

# SÉVERINE AUTESSERRE

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**BARNARD COLLEGE - COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY** **2007 - PRESENT**  
*Barnard is one of the four undergraduate colleges at Columbia University in the City of New York. A women's liberal arts college and one of the most selective academic institutions in the United States, Barnard is known for its rigorous academic curriculum, pioneering research, and emphasis on social justice and women's leadership.*

<b>Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Political Science</b>	<b>July 2024 – Present</b>
Ann Whitney Olin Foundation Chair	July 2024 – Present
Chair of Chairs	Sept. 2023 – June 2024
Chair of the Political Science Department	Jan. 2022 – Dec. 2024
Professor of Political Science	July 2017 – Present
Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure	July 2015 – June 2017
Assistant Professor of Political Science	July 2007 – June 2015

- Research civil and international wars, peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and humanitarian aid, and disseminate findings through publications, conferences, and media appearances  
Conduct field research in 12 different conflict zones (mainly in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in addition to Burundi, Colombia, Cyprus, Israel-Palestine, Northern Ireland, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, and Somaliland)
- Teach undergraduate, master's, and doctoral courses
- Mentor undergraduate and graduate students, as well as junior faculty
- Contribute proactively to college and university governance, with specific responsibilities regarding trustees (2008-2009), online learning (2012-2013), budget (2015-2016), the chairs of Barnard departments and programs (2023-2024), and the executive oversight of the Columbia Global Center in Africa (2012-2019), the Barnard Political Science Department (2015-present), and the Columbia Institute for War and Peace Studies (2022-present)

### Key Accomplishments:

#### Research and Writing

- Authored three influential books, complemented by a diverse body of peer-reviewed articles, policy pieces, and public-oriented writings, contributing to the advancement of social science knowledge on war and peace
- Presented research at 392 academic and policy forums, was featured in 195 news stories, and rank in the top 1% of most-cited International Relations authors (Elsevier Data Repository, 2017-2025), showcasing significant public interest and impact

- Honored with six career awards, seven book awards, two article awards, one teaching award, and over \$500,000 in research grants, affirming excellence in scholarship and education
- Influenced intervention strategies of key international bodies (including several United Nations departments, foreign affairs ministries, and non-governmental organizations), highlighting the widespread relevance of my research

### Institutional

- Awarded tenure at both Barnard College and Columbia University (2015), recognizing sustained excellence in academia
- Appointed as a Senior Research Scholar at the Columbia School of International and Public Affairs (2015) following a courtesy appointment (2009), reflecting interdisciplinary contributions
- Elected as Department Chair (2022) and “Chair of Chairs” (2023), subsequently awarded the Ann Whitney Foundation endowed chair (2024), underscoring peer recognition and leadership capabilities in academic governance

### Leadership (Collaborative Accomplishments)

During my three-year term as Department Chair (2022-2024), I managed the political science department, overseeing curriculum, course offerings, and other scholarly matters for 200 students annually as well as supervising the recruitment, promotion, retention, and budgeting for up to 50 teaching and administrative staff. In this role, I:

- Solidified Political Science's status as a top-choice major at Barnard by implementing engaging programs and fostering a dynamic learning environment
- Spearheaded the growth and diversification of the Political Science curriculum by initiating, designing, and implementing a comprehensive reform process to align with contemporary global and societal challenges while hiring new faculty members
- Ensured the graduation of 60 to 80 Political Science majors annually through effective academic guidance, comprehensive course offerings, and robust support systems
- Championed the recruitment and/or career advancement of thirteen faculty members and one administrator, significantly enhancing departmental expertise and leadership

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Strategic Advisor and Deputy Country Director, Action Contre la Faim (Action Against Hunger - France), Democratic Republic of Congo, Sept. - Oct. 2025 and March - April 2026**

- Conduct field research on local experiences and perceptions of aid, conflict, and peace
- Craft strategic recommendations for programmatic and advocacy initiatives
- Deliver high-level briefings to political, diplomatic, and humanitarian stakeholders
- Support teams in integrating peace programming in humanitarian projects

### **Post-Doctoral Associate, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, USA, Sept. 2006 - May 2007**

- Researched civil and international wars, peace interventions, and African politics
- Disseminated research findings through seminars and scholarly articles
- Taught a graduate research seminar on African Civil Wars and Peace Processes

**Independent Advisor, Action Against Hunger, Democratic Republic of Congo, March - May 2005, July – Aug. 2006, May - July 2007**

- Analyzed the political, military, human rights, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews, field observations, and assessments of secondary sources
- Wrote reports and conducted briefings for field teams and headquarters

**Consultant, Médicos Sin Fronteras (Doctors Without Borders - Spain), Democratic Republic of Congo, May - July and Oct. - Nov. 2004**

- Analyzed the political, military, human rights, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews, field observations, and assessments of secondary sources
- Wrote reports and conducted briefings for field teams and headquarters

