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Curriculum Vitae

Hitchcock Family Chair in Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
Director, Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science
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EDUCATION

2004-2010 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Political Science, Ph.D. (2010), M.A. (2005)
2000-2004 Middlebury College, History and Spanish, B.A. (2004), *Summa Cum Laude*

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Human Rights	International Law
International Relations	Public Opinion
International Organizations	Pedagogy

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Academic Positions

2022- University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Professor of Political Science
2022- Hitchcock Family Chair in Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
2018-2022 Samuel Clark Waugh Distinguished Professor of International Relations
2016-2022 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Associate Professor of Political Science
2010-2016 University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Assistant Professor of Political Science
2007-2010 Suffolk University, Lecturer, Political Science

Administrative and Leadership Positions

2023- Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2019-2023 Associate Editor, *International Studies Quarterly*
2018-2022 Faculty Coordinator, William H. Thompson Scholars Learning Community, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2018-2020 Chair, Human Rights Section, International Studies Association
2017- Director, Forsythe Family Program on Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Academic Fellowships

2012 Visiting Scholar, International Relations Institute, University of São Paulo, Brazil
2010-2011 Research Development Fellow, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2009 Associate Research Fellow, Measurement and Human Rights Program, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
2009 Visiting Fellow, School of Human Rights Research, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

RESEARCH**Monographs**

Courtney Hillebrecht, *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021.

Courtney Hillebrecht, *Domestic Politics and International Human Rights Tribunals: The Problem of Compliance*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

Edited Volumes

Jillienne Haglund and Courtney Hillebrecht, eds. *What Do We Know about Human Rights?* New York: Bloomsbury, 2026.

Par Engstrom and Courtney Hillebrecht, eds. *The Inter-American Human Rights System: The Law and Politics of Institutional Change*. Oxfordshire, UK: Routledge Press, 2019.

*Compendium of papers from a special issue of the *International Journal of Human Rights* (see below).

Courtney Hillebrecht, Tyler White and Patrice McMahon, eds. *At Home and Abroad: How States Respond to Human Security Threats*. New York: Routledge Press, 2014.

Journal Publications

Jillienne Haglund and Courtney Hillebrecht. 2025. "Moving the Needle: Recommendation Precision and Compliance with Women's Rights Recommendations." *International Studies Quarterly*, 69 (1): sqae155.

Courtney Hillebrecht and Hannah Read. 2023. "The ICC Beyond the Courtroom: Activities, Warnings and Impact." *Journal of Human Rights*, 23 (1): 62-77.

Jillienne Haglund, Courtney Hillebrecht, and Hannah Read. 2022. "International Human Rights Recommendations at Home: Introducing the Women's Rights Compliance Database." *International Interactions*, 48 (5): 1070-1087.

Courtney Hillebrecht. 2020. "International Criminal Accountability and the Domestic Politics of Resistance: Case Studies from Kenya and Lebanon. *Law and Society Review*, Vol. 54 (2): 453-486.

Jillienne Haglund and Courtney Hillebrecht. 2020. "Overlapping International Human Rights Institutions: Introducing the Women's Rights Recommendations Digital Database (WR2D2)." *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 47 (5): 648-657.

Par Engstrom and Courtney Hillebrecht. 2018. "Institutional Change and the Inter-American Human Rights System: Introduction to a Special Issue of the *International Journal of Human Rights*, 22 (9): 1111-1112.

Courtney Hillebrecht and Alexandra Huneeus with Sandra Borda. 2018. "How International Courts are Changing Peace." *Harvard International Law Journal*, 59 (2): 279-330.

* Please also see the scholarly exchange following our article and our reply, "Response to Gargarella's *Some Reservations Concerning the Judicialization of Peace*" here: <https://harvardilj.org/2019/09/response-to-gargarellas-some-reservations-concerning-the-judicialization-of-peace/>

Dona-Gene Barton, Courtney Hillebrecht and Sergio Wals. 2017. "A Neglected Nexus: Human Rights and Public Perceptions." *Journal of Human Rights*, 16 (3): 293-313.

Courtney Hillebrecht and Scott Straus. 2017. "Who Prosecutes the Perpetrators? State Cooperation with ICC Indictments." *Human Rights Quarterly*, 39 (1): 162-188.

Courtney Hillebrecht. 2016. "The Deterrent Effects of the International Criminal Court: Evidence from Libya." *International Interactions*, 42 (4): 616-643.

