

## SHAWNA MEECHAN

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### EDUCATION

#### **PhD, Political Science**, September 2018

University of Oregon

Research Advisor: Dr. Craig Parsons

Dissertation Title: "Building Sustainable Governments in Post- Ethnic Conflict Societies: The Importance of Community Policing"

#### **M.S., Political Science**, March 2015

University of Oregon

Research Advisor: Dr. Craig Parsons

#### **M.A., Comparative Ethnic Conflict**, December 2007

Queen's University Belfast

Research advisor: Dr. Adrian Geulke

Dissertation title: "Uganda Under Amin: Was it Genocide?"

#### **B.A., Politics**, May 2006

New York University

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Portland State University

Introduction to Law & Legal Studies, Fall 2018

- Created an original syllabus for a 10-week course
- Created and led lectures two days a week
- Created and marked assignments, quizzes, and exams

#### **Adjunct Assistant Professor**, University of Oregon

Legal Process, Fall 2018

- Stepped in to cover for faculty unable to teach for several weeks last minute
- Worked from someone else's syllabus to develop and engage students
- Managed and guided three Teaching Assistants

#### **Graduate Teaching Fellow – Instructor of Record**, University of Oregon

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2018

- Created my own online syllabus for a 10 week introductory course
- Generated original content including videos and audio lectures for the course
- Collected and presented additional online resources for students
- Created and graded multiple writing assignments for 100 students

Legal Process, Winter 2016

- Created my own syllabus for a 10-week course on the U.S. judicial system
- Created and led lectures three days a week
- Supervised two Graduate Teaching Fellows
- Created and administered weekly reading quizzes, two exams, and a paper project

#### **Graduate Teaching Fellow – Teaching Assistant**, University of Oregon

Public Policy and Democracy, Fall 2012

Congress, Winter 2013

US Presidency, Spring 2013

Legal Process, Fall 2013

Politics of North Africa, Winter 2014

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2014 and Spring 2015

US Politics, Fall 2014

American Political Thought, Winter 2015

Gendering the Law, Fall 2015

Women and Politics, Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Winter 2018

- Led up to two weekly discussion sections for up to 30 students each
- Responsible for grading papers, quizzes, and exams for up to 120 students
- Prepared and presented several lectures on various topics (the Congressional budget process, Northern Irish consociationalism, etc)
- Held office hours and provided first point of contact for students

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant**, University of Oregon, Dr. Ronald Mitchell supervisor

March-June 2016, September 2017 – March 2018: Analyzed and coded the text of over 400 international environmental treaties for amendment procedures. Organized data for lead researcher and provided first-look analysis for subsequent research.

**Research Assistant**, University of Oregon, Dr. William Terry supervisor

July 2013 – September 2014: Collected, organized, and analyzed data on fiscal inputs and outputs at the state and county levels in the United States. Collected data and created a unique database tracking the history of black voter registration in the South over 50 plus years. Worked with and visited archives in the South to retrieve this data.

**Research Assistant**, New York University, Dr. Sanford Gordon supervisor

June – December 2005: Responsible for the collection of data on three U.S. state's criminal statutes, sentencing guidelines, and statute history. Created an organizational system used for the remainder of the research project conducted by other researchers. Used microfiche and Lexis-Nexis legal extensively.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

"State Building in Northern Ireland: Policing in an ethnically divided society." Working paper.

"Post-Conflict Policing Reform in Kenya and Northern Ireland: Similar processes with divergent outcomes." Working Paper.

## **AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS**

Oregon Sasakawa Young Leaders' Fellowship Fund (SYLFF) Graduate Fellowships for International Research – Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

University of Oregon General University Scholarship – Fall 2016

Everett D. Monte Scholarship – Fall 2016

W.C. Mitchell Graduate Summer Research Scholarship – Summer 2016

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Institutional representative – June 2015

Neil David Blackman Memorial Scholarship -Fall 2014

Risa Palm Graduate Fellowship -Fall 2014

Graduate Teaching Fellowship -University of Oregon -Fall 2012 –present

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

"Policing Practice as Policy: Northern Ireland's struggle to build confidence in the PSNI" – Paper presented at Western Political Science Association Conference, March 31, 2018

"Policing in Ethnically Divided Societies: Lessons from Northern Ireland" – Paper presented at Midwestern Political Science Association Conference, April 7, 2016

"Community Reconciliation in Authoritarian Regimes: A case study of Rwanda" - Paper presented at Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Conference, October 10, 2014 and at Western Political

Science Association Conference, April 2, 2015

"Critical Theorists as Insider Partials: mediation in traditional societies" - Poster presentation at University of Oregon 2014 Graduate Student Research Forum, March 7, 2014

"The EU and Northern Irish Identity" - Paper Presented at University of Pittsburgh Graduate Student Conference on the European Union, March 1, 2014

"Resolving Ethnic Conflict: Western versus non-Western ideas of legitimate Mediation" - Paper presented at Pacific Northwest Political Science Association Conference, October 18, 2013

## **FIELDWORK**

**Northern Ireland**, September 2017

- Conducted interviews with police officers and community members about the role of the police following the Troubles. Conducted archival work at the Belfast City Library.

**Kenya**, December 2016 – January 2017

- Conducted ethnographic observation in and around Nairobi, observing Kenyans' interactions with the police.

**Northern Ireland**, September-November 2016

- Conducted interviews with police officers and community members about the role of the police following the official end of the Troubles.

**Northern Ireland**, September 2015

- Conducted preliminary interviews with community members to develop relationships and trust for later interviews.

## **SERVICE AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation, American Federation of Teachers local 3544: member Sept 2012 – present, President May 2015 – May 2016, Bargaining Team Lead Negotiator 2016-2018 Negotiation cycle, VP of Grievances May 2014 – May 2015, Bargaining Team Member 2014-2016 Negotiation cycle, Women's caucus chair May 2013 – June 2014

Graduate Student Assistance Fund Committee, Chair Feb 2015 – Sep 2016.

University of Oregon Ombuds Advisory Committee, Member Dec 2015 – June 2016.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Congressman Adam Smith**, Washington, DC

Policy Aide (July 2009-July 2010), Legislative Correspondent (Jan 2009-June 2009), Staff Assistant (March 2008-Dec 2008).

- Handled a large and varied legislative portfolio including Health Care, Labor, and Women's issues and directly assist the Congressman on these issues.
- Managed the health care portfolio during the major debate of 2009-2010.
- Responsible for a considerable portion of constituent correspondence and response.
- Responsible for front office operation: management of phones, mail, and greeting constituents.
- Coordinated tours of several popular sites in the District of Columbia area and flag purchases for constituents.

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.