**Teaching Assistant, New York University, USA, Sept. 2001 - Dec. 2003**

- Taught sections for undergraduate classes in International Relations (Spring and Fall 2003) and Perspectives on Political Economy (Fall 2001): taught weekly lectures and led class discussions for up to 30 students per class; assigned and graded papers and exams; and collaborated with professors to adapt classes and lessons to students
- Graded papers, held lectures, and tutored students in undergraduate classes on Civil Liberties (Fall 2002) and British and Irish Politics (Spring 2002)

**Context Analyst and Deputy Country Director, Médicos Sin Fronteras (Doctors Without Borders - Spain), Democratic Republic of Congo, June - Aug. 2003 / Afghanistan, May - Aug. 2002**

- Analyzed the political, military, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews and assessments of secondary sources and wrote reports for field teams and headquarters
- Represented Doctors Without Borders to potential and current donors
- Contributed to daily mission management, including representation, security monitoring, strategy development, and program implementation
- Acted as Country Director during absences, managed projects, supervised human resources, and made final decisions regarding security, strategic, and program issues

**Administration and Finance Coordinator / Context Analyst, Médicos Sin Fronteras (Doctors Without Borders - Spain), Democratic Republic of Congo, Feb. - July 2001**

- Conducted exploratory mission to analyze the political and social situation, wrote reports with recommendations for headquarters, and helped identify new mission strategies
- Established mission and projects, focusing on administration, human resources, and financial issues
- Represented Doctors Without Borders to potential and current donors and helped secure funding
- Contributed to daily mission management, including logistics, strategy development, and program implementation, overseeing all financial and administrative matters for a team of 72 employees and a budget of \$1 million.

**Protection Officer and Assistant Country Director, Médecins du Monde (Doctors of the World - France), Kosovo, July - Dec. 2000**

- Analyzed the political, military, and humanitarian situation based on in-depth interviews and assessments of secondary sources and wrote reports for field teams and headquarters
- Coordinated program on ethnic minorities, including documentation of human rights abuses, preparation of advocacy reports, and organization of advocacy campaign on violations of minorities' rights
- Contributed to daily mission management, including representation, security monitoring, strategy development, fundraising, and program implementation

**Relevant Professional Experience through Internships and Volunteering, 1997 - 2000**

- Consultant – Intern, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (Jan. - May 2000): Drafted speeches and correspondence on behalf of the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; facilitated coordination between humanitarian actors
- Consultant – Intern, International Organization for Migration (Nov. 1999 - May 2000, USA and Kosovo): Evaluated IOM's Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration program
- Program Assistant – Intern, Action Against Hunger (Oct. 1999 - May 2000, USA): Wrote context analysis reports on Albania and Sudan
- Program Officer – Volunteer, Association France-Amérique Latine (July - Aug. 1999, Nicaragua): Identified and implemented development projects
- Journalist – Intern, Voice of Soweto and Cape Talk Radio (Sept. - Oct. 1998, South Africa): Conducted interviews, wrote and digitally edited news stories
- Program Assistant / Auxiliary Nurse – Volunteer, Youth Charitable Organization and Mother Teresa's Hospital (July - Aug. 1997, India): Assisted with fundraising and provided care for patients

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**

**The Frontlines of Peace: An Insider's Guide to Changing the World.**

- Hardback & eBook: Oxford University Press, 2021  
Audiobook: Audible, 2021  
Updated and Augmented Paperback: Oxford University Press, 2022  
Updated Japanese translation by Fumi Yamada: 平和をつくる方法 - ふつうの人たちのすごい戦, Tokyo: Kashiwa Shobō, 2023  
Updated and augmented French translation with Stanislas de Haldat: *Sur les fronts de la paix*, Paris: Éditions de la Maison des sciences de l'homme, 2023
- Awards:
  - \* Finalist, Conflict Research Society's Book of the Year Prize, 2022
- Reviewed to date in: *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, *Critique Internationale*, *Conflict Trends*, *Das Milieu*, *Die Tageszeitung*, *Diplomat & International Canada*, *Diplomatic Courier*, *Diplomatie*, *Financial Times*, *Global Sentinel*, *Foreign Affairs*, *H-Diplo*, *India Quarterly*, *International Affairs*,

*International Peacekeeping, Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding, Journal of International Development Studies, Komei Shimbun, Le Monde Diplomatique, Le Soir, Mainichi Shimbun, Peace and Change, Peace Magazine, Política Exterior, Political Science Quarterly, Presse Agence, Revue Française de Science Politique, Royal Repository of Innovation and Studies, Seikyo Shimbun, South African Journal of International Affairs, T24, The Baffler, The Economist, The Independent Review, The International Spectator, The New York Times, Times Literary Supplement, Peacebuilding, Podcast The Week Unwrapped, Political Science Quarterly, Soziopolis, Washington Post, Weltsichten, World Politics Review, 12 blog posts, 3 podcasts, and 1 book*

**Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention.**

- Hardback, paperback, and eBook: Problems of International Politics series. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014
  - Spanish translation by Yolanda Fontal: *Peaceland. La Resolución de Conflictos y las Políticas Cotidianas en las Intervenciones Internacionales*. Barcelona: Institut Català Internacional per la Pau, 2018
- Awards:
  - \* International Studies Association’s Best Book of the Year Award, 2016
  - \* International Studies Association - Northeast’s Yale H. Ferguson Award for the book that most advances the vibrancy of international studies as a pluralist discipline, 2015
  - \* Honorable Mention, Conflict Research Society’s Book of the Year Prize, 2015
  - \* Honorable Mention, International Studies Association’s Chadwick Alger Award for best book on international organizations and multilateralism, 2015
  - \* Honorable Mention, African Arguments’ Best Book of the Year, 2014
- Reviewed in: *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Choice, Desafíos, Etudes Internationales, European Review of International Studies, Global Governance, H-Diplo, International Affairs, International Feminist Journal of Politics, International Journal on World Peace, International Peacekeeping, J-Stage, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of International Organizations Studies, Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding, Leonardo Reviews, 毎日新聞, 日本経済新聞, Peace and Change, Peace Review, Peace Studies Journal, Perspectives on Politics, Politique Étrangère, Political Science Quarterly, Political Studies Review, Revista de Antropología Iberoamericana, Revista Conjuntura Global, Revue Française de Science Politique, Sociologie du Travail, Studies in Conflict and Terrorism, 「サステナブル・ブランド」, Times Higher Education, and 15 blog posts*

**The Trouble with the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding.**

- Awards:
  - \* Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order, 2012
  - \* International Studies Association’s Chadwick Alger Award for best book on international organizations and multilateralism, 2011

- Hardback, paperback, & eBook: Cambridge Studies in International Relations series. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010
- Reviewed in: *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, *African Security Review*, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Choice*, *Comparative Politics*, *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*, *European Review of International Studies*, *Forum for Development Studies*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Internasjonal Politikk*, *International Affairs*, *International Studies Review*, *Internationale Spectator*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Review of African Political Economy*, *Revue Française de Science Politique*, *Potentia*, *Survival*, *Transformation*, and 8 blog posts

## ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“International Peacebuilding and Local Success: Assumptions and Effectiveness,” special issue “Exploring Peace,” *International Studies Review* 19 (1), pp. 114-132, 2017

“The Responsibility to Protect in Congo: The Failure of Grassroots Prevention,” *International Peacekeeping* 23 (1), pp. 29-51, 2016

Reprinted in Brett O’ Bannon (ed.), *Reassessing the Responsibility to Protect: Conceptual and Operational Challenges*, New York: Routledge, pp. 93-113, 2016

“Going Micro: Emerging and Future Peacekeeping Research,” *International Peacekeeping* 21 (4), pp. 492-500, 2014

“Dangerous Tales: Dominant Narratives on the Congo and their Unintended Consequences,” *African Affairs* 111 (443), pp. 202-222, 2012

\* African Politics Conference Group’s Best Article Award, 2013

“Construire la Paix: Conceptions Collectives de son Établissement, de son Maintien et de sa Consolidation,” *Critique Internationale*, 51, pp. 153-167, translated into French by Nadège Ragaru, 2011

Original English version published online on *Critique Internationale*’s website: “Constructing Peace: Collective Understandings of Peace, Peacemaking, Peacekeeping, and Peacebuilding”

“Hobbes and the Congo: Frames, Local Violence, and International Intervention in the Congo,” *International Organization* 63(2), pp. 249-280, 2009

Reprinted in Erica Chenoweth (ed.), *Political Violence*, London: Sage, pp. 273-303, 2013

Spanish translation by Carlos A. Canal Huarte: “Hobbes y el Congo: Marcos, Violencia Local e Intervención Internacional,” *Revista de Relaciones Internacionales* 16, pp. 97-134, 2011

“D.R. Congo: Explaining Peace Building Failures, 2003-2006,” *Review of African Political Economy* 34 (113), pp. 423-442, 2007

“Local Violence, National Peace? Post-War ‘Settlement’ in the Eastern D.R. Congo,” *African Studies Review*, 49 (3), pp. 1-29, 2006

\* African Studies Association’s Graduate Student Paper Prize Award, 2006

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

“The Trouble with the Congo: A Précis,” Book Symposium on “The Trouble with the Congo,” *African Security Review*, 20(2), pp. 56-65, 2011

“Seven Commentaries, Three Debates, and One Book: the Author's Response,” Book Symposium on “The Trouble with the Congo,” *African Security Review*, 20(2), pp. 114-124, 2011

## BOOK CHAPTERS

In progress: “An Agenda for Peace(keeping) Research: Beyond Going Micro” in Vanessa Newby and Chiara Ruffo (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Interpreting Peacekeeping*, Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press, under contract, forthcoming in 2027

“De Frontlinie van Vrede in Oost-Congo” in Pieter d’Hoine and Bart Pattyn (eds.), *Wetenschap Voor een Nieuwe Wereld (Lessen voor de Eenentwintigste Eeuw, 30)*, Leuven: Leuven Universitaire Pers, pp. 13-26, 2024, translated into Dutch by Bart Pattyn

