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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Toronto, Geography (2013)

Dissertation: *Securitizing the Coast of Somalia: Political Geographies of Piracy*

M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Urban and Regional Planning (2009)

Concentration in International Development

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Political Science (2005)

Concentration in African Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development and criminal justice reform

Geographies of crime

Maritime crime and security

Critical criminology

Sub-Saharan Africa/East Africa

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Florida International University

Assistant Professor

Department of Criminal Justice

Miami, Florida

Fall 2014 – *Present*

Old Dominion University

Adjunct Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science and Geography

Norfolk, Virginia

Spring 2014

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Somalia Fisheries Sector, Transnational Crime Expert

Somalia/Nairobi, Kenya

November 2015 – May 2016

- Served as a Transnational Crime Expert Consultant for FAO Somalia Fisheries Sector's Counter Piracy Trust Fund projects;
- Conducted a research validation workshop in Bosaso, Somalia, with the participation of donors, fishing cooperatives, FAO Somalia Fisheries Field Officers and Ministry staff from Somaliland, the Federal Government of Somalia, Puntland, and Galmudug;

- Analyzed Somalia fishermen and fleet registration data for age trends, fisheries activities, and economics and gender analysis at the regional and community levels—linking potential trends to perceived levels of piracy-related activity in the region;
- Provided guidance on proposals for future counter-piracy interventions in and outside of the Somalia fisheries sector;
- Drafted a Final Report of Somali fishermen, fleet registration, and piracy data analysis findings for publication by FAO.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Counter Piracy Programme, Consultant

Nairobi, Kenya
January 2012 – October 2012

- Served as a consultant in UNODC’s high profile regional office dedicated to enhancing rule of law and combating maritime piracy, terrorism, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and corruption in the East African region;
- Traveled frequently to Somalia and served as principal UNODC contact for the Counter-Piracy Coordination Offices in Somaliland and Puntland;
- Oversaw the successful repatriation of two Somali preteen piracy suspects to Garowe, Somalia;
- Designed and managed the Somaliland Counter-Piracy Awareness Campaign and the Puntland Counter-Piracy Advocacy Campaign, including public polling and other evaluative measures;
- Created and managed the UNODC piracy prisoner database system in coordination with Somali officials, as both a capacity building and anti-terrorism measure
- Worked to promote and incorporate the international Piracy Prisoner Transfer Programme, building regional cohesion and cooperation;
- Represented UNODC in intergovernmental and inter-agency meetings, donor briefings, and consultations with Member States, including background papers, presentations, analyses, fortnightly progress reports, etc., while also serving as the media contact for all UNODC CPP activities.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Counter Piracy Programme, Graduate Research Intern

Nairobi, Kenya
October 2011 – January 2012

- Worked directly for the Counter Piracy Programme Coordinator to advance the United Nation’s primary response to piracy off the coast of Somalia and develop technical assistance programmes to counter maritime piracy, as well as criminal justice and law enforcement matters;
- Designed the programmatic framework, project document, implementation strategy and budget for the UNODC Anti-Piracy Campaign currently being implemented in Somaliland and Puntland, Somalia;
- Liaised with international governments and agencies, donors, and other United Nations agencies throughout the UNODC Anti-Piracy Campaign design process;
- Conducted piracy- and terrorism-related research, backstopped background papers, presentations, analyses, briefings, summary reports, etc.

- Conducted research on curbing crime and increasing safety in Third World cities through modifying the built environment and implementing community policing strategies;
- Developed city selection criteria for choosing and implementing safer cities for girls projects;
- Finalized the report/proceedings from the 3rd International Women's Safety Conference in Delhi, India, and from the Expert Working Group on Safe Cities for Girls;
- Contributed to a joint project document on Safer Cities for Women, Youth and Girls in collaboration with UNICEF and UN Women;
- Co-authored a thematic paper for the XIIth UN Round Table on "Communication for Development" focusing on planning for safer cities for adolescent girls.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Books:

Gilmer, Brittany. (2014) *Political Geographies of Piracy: Constructing Threats and Containing Bodies in Somalia*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

Gilmer, Brittany. (forthcoming 2017) Compensation in the Absence of Punishment: Rethinking Somali Piracy as a Form of Maritime *Xeer*. In Martin Fredriksson and James Arvanitakis (eds.), *Property, Place and Piracy*. Routledge.

Gilmer, Brittany. (2016) Fishermen, Pirates, and the Politics of Aid: An Analysis of the Somali Fishermen Registration Programme. *Geoforum*. 77: 106-113.

Gilmer, Brittany. (published online before print, September 2016) Hedonists and Husbands: Piracy Narratives, Gender Demands, and Local Political Economic Realities in Somalia. *Third World Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1080/01436597.2016.1229566.

Gilmer, Brittany. (published online before print, June 2016) Somali Piracy Prisoners and Biopolitical Penal Aid in East Africa. *Punishment & Society*. DOI: 10.1177/1462474516654730.

Gilmer, Brittany. (2016) Awareness Campaigns as a Response to Piracy off the Coast of Somalia. *Journal of Development Studies*. 52(6): 765-779.

Technical Reports:

Gilmer, Brittany, Jorge Torrins and Joelle Lee-Silcox. (2016) *Analysis of the Fisherfolk Registration Data in Somalia*. Technical report for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Nairobi, Kenya: UNON.