Courtney Hillebrecht, Dona-Gene Mitchell and Sergio Wals. 2015. "Perceived Human Rights and Support for New Democracies: Lessons from Mexico." *Democratization*, 22 (7): 1230-1249.

Courtney Hillebrecht. 2014. "The Power of Human Rights Tribunals: Compliance and Domestic Policy Change." *European Journal of International Relations*, 20 (4): 1100-1123.

Timothy Hildebrandt, Courtney Hillebrecht, Peter Holm and Jon Pevehouse. 2013. "Domestic Politics of Humanitarian Intervention: Public Opinion and Congressional Voting." *Foreign Policy Analysis*, 9 (3): 243-266.

Courtney Hillebrecht. 2012. "The Domestic Mechanisms of Compliance with International Law: Case Studies from the Inter-American Human Rights System. *Human Rights Quarterly*, 34 (2): 959-985.

Courtney Hillebrecht. 2012. "Implementing International Human Rights Law at Home: Domestic Politics and the European Court of Human Rights." *Human Rights Review*, 13 (3): 279-301.

Courtney Hillebrecht. 2009. "Rethinking Compliance: The Challenges and Prospects of Measuring Compliance with International Human Rights." *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, 3 (1): 362-379.

Invited Book Chapters

Courtney Hillebrecht and Kelegobile Zvobgo, "International Law and Teaching Human Rights," in *Teaching Human Rights*, eds. David Richards and Shareen Hertel (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2026).

Courtney Hillebrecht, "Compliance with Judicial Decisions" in *The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Judicial Behavior*, eds. Lee Epstein, Gunnar Grendstad, Urška Šadl and Keren Weinshall (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024).

Jillienne Haglund and Courtney Hillebrecht, “Domestic Compliance and Implementation Processes” in *The Research Handbook on Implementation of Human Rights in Practice*, eds. Rachel Murray and Debra Long (Cheltenham, UK: Edgar Elgar Publishing, 2022).

Courtney Hillebrecht, “Advocacy and Accountability in the Age of Backlash: NGOs and Regional Courts” in *Contesting Human Rights*, eds. Alison Brysk and Michael Stohl, (Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2019).

Courtney Hillebrecht, “The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Effects of Overlapping Institutions: A Preliminary Study” in *The Inter-American Human Rights System: Impact Beyond Compliance*, Par Engstrom, ed. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

Courtney Hillebrecht, “Compliance: Actors, Context and Causal Processes” in *The Handbook on the Politics of International Law*, Wayne Sandholtz and Christopher A. Whytock, eds. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar, 2017.

Courtney Hillebrecht and Patrice C. McMahon, “Aspiring Powers and Human Security: A Case Study from the Haitian Earthquake,” in *Human Security, Changing States and Global Responses*, Sangmin Bae and Makoto Maruyama, eds. New York: Routledge Press, 2014.

Courtney Hillebrecht and Patrice C. McMahon, “Human Security Revisited” in *At Home and Abroad: How States Respond to Human Security Threats*, Courtney Hillebrecht, Tyler White and Patrice C. McMahon, eds. New York: Routledge Press, 2014.

Research Under Review and in Progress

Brian Greenhill and Courtney Hillebrecht, “The ICC’s Legitimation Politics: Bridging the Courtroom and the Public Sphere.” Under Review.

Alejandra Vasquez, Richard Fiavor and Courtney Hillebrecht, “Cultural Heritage in International Law: Introducing the International Cultural Heritage Adjudication Dataset.”

Jillienne Haglund and Courtney Hillebrecht, “How Does Recommendation Action-Type Affect Compliance?”

Research Awards

2018-2022 Samuel Clark Waugh Distinguished Professor of International Relations

2014 Carroll R. McKibben Distinguished Research Award

2010 Stephen C. Poe Graduate Student Paper Award for “When Talk is Cheap: Understanding Compliance with International Human Rights Tribunals.” Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.