“Paternalism and Peacebuilding: Capacity, Knowledge, and Resistance in International Interventions” in Michael Barnett (ed.), *Paternalism Beyond Borders*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 161-184, 2016

“Les Intervenants Internationaux” in Titouan Lamazou (ed.), *Ténèbres au Paradis: Africaines des Grands Lacs*, Paris: Gallimard, 2011

“Penser les Conflits Locaux: L’Échec de l’Intervention Internationale au Congo” in Stefaan Marysse, Filip Reyntjens, and Stef Vandeginste (eds.), *L’Afrique des Grands Lacs: Annuaire 2007-2008*, Paris: L’Harmattan, pp. 179-196, 2008

## POLICY ARTICLES

“War and Peacekeeping” (debate with Peter Yeo), *Foreign Affairs* 98(3), pp. 218-219, 2019

“The Crisis of Peacekeeping - Why the UN Can’t End Wars,” *Foreign Affairs* 98(1), pp. 101-116, 2019

Spanish translation by Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México: “La Crisis del Mantenimiento de la Paz,” *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica* 19(3), pp. 85-95, 2019

“The Right Way to Build Peace in Congo,” *Foreign Affairs* (online), 2017

“What the Uproar Over Congo’s Elections Misses,” *Foreign Affairs* (online), 2017

“Trouble in Peaceland,” *Foreign Policy Peace Channel* (online), 2015

“The Trouble with Congo - How Local Disputes Fuel Regional Violence,” *Foreign Affairs* 87(3), pp. 94-110, 2008

“Kongo’da şiddet ve ölüm kültürü,” *Birikim* 174, pp. 88-96, 2003, translated into Turkish by Koray Çalışkan

“The United States ‘Humanitarian Diplomacy’ in South Sudan,” *Journal of Humanitarian Assistance*, 2002

## OPINION PIECES

“Dans une ‘zone de paix’ de Colombie” (book excerpt), *Le 1*, 19 February 2025

“Negotiating Peace the Same Old Way Doesn’t Work. Here Is What Does,” Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, 22 March 2021

Dari translation by Mohammed Yahya Qana’i: “مذاكرات صلح به شیوه ‘مذاکره هشت صبح’، روزنامه هشت صبح، 30 March 2021  
“فدیمی موثر نیست، اما بدیل چیست؟”

“What We Can All Do to Prevent Violence from Escalating in the US,” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 29 March 2021

“There’s Another Way to Build Peace. And It Doesn’t Come From the Top Down,” Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, 23 October 2018

“Three Flawed Ideas Are Hurting International Peacebuilding,” Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, 15 March 2017

“Here’s What Congo Can Teach the World About Peace,” Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, 19 October 2016

Reprinted in J. Tyler Dickovick and Jonathan Eastwood (eds.), *Current Debates in Comparative Politics*, New York: Oxford University Press, pp. 137-138, 2018

“The Everyday Politics of International Intervention,” Monkey Cage section (online), *The Washington Post*, 27 June 2014

“Peacebuilding From the Inside Out,” *The New York Times* online, 29 November 2012

“The Continuing Trouble with the Congo,” *African Arguments*, 1 August 2012

“The Only Way to Help Congo,” Op-Ed, *International Herald Tribune*, 23 June 2012  
French translation: “La seule façon d’aider le Congo,” *LaRepubblica*, June 2012

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Idjwi, l’île de la paix” (book excerpt), *Debout Congolaises*, 2023

“Les étoiles de la paix” (book excerpt), *Le Rubicon*, 2023

Author’s Response, Roundtable on “The Frontlines of Peace,” *H-Diplo*, 14(2), 2022

“Congressional Written Testimony: Resolving the Political Crisis in the Democratic Republic of Congo,” in House of Representatives, *Hearing before the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Publishing Office, 2017

Author’s Response, Roundtable on “Peaceland,” *H-Diplo*, 9(5), 2016

“Local Knowledge and Peacebuilding,” in Richard Gowan and Adam Smith (eds.), *What Needs to Change in UN Peace Operations: An Expert Briefing Book Prepared for the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations*, New York: Center on International Cooperation and International Peace Institute, 2014

“Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding: The Trouble with the Congo,” Memo distributed at the *World Summit of Nobel Peace Prize Laureates*, Warsaw, Poland, 2013

“Les Conflits Locaux et l’Échec de l’Aide Internationale à la Construction de la Paix – Interview avec Séverine Autesserre,” in Ali Deberkale, Caroline Michelier, and Dimitri Verdonck (eds.), *La Situation des Droits de l’Homme en République Démocratique du Congo*, Brussels: ACP Editions, 2011

“Peacetime Violence - Post-Conflict Violence and Peace-Building Strategies,” *Program on States and Security*, 2009

“Local Violence, International Indifference? The Politics of the Peace Process in the Eastern D.R. Congo,” public consultancy report for Doctors Without Borders and the Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid, 2004

“Update on First Report & Analysis on Nyunzu Territory,” internal consultancy report for Doctors Without Borders and the Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid, 2004

