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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI)
University of Manchester, Manchester, England, UK

2018

Title: *Side by Side in the Land of Giants: A study of space, contact and civility in Belfast*

Supervisors: Prof. Roger Mac Ginty (Peace and Conflict Studies)
Dr. Helen Wilson (Cultural and Social Geography)

Viva Examiners: Dr. Saskia Warren (Human Geography) – University of Manchester
Prof. Garry Crawford (Cultural Sociology) – University of Salford

Master of Arts in Peace Studies (MA)

International Peace Studies
Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA

2012

Bachelor of Social Work, Honours (BSW)

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

2006

Bachelor of Arts in Social Development Studies (BA)

University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

2005

Current Employment

Assistant Professor (definite term)

2019–present

Peace and Conflict Studies – University of Waterloo, Conrad Grebel University College

- Courses taught:
 - *Roots of Conflict, Violence and Peace* – BA: Peace and Conflict Studies (200-level)
 - *History of Peace Movements* – BA: Peace and Conflict Studies (200-level)
 - *Violence, Nonviolence and War* – BA: Peace and Conflict Studies (300-level)
 - *Negotiation* – Peace and Conflict Studies (300-level)
 - *Contemporary Nonviolent Movements* – Master of Peace and Conflict Studies
 - *Conflict Analysis* – Master of Peace and Conflict Studies
 - *The Practice of Peace* – Master of Peace and Conflict Studies
- Teach four courses/modules each academic year.
- Hold an administrative position on the Peace and Conflict Studies Administrative Group, act as a voting member in departmental affairs.
- Supervise graduate (MA-level) research papers and internships (locally and globally).
- Moderate and host departmental research colloquia and events.
- Contribute to the academic research and culture of the department and engage research and work across peace studies and disciplinary boundaries.
- Decolonise existing course syllabi in an effort to generate resources that enable students to imagine and envision different cultures and knowledge systems in their curriculum

Publications

Journal Articles

- Lepp, E. (in press – accepted for publication 15 May 2022). “Civil Sanctuary: clearly marked spaces of civility in divided urban settings” *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*.
- Lepp, E. (2022). “A Side-by-Side Methodological Approach: shared experience, informality, and adaptation” *Qualitative Research*. DOI: [10.1177/14687941221096604](https://doi.org/10.1177/14687941221096604)
- Vogel, B., Arthur, C., Lepp, E., O’Driscoll, D. and Haworth, B.T. (2020). “Reading social-political and spatial experiences through street art in conflict-affected societies”. *Third World Quarterly* 41 (12): 2148-2168. DOI: [10.1080/01436597.2020.1810009](https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2020.1810009)
- Lepp, E. (2018). “Division on Ice: Shared Space and Civility in Modern Belfast” *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development* 13 (1): 32-45. DOI: [10.1080/15423166.2018.1427135](https://doi.org/10.1080/15423166.2018.1427135)

Book chapters

- Lepp, E. (2021) “Read the Room: Side-by-Side Methodology in a Belfast Ice Hockey Arena”. In R. Mac Ginty, R. Brett and B. Vogel (eds.), *Companion to peace and conflict fieldwork*. London: Palgrave Macmillan: pp. 321-337. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-030-46433-2_22](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-46433-2_22)

Forthcoming

- Haworth, B.T., Arthur, C., Vogel, B., and Lepp, E. (under review - submitted January 2022). “Your wall cannot divide us’: Graffiti in Cyprus and insights into post-conflict landscapes” *AREA*
- Lepp, E. (submitted May 2022). “Side-by-Sidedness: A conceptual rethinking of post-peace agreement encounter in everyday Belfast” *Journal of Intercultural Studies*

Media / Professional

- Lepp, E. (2020). “Opinion: Are we really all in this together?” *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* – 16 April
Available at: <https://www.therecord.com/opinion/columnists/2020/04/16/are-we-really-all-in-this-together.html>
- Haworth, B.T., Arthur, C. and Lepp, E. (2019). “Graffiti in Cyprus paints a rich and complex picture of this divided society.” *The Independent – UK* – 13 July.
Available at: <https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/graffiti-art-cyprus-politics-society-a9002851.html>
- Haworth, B.T., Arthur, C. and Lepp, E. (2019). “Graffiti in Cyprus paints a rich and complex picture of this divided society.” *The Conversation – UK* – 10 July.
Available at: <https://theconversation.com/graffiti-in-cyprus-paints-a-rich-and-complex-picture-of-this-divided-society-119437>

