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- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS** University of Amsterdam  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, beginning fall 2021
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018 – p  
Fellow, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute, 2019 – 2020
- Modern War Institute at the United States Military Academy at West Point  
Fellow (non-residential), 2019 – 2020
- EDUCATION** Ph.D. Political Science, University of Washington, 2018  
Dissertation: *Women in War: Militancy, Legitimacy, and Rebel Success*
- M.A. Political Science, University of Washington, 2014
- B.A. Political Science and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The College of Wooster, 2012
- BOOK MANUSCRIPT** *Rebel Women: Violence and Legitimacy in Civil War* (in progress)
- PUBLICATIONS** Meredith Loken, 2020. “‘Both Needed and Threatened:’ Armed Mothers in Militant Visuals,” *Security Dialogue*, Online First
- Meredith Loken, Milli Lake, and Kate Cronin-Furman, 2018. “Deploying Justice: Strategic Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence,” *International Studies Quarterly* 52(4): 751-764
- Meredith Loken and Anna Zelenz, 2018. “Explaining Extremism: Western Women in Daesh,” *European Journal of International Security* 3(1): 45-68
- Meredith Loken, 2017. “Rethinking Rape: The Role of Women in Wartime Violence,” *Security Studies* 26(1): 60-92
- Meredith Loken, 2014. “#BringBackOurGirls and the Invisibility of Imperialism,” *Feminist Media Studies* 14(6): 1100-1101
- WORK IN PROGRESS** “Women in Rebel Organizations, 1960-2020,” *under review*
- “Using Images as Data in Political Violence Research,” *under review* (prepared for the *Journal of Human Rights* 20:3, 2021 ‘Methods Focus’ series)
- “Race and Racial Exclusion in Security Studies: A Survey of Scholars” (with

Kelebogile Zvobgo, Arturo Sotomayor, Maria Rost Rublee, George Karavas, and Constance Duncombe), *under review*

“The ‘Rear Guard:’ Women’s Organizational Support in Civil Conflicts”

“The Visual War: Militant Propaganda in Civil Wars”

“Violence Against Gender and Sexual Minorities During Civil Conflict,” (with Jamie J. Hagen)

“Gender and Violence in the Contemporary American Militia Movement” (with Kanisha D. Bond)

“Running on Their Records: Gender Cues and Women Veteran Candidates in the 2018 Election,” (with Meredith Conroy and Meredith Rolfe)

**PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT**

Kelebogile Zvobgo and Meredith Loken, “Why Race Matters in International Relations,” *Foreign Policy*, Summer 2020 (print issue)

- Re-published in *International Politics: Classic and Contemporary Readings (2<sup>nd</sup> edition)* Robert Person, e.d. forthcoming 2021. SAGE Publishing and CQ Press
- Listed in the *New York Times* ‘The Interpreter’ “What We’re Reading”

Meredith Loken, “Marine Corps Gender Desegregation is Overdue and Only the First Step,” *Modern War Institute*, January 2020

Kanisha D. Bond, Kate Cronin-Furman, Meredith Loken, Milli Lake, Sarah Parkinson, and Anna Zelenz, “The West Needs to Take the Politics of Women in ISIS Seriously,” *Foreign Policy*, March 2019

Hilary Matfess, Robert U. Nagel and Meredith Loken, “Gendered Violence and Political Agendas,” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, February 2019

Meredith Loken, “No, Your Trump-is-gay-for-Putin Jokes Aren’t Funny,” *The Washington Post*, July 2018 (print issue, *Outlook*)

Meredith Loken, “Will Integrating Women Into Armed Groups Prevent Rape?” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, January 2017

Meredith Loken and Anna Zelenz, “Why do Western Women Join Daesh?” *Sustainable Security* (Oxford Research Group), July 2016

**INVITED TALKS**

*Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University*, “Gender and Power in Global Affairs,” 2020

*United States Senate Staff National Security Discussion Group*, “Race and Racism in Foreign Policy,” 2020

*Bridging the Gap Project, American University*, “Rethinking How We Teach IR,” 2020

*University of Wisconsin*, “Women in Armed Conflict: Rethinking Legitimacy and Accountability,” 2020 (rescheduled for 2021 due to the covid19 pandemic)

*Boston University*, “Women in Terrorism: Visibility, Legitimacy, and Accountability in Modern War,” 2020

*Harvard University Women and Public Policy Program*, “Women and Gender in Right-Wing Armed Groups,” 2019

*Yale University MacMillan Center*, “What Happens Now?: Displacement and Return in the ‘Post-‘Caliphate’ World,” 2019

*Wesleyan University Allbritton Center for the Study of Public Life*: “Militant Women: Rebels and Terrorists in Modern Wars,” 2018

**WORKSHOPS AND  
CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS**

International Studies Association Annual Convention: 2016, 2017, 2019

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2018

Law and Society Association: 2015

National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference: 2014

*Peacekeeping, Human Security, and Violence Workshop*, University of Maryland, “Women in Rebel Organizations,” 2020

*The New Directions in the Quantitative Study of Gender and Peace Science*, Peace Science Society, “Women in Rebel Organizations: Introducing the WIRO Dataset, 1960-2020,” 2020

*Centre for the Analysis of the Radical Right Annual Conference*, “Women and Gender in the Contemporary American Militia Movement,” 2020 (cancelled due to the covid19 pandemic)

*Conference on Ideology and Political Violence*, Texas A&M University, “Women, Gender, and Iconography in the Contemporary American Militia Movement,” 2019

*Women Waging War*, Columbia University Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies and City College’s Politics of Sexual Violence Initiative: “‘Invisible’ Wars: Women’s Organizational Support in Civil Conflicts,” 2019

*International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI)*, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, 2019

*University of Massachusetts Amherst Conflict, Violence and Security Workshop*: “Women, Gender, and Gender Order in Conflict Visuals,” 2018

*Workshop on Measuring Inclusion*, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver: “Measuring Women’s Participation in Civil Conflict,” 2017

*Washington State Democratic Central Committee Annual Meeting*: “Recognizing and Combating Sexual Violence,” organized training and workshop, 2017

*Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy*, Columbia University, 2017

*The Conceptualization and Measurement of Female Combatants Workshop*, School of International Service, American University: “Rethinking Rape: The Role of Women in Wartime Violence,” 2016

**TEACHING**

Professional development: *College and University Educators Workshop*, Council on Foreign Relations, 2019; *Researching and Teaching Security*, Alliance to Advance Liberal Arts Colleges, 2019

Courses taught:

World Politics

Political Violence

Gender, Conflict, and Security

Teaching accolades:

University of Massachusetts, Amherst Distinguished Teaching Award

- Finalist, 2019-2020
- Nominee, 2020-2021

University of Washington Excellence in Teaching Award finalist, 2017-2018

University of Washington College of Arts & Sciences commendation for excellence in teaching, 2013-2014 and 2015-2016

**GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington, 2017-2018

Richard B. Wesley Endowed Fellowship in Comparative Politics, University of Washington, 2017-2018

Peter May Graduate Research Grant, University of Washington, 2016

Richard B. Wesley Endowed Fellowship in International Security, University of Washington, 2015-2016

**EXTERNAL SERVICE**

Reviewer, *International Security*, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *European Journal of International Security*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Research & Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT)*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *International Affairs*, *Swiss National Science Foundation*, and the *National Science Foundation*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

International Studies Association

American Political Science Association

United States Institute of Peace Missing Peace Network on Sexual Violence