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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., May 2020** **American University** (*Summa cum laude*)
Justice, Law & Criminology
- M.A., 2015** **George Mason University** (*Summa cum laude*)
Political Science
- B.A., 2009** **Beloit College** (*Magna cum laude*)
Double Major: International Relations (Honors) / Modern Languages (Honors)
Double Minor: Latin American & Caribbean Studies / Southeast Asian Studies
Honors Term: Awarded Spring Semester 2010 for Independent Research

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Washington State University

- Assistant Professor – Fall 2020 to Present
 - Research Methods for Criminal Justice (Fall 2021, Undergrad, In-Person)
 - Multicultural Issues in Criminal Justice (Fall 2021, Grad, In-Person)

George Washington University

- Adjunct Instructor – Fall 2020 to Spring 2021
 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (Fall 2020 & Spring 2021, Undergrad, Online)

George Mason University

- Adjunct Instructor – Fall 2018 to Summer 2021
 - Introduction to Law & Society (Fall 2018, Summer 2020, Spring 2021, Undergrad)

American University

- Professorial Lecturer – Academic Year 2019 / 2020
 - Western Legal Tradition (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, & Spring 2020, Undergrad, In-Person)
 - Introduction to Legal Studies Research (Fall 2019, Undergrad, In-Person)
 - Honors Challenge Course: Immigration & Security (Fall 2019, Undergrad, In-Person)
- Adjunct Instructor – Summer 2017 to Spring 2021
 - Refugee & Asylum Policy (Summer 2017 & 2018, Combined Undergrad & Grad, Online)
 - Criminalization of Migration (Summers 2019 & 2020, Combined Undergrad & Grad, Online)
 - Forensic Science (Summer 2017, 2018, & 2019, High School for College Credit, Online)
 - Law & Social Theory (Fall 2018, Undergrad, Online)
 - Western Legal Tradition (Fall 2020, Undergrad, Online)
 - Law & Society (Spring 2021, Combined Undergrad & Grad, Online)

Brandeis University

- Learning Exchange Coordinator – July 2020 to December 2020
 - Co-organized an online learning exchange in Nov. 2020 for the Language, Culture and Justice Hub

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Mellinger, H.** (2021). Quality over Quantity: Legal Representation at the Asylum Office. *Law & Policy*, 43(4), 368-389. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lapo.12177>
- Harris, L.M., & **Mellinger, H.** (2021). Asylum Attorney Burnout and Secondary Trauma. *Wake Forest Law Review*, 56(4), 733-824.
- Lowrey-Kinberg, B., Barak, M. & **Mellinger, H.** (2020). Perceptions of Justice among Guatemalan-Mayans and Latinos of South Florida: A Call for Further Study of Procedural Justice in Minority Communities. *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order*, 47(1-2), 171-193.
- Lowrey-Kinberg, B., **Mellinger, H.**, & Kearns, E.M. (2020). How Social Dominance Orientation Shapes Perceptions of Police. *Policing: An International Journal*, 43(4), 607-624. <https://doi.org/10.1108/PIJPSM-02-2020-0022>
- Hamlin, R. & **Mellinger, H.** (2018). The Role of Courts and Legal Norms. In A. Weinar, S. Bounjour & L. Zhyznomirska (Eds.), *Routledge Handbook on the Politics of Migration in Europe* (pp. 99-108). New York, NY: Routledge.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Mellinger, H.** (2020, July 8). Online Teaching: Creating Community and Cultivating Learning. *Consortium for Undergraduate Law & Justice Program (CULJP)*. Retrieved from <https://www.culjp.com/blog/online-teaching-creating-community-cultivating-learning-hillary-mellinger>
- Mellinger, H.** & van Berlo, P. (2016, Aug. 20). The Jordan Compact: Turning the Syrian Refugee Crisis into a Development Opportunity. *Leiden Law School Blog*. Retrieved from <http://leidenlawblog.nl/articles/the-jordan-compact-turning-the-syrian-refugee-crisis>
- Mellinger, H.** (2015, June). Introduction: Seeking Safety on the High Seas. *Refugee Review: Reconceptualizing Refugees and Forced Migration in the 21st Century*, 22(1). Retrieved from <https://refugeereview2.wordpress.com/discussion-series/introduction-seeking-safety-on-the-high-seas-by-hillary-mellinger/>
- Mellinger, H.** (2013, September). Terrorist or Asylum Seeker?: A U.S. Perspective. *Refugee Review: Social Movements*, 1(1). Retrieved from <https://refugeereview.wordpress.com/interviews-and-discussions/volume-2-how-has-refugee-law-become-politicized/terroristorasylumseeker/>
- Mellinger, H.** (2013 / 2014, Winter). “Dear Annie” Revisited: A Help Column for Graduate Students Seeking Mentorship. *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship*, 2(1), 57-58.
- Mellinger, H.** (2013, Summer). A New Section for our Graduate Members. *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship*, 1(2), 62.

