

# Kristen Aanstoos

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**Languages:** Spanish (*proficient*); Mandarin Chinese (*proficient*); Russian (*proficient*); Arabic (*intermediate*); Cantonese (*beginner*); Dutch (*beginner*)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Women, Peace, & Security; peace processes; conflict resolution; gender & politics; gender & conflict; international security; international negotiations; diplomacy

## EDUCATION

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE** | PhD in Political Science | Expected July 2024

*First Field:* International Relations (primary), Gender and Politics (secondary)

*PhD Dissertation:* "Local Voices at the Table: How Participation in Peace Processes Shapes Women's Political Empowerment"

*Advisor:* Professor Heidi Hardt

**KING'S COLLEGE LONDON** | MA | August 2009

*Major:* Conflict, Security, and Development

*Thesis:* "The 'China Threat' in Japanese Remilitarisation: China's Impact on Strategic and Normative Changes in Japan's Defence Policy since 1964"

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY** | BSFS | December 2007

*Major:* International Politics, Foreign Policy and Policy Processes

*Certificate:* Asian Studies

*Thesis:* "Pollution, Pentathletes, and Polar Icecaps: China's Environmental Decline and its Interaction with the International Environmental Regime"

*Magna Cum Laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cosby, Arthur, Kristen Aanstoos, Marissa Matta, Jeremy Porter, and Wesley James. 2013.

"Public Support for Hispanic Deportation in the United States: The Effects of Ethnic Prejudice and Perceptions of Economic Competition in a Period of Economic Distress."

*Journal of Population Research* 30.1: 87-96.

### CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Aanstoos, Kristen. 2021. "Hidden Economic Costs of Geopolitical Disputes for Supply Chains in East Asia." In *Geopolitics, Supply Chains, and International Relations in East Asia*, ed., Etel Solingen. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 96-114.

### WORK UNDER REVIEW

"Selective Learning: Why Militaries Adopt Some Lessons but Leave Others Behind in Multilateral Operations" with Heidi Hardt

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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“A Voice at the Table: Local Women in Peace Negotiations and Women’s Political Representation in Post-Conflict States” – *Revising for resubmission*

“Women at the Doors, Women at the Table: How Women in Peace Processes Secure Political Empowerment after Conflict” – *Revising for resubmission*

*From Peace to Empowerment – In development*

*The Gendered Ethics of Transitional Justice and Effects on Post-War Gender-Based Violence – Literature collection*

“Women and Peace in Sudan: Shifting Models of Inclusion in Sudan’s Peace Processes” – *Literature collection*

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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### RESEARCH FUNDING

**\$5,000 Humane Studies Fellowship** – Institute for Humane Studies, 2023-2024  
Awarded to support dissertation field research

**\$550 Kenneth E. Boulding Award** – ISA Peace Studies Section, 2023  
Best graduate student paper presented at a Peace Studies panel

**\$4,500 Kugelman Research Fellowship** – Center for Citizen Peacebuilding, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024

Awarded to support dissertation research and produce articles on women’s roles in peace processes

**\$47,250 Merit Fellowship** – UC Irvine, 2018-2024  
Awarded to support dissertation and related research

**\$5,000 Graduate Dean’s Recruitment Fellowship** – UC Irvine, 2018  
Awarded to support PhD studies

**\$7,260 Department of Political Science Summer Research Funding** – UC Irvine, 2018-2023

Awarded to support summer research projects

### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

**Meritorious Honor Award** – Department of State, 2015  
In recognition of achievements promoting public diplomacy in Qatar as Cultural Affairs Officer and acting Public Affairs Officer

**Group Meritorious Honor Award** – Department of State, 2015  
In recognition of exceptional efforts organizing 240<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration

**Group Meritorious Honor Award** – Department of State, 2012  
In recognition of outstanding adaptation of non-immigrant visa section to increase efficiency and customer service in response to new regulations and demands

**Franklin Award** – Department of State, 2012  
In recognition of excellent service as coordinator of the Mission Strategic Plan development committee

