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Nationality: Australian

Qualifications

- 2011** PhD, International Politics, Aberystwyth University
“Thin security? The challenge of engaging informal security actors in DFID’s security sector reform programme in Sierra Leone.”
- 2006** MScEcon Security Studies, University of Wales, Aberystwyth (distinction)
‘Once we were warriors too’: Exclusions of women from demobilisation programmes in Sierra Leone.
- 2004** BA (International Relations), University of Queensland (first class honours)

Languages

- English** Mother tongue
French Intermediate

Developing country experience: Sierra Leone, Togo, Ghana, Timor-Leste

Areas of expertise: Security sector reform; Security, justice and development; Fragile states; Gender; Informal governance; Disarmament, demobilization and reintegration

Posts held:

- 2010-ongoing** **Research Officer, Politics and Governance Programme, Overseas Development Institute**
- OECD**, Co-authored literature review on Centres of Government, conducted background research on Liberia
- DFID**, Co-authored briefing note on ‘Security, humanitarian action and development - Navigating a shared space for international engagement in fragile states’
- European Commission**, Authored briefing note on ‘Arab Donors: Implications for Future Development Cooperation’
- OECD**, Conducted research and interviews and compiled report for the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding Working Group on Aid Instruments
- UNWOMEN**, Researcher (field and desk) on assessment of women’s political participation in Africa, Nigeria case study
- JICA**, Researcher and co-author of assessments of Japanese aid in historical perspective
- g7+**, Capacity support (in country and remote) to g7+ Secretariat, Timor-Leste
- World Bank/Nordic Trust Fund**, Researcher for Desk Study on Development,

Fragility and Human Rights (author of chapter on security, violence and conflict)

- 2010 Visiting Researcher, Center for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa**
Carried out doctoral research on security sector reform with input from CIPS staff.
- 2007-2009 Tutor, Third World Politics, Aberystwyth University**
Prepared and conducted seminars for undergraduate students, marked student assessment and undertook pastoral care.
- 2007 Project Intern, Conciliation Resources, Sierra Leone**
Worked on a Strengthening Citizen's Security project aiming to prevent conflict and improve relations between the security sector and communities in the lead up to national elections. Worked with local civil society organizations to build capacity.
- 2007 Volunteer, Children Affected by the War, Sierra Leone**
Conducted counseling, skills training and successfully wrote grant proposals for a local NGO, working to rehabilitate female former sex workers and street children.
- 2006-2007 Research Assistant, School of Political Science and International Studies, University of Queensland**
Conducted academic research on a wide variety of topics, including Australian foreign policy, the history of warfare, international ethics and water scarcity.
- 2003-2004 Intern, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, Togo**
Researched and wrote a report for a West Africa Parliamentary Defence Committee Training Conference on demobilization as a strategy to decrease African defence budgets.
- 2001 Volunteer, United Nations Children's Fund, Timor-Leste**
Taught English classes and conducted youth needs assessment in Los Palos district.

Selected publications

- "Reducing Poverty with Teargas and Batons? The Security-Development Nexus in Sierra Leone," *African Affairs* (April 2011), <http://afraf.oxfordjournals.org/cgi/content/full/adr004?ijkey=s5dEFPpQDSQE9Z0&keytype=ref>
- "Liberal chiefs or illiberal development? The challenge of engaging chiefs in DFID's Security Sector Reform Programme in Sierra Leone", (under review at *Development Policy Review*).
- "Timor-Leste becomes assertive about its development trajectory", *The Guardian Development Blog*, 20 May 2011, <http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/poverty-matters/2011/may/20/timor-leste-assertive-about-its-development-trajectory>
- "A political-economy analysis of policing for women in Sierra Leone", *Developing Alternatives*, DAI Journal, October 2011.
- (with Pilar Domingo) "Balancing rule of law programming in fragile situations: Justice and security sector reform in contexts of institutional multiplicity", Paper presented at the 6th Meeting of the Hague Rule of Law Network, 28-29 April 2011, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- "Arab Donors: Implications for Future Development Cooperation", Policy Brief, European Development Cooperation to 2020,

[http://www.edc2020.eu/fileadmin/publications/EDC_2020 - Policy Brief No 13 - Arab Donors Implications for Future Development Cooperation.pdf](http://www.edc2020.eu/fileadmin/publications/EDC_2020_-_Policy_Brief_No_13_-_Arab_Donors_Implications_for_Future_Development_Cooperation.pdf)

- “Security, humanitarian action and development” (with Marta Foresti and Victoria Metcalfe) ODI Briefing Papers 67, February 2011, <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/details.asp?id=5415&title=stability-humanitarian-action-security-development-fragile-states>.
- ‘Once we were warriors too’: Exclusions of women from demobilisation programmes in Sierra Leone (Berlin: VDM Verlag, 2010).
- “Explaining war, Creating peace: UK-sponsored reforms in Sierra Leone,” *Contemporary Review* 291, no. 1693 (Summer 2009): 153-161.
- “Sierra Leone: New wave of violence or political wake-up call?,” *Pambazuka News* 438, 18 June 2009, [<http://www.pambazuka.org/en/category/features/57073>].
- “Hope for the future in Sierra Leone,” *The New Statesman*, 21 August 2007, [<http://newstatesman.com/200708210004>].
- “The International Committee of the Red Cross: Conflict between means and ends of neutrality,” *Dialogue* 2, no. 2 (2004).
- “Implementing the Secretary-General’s Request to Decrease African Defence Spending to 1.5% of GDP: A case study on demobilization,” Discussion Paper, Training Parliamentary Defence Committee’s Conference, Togo 2004, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa.

Scholarships and Awards

2007-2010 EH Carr Studentship (stipend and UK tuition fees)

2007-2010 Overseas Research Studentship Award Scheme (international tuition fees)

2008-2009 Gareth Jones Memorial Travelling Scholarship (fieldwork in Sierra Leone)