Audiovisual Media and Exhibitions

- “*Patrick and Davy’s Story: Faith, scars and friendship* (2020). Directed by David Bewick. Boca Films: Manchester, UK.
A short documentary film developed from my PhD research in collaboration with Boca Films.
Available at: <https://vimeo.com/394463128>
- Haworth, B.T., Vogel, B., Lepp, E., Arthur, C. and O’Driscoll, D. (2020). *Your wall can(not) divide us*.
An online exhibition by the International Consortium for Conflict Graffiti – September 3
Available at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/fea681e836974047bf0487d898601bfb>

Editorial Positions

Managing Editor

2014-2017

Peacebuilding – Taylor and Francis

- Oversaw the anonymous peer-review process for submitted manuscripts to ensure high-quality and timely reviews
- Interfaced and guided authors through the submission process and communicated journal needs with the editors, Oliver Richmond and Roger Mac Ginty, through manuscript decision-making process

Current Research Projects

Your wall can(not) divide us:

Reading social realities through graffiti and street art in conflict-affected societies

Co-Investigator on research project with Billy Tusker Haworth, Birte Vogel, Catherine Arthur (Manchester) and Dylan O'Driscoll (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)

Project Funding – Awarded several small institutional grants to support fieldwork and an exhibition. – Preparation of major grant proposal forthcoming (AHRC-UK)

Rewards and Risk, Benefits and Burden: Side-by-Side Adaptation in Small Island Communities

Co-Investigator on research project with Greg Oulahan (PI – Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada)

Project Funding –3-year SSHRC Insight Grant – €65,000 – Awarded July 2020

Research Funding Awarded

Date	Role	Project Title	Funder	Amount
09/2020-08/2023	Co-Investigator	Rewards and Risk, Benefits and Burden: Side-by-Side Adaptation in Small Island Communities	Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) - Insight Grant	\$88,862 CAD €65,000
09/2019-04/2021	Primary Investigator / Research Supervisor	The writing on the wall: reading social realities through graffiti and street art in conflict-affected societies	Peace Scholar Fund (competitive) - Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo	\$4000 CAD €3,000
06/2019	Primary Investigator	Teaching Peace in a Time of Growing Nationalism: A Survey of Peace Studies in Swedish Universities	Staff Development Fund (competitive) – School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, University of Manchester	£700 €828
04/2018-09/2018	Co-Investigator	Your wall can(not) divide us: Reading social realities through graffiti and street art in conflict-affected societies	Research Support Fund (competitive) - Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester	£3,230 €3,800
09/2014-08/2017	Primary Investigator/ PhD Studentship	Side by Side in the Land of Giants: A study of space, contact and civility in Belfast	Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester	£72,000 €85,000
08/2010-05/2012	MA Studentship	MA Academic Scholarship	Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame	\$105,000 USD €100,000

Selected Scholarly Presentations and Invited Talks

Scholarly Presentations

- Civil Sanctuaries: Framing spaces of indifference in divided urban settings* **2022**
Paper Presentation. 'How soft power brings people together in intergroup conflicts' Panel.
29 March – International Studies Association (Virtual)
- When the walls calls out: protest graffiti as a global tool of civil resistance* **2022**
Paper Presentation. 'Reading spaces of peace and conflict through public visual arts' Panel.
28 March – International Studies Association (Virtual)
- Puck Luck: Encounter and Sanctuary in a Northern Irish (Ice) Hockey Arena* **2021**
Paper Presentation. 'The Role of the Everyday in Repairing Societies after Conflict'
3 June – Canadian Peace Research Association (Virtual)
- Subdued Reconciliation: Side-by-Side in a Belfast Ice Hockey Arena* **2021**
Paper Presentation. 'Reconciliation and Peace' Panel.
7 April – International Studies Association (Virtual)
- Reading socio-political and spatial dynamics through street art in conflict-affected societies* **2021**
Paper Presentation. 'Popular Culture and Dynamics of Peace and Conflict' Panel.
6 April – International Studies Association (Virtual)
- Indiana Jones and the temple of scholarly doom/eternal light: Navigating peace and conflict fieldwork* **2020**
Round Table Participant - Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding Working Group
3 November – British International Studies Association (Virtual)
- Side-by-Sidedness: A conceptual rethinking of post-peace agreement encounter in everyday Belfast* **2019**
Paper Presentation. Building Sustainable Peace Conference.
8 November – Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies – South Bend, Indiana, USA
- Simplicity Beyond Complexity: Everyday peace in post-peace agreement Belfast* **2017**
Paper Presentation. 'Emerging Geographies of Everyday Peace' Panel.
30 August – Royal Geographical Society – London, England
- What about 'getting on with it' in post-peace agreement Belfast?* **2017**
Paper Presentation. 'Restoring peace: building post-conflict societies' Panel.
3 July – Desmond Tutu Centre, Liverpool Hope University – Liverpool, England
- Arena of Resistance: Contending prescribed reconciliation and division in Belfast* **2016**
Paper Presentation. Conference: Resistance(s): Between Theories and the Field
14-15 December - Université Libre de Bruxelles – Brussels, Belgium
- Sitting side-by-side: Perspectives of the everyday* **2016**
Postgraduate Research Presentation. Mundane Methods Event (ESRC)
November 8 – University of Manchester – Manchester, England
- Division on Ice: A study of social change in modern Belfast* **2016**
Paper Presentation. Peace and Justice Studies Association,
September 23 – Selkirk College – Nelson, British Columbia, Canada