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE | 2018 – PRESENT**

**TEACHING ASSISTANT**

International Humanitarianism (Upper-Division writing course)  
Ethics & Politics of Difference (Upper-Division writing course)  
Just War Revisited (Upper Division, discussion sections)  
Philosophy of the Other (Upper Division writing course, discussion sections)  
International Political Economy of East Asia (Upper Division)  
Introduction to Global Studies (discussion sections)  
Computational Research in the Social Sciences (lab-based)  
Macroeconomics (discussion sections)  
Statistics (lab-based)

**GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER**

Heidi Hardt – Co-authored article on military lessons learning among NATO member states.  
Erin Lockwood – Researched international organization discourse on global inequality.  
Etel Solingen – Researched and authored chapter for edited volume on effects of geopolitical disputes on supply chains in East Asia.

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON | DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS, ADMINISTRATION, AND JUSTICE | OCTOBER 2022 – DECEMBER 2022**

**LECTURER**

Women & Politics: A Comparative Perspective (writing course)

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE | JANUARY 2010 – SEPTEMBER 2018**

**FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER**

Fraud Prevention Manager in Hong Kong  
Cultural Affairs Officer in Doha, Qatar  
Regional Policy Officer in Washington, DC

**SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY | SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2009**

**RESEARCH CONSULTANT**

Co-authored article on public support for deportation during an economic recession for publication.

**INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SECURITY ANALYSIS, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON | OCTOBER 2008 – AUGUST 2009**

**RESEARCH ANALYST**

Tracked developments in Japanese domestic, foreign, defense, and nuclear policy through open-source technology. Reported on these developments to the IAEA bimonthly and briefed IAEA officials biannually on overarching trends in Japanese public attitudes toward nuclear weapons.

**INVITED TALKS**

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**Guest Lecturer, UC Irvine**

Just War Revisited, Prof. Daniel Brunstetter, Fall 2021, 2022, 2023  
International Security, Prof. Heidi Hardt, Winter 2023

**Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (GPACS) Lunch Talk, *UC Irvine*, February 2023**

Co-presented paper: “Selective Learning: Why Militaries Adopt Lessons but Leave Others Behind in Multilateral Operations”

**Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (GPACS) Lunch Talk, *Virtual*, October 2021**

Presented paper: “A Voice at the Table: How Women’s Participation in Peace Negotiations Affects Women’s Representation in Post-Conflict Legislatures”

## CONFERENCES

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**International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, *San Francisco, CA*, April 2024**

*Presenting Paper:* “Local Voices at the Table: How Women in Peace Processes Shape Empowerment”

**International Studies Association – International Security Studies Section (IS-ISSS) Annual Conference, *Colorado Springs, CO*, October 2023**

*Presented Paper:* “Bridge to Empowerment: How Women in Peace Processes Increase Women’s Political Empowerment in Post-Conflict States”

**American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, *Los Angeles, CA*, September 2023**

*Authored paper:* “Bridge to Empowerment: How Women in Peace Processes Increase Women’s Political Empowerment in Post-Conflict States”

*Co-authored paper:* “Selective Learning: Why Militaries Adopt Lessons but Leave Others Behind in Multilateral Operations”

**International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, *Montreal, CAN*, March 2023**

*Presented paper:* “Voices of Change: How Women in Peace Processes Increase Women’s Political Empowerment in Post-Conflict States”

*Co-presented paper:* “Selective Learning: Why Militaries Adopt Lessons but Leave Others Behind in Multilateral Operations”

**American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, *Montreal, CAN*, September 2022**

*Presented paper:* “Voices of Change: How Women in Peace Processes Increase Women’s Political Empowerment in Post-Conflict States”

**International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, *Nashville, TN*, April 2022**

*Presented paper:* “Voices of Change: How Women in Peace Processes Increase Women’s Political Empowerment in Post-Conflict States”

*Co-presented paper:* “Selective Learning: Why Militaries Adopt Lessons but Leave Others Behind in Multilateral Operations”

**American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition, *Seattle, WA and Virtual*, September-October 2021**

Presented poster: “Negotiating Women’s Representation.”

**Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (GPACS) Annual Graduate Student Conference, *Virtual*, April 2021**

Presented paper: “Diversifying the Post-Conflict Legislature: The Impact of Female Negotiators on Women’s Political Representation.”

**International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, *Virtual*, April 2021**

Presented paper: “Diversifying the Post-Conflict Legislature: The Impact of Female Negotiators on Women’s Political Representation.”

Presented paper: “Hidden Economic Costs of Geopolitical Disputes for Supply Chains in East Asia.”

**Symposium on “Global Supply Chains and International Relations in East Asia,”** sponsored by the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California Irvine. *Irvine, CA*, May 2020

Presented paper: “Hidden Economic Costs of Geopolitical Disputes for Supply Chains in East Asia.”

**International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, *Honolulu, HI*, March 2020**  
(Cancelled due to Global Pandemic)

Presenting paper: “Negotiating Women’s Security: The Effect of Women’s Participation in Peace Negotiations on Women’s Security in Post-Conflict States.”

Presenting paper: “Hidden Economic Costs of Geopolitical Disputes for Supply Chains in East Asia.”

**Conference on “The Role of Design and Production Networks (DPNs) in East Asia’s International Relations,”** sponsored by the University of California Irvine. *San Diego, CA*, September 2019

Presented paper: “Hidden Economic Costs of Geopolitical Disputes: Design and Production Networks and Inter-state Relations in East Asia.”

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Studies Association (ISA), since 2019

Women’s Caucus (WCIS) section

ISSS-ISAC section

Peace Studies section

Feminist Theory and Gender Studies section

American Political Science Association (APSA), since 2019

Conflict Processes section

Women and Politics Research section

International Security section

Women in Conflict Studies (WICS), since 2020

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## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

UCI Ethics Center Summer Mentor, 2023

New Political Science PhD student mentor, 2019-present

Member of the UCI Political Science Womxn’s Caucus, 2018-present

Member of UAW 2865 Academic Student Employee Union, 2018-present

Founding member of Student Researchers United, 2020-2022

Alumni Interviewer for Georgetown University Alumni Admissions Program, 2018-present

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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### **PROCESS TRACING SHORT COURSE | 2022 | APSA**

Best practices for process tracing methodology and Bayesian updating

### **NVIVO CORE SKILLS | 2021 | QSR**

Essential tools and functions of NVivo software

### **EFFECTIVE RESPONSES TO STUDENT WRITING WORKSHOP | 2020 | UC IRVINE**

Best practices in giving feedback to help students improve their writing

### **TA DIVERSITY WORKSHOP | 2020 | UC IRVINE**

Best practices in identifying and responding to prejudice, microaggression, and assumptions that undermine the contributions of a diverse student body

### **TA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | 2018 | UC IRVINE**

Canvas, discussion section preparation, ethics, conflict resolution, grading best practices

### **INFORMATION OFFICER TRADECRAFT | 2015 | FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE**

On-camera interviews, media relations, press conference organization, speechwriting, press release writing, social media, website management, staff management.

### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER TRADECRAFT | 2015 | FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE**

Leading a public affairs team, staff and budget management, strategic planning for public affairs, strategic communication and messaging.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP | 2014 | FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE**

Strategic planning and communications in public diplomacy.

### **CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICER TRADECRAFT | 2013 | FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE**

Organizing and publicizing cultural events and performances, managing exchange programs, selecting and overseeing grants, budget management, federal and state arts programs, supervising a cultural affairs section.

### **GRANTS MANAGEMENT | 2013 & 2015 | FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE**

Federal grants regulations and management procedures.

### **NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS COURSE | 2009 | EUROPEAN SAFEGUARDS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (ESARDA)**

Nuclear safeguards and nonproliferation.

## SKILLS & ABILITIES

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### **RESEARCH SKILLS**

Qualitative: Elite interviews, surveys, case studies, comparative analysis, process tracing, qualitative content analysis

Quantitative: Bivariate and multivariate regression analysis, descriptive statistics

### **SOFTWARE**

Proficient with all Microsoft Office programs and Google suite, R, NVivo, Adobe Photoshop, HTML/CSS, and JavaScript. Familiar with SPSS and STATA.