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Professional Positions

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, *Michigan State University*, August 2017-Present.

Faculty Affiliate African Studies Center, Center for Advanced Study of International Development,
Center for Gender in Global Context

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, *Michigan State University*, August 2012-July 2017.

Visiting Researcher, Centre for Study of Civil War, *Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)*, Fall 2010.

Instructor, W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Institute, *Princeton University*, Summer 2008

Education

Ph.D., Political Science, *Pennsylvania State University*, August 2012.

M.A., Political Science, *Pennsylvania State University*, May 2009.

B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, International & Global Studies, *University of Maryland Baltimore County*,
May 2007

Publications

Jakana L. Thomas. (Forthcoming). "A Marriage of Mutual Convenience? West African Women's Participation in Community-Based Armed Groups" (Resolve Network, United States Institutes of Peace)

Jakana L. Thomas. (Forthcoming). "Terrorism by Insurgents and Rebels." in *Contemporary Terrorism Studies*, Diego Muro and Tim Wilson, Eds. Oxford University Press.

Jakana L. Thomas. (Forthcoming). "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing: Assessing the Effect of Gender Norms on the Lethality of Female Suicide Terrorism." *International Organization*.

Anna O. Pechenkina and **Jakana L. Thomas.** (2020). "Battle Stalemates and Rebel Negotiation Attempts in Civil Wars." *Security Studies* 29(1):64-91.

Jakana L. Thomas. 2018. "Women's Participation in Political Violence" in *The Oxford Handbook of U.S. National Security*, Derek S. Reveron, Nikolas K. Gvosdev, and John A. Cloud, Eds. Oxford University Press.

Jakana L. Thomas and Reed M. Wood. 2018. "The Social Origins of Female Fighters." *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 35(3):215-232.

Reed M. Wood and **Jakana L. Thomas**. 2017. "Women on the Frontline: Rebel Group Ideology and Women's Participation in Violent Rebellion." *Journal of Peace Research* 54(1):31-46.

Runner up for The Nils Petter Gleditsch JPR Article of the Year Award, 2018

Jakana L. Thomas, William Reed and Scott Wolford. 2016. "The Rebel's Credibility Dilemma" *International Organization* 70(3):477-511.

Jakana L. Thomas and Kanisha D. Bond. 2015. "Women's Participation in Violent Political Organizations" *American Political Science Review* 109(3):488-506.

Jakana L. Thomas. 2014. "Rewarding Bad Behavior: How Governments Respond to Terrorism in Civil War" *American Journal of Political Science* 58(4):804-818.

Other Publications

"Capitol mob wasn't just angry men- there were angry women as well." *The Conversation*. January 22, 2021.

"Actually, sometimes terrorism does work," *Monkey Cage/ The Washington Post*. April 22, 2014.

Research in Progress

Under Review

"Fighting for Peace: The Direct and Indirect Effects of Women's Participation in Rebel Groups on Peace Negotiations" (w/ Elizabeth Brannon & Lora DiBlasi)

"Radicalization of Rebel Demands during Negotiations" (Revise and Resubmit)

Book Manuscripts

Women for War and Peace: How Women Gender Civil War Settlement

Frontlines, Sidelines, and Behind the Scenes: Women's Involvement in Communal Violence in Africa (w/ Hilary Matfess)

Selected Ongoing Projects

"The Effectiveness of Sanctioning Foreign Terrorist Organizations" (w/ Benjamin Appel)

"Sisters are Doing it for Themselves: How Female Combatants Gender Peace Agreements in Civil Wars"

"The Impact of FDI Inflow on Political Instability in Authoritarian Regimes" (w/ Martha Thomas)

Grants and Awards

Patriot Award, *U.S. National Guard*, 2020
 Presidential Visiting Scholars Fellowship, *Princeton University*, 2020-2021 (Deferred until AY2021-22)
 President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, *University of Michigan*, 2012-2013 (Declined)
 Bunton-Waller Graduate Fellow, *Pennsylvania State University*, 2007-2012
 Miller-LaVigne Graduate Fellow, *Pennsylvania State University*, 2010-2011
 Helene S. Runtagh Dissertation Grant *Pennsylvania State University*, Fall 2010
 RGSO Dissertation Release Grant *Pennsylvania State University*, Fall 2010
 Summer Research Award *Pennsylvania State University*, Summer 2010
 John A. Garcia Scholarship *ICPSR Summer Program*, Summer 2009