UNDER REVIEW

Barak, M., **Mellinger, H.**, & Lowrey-Kinberg, B. (Under Review). “They Say It’s a Crime for Us to Be Here”: Latinx Reflections of the Myth of the “Criminal Immigrant” in the Trump Era.

Mellinger, H. (Revised & Resubmitted). Interpretation at the Asylum Office.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Hemmens, C., Raza, A., & **Mellinger, H.** (In Progress). Recent Legal Developments: Criminal Justice Decisions of the United States Supreme Court, 2021 Term.

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2019 Certificate in Teaching & Pedagogy Workshop at American University

2018 Certificate in Art of Teaching course at American University

2017 Certificate in Online Teaching course at American University

CERTIFICATE COURSES

2015 Certificate in Governing Crime & Migration at Leiden Law School in The Netherlands

2013 Certificate in European Law & Policy on Immigration & Asylum at Université Libre de Bruxelles

INVITED TALKS

2021 “Interpretation at the Asylum Office”

Presented for the Miller Upton Forum at Beloit College in Beloit, WI, on October 26, 2021

GUEST LECTURES

2020 “Qualitative Methods in Migration Research”

Presented for Leiden University’s Honors College Law Students, July 2020

2020 “Blackboard’s Assignment Tools & Grading Rubrics”

Presented for American University’s School of Public Affairs, June 2020

2020 “U.S. Asylum Policy.”

Presented for a graduate course, “Immigration Policy,” George Mason University, June 2020

2019 “Refugee Roulette & *Matter of A-B*”

Presented for a graduate course, “Law & Social Science,” George Mason University, April 2019

- 2018 “Equal Justice Under the Law: A Misnomer? Disparities in Asylum Outcomes”
Presented for a graduate course, “Behavior of Law,” at George Mason University, April 2018
- 2017 “Humanitarian Forms of Immigration Relief in the U.S.” (April 29, 2017).
Invited to speak by Radboud University, located in the Netherlands, during their study trip to Washington, D.C. with thirty-five undergraduate and graduate students. Information on the presentation can be found at <https://www.ru.nl/nas/information/study-trips/>

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

PANELS ORGANIZED & CHAIRED

- 2019 “Immigration Advocacy During Contentious Times.” (Chaired & Organized)
Law & Society Association. Washington, DC. June 2019.
- 2019 “Defenders of Justice: A Discussion on Capital, Indigent, and Juvenile Defense.” (Chaired).
Law & Society Association. Washington, DC. June 2019.
- 2018 “Speed Mentoring for Graduate Students.” (Chaired; Co-Organized with Rebecca Hamlin)
Law & Society Association. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2021 “They Say It’s a Crime for Us to Be Here”: Latinx Reflections on the Myth of the “Criminal Immigrant” in the Trump Era
Crimmigration Control International Net of Studies (CINETs) (Virtual Conference), Sept. 2021
- 2021 “Asylum Attorney Burnout and Secondary Trauma.”
Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL (Virtual Conference). May 2021
- 2020 “Interpretation at the Asylum Office.”
Law and Society Association. Washington, DC (Virtual Conference). May 2020.
- 2019 “Access to Justice at the Asylum Office.”
American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA. November 2019.
- 2019 “How Social Dominance Orientation Shapes Perceptions of Police.”
American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA. November 2019.
- 2019 “Access to Justice at the Asylum Office.”
Law & Society Association. Washington, DC. June 2019
- 2018 “Perceptions of Justice among the Guatemalan-Maya of South Florida”
American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA. November 2018.
- 2018 “Discretionary Decision-Making: Adjudication of Asylum Applications”
Law & Society Association. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.
- 2017 “Fear & Confusion: Greece’s Untenable Hotspots.”
American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

- 2016 “Refugee Roulette Revisited.”
Law & Society Association. New Orleans, LA. June 2016.
- 2015 “Selective Sovereignty & Seaborne Migration: A Comparison of the U.S. & Australia”
Law & Society Association. Seattle, WA. May 2016.
- 2014 “Asylum Intercepted: Seaborne Asylum-Seekers & U.S. Interdiction Policy”
American Political Science Association. Washington, D.C. September 2014.
- 2014 “Security in the Balance: State Security & Human Security of Refugees in the US and EU”
Law & Society Association. Minneapolis, MN. May 2014.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Blind Peer Review

