

Nichola D. Minott

EDUCATION

The Fletcher School, Tufts University **PhD, International Relations**

Medford, MA
February 2016

Dissertation: *Assessing the Impact of Sudden and Severe Environmental Events on the Dynamics of Ongoing Civil*

Conflict: The Case of the 2004 Tsunami on the Conflicts in Sri Lanka and Aceh, Indonesia

Committee Members: William Moomaw (Chair), Eileen Babbitt, Richard Shultz

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy

May 2004

Thesis: *Carbon Sequestration and its Potential as a Market Mechanism Tool for Sustainable Development*

Connecticut College

New London, CT

BA, International Relations and Sociology

EXPERIENCE

International Affairs Program/School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs, Northeastern University Boston, MA *Associate Teaching Professor* September 2021 – Present

- Designed, developed curriculum, syllabi, reading materials, class exercises and lectures for the following courses:
 - INTL/PPUA5100 Climate and Development
 - INTL/PPUA5268 International Environmental Policy
 - INTL2718 Research Methods in International Affairs
 - INTL3400 International Conflict and Negotiations
 - POLS2395 Environmental Politics and Policy
 - POLS7341 Security and Resilience Policy

International Studies Program, Boston College Chestnut Hill, MA *Visiting Assistant Professor/Visiting Scholar/Lecturer* August 2017 – 2021

- Designed, developed curriculum, syllabi, reading materials, class exercises and lectures for the following courses:
 - “International Studies Senior Seminar: Conflict and Natural Resources”
 - “International Environmental Science and Policy”
 - “Global Climate Politics”
 - “Disasters: Conflict and Cooperation”

Tufts University, Political Science Department Medford, MA *Lecturer and Graduate Teaching Assistant* 2002–2015

Course Titles: “Conflict and Natural Resources”

“Introduction to International Relations”

“US Foreign Policy”

“International Conflict Management”

“Political Psychology”

“Urban Sociology”

- Developed educational curriculum and student lesson plans, directed and graded student research projects for “Conflict and Natural Resources”
- Assisted students with conceptualization of paper topics and provide detailed feedback on areas for improvement
- Lectured on international relations theory and concepts with an average class size of 25 to 40 students

Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, Tufts University Medford, MA *Postdoctoral Research Affiliate* 2016–2017

- Leading research on the core themes of the dissertation, “Assessing the Impact of Sudden and Severe Environmental Events on the Dynamics of Ongoing Civil Conflict: The Case of the 2004 Tsunami on the Conflicts in Sri Lanka and Aceh, Indonesia”
- Investigating conflict and disaster victims’ coping mechanisms in post-disaster settings and how aid can assist in improving livelihoods in these unique settings

Boren Fellowship

Colombo, Sri Lanka

Boren Fellow/Researcher

2010–2011

- Awarded \$20,000 fellowship funded by the US Department of State to conduct research pertaining to my dissertation
- Evaluated the impact of the December 2004 tsunami on the civil conflict in Sri Lanka
- Interviewed key government figures, non-governmental organizations, political, and civil society leaders to aid research
- Liaised and networked with national, international organizations and local leaders in civil society involved in the peace-building process and reconstruction and rehabilitation in Sri Lanka

Aceh Research Training Institute (ARTI)

Aceh, Indonesia

Fellow/Researcher

2009–2010

- Awarded fellowship by ARTI to study the impacts of natural disasters on conflict environments in Aceh, Indonesia
- Lectured visiting scholars from Australia, the US, Indonesia, and New Zealand on environment and conflict, specifically the nexus between conflict and resource scarcity
- Interviewed key government figures, non-governmental organization, military, political and civil society leaders, and former insurgents to gather perspectives on the conflict and subsequent peace process
- Mentored and tutored 20 students attending the *Universitas Syiah Kuala* (UNSYIAH) and international scholarship recipients

General Reinsurance Corporation (Berkshire-Hathaway)

Los Angeles, CA

Casualty Facultative Underwriter

1996–2002

- Facilitated risk transfer process and risk management consulting services between commercial insurance companies and General Reinsurance Corporation
- Structured and priced casualty facultative programs ranging in size from \$250,000 to \$50 million
- Developed a business plan and marketing strategy that resulted in over \$7.5 million of revenue

PAPERS, PANELS, SEMINARS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Panelist, Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital (DCEFF) March 25, 2021
Title: “Climate Emergency: Feedback Loops”
- Paper proposal submission to American Political Science Association (APSA) September 30 – October 3, 2021
Title: “BLM and Climate Change”
- Speaker *Sustainability Student Leaders Symposium*, Boston College November 10, 2019
Title: “Sustainable Development: A Global Perspective”
- Panelist, Perspectives on Climate Change Talk, Boston College March 26, 2019
Title: “Governance: The Challenges for a Successful Climate Agreement”
- Panelist, sponsored by Environmental Studies Program, Boston College October 23, 2018
Title: “Climate Change as a National Security Issue”
- Keynote Speaker *Kaleidoscope Journal* Launch Series, Boston College April 19, 2018
- International Education Week Lunchtime Lecture Series, Boston College November 2017
Title: “The Perfect Storm: The Interplay Between Conflict and Disasters”
- Mentor, McNair Exploratory Program (MEP), Boston College 2017 – 2021
Mentor to first generation college students throughout their college career in conversations about graduate education, research, and professional career
- Advisor to IS majors, International Studies Program, Boston College 2018 – 2021

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Peace Corps Volunteer, Paraguay, South America
- Lived and traveled extensively throughout South America and Central America
- Field research trips to Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and United Kingdom

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Fluent)

Certificates: Trained Mediator in Accordance with M.G.L.Ch.233 §23C