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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., May 2020**                      **American University**  
*Summa cum laude*  
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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

\*Denotes courses that I developed

### American University

- Professorial Lecturer – Academic Year 2019 – 2020
  - Western Legal Tradition (Fall 2019 & Spring 2020, Undergraduate Course)
  - Introduction to Legal Studies Research (Fall 2019, Undergraduate Course)
  - Honors Challenge Course: Immigration & Security (Fall 2019, Undergraduate Course)
- Adjunct Instructor – Summers 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020
  - Refugee & Asylum Policy\* (Summer 2017 & 2018, Combined Undergrad & Grad, Online Course)
  - Criminalization of Migration\* (Summers 2019 & 2020, Combined Undergrad & Grad, Online Course)
  - Forensic Science (Summer 2017, 2018, & 2019, High School for College Credit, Online Course)
  - Law & Social Theory (Fall 2018, Undergraduate Course)
- Teaching Assistant
  - Western Legal Tradition (Fall 2016, 2017, 2018 & Spring 2017, 2018, 2019 Undergraduate Course)
  - The International Criminal Court (ICC) Examined (Spring 2018, Undergraduate Course)

### George Mason University

- Adjunct Instructor – 2018 to Present
  - Introduction to Law & Society (Fall 2018 & Summer 2020, Undergraduate Course)

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### JOURNAL ARTICLE

Lowrey-Kinberg, B., Barak, M. & **Mellinger, H.** (*forthcoming*). Perceptions of Justice among Guatemalan-Mayans and Latinos of South Florida: A Call for Further Study of Procedural Justice in Minority Communities. *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order*.

Lowrey-Kinberg, B., **Mellinger, H.**, & Kearns, E.M. (*forthcoming*). How Social Dominance Orientation Shapes Perceptions of Police. *Policing: An International Journal*.

### BOOK CHAPTER

Hamlin, R. & **Mellinger, H.** (2018). The Role of Courts and Legal Norms. In A. Weiner, 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

Clipper, S., Daquin, J., & **Mellinger, H.** (In Progress). Propensity Score Matching and Coarsened Exact Matching: An Application of Matching Techniques.

Harris, L.M., & **Mellinger, H.** (In Progress). The National Asylum Attorney Burnout, Stress, and Trauma Survey.

**Mellinger, H.** (In Progress). Interpretation at the Asylum Office.

## SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Doctoral Student Research Scholarship at American University (\$4,950)  
2019 Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS) Doctoral Summit Fellow  
2010 Honor's Term at Beloit College to conduct research post-completion of undergraduate degree  
2008 Global Studies Foundation Grant, national undergraduate student grant (\$1,000)

## PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- 2019 Certificate in Teaching & Pedagogy Workshop at American University  
2018 Certificate in Art of Teaching course at American University  
2017 Certificate in Online Teaching course at American University

## CERTIFICATE COURSES

- 2015 Certificate in Governing Crime & Migration at Leiden Law School in The Netherlands  
2013 Certificate in European Law & Policy on Immigration & Asylum at Université Libre de Bruxelles

## GUEST LECTURE

- 2020 "U.S. Asylum Policy."  
Presentation for a graduate course, "Immigration Policy," George Mason University, June 2020
- 2019 "Refugee Roulette & *Matter of A-B*."  
Presented for a graduate course, "Law & Social Science," George Mason University, April 2019
- 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
- 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/>

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### PANELS ORGANIZED & CHAIRED

- 2019 "Immigration Advocacy During Contentious Times." (Chaired & Organized)  
*Law & Society Association*. Washington, DC. June 2019.
- 2019 "Defenders of Justice: A Discussion on Capital, Indigent, and Juvenile Defense." (Chaired).  
*Law & Society Association*. Washington, DC. June 2019.
- 2018 "Speed Mentoring for Graduate Students." (Chaired; Co-Organized with Rebecca Hamlin)  
*Law & Society Association*. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2020 “Interpretation at the Asylum Office.”  
*Law and Society Association*. Virtual Conference. May 2020.
- 2020 “Access to Justice at the Asylum Office.”  
*American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA. November 2019.
- 2020 “How Social Dominance Orientation Shapes Perceptions of Police.”  
*American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA. November 2019.
- 2019 “Access to Justice at the Asylum Office.”  
*Law & Society Association*. Washington, DC. June 2019
- 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).

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Law and Society Association (LSA)**

- Immigration and Citizenship Collaborative Research Network (CRN2)
  - 2019 Chaired and Organized a Panel of Immigration Attorneys and Advocates:
  - 2018 Chaired and Co-Organized a Panel of Scholars to Give Advice to Grad. Students

### **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 – 2015 Executive Committee
  - Served as a peer reviewer for the ESMPI Network’s online journal, *Refugee Review*

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

### **American University**

- 2019 Co-Advisor for Undergraduate Capstone Project (Giovanna Calderón)
- 2017 Judge, School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Symposium

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

### **American University**

- 2015 – 2019, Research Assistant to Dr. Bill Davies
  - Researched various topics involving European Union (EU) law and the interaction of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) with various EU Member States

### **Leiden University**

- Summer 2016, Research Assistant to Dr. Maartje van der Woude
  - Researched discretionary decision-making by legal actors within a variety of legal institutions; this research employed a comparative perspective and analyzed studies conducted within the US, EU, East Asia, and the Global South, with a particular focus on immigration as a case study.

### **George Mason University**

- Fall 2012, Research Assistant to Dr. Jo-Marie Burt
  - Translated news articles 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
  - Analyzed news articles to determine the motives and goals of the BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India & China) countries in asserting their economic power in institutions such as the IMF and WTO.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, American University**

**Summer 2016 & 2017**

- Conducted country conditions research for asylum cases
- Drafted reports that summarized 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 under close attorney supervision in humanitarian forms of immigration relief
- 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 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

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Law & Society Association (LSA)  
 American Society of Criminology (ASC)  
 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)  
 American Political Science Association (APSA)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

2015	Graduate Assistantship at American University (tuition remission & stipend for 4 years)
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