Professional Service

Discipline Service

Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2021
 Editorial Board, *American Political Science Review*, 2020-Present
 Editorial Board, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 2019-Present
 Editorial Board, *Political Behavior*, 2019-Present
 Editorial Board, *International Organization*, 2018-Present
 Editorial Board, *International Interactions*, 2014-Present
 Editorial Board, *American Journal of Political Science*, 2015-2018
 Nominating Committee, Peace Science Society, 2020- Present
 Professional Development Committee, International Studies Association, 2019-Present
 Advisory Board, Correlates of War, 2018-Present
 Section Chair, 2018 Southern Political Science Association Conference, New Orleans, LA
 Section Chair, 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL
 Conference Organizer, 2012 Peace Science Society Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA
 Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Department of Defense*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *National Science Foundation*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Politics & Gender*, *Swiss National Science Foundation*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*, *World Politics*
 Assistant to the Director, Peace Science Society, *Pennsylvania State University*, Spring 2009-Summer 2010
 Editorial Assistant, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, Fall 2008

University Service

College of Social Science Research Committee, *Michigan State University*

Member, 2020-Present

Chair, 2017-2019

Member, Department of Political Science Advisory Committee, *Michigan State University*, 2018-2019

Foreign Language and Area Studies Program Fellowship Committee, *Michigan State University*, 2015-2019

MSU Nomination Committee, James Gaither Jr. Fellows Program, 2017-2019

University Committee on Faculty Tenure, *Michigan State University*, 2014-16

Dismissal and Discipline Policy Review Committee

College of Social Science Scholarship Committee, *Michigan State University*, Summer 2014

Dissertation Committee Member, *Michigan State University*

Elizabeth Brannon, Chair, (Political Science, Ph.D. in progress)

Caleb Lucas, Chair, (Political Science, Ph.D. in progress)

Thomas Bentley, Chair (Political Science, Department of Defense)

Lora DiBlasi, Chair, (Political Science, Citibank)

Nate Smith, (Political Science, Nebraska Wesleyan University)

Hyun Jin Choi (Political Science, Kyunghee University)

Brian Crothers (Political Science, Air Command and Staff College)

Petra Hendrickson (Political Science, Centre College)

Gregory Wallsworth (Economics, Amazon)

Sarah St. George (Criminal Justice, University of Akron)

Search Committee Member, *Michigan State University*

Sociology/ESPP Water Search Committee, *Michigan State University* Fall 2013

Political Science/ESPP Water Search Committee, *Michigan State University*, Spring-Fall 2013

Invited Talks and Workshops

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- IR Colloquium, *Princeton University*, February 2021 (virtual)
- PSAC, *Cornell University*, December 2020 (virtual)
- International Relations Seminar, *Harvard University*, November 2020 (virtual)
- International Relations Thoughts Series, *University of California, Berkeley*, October 2020 (virtual)
- Perry World House Seminar, *University of Pennsylvania*, October 2020 (virtual)
- IR Workshop, Department of Political Science, *Yale University*, September 2020 (virtual)
- Keynote Address, *Midwest Peace and Conflict Workshop, University of Michigan*, February 2020
- Comparative Politics Workshop, *Ohio State University*, January 2020
- College of William and Mary, January 2020
- Political Science Department, *Washington University in St. Louis*, March 2019
- Browne Center for International Politics Speaker Series, *University of Pennsylvania*, January 2019
- Empirical Study of Gender Research Network, *Vanderbilt University*, May 2018
- *University of California Merced*, March 2018
- International Politics Seminar, *Columbia University*, October 2017
- Blalock Lecture, *Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research*, July 2017
- Program on International Security, *University of Chicago*, May 2017
- Department of Political Science/Center for International Development & Conflict Management, *University of Maryland*, March 2017
- Department of Political Science, *University of Wisconsin*, October 2016
- Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security & Development, *University of Denver*, January 2016
- Department of Political Science, *Pennsylvania State University*, November 2015
- School of Government and Policy, *University of Arizona*, December 2014
- Department of Peace and Conflict Research, *Uppsala University*, December 2010
- Centre for the Study of Civil War, *Peace Research Institute Oslo*, November 2010
- Junior Researchers Forum, *Peace Research Institute Oslo*, October 2010

Invited Workshops

- ‘Gendering the ICRC Workshop, *International Committee for the Red Cross*, November 2018
- Gendered Dynamics of International Security Conference, *University of Central Florida*, February 2017
- Workshop on Non-state Actor Perpetrated Mass Atrocities, US Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide, January 2017
- How does Gender Shape Violence and Coercion Conference, *Arizona State University*, October 2015
- Empirical Implications of Bargaining Theory Conference, *Princeton University*, May 2015
- Women in Violent Political Organizations Conference, Radcliffe Institute, *Harvard University* September 2014

Media

Guest:

State of the State Podcast

Al Jazeera America, Consider This

Interview:

The Lily (Washington Post)

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De Volkskrant (Netherlands)

Write-up:

Flat Hat