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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., expected 2020** **American University**
Justice, Law & Criminology
- M.A., 2015** **George Mason University**
Summa cum laude
Political Science
- B.A., 2009** **Beloit College**
Magna cum laude
Double Major: International Relations (Honors) / Modern Languages (Honors)
Double Minor: Latin American & Caribbean Studies / Southeast Asian Studies
Honors Term: Awarded Spring Semester 2010 for Independent Research

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTER

- Hamlin, R. & **Mellinger, H.** (2018). The Role of Courts and Legal Norms. In A. Weinar, S. Bounjour & L. Zhyznomirska (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook on the Politics of Migration in Europe* (pp. 99-108). New York, NY: Routledge.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Mellinger, H.** & van Berlo, P. (2016, Aug. 20). The Jordan Compact: Turning the Syrian Refugee Crisis into a Development Opportunity. *Leiden Law School Blog*. Retrieved from <http://leidenlawblog.nl/articles/the-jordan-compact-turning-the-syrian-refugee-crisis>
- Mellinger, H.** (2015, June). Introduction: Seeking Safety on the High Seas. *Refugee Review: Reconceptualizing Refugees and Forced Migration in the 21st Century*, 22(1). Retrieved from <https://refugeereview2.wordpress.com/discussion-series/introduction-seeking-safety-on-the-high-seas-by-hillary-mellinger/>

Mellinger, H. (2013, September). Terrorist or Asylum Seeker?: A U.S. Perspective. *Refugee Review: Social Movements*, 1(1). Retrieved from <https://refugeereview.wordpress.com/interviews-and-discussions/volume-2-how-has-refugee-law-become-politicized/terroristorasylumseeker/>

Mellinger, H. (2013 / 2014, Winter). “Dear Annie” Revisited: A Help Column for Graduate Students Seeking Mentorship. *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship*, 2(1), 57-58.

Mellinger, H. (2013, Summer). A New Section for our Graduate Members. *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship*, 1(2), 62.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Lowrey-Kinberg, B., Barak, M. & **Mellinger, H.** (In Progress). Perceptions of Justice Among the Guatemalan-Maya of South Florida.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2015 - 2019 Graduate Assistantship at American University – full funding
2010 Honor’s Term at Beloit College to conduct research post-completion of undergraduate degree
2008 Global Studies Foundation, national undergraduate student grant

ACADEMIC TRAINING

2018 Certificate in Art of Teaching course at American University
2017 Certificate in Online Teaching course at American University
2015 Certificate in Governing Crime and Migration honor’s course at Leiden Law School
2013 Certificate in European Law & Policy on Immigration & Asylum at Université Libre de Bruxelles

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Denotes course that I developed

George Mason University

Adjunct Instructor

– Introduction to Law & Society (Fall 2018, Undergrad, In-Person Course)

American University

Adjunct Instructor

– Refugee & Asylum Policy* (Summer 2017 & 2018, Combined Undergrad & Grad, Online Course)

– Forensic Science (Summer 2017 & 2018, High School Students for College Credit, Online Course)

Teaching Assistant

– Western Legal Tradition (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018 & Spring 2017, 2018, Undergrad, In-Person Course)

– The International Criminal Court (ICC) Examined (Spring 2018, Undergrad, In-Person Course)

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 “Humanitarian Forms of Immigration Relief in the U.S.” (April 29, 2017).
Invited to speak by Radboud University, located in the Netherlands, during their study trip to Washington, D.C. with thirty-five undergraduate and graduate students. Information on the presentation can be found at <https://www.ru.nl/nas/information/study-trips/>

GUEST LECTURE

- 2018 “Equal Justice Under the Law: A Misnomer? Disparities in Asylum Outcomes”
Presented for a graduate course, “Behavior of Law,” at George Mason University (April 2018)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PANELS ORGANIZED & CHAIRED

- 2018 “Speed Mentoring for Graduate Students.” (Chaired; co-organized with Rebecca Hamlin)
Law & Society Association. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2018 “Perceptions of Justice among the Guatemalan-Maya of South Florida”
American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA. November 2018.
- 2018 “Discretionary Decision-Making: Adjudication of Asylum Applications”
Law & Society Association. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.
- 2017 “Fear & Confusion: Greece’s Untenable Hotspots.”
American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.
- 2016 “Refugee Roulette Revisited.”
Law & Society Association. New Orleans, LA. June 2016.
- 2015 “Selective Sovereignty & Seaborne Migration: A Comparison of the U.S. & Australia”
Law & Society Association. Seattle, WA. May 2016.
- 2014 “Asylum Intercepted: Seaborne Asylum-Seekers & U.S. Interdiction Policy”
American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. September 2014.
- 2014 “Security in the Balance: State Security & Human Security of Refugees in the US and EU”
Law & Society Association. Minneapolis, MN. May 2014.
- 2013 “Security in the Balance: State Security & Human Security of Refugees in the US and EU”
Annual Student Conference, Centre for Refugee Studies, York Univ., Toronto, Canada. (April).