“The DRC, One Year Into the Transition,” internal consultancy report for Doctors Without Borders and the Inter-University Consortium on Humanitarian Aid, 2004

“Kosovo: Minorités en Danger,” public report for Doctors of the World, 2000

“From Warring To Working: Reintegrating Former Combatants In Kosovo,” co-authored consultancy report, International Organization for Migration, 2000

## CAREER AWARDS

Ann Whitney Olin Foundation Chair, an honor conferred by Barnard in recognition of a senior faculty member’s accomplishments, 2024

Chevalière de l’Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Knight of the Order of Academic Palms), French state decoration, 2021

American Public Health Association’s Victor Sidel and Barry Levy Award for Peace, 2021

Emily Gregory Award (Barnard’s only student-nominated and student-selected professorship award) for excellence in teaching, 2021

International Studies Association’s International Security Studies Section Emerging Scholar Award, to recognize publications that have made “the most significant contribution to the field of security studies,” 2021

Prix Spécial du Jury (Special Prize of the Jury), Fonds Croix-Rouge (French Red Cross Fund), awarded for “an original trajectory and the quality of the research,” 2017

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Research Grant, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2025-2026 (\$4,000)

Presidential Research Award, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2021-2023 (\$37,570)

Research support grant, Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, 2021 (\$1,500)

Publishing grant, Gerda Henkel Foundation, 2020 (\$4,500)

Research grant, Humanities War and Peace Initiative, Columbia University, 2020 (\$2,000)

Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, Carnegie Corporation of New York, 2016-2018 (\$200,000)

Research grant, Gerda Henkel Foundation, 2017 (\$36,750)

Research grant, Folke Bernadotte Academy, 2016 (\$11,500)

Research grant, United States Institute of Peace, 2010-2012 (\$94,000)

Research grant, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2010, 2011 (competitive renewal) (\$59,430)

Presidential Research Award, Barnard College, Columbia University, 2010-2011 (\$42,555)

Research support grants, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University, 2011 and 2013 (\$4,000)

Interdisciplinary Faculty Research Award, Advanced Consortium on Cooperation, Conflict, and Complexity, Columbia University, 2010 and 2011 (competitive renewal) (\$10,000)

Mellon Faculty Diversity Fellowship and New Faculty Fellowship, Barnard College, 2007 (\$25,000)

Mellon Dissertation-Writing Fellowship in Security and Humanitarian Action, 2006 (\$10,000)

Peace Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, 2004-2005 (\$17,000)

Mellon Research Fellowship in Security and Humanitarian Action, 2004 (\$10,000)

McCracken Fellowship, New York University, 2001-2004 / 2005-2006 (\$13,000 to \$18,000 per year)

Fulbright Fellowship, Columbia University, 1999-2000 (\$10,000)

Full-Tuition Scholarship, Sciences Po - SIPA exchange program, 1999-2000

## EDUCATION

### **Post-Doctorate, International and Area Studies, Yale University, May 2007**

Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence

### **Ph.D., Political Science, New York University, June 2006**

Specialization in International Relations and Comparative Politics

Dissertation entitled “Local Violence, International Indifference? Post-Conflict ‘Settlement’ in the Eastern D.R. Congo (2003-2005).” Committee: Elisabeth Jean Wood

and Timothy Mitchell (co-chairs), Stephen John Stedman, Kevin Dunn, Jean-Claude Willame, and Shepard Forman

\* Finalist for APSA Helen Reid Award for Best Dissertation in International Relations, 2007

**M.A., International Affairs, Columbia University, June 2000**

Specialization in Economic and Political Development

\* Fulbright Fellow

**M.A., Political and Social Sciences, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), France, July 1999**

Specialization in International Relations

\* *Mention Lauréat* (top 5% of graduating class)

**B.A., Political Science, Sorbonne University, France, July 1997**

Specialization in Political Science, minor in Literature and Communication

\* *Major de la Promotion* (top student of graduating class), *Mention Bien* (high honors)

## LANGUAGES

French : native proficiency

English : near-native proficiency

Spanish : intermediate (previously conversational; skills in need of refreshing)

## TALKS AND CONFERENCES (SELECTED)

I have been a featured speaker at the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the United Nations Security Council, as well as 389 other events for scholarly, policy, and general audiences in 29 countries. Details about each of these talks are available at [www.severineautesserre.com/speaking/past-events](http://www.severineautesserre.com/speaking/past-events).