- 2022
 - *Women & Criminal Justice*
- 2021
 - *Policing: An International Journal*
 - *Law & Society Review*
 - Rowman & Littlefield Books

Women & Criminal Justice

- 2022 – Present Editorial Board

Law and Society Association (LSA)

- Immigration and Citizenship Collaborative Research Network (CRN2)
 - 2019 Chaired and Organized a Panel of Immigration Attorneys and Advocates:
 - 2018 Chaired and Co-Organized a Panel of Scholars to Give Advice to Grad. Students

American Political Science Association (APSA)

- Migration & Citizenship Section
 - 2012 – 2014 Executive Committee (served as one of two Graduate Student Members)
 - 2014 Organized the Section’s Reception at the 2014 Annual Meeting in DC
 - 2013 Organized a Survey of Graduate Students’ Migration Mentorship Priorities

Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues (ESPMI) Network

- 2014 – 2015 Executive Committee
 - Served as a peer reviewer for the ESPMI Network’s online journal, *Refugee Review*

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

American University

- 2019 Co-Advisor for Undergraduate Capstone Project (Giovanna Calderón)
- 2017 Judge, School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Symposium

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Brandeis University

- July 2020 – Present
 - Conduct research / organize online learning exchanges for the Language, Culture and Justice Hub

American University

- 2015 – 2019, Research Assistant to Dr. Bill Davies
 - Researched European Union (EU) law and the interaction of the CJEU with EU Member States

Leiden University

- Summer 2016, Research Assistant to Dr. Maartje van der Woude
 - Researched discretionary decision-making by legal actors within a variety of legal institutions within the US, EU, East Asia, and the Global South, with a particular focus on immigration.

George Mason University

- Fall 2012, Research Assistant to Dr. Jo-Marie Burt
 - Translated news articles from Spanish to English regarding the trial of President Fujimori in Peru

University of Wisconsin—Madison

- Summer 2009, Research Assistant to Dr. Aseema Sinha
 - Conducted a content analysis of news articles in regard to BRIC (Brazil, Russia, India & China) countries in asserting their economic power in institutions such as the IMF and WTO.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Latin American & Latino Studies, American University

2016 - 2017

- Conducted country conditions research for asylum cases
- Drafted reports that summarized the political and socioeconomic situation in the “Northern Triangle” countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala

Tahirih Justice Center

• BIA Accredited Representative (Falls Church, VA)

2013 - 2016

- Represented clients under close attorney supervision in humanitarian forms of immigration relief
- Conducted intakes and phone screenings
- Co-Managed Pro Bono Attorney Program

• Immigration & Family Law Paralegal (Falls Church, VA)

2012 - 2013

- Provided immigration paralegal support in humanitarian immigration filings
- Provided family law paralegal support in divorce, custody, and spousal / child support cases
- Conducted intakes and phone screenings
- Co-Managed Pro Bono Attorney Program

• Legal Advocate (Houston, Texas)

2011 - 2012

- Provided paralegal support in humanitarian immigration filings
- Conducted intakes and phone screenings
- Assisted in management of Pro Bono Attorney Program

- **Case Aide / Office Admin (Houston, Texas)** **May 2011 - Sept 2011**
 - Performed administrative duties including case file management and receptionist tasks
 - Provided support to the Social Services Department in case management

- Immigration Paralegal, Lopez Law Group, LLC, in Madison, Wisconsin** **2010 - 2011**
- Prepared legal filings for both family-based and employment-based immigration matters

SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Doctoral Student Research Scholarship at American University (\$4,950)
- 2019 Academy of Criminal Justice Science (ACJS) Doctoral Summit Fellow
- 2010 Honor's Term at Beloit College to conduct research post-completion of undergraduate degree
- 2008 Global Studies Foundation Grant, national undergraduate student grant (\$1,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Graduate Assistantship at American University (tuition remission & stipend for 4 years)
- 2010 Lucius Porter Prize for Asian Studies at Beloit College
- 2008 Richard Blakey Endowed Scholarship from the Modern Languages Dept. at Beloit College
- 2008 Ellen Pepe Koch Endowed Scholarship from Beloit College
- 2006 Recipient of Eaton Scholarship from Beloit College

HONOR SOCIETIES

- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa Liberal Arts Honor Society
- 2010 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society
- 2009 Mortar Board Honor Society for College Seniors
- 2008 Phi Sigma Iota Language Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Law & Society Association (LSA)
- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)