Funded Research Grants (External)

2021 Pearl Francis Finnigan Foundation. “Anti-Slavery Concert with Remedy Drive” (\$3000). PI: Courtney Hillebrecht

2021 Lincoln Community Foundation. “UNL Human Trafficking and Migration Initiative” (\$1500). PI: Courtney Hillebrecht

2020 Lincoln Community Foundation. “UNL Human Trafficking Initiative” (\$1800). PI: Courtney Hillebrecht

2019 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. “Activism in International Human Rights Courts (ActInCourts).” Collaborator. PI: Lisa Sundstrom, University of British Columbia (\$200,000)

2018 National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences. “Negotiating Compliance with the International Women’s Rights Regime.” PI: Courtney Hillebrecht. With Jillienne Haglund, University of Kentucky (\$250,000)

2013 Leverhulme Trust, “The Inter-American Human Rights System: Assessing its Development and Impact.” PI: Par Engstrom, University College London. (\$205,731)

2009 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Law and Social Sciences. PI: Courtney Hillebrecht (\$8,288)

Funded Research Grants (Internal)

2023 Grand Challenges Planning Grant: “Developing an Interdisciplinary Global Forced Migration and Health Collaborative (FMHC).” Dr. Julie Tippens, PI. (\$150,000)

2020 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award) with Cole Covarik (\$2,400)

2019-20 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award) with Cole Kovarik (\$2,400)

2019-20 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award), with Ashok Samal (PI, Department of Computer Science) and Emma Zoller (\$2,400)

2018-19 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award), with Ashok Samal (PI, Department of Computer Science) and Utkarsh Hardia (\$2,400)

2018 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award), with Lauryn Wengert (\$2,400)

2017-18 UNL College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, South Asian Centre for Legal Studies Workshop (\$1500)

2017 SBSRC Grant “Health Issues in Immigrant Refugee Populations” PI: Sergio Wals, with Trey Andrews and Dona Gene-Barton (\$4,750)

2016 UNL College of Arts and Sciences International Research Collaborations, “Perceptions of Violence and Democratic Accountability in Mexico.” PI: Sergio Wals, with Dona-Gene Barton (\$10,000)

2016 UNL Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Undergraduate Research Fellowship, with Phoebe Lockhart (\$2,000)

2016 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award), with Peter Burnett (\$2,400)

2015 UNL College of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant, ISA Human Rights Joint Conference: Human Rights and Justice (\$1,500)

2015 College of Arts and Sciences ENHANCE Grant, “Mexico Under Siege: The Effects of Violence on Perceptions of Democracy and Human Rights” (\$4,750)

2014-2015 Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE Award), with Sarah O’Neill and Hannah Read (\$4,800)

2013 UNL Layman Award, “How the Risk of Prosecution Affects Leaders’ Strategic Calculations in War Time: International Criminal Law and Conflict Deterrence.” (\$14,866)

2011-2017 Senning/Schneider Summer Research Fellowships, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (\$6,500 annually)

2013-2014 UNL Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Undergraduate Research Fellowship, with Sarah O’Neill (\$1,500)

2012-2014 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE) Award, with Nicholas Cordonier (\$4,400)

2012-2013 UNL Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Undergraduate Research Fellowship, with Stephanie Spar (\$1,500)

2011-2013 UNL Undergraduate Creative and Research Experience (UCARE) Award, with Margo Berends (\$6,800)

2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 Schneider Family Fund, Support for International Research and Travel. (\$500 per award)

2009 University of Wisconsin, Division of International Studies, Graduate School International Field Research Award (\$3,000)

2008 University of Wisconsin-Madison Graduate Student Collaborative Vilas Travel Grant (\$600)

2005-2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow, Portuguese/Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (\$14,500 plus tuition)

Research Grants (Unfunded)

2018 Courtney Hillebrecht, PI. “Beyond Backlash: How to Save the International Justice Regime.” Carnegie Fellows Program. UNL’s Nominee. Declined. (\$200,000)

2017 Lisa Sundstrom, PI. “Activism in International Courts.” Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Partnership Development Grant. Declined. (\$200,000)

2017 Open Society, Research Fellowship – Short List. Declined. (\$60,000 + course buyouts)

2017 National Science Foundation, “Collaborative Research: Compliance and Complexity in the International Women’s Rights Regime” with Jillienne Haglund. Declined. (\$300,000)

2016 USAID, “Improving Citizen Engagement in Democratic Accountability” with Dona-Gene Barton, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse and Sergio Wals. Declined. (\$1,450,000)

2015 Smith “Richardson Foundation, Strategy and Policy Fellows Program, Single-Author Book Grant for *Tribunal Capture: How Suspected War Criminals Use the Threat of Accountability for Political Gain*. Full grant proposal declined. (\$60,000)

2013-4 MINERVA, “The Biology of Intolerance and the Violence It Can Engender” with John Hibbing, Kevin Smith and Elizabeth Theiss-Morse. White paper successful December 2013; full grant proposal declined. (\$1,500,000)

Invited Academic Talks

2025 “The Future of Human Rights Research.” Emory University (September 2025)

2025 “International Human Rights and Criminal Courts and the End of War.” George Washington University Law School in cooperation with the American Red Cross (September 2025).