**Keynotes** (past 12 years only) delivered at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam's 145<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (The Netherlands), European Union's "Reimagining Peace" Conference (Belgium); the University of Notre Dame's "Building Sustainable Peace" Conference (USA); the workshops on "Legitimacy in Conflict" (United Kingdom) and "Women in Peace and Security" (The Netherlands); as well as the annual meetings of the Alliance for Peacebuilding (online), Brazilian Network of Peace Operations (online), German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies (Germany), Forum St-Laurent sur la Sécurité Internationale (Canada), Household in Conflict Network (Colombia), Institut pour la Paix (France), Knowledge Platform Security & Rule of Law (The Netherlands), and United Nations University's World Institute for Development Economics Research (Finland)

**Lectures, Seminars, and Panels for Scholarly Audiences** (in reverse chronological order, past 12 years only): Université de Montréal (Canada), Queens University Belfast (United Kingdom), Columbia University (USA), University of Haifa (Israel), Smith

College (USA), New York University (USA), Leuven University (Belgium), Université de Montréal (Canada), Weill Cornell Medicine (USA), Maison des sciences de l'homme (France), Columbia University Global Center in Paris (France), Harvard University (USA), Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada), Clark University (USA), SUNY Broome Community College (USA), University of Massachusetts (USA), George Washington University (USA), Wageningen University (The Netherlands), Coventry University (United Kingdom), University of Johannesburg (South Africa), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands), King's College (United Kingdom), University of Calcutta (India), National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine), Cambridge University (United Kingdom), University of Washington (USA), University of Notre Dame (USA), International Catalan Institute for Peace (Spain), New York University (USA), Columbia University (USA), Columbia University (USA), University of Toronto, (Canada), Model United Nations (USA), Oxford University Press (USA), Columbia Global Center in Africa (Kenya), New York University (USA), University of Notre Dame (USA), Columbia University (USA), St. John's University (USA), Boston University (USA), Université Catholique de Lille (France), Cornell University (USA), Yale University (USA), Household in Conflict Network and Universidad EAFIT (Colombia), University of Maryland (USA), Notre Dame University (USA), Yale University (USA), Bridging the Gap Project & American University (USA), University of Coimbra (Portugal), New York University Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), New York University (USA), New York University (USA), Australian National University (Australia), Colgate University (USA), University of California – Irvine (USA), Oxford University (United Kingdom), Trento University (Italy), Columbia University (USA), City University of New York (USA), London School of Economics (United Kingdom), Saint Paul University (Canada), Barnard College - Columbia University (USA), Yale University (USA), Sciences Po (France), Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden), Cambridge University (United Kingdom), Nordic Africa Institute (Sweden), Queen's College (Canada), Northwestern University (USA), Adelphi University (USA), Balsillie School of International Affairs (Canada), MIT (USA), University of Minnesota (USA), Johns Hopkins University (USA), King's College (United Kingdom), Sciences-Po (France), University Panthéon-Sorbonne (France), Columbia University (USA), Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), Johns Hopkins University (USA), DePauw University (USA), University of Amsterdam (Netherlands), University of Basel (Switzerland), Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada), University of Reading (United Kingdom), Université de Laval (Canada), University of Notre Dame (USA), Johns Hopkins University (USA), New York University (USA), University of Maryland - Baltimore (USA), Université du Québec à Montréal (Canada), Javeriana University and Folke Bernadotte Academy (Colombia), New York University Abu-Dhabi (United Arab Emirates), Barnard College - Columbia University (USA), Florida International University (USA), University of Washington (USA), Colgate University (USA), City University of New York (USA), University of Virginia (USA), Australian National University (Australia), Yale University (USA)

**Briefings, Lectures, Seminars, and Panels for Policy Audiences** (in reverse chronological order, past 12 years only): United States embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo), Swedish embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo), Various diplomatic representations in the Democratic Republic of Congo

(Congo), Action Contre la Faim (Congo and France), Université de Montréal (Canada), Konrad Adenauer Foundation (USA), United Nations Office for Project Services (USA), Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (USA), United Nations Department of Peace Operations (USA), Austrian Forum for Peace (Austria), Pole Institute (Congo), Life & Peace Institute and Folke Bernadotte Academy (Congo), Swedish embassy in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo), Geneva Peacebuilding Platform (Switzerland), World Bank Fragility Forum, Washington (USA), Principles for Peace International Commission (Canada), Université Officielle de Bukavu (Congo), United Nations Stabilization Mission (Congo), United States Agency for International Development (Congo), Raising Peace festival (Australia), STAND (USA), The Atlantic Council (USA), Asia Society (Switzerland), Save the Children (Canada), Folke Bernadotte Academy (Congo), Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (United Kingdom), Peacemakers 360 (Belgium), International Peace Institute (USA), United States Agency for International Development (USA), PeaceMindedly (USA), Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden), Canadian International Council (Canada), Dedimus Potestatem (USA), French-American Foundation (USA), United Nations Security Council (USA), CDA Collaborative and PCND Global (USA), United Nations Department of Peace Operations (USA), Foreign Policy Interrupted (USA), IVY (USA), United Nations Women (USA), United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (South Korea), PeacePlus (USA), Peace Direct (USA), Agence Française de Développement (France), Baha'i International Community (USA), US Department of State (USA), United Nations Stabilization Mission (Congo), United Nations Headquarters (USA), International Peace Institute (USA), International Peace Institute (USA), Humanity United (USA), United Nations Development Program (USA), Folke Bernadotte Academy (Colombia), Government of Canada's Department of Defense (Canada), New America (USA), World Vision (USA), Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia), United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (USA), German Development Institute and Bonn International Center for Conversion (Germany), International Peace Institute (USA), Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag (Germany), Hargeisa Cultural Center (Somaliland), World Bank (USA), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sweden), International Peace Institute (USA), French Foreign Affairs Ministry (France), Overseas Development Institute (United Kingdom), Council on Foreign Relations (USA), International Rescue Committee (USA), Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs (USA), United States Institute of Peace (USA), Center for Global Development (USA), Quaker UN Office (USA), SwissPeace (Switzerland), International Peace Institute (USA), U.S. State Department (USA), World Forum for Peace (France), Thomson Reuters Foundation Story Lab (United Kingdom), U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs (USA), Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden), United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations (USA), Carnegie Corporation (USA), United States Department of State's Foreign Service Institute (USA), Centre for Conflict Resolution (South Africa), Swedish Parliament (Sweden), International Women's Media Foundation (Kenya), United Nations Side Event (USA), Swedish Foreign Affairs Ministry and Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sweden), TED Global Conference (Brazil), International Women's Media Foundation (USA)

