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<b>ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS</b>	University of Massachusetts, Amherst Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2018 – p Interdisciplinary Studies Institute Fellow, 2019 – 2020  Modern War Institute at the United States Military Academy at West Point Fellow (non-residential), 2019 – p
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Ph.D. Political Science, University of Washington, 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Dissertation:</i> Women in War: Militancy, Legitimacy, and Rebel Success</li></ul> M.A. Political Science, University of Washington, 2014 B.A. Political Science and Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, The College of Wooster, 2012
<b>BOOK MANUSCRIPT</b>	Rebel Women: Violence and Legitimacy in Civil War (in progress)
<b>PUBLICATIONS</b>	Meredith Loken, 2020. "‘Both Needed and Threatened:’ Armed Mothers in Militant Visuals," <i>Security Dialogue</i> , Online First  Meredith Loken, Milli Lake, and Kate Cronin-Furman, 2018. "Deploying Justice: Strategic Accountability for Wartime Sexual Violence," <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 52(4): 751-764  Meredith Loken and Anna Zelenz, 2018. "Explaining Extremism: Western Women in Daesh," <i>European Journal of International Security</i> 3(1): 45-68  Meredith Loken, "Rethinking Rape: The Role of Women in Wartime Violence," <i>Security Studies</i> 26(1): 60-92  Meredith Loken, "#BringBackOurGirls and the Invisibility of Imperialism," <i>Feminist Media Studies</i> 14(6): 1100-1101
<b>WORK IN PROGRESS</b>	"Violence Against Gender and Sexual Minorities During Civil Conflict," (with Jamie J. Hagen), <i>under review</i>  "The ‘Rear Guard:’ Women's Organizational Support in Civil Conflicts"  "The Visual War: Militant Propaganda in Civil War, 1960-2018"

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

**PUBLIC  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

- 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**

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

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

*University of Wisconsin*, “Women in Armed Conflict: Rethinking Legitimacy and Accountability,” 2020 (cancelled due to 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

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

*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, 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	Sexual Violence, Justice, and the Law

Teaching accolades:

University of Massachusetts, Amherst Distinguished Teaching Award finalist, 2019-2020

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

**PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS**

International Studies Association  
American Political Science Association  
United States Institute of Peace Missing Piece Network on Sexual Violence