2023 “Moving the Needle: Recommendation Precision and Compliance with Women’s Rights Recommendations” with Jillienne Haglund, University of Tennessee (February 2023).

2022 Book talk, “*Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts.*” iCourts, University of Copenhagen (November 2022).

2022 Book talk, “*Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts.*” PluriCourts, University of Oslo (November 2022).

2022 Book talk on *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. International and Comparative Law Network (September 2022).

2022 Book talk on *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ (September 2022).

2022 Book talk on *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA (January 2022).

2021 Book talk on *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (December 2021).

2021 Book talk on *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA (November 2021).

2021 Book talk on *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts*. College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA (November 2021).

2021 “Implementing International Human Rights at Home: the Precision-Compliance Nexus.” College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA (November 2021). Collaborative project with Dr. Jillienne Haglund.

2021 Book Talk: “Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts.” International Relations Institute, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (virtual).

2021 “International Human Rights Adjudication: Contemporary Trends and Challenges.” University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

2020 “Beyond Backlash: Saving the International Justice Regime.” School of Global Integrative Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2020 “Beyond Backlash: How to Save the International Justice Regime from Its Opponents and Itself.” College of Law, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2019 “Responding to Repression: How Regional Human Rights Systems Respond to Restrictions on Civil Society.” ActInCourts Workshop, iCourts, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark. Collaborative project with Par Engstrom.

2019 “Responding to Repression: How the European Court of Human Rights Responds to Restrictions on Civil Society.” Keynote Address, European Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE.

2019 “Peace, Peacemaking and International Justice: Challenges and Opportunities.” Kutak Ethics Center, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2019 “Pursue your Purpose: How to Engage with International Politics and Human Rights as a Scholar and Professional.” Kenyon College, Gambier, OH.

2019 “Retreating from Justice: State Withdrawals from International Courts.” Kenyon College, Gambier, OH.

2018 “Legal Mobilization in an Age of Backlash.” ActInCourts Workshop, Department of Political Science and Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, British Columbia, Canada.

2018 “Retreating from Justice: Explaining State Withdrawal from International Human Rights Tribunals.” ITAM, Mexico City, Mexico.

2018 “Retreating from Justice: Explaining State Withdrawal from International Human Rights Tribunals.” Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.

2018 “Ending Atrocities: The Impact and Challenges of Different Intervention Types,” Roundtable Participant. Ending Atrocities Workshop, Uppsala University, Uppsala Sweden.

2018 “International Criminal Accountability and the Domestic Politics of Popularity and Resistance: Case Studies from Kenya and Lebanon,” South Asian Legal Studies Workshop, “Justice in Transition: A Comparative Assessment of Impact,” Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2017 “Advocacy and Accountability in the Age of Backlash,” Department of Global Studies, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

2017 “How International Courts are Changing Peace,” Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. Collaborative project with Alexandra Huneeus.

2017 “International Human Rights and Criminal Tribunals: The Politics of Backlash,” The Social Science Korea Human Rights Forum, Seoul, South Korea.

2017 “Justice on the Edge: The Shrinking Space for Civil Society and Its Effects on Regional Human Rights Jurisprudence,” Department of Political Science and Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, British Columbia, Canada.

2016 "Backlash to International Human Rights and Criminal Tribunals: The Legitimacy Trap," International Relations Institute, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.

2016 "From Compliance to Backlash and Back Again: Domestic Politics and International Human Rights Courts," SSK Human Rights Workshop, Sungkyunkwan University, Seoul, South Korea.

2016 "Domestic Compliance with International Human Rights and Criminal Tribunals," Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.

2016 "Making Peace in a Legal Labyrinth: Colombia, the ICC and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights," Judicialization of International Relations Workshop, Buffett Institute, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. Collaborative project with Sandra Borda and Alexandra Huneeus.

2015 "Political Preferences as a Function of Human Rights Attitudes in Mexico," Surveys and Human Rights: Local Reception of International Norms: A Unique International Workshop," CIDE, Mexico City, Mexico. Collaborative project with Dona-Gene Barton and Sergio Wals.

2014 "The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Effects of Overlapping Institutions," Inter-American Human Rights Network Meeting, ITAM/UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico.

