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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, Carleton College, 2019 - Present
Postdoctoral Fellow. Purdue Policy Research Institute, Purdue University, 2018 - 2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Purdue University, Department of Political Science, 2017

Dissertation: Security Threats and The Policy Agenda: Understanding Variation in Women's Rights in the Middle East.

Fields: Comparative Public Policy; International Relations; Women's Studies

M.A. Appalachian State University, Department of Government and Justice Studies, 2012

Thesis: Reconceptualizing Human Security: A Feminist Perspective. Advisor: Curtis Ryan

Fields: International Relations and Comparative Politics. Minor: Women's Studies

B.S. University of West Florida, Hospitality and Tourism Management, 2005

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Forester, Summer, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Amber Lusvardi and S. Laurel Weldon. 2022. "New Dimensions of Global Feminist Influence: Tracking Feminist Mobilization Worldwide 1975-2015." *International Studies Quarterly*, 66:1.

Datta, Srijani, **Summer Forester**, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Amber Lusvardi, S. Laurel Weldon. 2022. "Domestic workers from margin to center: protest, opportunity and threat in pandemic politics." *Journal for Cultural Research*. DOI: 10.1080/14797585.2022.2040336

Forester, Summer and Cheryl O'Brien. 2020. "Anti-democratic and Exclusionary Practices: COVID-19 and the Continuum of Violence." *Politics & Gender*, 16:4, 1150-1157.

Weldon, S. Laurel, Shireen Hassim, Srijani Datta, Frederica de Sisto, Helia Doutaghi, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Amber Lusvardi, **Summer Forester**. 2020. "[Women's Informal Participation in Political and Public Life and Space: Global Trends and Challenges.](#)" UN Women. Expert Group Meeting. Sixty-Fifth Session on the Commission on the Status of Women.

Forester, Summer. 2019. "Protecting Women, Protecting the State: Militarism, Security Threats, & Government Action on Violence Against Women in Jordan." *Security Dialogue*, 50:6, 475-492.

Aldrich, Daniel, **Summer Forester**, and Elisa Horhager. 2018. "Triggers for Policy Change: The 3.11 Fukushima Meltdowns and Nuclear Policy Continuity." *Environmental Politics*, 28:7, 1214-1235, DOI: 10.1080/09644016.2018.1510216.

Decker, Alicia C., **Summer Forester**, Eliot Blackburn. 2016. "Rethinking Everyday Militarism on Campus: Feminist Reflections on the Recent Violence at Purdue University." *Feminist Studies*, 42:2, 204-226.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Forester, Summer. 2020. "Review of: Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women's Rights: by Aili Mari Tripp, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2019, 334 pp. (paperback), ISBN 978-1-108-44284-8." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 22:5, 793-795.

WORKING PAPERS

Forester, Summer. "We've Got this Policy, Now What? Jordan's Uneven Implementation of the Family Protection Act."

Forester, Summer "Conflict and Feminist Protest: Global Trends from 1975 – 2015"

Weldon, S. Laurel, **Summer Forester**, Kaitlin Kelly-Thompson, Amber Lusvardi. "Handmaidens or Heroes? Feminist Mobilization as a Force for Economic Equality around the World"

Forester, Summer. "Feminist Mobilization & Financial Inclusion: Lessons from Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania."

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

EthIC Curricular grant (Ethical Inquiry in the Classroom), Carleton College 2021

Curricular Development Grant, Carleton College 2020

College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Dissertation Award, Purdue University 2018

Provost's Award for Outstanding Postdoctoral Mentor (honorable mention), Purdue University 2018

Fulbright Research Fellowship (Jordan), 2015-2016

Purdue Research Fellowship, Purdue University 2016-2017

Summer Dissertation Fellowship, Dept. of Political Science, Purdue University 2017

Critical Language Enhancement Award, U.S. Department of State 2015

Devin Roberson Memorial Award, Dept. of Political Science Purdue University 2015

Frank Wilson Travel Award, Dept. of Political Science, Purdue University 2015

Purdue Graduate Student Government Travel Grant, Purdue University 2015

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association 2015

Purdue University Endowment Scholarship, Purdue University 2014

Service Learning Grant, Purdue University 2014

Ross Fellowship, Purdue University 2012

Richter Moore Fellowship, Appalachian State University 2012

COURSES TAUGHT

Carleton College

POSC170: Introduction to International Relations & World Politics

Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022

POSC235: Endless War on Terror

Winter 2021, Winter 2022

POSC280: Feminist Security Studies

Fall 2019, Fall 2021

POSC242: Middle East Politics

Winter 2020, Fall 2020

POSC324: Rebels and Risk Takers: Women and War in the Middle East

Spring 2020, Spring 2021

POSC308: Global Gender Politics

Winter 2022

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

Training, Teaching, and Learning Gender in War and Militarism (workshop), Gendering