Invited Lectures and Roles

- Graffiti Politics, Contested Spaces* **2022**
Invited Guest Lecturer. Department of Global Studies
26 January – Wilfrid Laurier University – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada (Virtual)
- Peacebuilding 101* **2020 / 2021**
Invited Workshop Facilitator. Peace Innovators Program
The Ripple Effect Education (TREE) – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- Practical Approaches to Studying Conflict Affected Societies* **2021**
Invited Guest Lecturer. Department of Politics
22 April – University of Manchester – Manchester, England (Virtual)
- Bombing Walls: Graffiti and Street Art in Conflict-Affected Spaces* **2021**
Invited Speaker. Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) Speaker Series.
4 March – University of Manchester – Manchester, England (Virtual)
- Side-by-Sidedness: A conceptual rethinking of post-peace agreement encounter in everyday Belfast* **2020**
Invited Speaker. Faculty Forum – Conrad Grebel University College
23 October – University of Waterloo – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada (Virtual)

<i>Side-by-Sidedness: A conceptual rethinking of post-peace agreement encounter</i>	2019
Invited Speaker. SIPRI Speaker Series 24 June – Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) – Stockholm, Sweden	
<i>Peace is Everybody's Business</i>	2019
Invited Guest Lecturer. Department of Peace and Conflict Studies 1 October – University of Waterloo – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada	
<i>Side-by-Sidedness: Resistance and Sanctuary in a Belfast hockey arena</i>	2018
Invited Speaker. HCRI 10 Year Anniversary Research Seminar Series 23 October – University of Manchester – Manchester, England	
<i>Media and Creativity in Humanitarianism and Conflict</i>	2017
Invited Panel Chair. 'Aid, Conflict and Peace: Collaborative Research Symposium' 19 May – University of Manchester – Manchester, England	
<i>Social Change and Social Relationships After War</i>	2016
Invited Panel Discussant. Adam Curle Symposium, September 5 – University of Bradford – Bradford, England	
<i>Writing about Violence</i>	2016
Invited Workshop Facilitator. Global Development Institute, February 29 – University of Manchester – Manchester, England	
<i>Does the World Care About Peace in Mindanao?</i>	2011
Invited Guest Lecturer. Sociology Department, October 13 – Assumption College of Davao – Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines	

Organising

* cancelled by Covid

<i>Aesthetics in/of Peace and Conflict</i>	2021-2022
Research Series Organizer / Facilitator. Department of Peace and Conflict Studies 2021-2022 Academic Year – University of Waterloo - Waterloo, Ontario, Canada	
<i>Reading spaces of peace and conflict through public arts of protest</i>	2022
Panel Organizer / Panel Chair 28 March – International Studies Association (Virtual)	
<i>Protests, Trucks, and Civil Disobedience</i>	2022
Roundtable Organizer / Facilitator – Department of Peace and Conflict Studies 18 February – Conrad Grebel University College – Waterloo, Ontario, Canada	
<i>Reading spaces of peace and conflict through public visual arts</i>	* 2020
Panel Organiser / Paper Presentation 31 August-3 September – Royal Geographical Society – London, England	
<i>Your wall can(not) divide us</i>	* 2020
Curator - Photographic Exhibit at Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development 11-13 May – Stockholm International Peace Research Institute – Stockholm, Sweden	
<i>Space, Peace and Conflict: Interdisciplinary Approaches to understanding graffiti</i>	2019
Workshop organiser (with Billy Haworth, Catherine Arthur, and Birte Vogel). 28 May – Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute – Manchester, England	
<i>Peacebuilding during an age of crisis</i>	2017
Member of Conference Organising Committee 11-12 September – International Association of Peace and Conflict Studies University of Manchester – Manchester, England	
<i>Inequality, peace and conflict</i>	2015
Member of Conference Organising Committee 10-11 September – International Association of Peace and Conflict Studies University of Manchester – Manchester, England	