2014 Book talk on *Domestic Politics and International Human Rights Tribunals: The Problem of Compliance*, Global Governance, Politics and Security Program, American University, Washington, D.C.

2014 Book talk on *Domestic Politics and International Human Rights Tribunals: The Problem of Compliance*, School of Human Rights Research, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

2014 "Who Prosecutes the Perpetrators? State Cooperation with ICC Indictments," Columbia University Human Rights Seminar. Canceled due to inclement weather.

2013 "Trying the Perpetrators and Fueling the War: The (Perverse) Effects of the International Criminal Court?" Department of Jurisprudence, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands.

2013 "Trying the Perpetrators and Fueling the War: The (Perverse) Effects of the International Criminal Court?" Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop.

2013 "From Compliance to Effectiveness: Generating New Questions and Concepts for Research on the Inter-American Human Rights System." Assessing the Inter-American

Human Rights System: Empirical and Methodological Challenges Workshop, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.

2013 “The Power of Human Rights Tribunals: Compliance and Domestic Policy Change.” Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, Durham, NC.

2012 “Drugs, Justice and Humanitarianism: The Possibilities and Perils of Drones in International Politics.” Unmanned Air Vehicles Workshop, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2012 “The Domestic Mechanisms of Compliance with International Human Rights Law: Case Studies from the Inter-American System.” International Relations Institute, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.

2012 “Making Quantitative Sense of Qualitative Data.” International Relations Institute, University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil.

2010 Invited lectures on securing graduate research funding and international relations research, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

2009 “Understanding Compliance: The European Court of Human Rights and States’ Execution of Judgments.” School of Human Rights Research, Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

2009 “Making Courts Count: International Human Rights Tribunals and the Problem of Measuring Compliance.” Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Conference Papers & Presentations

2025 “When Self-Legitimation Gets Complicated: The ICC’s Attempts at Public Outreach” with Brian Greenhill. Presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

2025 Participant. “Author Meets Critics: Cyanne E. Loyle’s ‘Escaping Justice.’” Presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

2025 “Unpacking the Compliance-Recommendation Nexus: Capacity, Coordination, and Compliance” with Jillienne Haglund. Presented at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL.

2024 “Mitigating Backlash and Promoting Cooperation: The ICC beyond the Courtroom” with Brian Greenhill. Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

2024 “How Does Recommendation Action-Type Affect Compliance?” with Jillienne Haglund.* Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

2024 Roundtable Participant, “Mapping Global Justice: Transitions, Transformations, and Craft.” Presented at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

2023 “Mitigating Backlash and Promoting Cooperation: The ICC Beyond the Courtroom” with Brian Greenhill. Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, California.

2023 “Actions and Agents: Compliance with International Human Rights Recommendations” with Jill Haglund.* Presented at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada.

2022 “My Enemy’s Enemy: Unlikely Supporters of the International Criminal Court.” Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association,” Montreal, Canada.

2022 Author, “Author Meets Critics: Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts.” Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN.

2022 “Moving the Needle: Recommendation Precision and Compliance with Women’s Rights Recommendations” with Jillienne Haglund. Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN.

2022 Beyond the Courtroom: Assessing the ICC’s Impact on State-Sponsored Violence against Civilians” with Hannah Read.* Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN. (*Presenter)

2022 Participant, “Author Meets Critics: Audrey Comstock, Committed to Rights: UN Human Rights Treaties and Legal Paths for Commitment and Compliance.” Presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Nashville, TN.

2021 *Saving the International Justice Regime: Beyond Backlash against International Courts.* Presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

2021 “Human Rights and Inclusive Excellence.” Included on roundtable honoring the work of Dr. Bethany Barrett. Presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

2021 “Moving the Needle: Recommendation Precision and Compliance with Women’s Rights Recommendations” with Jillienne Haglund.* Presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, held virtually. (*Presenter)

2021 “My Enemy’s Enemy: Unlikely Supporters of the International Criminal Court.” Presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, held virtually.

2020 “Progress and Pushback in the Judicialization of Human Rights.” Presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, held virtually.

2020 “Beyond Backlash: Subverting—and Saving—International Human Rights and Criminal Courts. Presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, held virtually.

2020 “Bureaucrats, Budgets and Backlash: How to Undermine an International Court from Within.” Scheduled to be presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, cancelled due to the Covid-19 crisis.

2020 “Inside-Out: International Backlash Against International Human Rights and Criminal Courts.” Scheduled to be presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, cancelled due to the Covid-19 crisis.