International Relations Working Group, King's College, London. 2018

Creating a Syllabus to Enhance Student Learning (workshop), Dept. of Political Science, Purdue

University. 2017

Best Practices for Teaching and TA'ing (workshop), Dept. of Political Science, Purdue

University. 2017

Peer Mentor (This includes, but is not limited to: assisting graduate students in developing

courses and syllabi) Dept. of Political Science, Purdue University: 2012-2017

PRESENTATIONS

Forester, Summer. 2021. "Conflict and Feminist Protest: Global Trends from 1975 – 2015,"

Annual Meeting, International Studies Association, virtual

Forester, Summer. 2021. "Militarism & Gender Policy Implementation in Jordan," invited

participant at the Gender and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Workshop,
virtual.

Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin and Amber Lusvardi, S. Laurel Weldon, and **Summer Forester**. 2021.

"Dimensions of Transnational Feminism: Autonomous Organizing and Agenda-Setting in
Global Civil Society," International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference, virtual.

Forester, Summer 2019. "Feminist Mobilization & Financial Inclusion: Lessons from Uganda,

Kenya, and Tanzania," 6th European Conference on Politics and Gender, Amsterdam,
Netherlands.

- Weldon, S. Laurel, **Forester, Summer**, Lusvardi, Amber, and Kelly-Thompson, Kaitlin 2019. "Handmaidens or Heroes? Feminist Mobilization as a Force for Economic Equality Around the World," 6th European Conference on Politics and Gender, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Forester, Summer 2019. "Making Feminist Sense of National Myths, Marches, and Militarism in Jordan," Annual Meeting, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Forester, Summer 2019. "We've Got This Policy, Now What? Implementing the Domestic Violence Policy in Jordan," Annual Meeting, International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Forester, Summer. 2018. "The Securitization Strategy: Government Action on Violence Against Women in Jordan," Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Forester, Summer. 2018. "Protecting Women, Protecting the State: Security Threats and Government Action on Violence Against Women in Jordan," Spring Meeting, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society, Auburn, AL.
- Forester, Summer. 2017. "Securitization and Women's Rights in Jordan, Morocco, and Kuwait," Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Forester, Summer. 2017. "Aggression Abroad, Progress at Home: Understanding the Interplay Between Foreign Policy and Domestic Feminist Policy Campaigns in Jordan," 5th European Conference on Politics and Gender, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- Forester, Summer. 2017. "Securitization, Violence Against Women, and Political Representation in Jordan and Morocco," 5th European Conference on Politics and Gender, University of Lausanne, Switzerland
- Forester, Summer. 2016. "The Social Policy Paradox: Securitization, Policy Agendas, and the Family Protection Act in Jordan," Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Forester, Summer. 2015. "The Militarization of Agriculture, Gender, and Public Policy in Uganda," Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Forester, Summer. 2015. "Women's Movements, Militarism, and Feminist Policymaking in Uganda," Annual Meeting, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Forester, Summer. 2014. "Militarism and Armed Conflict," Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- Forester, Summer. 2013. "Different Manifestations of International Attention to & Mobilization for Femicide in Mexico," Annual Meeting, Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences, Muncie, IN.

Forester, Summer. 2013. "CEDAW, Citizenship, and Family Laws: Judging the Efficacy of International Treaties on State Level Policies," Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Boling, P, Cahill, K, Forester Summer. 2013. "The Value of Comparative Public Policy," Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

Forester, Summer. 2012. "Redefining Human Security: A Feminist Approach," Spring Conference, Triangle Institute for Security Studies and the National Defense University, Ft Bragg, NC.

Forester, Summer and Scherlen, R. 2011. "US Popular Media and Perceptions of Americans in the Middle East: Or, What Picture of Americans Does Watching 'Oprah' Create?," Annual Meeting, International Studies Association-South, Elon, NC.