**Conference Papers** presented at the annual meetings of the Academic Council of the United Nations System (2021), African Studies Association (2016, 2014, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2006, 2005), American Political Science Association (2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008), Association Française de Science Politique (2015), British International Studies Association (2014), European Political Science Association (2014), International Studies Association (2022, 2021, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008), and Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology Association (2011)

**Guest Lectures and General Audience Presentations:** list available upon request

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (SELECTED)

### Media Appearances

TV: Featured on *The Day* (Deutsche Welle, Germany), *24•60* (ICI RDI, Canada), *Dossier Public* (CPAC, Canada), *Full Frame* (CGTN, China), *The Open Mind* (PBS, USA), *Eyes on Africa* (France 24, France), *Perspective* (France 24, France), *Inside Story* (Al Jazeera English, Qatar), *Worlds Apart* (RT, Russia), *Eye on Africa* (France 24), *The World Today* (CNTG, China), *Crossroads* (i24News, Israel), *Congressional Hearing* (C-SPAN, USA), *Washington Forum* (Voice of America, USA), *The Agenda with Steve Paikin* (TVO, Canada), *News* (Al Jazeera, USA), *Global Ethics Forum* (CUNY TV, USA), *Le Journal* (France 24), *Morning News* (Al Jazeera, USA), *The Miller Forum* (PBS, USA), *Evening News* (RTNC, Congo), *Worldfocus News* (PBS, USA), and *The Charlie Rose Show* (PBS, USA)

Radio: Interviewed on *Questions du Soir* (France Culture), *Le Radiojournal* (Radio Canada), *Cultures Monde* (France Culture, France), *Les Matins Éphémères* (CKRL, Canada), *Magazine* (Pole FM, Congo), *Actualités* (Gorilla FM, Congo), *Tout un monde* (Ratio Television Suisse, Switzerland), *Cultures Monde* (France Culture, France), *Les Enjeux Internationaux* (France Culture, France), *Echo der Zeit* (SRF Schweizer Radio und Fernsehen, Switzerland), *Estado do Sítio* (TSF Rádio Notícias, Portugal), *News* (WRHU, USA), *NewsDay* (BBC World, UK), *World Affairs* (NPR, USA), *Leonard Lopate at Large* (WBAI, USA), *Fronteras* (KJZZ, USA), *News* (BBC Great Lakes, UK), *Global Focus* (RFI, France), *Global Journalist* (KBIA, USA), *Newsday* (BBC, UK), *World in Progress* (Deutsche Welle, Germany), *Visão Global* (Rádio e Televisão de Portugal), *Invité Afrique* (RFI, France), *Business Matters* (BBC World, UK), *News* (Radio Algeria, Algeria), *Destellos* (Europea Media, Spain), *Late City Edition* (WKCR, USA), *Daybreak Africa* (Voice of America, USA), *The World* (PRI and BBC, USA), *Rear Vision* (ABC Radio National, Australia), *Outlook* (Voice of Russia, USA/Russia), *WFPL* (USA), *Afrik'Hebdo* (RTBF, Belgium), *How We Got Here* (BBC and PRI, USA), *BBC News* (BBC, UK), *Radio France International news* (RFI, France), *Worldfocus Talk Show* (BlogTalkRadio, USA), *Guests from Around the World* (Worldstreams, USA), and *Global News Roundup* (WKCR, USA)

Newspapers and magazines: Interviewed (with repeat features) by *La Presse* (Canada), *La Vie* (France), *France-Amérique* (USA), *Le Soir* (Belgium), *Le Nouvel Observateur* (Congo), *Libération* (France), *Var Matin* (France), *Mediapart* (France), *Le Journal du Dimanche* (France), *Debout DRC* (Congo), *Aeon* (USA), *Knack* (Belgium), *PassBlue*