2019 “Substituting Justice for...Justice?” Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.

2019 “Retreating from Justice: State Withdrawals from International Courts.” Presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.

2018 “Rethinking Human Rights Data.” Presented on the Roundtable on Research Frontiers in Human Rights at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA.

2018 “International Human Rights and Criminal Tribunals: The Politics of Backlash.” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

2018 “Justice on the Edge: The Shrinking Space for Civil Society and Its Effect on Regional Human Rights Jurisprudence.” Presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.

2017 “Institutional Complexity in the International Human Rights Regime” with Jillienne Haglund.* Presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2017 "From Institutions to Public Opinion: The Mixed Future of Human Rights." Presented on The Roundtable on the Future of Human Rights at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD.

2016 "A Neglected Nexus: Human Rights and Public Perceptions" with Dona-Gene Barton and Sergio Wals. Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, and the 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA.

2016 "Overlapping International Human Rights Institutions: Juggling Multiple Human Rights Commitments in Europe" with Jillienne Haglund. Presented at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA.

2015 "International Criminal Accountability and the Domestic Politics of Popularity and Resistance: Case Studies from Kenya and Lebanon." Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA; the 2015 APSA/IPSA/ISA Human Rights Joint Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands; and the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2015 "Courts in Contestation: The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the ICC in Colombia" with Sandra Borda and Alexandra Huneeus. Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2015 "Mexico Under Siege: The Effects of Violence on Perceptions of Democracy and Human Rights" with Dona-Gene Barton and Sergio Wals.* Presented at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL and the 2015 Meeting of the World Association of Public Opinion, Buenos Aires, Argentina. (*Presenter)

2014 "Who Prosecutes the Perpetrators? State Cooperation with ICC Indictments" with Scott Straus. Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.

2014/15 "The Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Effects of Overlapping Institutions." Presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL; the 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.; and the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2013 "Human Security Revisited" with Patrice C. McMahon.* Presented at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA. (*Presenter)

2012 "The International Criminal Court and the Calculus of Mass Atrocity." Accepted to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

2011/12 “Trying the Perpetrators and Fueling the War: The (Perverse) Effects of the International Criminal Court?” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, and the 2012 ISA/IPSA/APSA Conference, Protecting Human Rights: Duties and Responsibilities of State and Non-State Actors, University of Glasgow, Scotland.

2011 “The Legalization and Bureaucratization of the UN Human Rights System: Progress or Peril?” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, and the Third Annual Worldwide International Studies, Porto, Portugal.

2011 “The Domestic Mechanisms of Compliance with International Law: Case Studies from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.” Presented at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Montreal, Canada.

2010 “When Talk is Cheap: Understanding Compliance With International Human Rights Tribunals.” Presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. *Winner, Stephen C. Poe Graduate Student Paper Award.*

2009 “Domestic Politics, International Human Rights Adjudication, and the Problem of Political Will: Cases from the Inter-American Human Rights System.” Presented at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2007 “Prohibition or Permission? Domestic Enforcement and the Decision to Sign International Human Rights Agreements.” Presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL.

2006 “Domestic Politics and Humanitarian Intervention” with Timothy Hildebrandt, Peter Holm and Jon C. Pevehouse. Presented at the Humanitarian Intervention After 9/11 Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

2006 “Endogenous Institutions: The Domestic Enforcement of International Human Rights Law.” Presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA.

Book Reviews, Online Policy Publications and Op-Eds

Courtney Hillebrecht. “International Human Rights and Criminal Courts and the End of War.” Forthcoming. *Just Security.*

Jillienne Haglund and Courtney Hillebrecht, “Promoting Women’s Rights: Introducing the Women’s Rights Recommendation Compliance Explorer.” December 8, 2022. OpenGlobalRights.

Courtney Hillebrecht, “Rights at Risk: Russia’s Withdrawal from the ECtHR.” May 26, 2022. OpenGlobalRights.

Courtney Hillebrecht, “An International Court is Investigating Possible War Crimes in Ukraine. What Does that Mean, Exactly?” March 21, 2022. The Monkey Cage, washingtonpost.com

Courtney Hillebrecht, “The ICC Case Against Duterte’s Drug War Is on Hold. That Could Hurt the Court’s Authority.” December 6, 2021. The Monkey Cage, washingtonpost.com

Courtney Hillebrecht, “Perennial Challenges and New Opportunities for the International Criminal Court.” November 24, 2021. Cambridge University Press “fifteeneightyfour” Blog.