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Field Research, Jordan, Morocco, Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania. April – May 2019
Conducted interviews with policymakers, activists, lawyers, and human rights practitioners about economic empowerment and feminist activism.

Fulbright Fellowship, Dissertation Field Research, Jordan, August 2015- December 2016
Conducted in-depth interviews with policymakers and activists, focus group discussions, archival research at local newspapers and NGOs in a number of cities in Jordan

Field Research, Uganda, Summer 2014
Conducted in-depth interviews on militarism, violence against women, and women's activism. Led focus group discussions and participant observation of government officials and NGO executives in Kampala and Lira, Uganda. Monitored and evaluated the implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 with the Center for Women in Governance, Kampala

Field Research, Mexico, Spring 2012
Spent two weeks engaging in qualitative research regarding women and human security in Mexico City and Puebla

Field Research/Intensive Language Study, Jordan, Yarmouk University, Summer 2011
Spent 6 weeks in Jordan conducting qualitative field research for my master's thesis. Successfully completed 128 contact hours in the intensive Arabic language program

LANGUAGES

Arabic

INVITED LECTURES

"Conflict & Climate Change," Department of Political Science, Purdue University 2021

“National Security and Women’s Rights,” Purdue Policy Research Institute Symposium, Purdue University 2017

“Does Conflict Make Policy? Securitization and Women’s Rights in Jordan,” Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan 2016

“Feminism, Islam, and Politics,” UNRWA Education Science College, (Amman, Jordan) 2016

“Women’s Rights and Development in Jordan,” University of South Alabama 2016

“Refugees, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution,” San Diego State University 2016

“Militarism and Gender,” San Diego State University 2014

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EXPERIENCE

Panel Organizer: *Everyday Militarism & The Politics of Inter/National Security*. Annual Meeting, International Studies Association. 2019

Panel Organizer: *The (Un)Intended Consequences of Neoliberal Development in Jordan*. Annual Meeting, Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, TX. 2018

Panel Organizer: *Democratic Legitimacy & Violence Against Women: Policymaking in the Global South*. Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA. 2017

Invited Participant, American Political Science Association sponsored workshop on the Implementation of Women’s Rights, Laws, and Policies, San Francisco, CA. 2017

Institute for Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research, Syracuse University 2014

Editorial Assistant, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, Purdue University 2013-2015

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University, 2012-2013

Survey Lab Supervisor, AppSurvey Research Lab, Appalachian State University, 2012

Research Assistant, Curtis Ryan. Department of Government and Justice Studies, Appalachian State University, 2010-2012

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Reviewer, *Global Studies Quarterly*

Reviewer, *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*

Reviewer, *PS: Political Science and Politics*

Program Coordinator, Annual Conference of International Security Studies Section of ISA (ISSS) and the International Security and Arms Control Section of APSA (IS), West Lafayette, IN. 2018 (with Keith Shimko, Kyle Haynes, and Aaron Hoffman)

Reviewer, *Politics & Gender*

Reviewer, *Asian Journal of Political Science*

Reviewer, *Foreign Policy Analysis*

Reviewer, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

Reviewer, *PS: Politics and Political Science*

SERVICE

Distinguished Women Visitor's Fund, Carleton College. 2020-present
Chair, Devin Roberson Memorial Award Selection Committee, Dept. of Political Science,
Purdue University. 2018
Graduate Student Representative, Search Committee for Full Professor, Dept. of Political
Science, Purdue University. 2017
Board Member, Nina Brekelmans Memorial Foundation, Washington, D.C. 2016-2018
Co-Founder, Nina Brekelmans Running Camp for Girls, Amman, Jordan. 2016
Associate in Grant Development, Institute for Critical Thought, Amman, Jordan. 2016
Volunteer English Language Instructor, Suriyat Foundation, Zataari Camp, Jordan. 2016
Vice-President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Purdue University. 2014-2015
Organizer, International Women's Day Celebration, Purdue University. 2013-2014
Graduate Student Representative, Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Environmental
Justice and Community Resilience, Purdue University. 2013
Legal Advocate, Domestic and Family Violence Center, YWCA. Lafayette, IN. 2013
Organizer, Public Policy and Political Theory Workshop Series, Purdue University. 2013

REFERENCES

Dr. S. Laurel Weldon, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Director, Public Policy and
Research Institute, Purdue University
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Dr. Patricia Boling, Professor, Undergraduate Chair for Political Science, Legislative Internship
Director, Purdue University
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