Previous Employment

Senior Tutor in Humanitarian Studies / Lead Teaching Assistant *Faculty of Humanities – University of Manchester*

2014–2019

- Selection of courses taught:
 - *Development Fieldwork* – MSc International Development: Poverty, Conflict and Reconstruction
 - *Conflict Analysis* – MSc International Development: Poverty, Conflict and Reconstruction
 - *Humanitarianism and Displacement: Researching Legacies of War* – MA Humanitarian and Conflict Response
 - *Peace and Social Agency, Security and Intervention: Theories and Practices* – MA Peace and Conflict
 - *Practical Approaches to Studying Conflict Affected Countries* – MA Peace and Conflict
 - *Everyday Peacebuilding and Security* – BSc International Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response
- Undertook teaching across various platforms, having convened, lectured, guest lectured, and delivered seminars and reading groups, moderated online forums, and led experiential learning trips across academic disciplines and levels, from certificate programs to graduate study.
- Organized and led three postgraduate field trips to Northern Uganda and one to Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Supervised dissertations for master's degree level students.
- Responsible for coordinating the Teaching Assistants within HCRI; ensuring consistent, high quality teaching assistance across HCRI programs.

Adjunct Instructor

2012–2014

Global Studies – Wilfrid Laurier University

- *War and Conflict* – BA Global Studies (Fall 2012 & Spring 2014)
- *Peace and Conflict Transformation* – BA Global Studies (Fall 2013)
- Facilitated and taught tutorials for interdisciplinary undergraduate Global Studies modules.
- Organized and led student-centered learning activities and discussions, ensuring that there was understanding and engagement with the lecture materials and theoretical concepts.

Field Studies Coordinator and Undergraduate Academic Officer

2013–2014

Peace and Conflict Studies – Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo

- Independent Study Courses Led:
 - *Field Studies in Peace and Conflict* – BA Peace and Conflict Studies
 - *Conflict Resolution Skills* – BA Peace and Conflict Studies
- Directed undergraduate accredited field studies course throughout the process of preparation, experience, and return from the field.
- Developed and organized the Master of Peace and Conflict Studies Internship Program for the first year of the degree offering.

Other Relevant Employment and Initiatives

Project Officer

2011

Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID) – Davao City, Mindanao, Philippines

Advocacy and Education Campaigner

2008–2009

Karen Health and Welfare Department – Mae Sot, Thailand

English as a Second Language Instructor

2006–2009

Schoolhouse Language Center – Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Fellowships, Awards and Memberships

Fellowships

Curriculum Fellow

2020-2021

International Center for Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), Washington, DC, USA

- Develop, deploy, support, and evaluate evidence-based graduate civil-resistance education and training.
- Demonstrate familiarity with historical and emerging trends, best practices, and new knowledge in nonviolent social movement formation.
- Design mechanisms of monitoring and evaluation to capture learning gains through regular surveying and evaluation as a means of drawing out student perspectives and learning reflections.
- Complete promotional responsibilities with ICNC, including mutually agreed upon public presentations, media writing, and event organization.

Honorary Research Fellow

2019-2021

Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester

- Awarded for significant involvement and leadership in the life and development of HCRI.
- Illustrated sustained contributions to academic research demonstrated through public engagement and research partnerships with academics at University of Manchester.
- Delivered guest lectures and other responsibilities regarding the promotion of HCRI programming.

Teaching Awards

- *Outstanding Supervisor Award Nominee* 2019
Nominated by students for the Faculty of Humanities Outstanding Supervisor Award (MA Dissertation)
University of Manchester
- *Teaching Advancement Award* 2019
Funding awarded by School of Arts, Languages and Cultures to conduct pedagogical research focused on
“Teaching peace in a time of growing nationalism” – University of Manchester
- *Teaching Excellence Commendation* 2017 & 2018
Course: Conflict Analysis
Program: MA - International Development – Poverty, Conflict and Reconstruction, Department: Global
Development Institute, School of Environment, Education and Development – University of Manchester

Active Memberships

- International Studies Association – Peace Studies Section
- Peace and Justice Studies Association
- Peace and Conflict Studies Association of Canada