Courtney Hillebrecht, “A Discussion of Kathryn Sikkink’s *Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century*,” *Perspectives on Politics* 2019, 17(3): 810-811. Review of Kathryn Sikkink, *Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century*. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press 2017).

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TEACHNG

Teaching Grants, Awards and Initiatives

2018	Kelly Grant for Open Electronic Resources (\$4000)
	○ Presenter at the 2019 UNL Teaching and Learning Symposium
2016	Carroll R. McKibben Distinguished Teaching Award
2015	<i>Omicron Delta Kappa</i> (Leadership/Honor Society) Professor of the Month, October 2015
2012	Course Development Grant, “Transnational Criminal Networks: Narcotraffickers, War Criminals and Terrorists,” Great Plains National Security Education Consortium, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$5000)
2011-2012	Peer Review of Teaching Project Fellow, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. (\$1000)
2011-2012	ACE Course Impact Grant for POLS 160: Introduction to International Relations, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2010-2011. (\$5000)

Courses Taught at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Undergraduate unless otherwise noted):

Graduate Seminar on Qualitative Research Methods
Graduate Seminar on Human Rights
Graduate Seminar on International Relations
Human Rights Experiential Learning
International Law
Introduction to International Relations (Honors, Learning Community and Large Lecture)
Politics of Human Rights
Problems in International Law and Organizations

Courses Taught at Suffolk University (Upper-level BA/MA combined course unless otherwise noted):

Gender and Globalization
Human Rights
Latin American Political Economy
Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate only)
Mexican Politics
NGOs in World Politics
South American Politics

Additional Teaching Experience

Washington D.C. Research and Internship Program: University of Wisconsin-Madison (2009)

Advising and Thesis Committees (2010-Present)

Undergraduate Honors Theses – Primary Advisor: 16 committees
Undergraduate Honors Theses – Secondary Advisor: 6 committees
Masters Theses – Primary Advisor: 5 committees
Doctoral Theses – Primary Advisor: 7 committees
Doctoral Theses Committee Member: 15 committees

LANGUAGES AND METHODOLOGICAL SKILLS

Spanish: Professional proficiency in written and oral comprehension; general proficiency in Written and oral expression.
Portuguese: General professional proficiency in written and oral comprehension; limited working proficiency in written and oral expression.
German: Limited working proficiency in written and oral expression and comprehension.
Quantitative: Proficient in various econometric estimation techniques, including OLS, MLE, time series, panel data and event history estimation.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**Leadership Awards and Development**

2025 Big Ten Academic Alliance Department Executive Officer Program
2021 College of Arts and Science Mentoring Award, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2021	2021 Cohort Member, Faculty Leadership in Academia: From Inspiration to Reality (FLAIR), University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2018-2022	Member, Student Success Team, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Service to the Profession (See reviewer list, below)

2025-	Advisory Board, Institute for Human Rights, University of Alabama-Birmingham
2024-2025	Chair, Best Paper Award Committee, International Law and Social Science Interest Group of the American Society of International Law
2024-2025	Executive Committee, At-Large Member, International Studies Association
2024-	Professional Rights and Responsibilities Committee, International Studies Association
2023-2025	Member, Governing Council, International Studies Association
2023-	Vice Chair, Advisory Board of the Reiff Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, Christopher Newport University
2021-2023	Member, Distinguished Scholar Award Committee, International Studies Association Human Rights Section
2022-2023	Member, Ad Hoc Committee, International Studies Association Human Rights Section
2020-2023	Convener, Joint UNL/Act-In-Courts Virtual Workshop on Human Rights Adjudication
2020-2024	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Human Rights</i>
2019-2024	Associate Editor, <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>
2018-2020	Chair, International Studies Association Human Rights Section
2018	National Science Foundation Panel
2018-2019	Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, International Studies Association Governing Council
2017-2018	Chair-Elect, International Studies Association Human Rights Section
2016-2018	Vice Chair, International Studies Association Human Rights Section
2016-2017	International Studies Association Human Rights Section Program Co-Chair
2015-Present	Advisory Board Member, "Implementation and Compliance with Human Rights Law: An Exploration of the Interplay between the International, Regional and National Levels" (Rachel Murray, Bristol University, Law, PI)
2015-Present	ISA Human Rights Section H-Net Human Rights Book Review Editor
2014-Present	APSA Human Rights Section Webmaster/Social Media Editor
2013-2014	APSA Human Rights Section Best Paper Award Committee

