights Review* and *Irish Political Studies*

2012 **Working paper series editor**, ‘The Equality and Human Rights Commission Project,’ hosted by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and Human Rights Consortium, University of London

Consultancy and policy work

2012 Report commissioned on **the merger of the Irish Human Rights Commission and Equality Authority** as part of a pan-European study coordinated by University College London, funded by the Nuffield Foundation (August 2012-February 2013)

- 2012 Contribution to **UN knowledge network: HuriTALK** on the expanded role of NHRIs in the second cycle of the UPR/programming opportunities for UN entities, 26 May 2012
- 2011 **‘NHRIs in Latin America and UPR recommendations on torture prevention,’** British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Human Rights & Democracy Programme Fund (£30,000 awarded: October 2011) (with Dr. Par Engstrom, UCL)
- 2011 **‘The Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain: Challenges and Opportunities,’** research project supported by the UK Arts and Humanities Research Council and Human Rights Consortium, University of London (awarded June 2011)
- 2011 **‘The Role of National Human Rights Institutions,’** presented at *First Meeting of National Focal Points*, Jointly convened by the Foreign Ministries of Costa Rica, Denmark and Ghana, in association with the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect, New York, 17 May 2011
- 2010 **Consultant and contributor** to biannual report on sustainable human development in Central America, State of the Region Program, Costa Rica.
- 2008 **Contributor**, analytical articles on Latin America, Oxford Analytica

Conference/panel organization

- 2012 Panel organizer: **‘The Responsibility to Protect in Latin America: The New Map,’** Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, 23-26 June 2012
- 2011 Conference co-organizer (with Dr Par Engstrom): **‘National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Implementation of UPR Recommendations Relating to Torture Prevention,’** University of Palermo Law School, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 13-14 December 2011 (funded by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office)
- 2011 Workshop co-organizer (and panel chair) with the British Equality and Human Rights Commission: **‘The EHRC: learning from the past and planning for the future,’** Human Rights Consortium, University of London, 24 October 2011
- 2011 Workshop organizer in partnership with the Arts and Humanities Research Council and Human Rights Consortium, School of Advanced Study, University of London: **‘The Equality and Human Rights Commission of Great Britain: Challenges and Opportunities,’** Human Rights Consortium, University of London, 17 June 2011
- 2010 Conference co-organizer (with Ryan Goodman): **‘The Domestic Consequences of International Human Rights Treaty Ratification,’** NYU School of Law, New York, 15-16 October 2010
- 2009 Conference organizer: **‘Multi-disciplinary perspectives on national human rights institutions, state compliance and social change,’** Harvard Law School, 10-11 September 2009
- 2009 Panel organizer: **‘Accountability politics: the human rights ombudsman in Latin America,’** Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro-Brazil, 11-14 June 2009
- 2008 Conference Co-organizer (with Par Engstrom): **‘The changing nature of democratization in Latin America: rights, politics and development,’** University of Oxford, 26-28 March 2008

University roles and responsibilities

2012 Co-coordinator (with Dr Clionadh Raleigh): **Political Instability Research Group at Trinity College Dublin** (an interdisciplinary and cross-departmental research group)

2011-present **Friday Seminar Convener**, Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin

Other

2008-2006 **Chair of the Oxford-Leon link charity** (a charity that supports poverty eradication projects in Central America)

2007 **Spanish to English translation** of book chapter for Laurence Whitehead, Official Fellow, Nuffield College, University of Oxford

2007-2006 **Research Assistant** to Professor Alan Angell and Dr. Jan Zielonka, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

2006 **Internship (six months)**, International Law and Organizations Program, Amnesty International, London Secretariat

2002-2003 **Project Coordinator** for ProWorld (grassroots NGO based in Peru), Urubamba, Peru

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS AND WORKSHOPS

2012

'Soft Law at Work: International Standards and the Design of National Human Rights Institutions,' presented at the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Annual Conference, CUNY, New York, US, 15 June, 2012

'The United Nations and National Human Rights Institutions,' guest lecture/workshop at University College Dublin, Ireland, 14 April 2012

2011

'Soft Law at Work: International Standards and the Design of National Human Rights Institutions,' presented at Inaugural American Society of Int'l Law Research Forum, UCLA, Los Angeles, US, 5 November 2011 (with Katerina Linos)

'Responsibility to Protect and the Coercive Enforcement of Human Rights,' presented at International Studies Association Conference, Montreal, 19 March 2011 (with Par Engstrom)

2010

'National Human Rights Institutional Reform: Formal Design Principles and Political Function' (with Katerina Linos), presented at *The Domestic Consequences of International Human Rights Treaty Ratification*, NYU School of Law, New York, 15-16 October 2010

'Weak Institutions, Rights Claims and Pathways to Compliance: the Transformative Role of the Human Rights Ombudsman,' presented at UNDP/CRISE *Regional Workshop on Horizontal Inequalities and Conflict Prevention*, Jakarta, Indonesia, 26-27 July 2010

'La defensoría del pueblo: ¿el último bastión de la universalidad?,' paper submitted to VI CEISAL Conference, Toulouse, France, 30 June-3 July 2010

2009

‘National Human Rights Institutions and The Domestic Consequences of International Human Rights Treaty Ratification,’ presented at *The Domestic Consequences of International Human Rights Treaty Ratification*, EUI, Florence, Italy 25 November 2009

‘The design, origins and distribution of national human rights institutions in Latin America,’ presented at Latin American Studies Association 2009 Congress, Rio de Janeiro, 11-14 June 2009

‘El diseño institucional que requieren las Defensorías del Pueblo en las metrópolis,’ presented at *Derechos Humanos y Metrópolis*, Mexico City Commission for Human Rights, Mexico City, Mexico, 24 April 2009

Workshop organizer: **‘The role of national human rights institutions in detention monitoring’** (with Ryan Goodman), in collaboration with the UN OHCHR and the International Coordinating Committee for National Human Rights Institutions, Geneva, 23 March 2009

SCHOLARSHIP, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2011 Arts and Social Sciences Benefactions Fund 2011-2012, Trinity College Dublin
- 2011 Visiting Professorships and Fellowships Benefaction Fund 2011/12, Trinity College Dublin
- 2011- Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Human Rights & Democracy Programme Fund (£30,000 awarded: October 2011 – March 2012)
- 2011- Arts and Humanities Research Council, funding received for collaborative policy-relevant research project on the British Equality and Human Rights Commission (awarded: June 2011, ongoing)
- 2009 DRCLAS-sponsored travel grant, The Weatherhead Center, Harvard University
- 2008 Abbey Santander Academic Travel Award
- 2008 Student Bursary, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford
- 2007 Carlos de Sola Wright Memorial Fund, University of Oxford
- 2007 Nuffield Studentship, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- 2007 Nuffield Travel Grant, Nuffield College, University of Oxford
- 2005 Latin American Centre Research Grant, University of Oxford
- 2005 Stahl Research Grant, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford

REFEREES

Upon request