(USA), *The New Humanitarian* (Switzerland), *Tagesschau* (Germany), *Christian Science Monitor* (USA), *Quartz* (USA), *The Economist* (UK), *Sports Illustrated* (USA), *Le Monde* (France), *Foreign Policy* (USA), *Vox* (USA), *BBC News* (UK), *Radio Canada* (Canada), *Columbia Global Reports* (USA), *The New York Times* (USA), *Carnegie Reporter* (USA), *L'Orient Le Jour* (Lebanon), *Capital and Main* (USA), *The Daily Vox* (South Africa), *Al Jazeera* (Qatar), *IRIN News* (Switzerland), *Al-Fanar* (UK), *Vice* (USA), *Gazeta Liberty* (Poland), *Motherboard* (USA), *Deutsche Welle* (Germany), *Mänsklig Säkerhet* (Sweden), *Investors* (USA), *The Guardian* (UK), *The Boston Globe* (USA), *O Globo* (Brazil), *Epoca* (Brazil), *Duck of Minerva* (USA), *Cicero Magazine* (USA), *Al Jazeera* (UK), *La Libre Belgique* (Belgium), *CBC News* (Canada), *Christianity Today* (USA), *Consilience* (USA), *Mediapart* (France), *Grotius* (France), *All Africa*, *The Courier-Journal* (USA), *UN News*, *Christian Science Monitor* (USA), *Pravda* (Slovak Republic), *Foreign Policy Blog* (USA), *The Politics* (USA), *Valeurs Actuelles* (France), *El Nacional* (Venezuela), *El Mercurio* (Chile), *Expresso* (Portugal), *the Washington Post* (USA), *Newsweek* (USA), *Reliefweb* (UN), *The Columbia Political Review* (USA), *The Spectator* (USA), *Inter Press Service News Agency* (Italy)

Online media:

- TED Talk on stopping mass violence with over 825,000 views
- 29 podcasts and video interviews, 3 blog posts, and 12 Q&As (detailed list available at [www.severineautesserre.com/media](http://www.severineautesserre.com/media))
- Grawemeyer Award and African Affairs article featured in hundreds of news sources

### **Editorial Contributions (selected)**

Editorial Board member for the journal *Peacebuilding* (2014 - present), the book series *Rethinking Peace and Conflict Studies*, Palgrave MacMillan (2014 - present), the *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding* (2013 - present), the *Journal of Global Security Studies* (2014 - 2019), and *Consilience: The Journal of Sustainable Development* (2007- 2011)

Reviewer for *African Affairs*, *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review*, Cambridge University Press, *Democratization*, *Études Internationales*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *International Organization*, *International Peacekeeping*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of International Development*, *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *Journal of Peace Research*, Oxford University Press, Palgrave Macmillan, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Review of International Studies*, Routledge, *Security Dialogue*, *Stability*, and University of Pennsylvania Press

### **Professional and Community Service (selected)**

University service positions at Barnard and Columbia: list available upon request

Chair, discussant, and organizer for conference panels and university events

External reviewer for tenure and promotion cases, American University, Columbia University, Georgetown University, Naval Postgraduate School, New York University, Temple University, University College London, University of California - Berkeley,

University of California - Los Angeles, University of Denver, and University of Kent (2016 - present)

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation (USA), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the Grawemeyer Award Selection Committee

Member of the Advisory Councils for the non-governmental organization *CDA Collaborative Learning Projects* (2018 - 2022) and *Peace Direct* (2017 - 2022)

Member of the International Studies Association committee on the United Nations Partnership (2015 - 2016), American Political Science Association's Giovanni Sartori Best Book Award Committee (2014), and International Studies Association's Chadwick Alger Prize Best Book Award Committee (2012)

Serve as Expert Affidavit Writer for pro bono asylum cases

## CLASSES TAUGHT AND PH.D. SUPERVISION

### Graduate Classes

Peacebuilding After Mass Violence, M.A. Seminar, SIPA, Columbia University, 2020-2024 (three semesters)

Civil Wars and Peace Settlements, M.A. Seminar, SIPA, Columbia University, 2007-2019 (five semesters)

Debates on International Peace Interventions: Constructivists, Critical Theorists, Post-Structuralists, Feminists, and their Critics, Ph.D. seminar, GSAS, Columbia University, 2013-2014 (two semesters)

Civil Wars and Peace Settlements in Africa, M.A. seminar, Yale University, 2007

### Undergraduate Classes

Building Peace, Colloquium, Barnard College, 2014-2024 (eight semesters)

Supervised Faculty-Student Research, Barnard College, 2014-2023 (14 semesters)

Aid, Politics, and Violence in Africa, Colloquium, Barnard College, 2008-2019 (seven semesters)

War, Peace, and International Interventions in Africa, Lecture class, Columbia University, 2008-2018 (five semesters)

Senior Research Seminar, Barnard College, 2007-2010 (three years)

### Ph.D. Supervision

Member of six Ph.D. committees at Columbia University (USA), The New School (USA), Yale University (USA), University of Basel (Switzerland), and University of Bremen (Germany)

Outside examiner for eight Ph.D. dissertation defenses at Columbia University and New York University