(Gilmer) VandeBerg, Brittany (2012) *The Impact of Maritime Piracy on Somaliland*. Technical report for United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Counter Piracy Programme (UNODC CPP). Nairobi, Kenya: UNON.

Book Reviews:

Gilmer, Brittany. (2016) Review of Burrill, Emily, *States of Marriage: Gender, Justice, and Rights in Colonial Mali*. H-Citizenship, H-Net Reviews.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Fishermen's Fight: Somali Piracy and the Dynamics of Identities, Mobilities and Territorialities off the Coast of Somalia. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. 29 March – 2 April 2016.

Securing Somalia: Political Geographies of Piracy. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting—J. Warren Nystrom Award Session II. Tampa, Florida. 7-12 April 2014.

Maritime Piracy and Labor Insecurities. Migration and Security Conference: Gendered Dimensions in Asian Cities. Toronto, Canada. 31 March – 1 April 2014.

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Analysis of the Somalia Fisherfolk Registration Data. Stakeholder Workshop. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Somalia Fisheries Sector. Bosaso, Somalia. 14-16 March 2016.

Border Security and Somali Piracy. Colloquium on Border Security. Hosted by Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies. Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 17 April 2015.

International Criminal Law Expert Conference: The Potential Impact and Limits of the Criminal Jurisdiction of the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples Rights. African Court Research Initiative. FIU College of Law. Miami, Florida. 20-21 March 2015. (Expert Participant)

Combating Somali Piracy. Professional MA in Global Governance (MAGG) Program. Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 14 February 2015.

Geographies of Indonesia. Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program (LDESP): Senior Leader Seminar on Indonesia, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 8-9 May 2013.

The Impacts of Piracy on Somaliland. Joint Partnership for Raising Awareness and Combating Piracy Workshop. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Hargeisa, Somalia. 15-19 July 2012.

UN-HABITAT Expert Working Group on Girls' Safety in Cities. United Nations Compound, Nairobi, Kenya. 6-8 April, 2011. (Expert Participant)

FUNDED RESEARCH

U.S. Department of Education Title VI-Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Travel Grant, African and African Diaspora Studies Program, Florida International University, 2016, \$1000.

Graduate Studies Travel Research Grant, University of Toronto, 2011-2012. \$2000.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS

External Awards:

Richard Morrill Award for Public Outreach, American Association of Geographers, 2016.

J. Warren Nystrom Award National Finalist, Best Dissertation in Geography, American Association of Geographers, 2014.

Institutional Grants:

International Student Doctoral Studies Fellowship, University of Toronto, 2009-2013.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Curriculum Committee, Criminal Justice Faculty Rep. Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	Florida International University 2016-2017
Mandela Washington Fellowship (YALI) Evaluator African & African Diaspora Studies Program & Division of Research	Florida International University July 2016
Mandela Washington Fellowship (YALI) Evaluator African & African Diaspora Studies Program & Division of Research	Florida International University July 2015
Student Retention Committee Department of Criminal Justice	Florida International University 2014-2016
Affiliate Faculty Member African & African Diaspora Studies Program	Florida International University 2014-present
Faculty Assembly Member African & African Diaspora Studies Program	Florida International University 2014-present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer:

Antipode (2017)

H-Net Reviews (2016)

Conflict Management and Peace Science (2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2010-present

American Society of Criminology (ASC) 2014-present

- *Critical Criminology, Division Member*
- *International Criminology, Division Member*

International Studies Association (ISA) 2016-present

Global Prisons Research Network (GPRN) 2016-present

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Advanced Security in the Field Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 16 October 2015.

Basic Security in the Field II (BSITF II) Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 16 October 2015.

Safe and Secure Approach to the Field Environment (SSAFE) Somalia Certification. Pre Deployment Security Training for United Nations Staff: United Nations Somalia. 16-19 April 2012. Nairobi, Kenya.

Advanced Security in the Field Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 15 April 2012.

Basic Security in the Field II (BSITF II) Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 15 April 2012.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Newspaper Interviews:

The Swiss Daily (Neue Zurcher Zeitung). (2017) The return of the pirates (Die ruckkehr der piraten). 15 April 2017. <https://www.nzz.ch/international/somalias-seeraeuber-die-rueckkehr-der-piraten-ld.1287104>.

Magazine Interviews:

IHS Maritime 360. (2015) Piracy analysis: EU Somali coastguard initiative delivers. 27 July 2015. www.ihsmaritime360.com.

IHS Maritime 360. (2015) EMEA maritime attacks down but Bangladesh crime rises. 24 July 2015. www.ihsmaritime360.com.

Research Featured Online:

Piracy-studies.org. (2015) Pirate Mania: Counter-Piracy and the Security-Development Nexus in Somalia. 17 February 2015.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Level Courses

Global Terrorism and Homeland Security	Florida International University
Immigration and Crime*	Florida International University
Capstone Project, Master of Arts in Global Affairs	Florida International University

Undergraduate Level Courses

Human Trafficking	Florida International University
Global Terrorism and Homeland Security*	Florida International University
Introduction to Political Geography	Old Dominion University
Introduction to Cultural Geography	Old Dominion University

*FIU Affordability Counts Medallion Course. Course materials cost less than \$60.