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

American University

- 2017 Judge, School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Symposium

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer

- Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (ESPMI) Network. (2015, June). *Refugee Review: Reconceptualizing Refugees and Forced Migration in the 21st Century*, 22(1). Retrieved from <https://refugeereview2.files.wordpress.com/2015/06/final-refugee-review-ii-pdf3.pdf>

Law and Society Association (LSA)

- Immigration and Citizenship Collaborative Research Network (CRN2)
 - 2018 Chaired and Co-Organized a Panel of Scholars to Give Advice to Grad. Students: “Speed Mentoring” - Navigating Graduate School as an Interdisciplinary Scholar

American Political Science Association (APSA)

- Migration & Citizenship Section
 - 2012 – 2014 Executive Committee (served as one of two Graduate Student Members)
 - 2014 Organized the Section’s Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting in DC
 - 2013 Organized a Survey of Graduate Students’ Migration Mentorship Priorities

Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (ESPMI) Network

- 2014 – 2014 Executive Committee
 - Solicited contributions for the ESMPI Network’s online journal, *Refugee Review*
 - Served as a peer review for the ESMPI Network’s online journal, *Refugee Review*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Law & Society Association (LSA)

American Political Science Association (APSA)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

American University

- 2015 – Present Time, Research Assistant to Dr. Bill Davies
 - Researched various topics involving EU law
 - Edited, cited, and provided feedback on Dr. Davies’ co-edited book *EU Law in Context*

George Mason University

- Fall 2012, Research Assistant to Dr. Jo-Marie Burt
 - Translated news articles and court transcripts from Spanish to English regarding the trial of President Fujimori in Peru for purposes of publication on the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA's) website

University of Wisconsin—Madison

- Summer 2009, Research Assistant to Dr. Aseema Sinha
 - Conducted research and analyzed news articles to determine the motives and goals of the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India & China) countries in asserting their new economic power in international institutions such as the IMF and WTO.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, American University **Summer 2016 & 2017**

- Prepared country conditions research for draft declarations in support of asylum cases
- Drafted preliminary expert declarations with information regarding the political and socioeconomic situation in the “Northern Triangle” countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala

Tahirih Justice Center

- **BIA Accredited Representative (Falls Church, VA)** **2013 - 2016**
 - Represented clients in humanitarian-based forms of immigration relief including Asylum, U visas, T visas, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Applications for Lawful Permanent Residence, and other legal matters
 - Conducted intakes and phone screenings
 - Co-Managed Pro Bono Attorney Program
- **Immigration & Family Law Paralegal (Falls Church, VA)** **2012 - 2013**
 - Provided immigration paralegal support in humanitarian immigration filings
 - Provided family law paralegal support in divorce, custody, and spousal / child support cases
 - Conducted intakes and phone screenings
 - Co-Managed Pro Bono Attorney Program
- **Legal Advocate (Houston, Texas)** **2011 - 2012**
 - Provided paralegal support in humanitarian immigration filings
 - Conducted intakes and phone screenings
 - Assisted in management of Pro Bono Attorney Program
- **Case Aide / Office Admin (Houston, Texas)** **May 2011 - Sept 2011**
 - Performed administrative duties including case file management and receptionist tasks
 - Provided paralegal support in humanitarian immigration filings
 - Provided support to the Social Services Department in case management

Immigration Paralegal, Lopez Law Group, LLC, in Madison, Wisconsin **2010 - 2011**

- Prepared legal filings for both family-based and employment-based immigration matters

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2010 Lucius Porter Prize for Asian Studies at Beloit College
2008 Richard Blakey Endowed Scholarship from the Modern Languages Dept. at Beloit College
2008 Ellen Pepe Koch Endowed Scholarship from Beloit College
2006 Recipient of Eaton Scholarship from Beloit College

HONOR SOCIETIES

2010 Phi Beta Kappa Liberal Arts Honor Society
2010 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
2009 Mortar Board Honor Society for College Seniors
2008 Phi Sigma Iota Language Honor Society