University Service

2025	College of Arts and Sciences Hiring Advisory Committee
2024	DEO Leadership Advisory Board
2023	EN Thompson Forum Committee
2021	Search Committee Member, Director of National and International Fellowships
2020	Students for Human Rights, Faculty Advisory
2020	Search Committee Member, Director of the William H. Thompson Scholars Program
2020-Present	Member, UNL Global Strategy Committee
2018-Present	Faculty Coordinator, William H. Thompson Scholars Learning Community
2017-Present	Director, Forsythe Family Program of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs
2018	Global Studies Academic Program Review Committee Member

2015-2017	Peer Review of Teaching Project, Mentor
2016	Overlapping Human Rights, Workshop Organizer
2014-2015	Preparing Future Faculty, Workshop Leader
2015	Search Committee Member, Assistant Director of Global Studies
2015	UNL Teaching and Learning Symposium, Poster Presenter
2012-2014	Global Zero, Faculty Advisor
2011-2017	Model UN, Faculty Advisor
2011, 2012	Power-Up Faculty Participant

Departmental Service Activities

2022-2023	Political Science Department, Executive Committee
2022-2023	Political Science Department Search Committee
2020-2021	Political Science Department, Executive Committee
2015-2017	Political Science Department, Graduate Committee
2015	Security Studies Search Committee, Chair
2014-2015	Political Science Department, Executive Committee
2012-2014	Political Science Department, Undergraduate Committee
2013-2014	IR/Security Studies Search Committee
2012-2014	IR/Comparative Politics Brownbag Coordinator
2012	G.E. Hendricks Symposium Co-Coordinator
2012	Great Plains National Security Education Consortium Colloquium Co-Coordinator
2011-2012	IR/Comparative Faculty Search Committee
2011-2012	Political Science Department, Executive Committee
2010-2011	Political Science Department, Undergraduate Committee

External Thesis Examiner

2026	University of Melbourne (Ph.D. Dissertation)
2023	Trinity College Dublin (Ph.D. Dissertation)
2020	University of Nebraska-Omaha (MA Thesis)
2019	University of Oslo (Ph.D. Dissertation)
2018	University of Saskatchewan (Ph.D. Dissertation)
2014	Essex University (Ph.D. Dissertation)

Reviewer

<i>American Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>Journal of Human Rights</i>
<i>British Journal of Political Science</i>	<i>Journal of Peace Research</i>
Cambridge University Press	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>
<i>European Journal of International Relations</i>	<i>Political Studies Review</i>
<i>Foreign Policy Analysis</i>	National Science Foundation
<i>Human Rights Review</i>	<i>Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights</i>
<i>Human Rights Voices</i> Book Series	Norton Press
<i>International Interactions</i>	Oxford University Press
<i>International Organization</i>	Pearson Press
<i>International Studies Quarterly</i>	<i>Political Science Review</i>

Reason Papers
Review of International Organizations

Professional Associations

ActInCourts
 American Political Science Association
 International Studies Association

Rubric Reviews

Inter-American Human Rights Network
 Women's Caucus for International Studies
 Women in Conflict Studies

PUBLIC TALKS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2024 "Human Rights through Art," Sips at Sheldon, Sheldon Museum of Art
- 2022 "The War in Ukraine and the Search for Accountability," Lincoln Executive Club
- 2022 "Dish it Up – In Solidarity with Ukraine," Panel Participant
- 2022 "Stand with Ukraine," Panel Participant
- 2022 "Saving the International Justice Regime," New Books Network
- 2021 "UNL's Human Trafficking and Migration Initiative," NET
- 2020 "Living in Poverty: Global Perspectives," Aurora Public Schools
- 2020 "Why States Turn Right: The Curious Case of Brazil," Winter Lecture Series, Unitarian Church of Lincoln
- 2017 Interview with U.S. News
- 2014-2016 "International Criminal Justice: Past, Present and (Contested Future)," Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Study of the U.S., Institute on Civic Engagement, UNL
- 2013 Pre-Lecture Talk, E.N. Thompson Forum for Global Affairs
- 2012, 2014, 2015 "Human Rights," Rotary Youth Leadership Conference
- 2012 "Human Rights at the UN," Lincoln's Women's Group, Tea and Talk
- 2011, 2012, 2017 "Model UN at UNL," Nebraska Chapter of UNA-USA
- 2011-Present Interviews with local and national news outlets

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