

Kara Ross Camarena

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, <i>Harvard University</i> .	2017
<i>Dissertation Aid, Violence, and Intervention: Three Essays on the Transnational Implications of Refugee Policy.</i>	
A.M. in Political Science, <i>Harvard University</i> .	2013
<i>Fields International Relations, Formal Theory, and Political Economy of Conflict, Migration and Development.</i>	
M.P.P. with Honors. <i>University of Chicago</i> , Harris School of Public Policy.	2011
B.A. Philosophy & Mathematics, <i>University of Chicago</i> .	2003
with General Honors in the College and Special Honors in Philosophy.	

Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Scholar, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	2017-Present
Affiliate, Pearson Institute for the Study and Resolution of Global Conflicts	2017-Present
Lecturer, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	Spring 2017

Honors & Awards

EITM Summer Fellowship, Duke University, 2016.
Leon W. Redpath Scholarship, Harvard University, 2011-2015.
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Mid-Dissertation Grant, Harvard University 2014.
Committee on African Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University, 2014.
PolMeth XXX Travel Grant, University of Virginia, 2013.
Committee on Australian Studies Summer Research Grant, Harvard University, 2013.
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Conference Grant, Harvard University, 2012.
Richard L. and Faith P. Morningstar Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University, 2012.
Helen Myers McLoraine Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1999-2002.

Working Papers

- Location Matters: The Politics of Refugee Camp Placement
- Refugee Return and Food Insecurity: Explaining Increases in Violence in Ongoing Civil Wars
- Returning Home and Worsening War: Large Population Flow Increase Civil War Intensity
- Using Foreign Aid to Prevent Migrant Flows from Ongoing Conflicts
- When do Forcibly Displaced Persons Return? Post-War Migration among Christians in Mount Lebanon (with Nils Hagerdahl)

Invited Presentations & Posters

“When do Forcibly Displaced Persons Return? Post-War Migration among Christians in Mount Lebanon” with Nils Hagerdahl

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 2017.

Intervention or Deterrence: Trade-offs among Policies to Prevent Refugee Flows.

- International Studies Association Annual Convention. February 2017.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. April 2017.

“Refugee Return and Food Insecurity: Increasing Violence in Ongoing Civil Wars.”

- Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, Harvard University. April 2016.
- International Studies Association Annual Convention. March 2016.

“Refugee Policy as Foreign Policy: Third Party Intervention in Civil War.”

- Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, MIT. April 2015.
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2015.

“It’s the Journey, not the Destination: Estimating Flows from Stock Data” (with Margaret Roberts). Poster. Society for Political Methodology 30th Summer Meeting. July 2013.

“Revisiting Determinants of Migration in the Context of Violence” (with Tess Wise). Harvard-MIT-Yale Conference on Civil Conflict, MIT. May 2012.

“Returnees Spark More Violence: The Causal Effect of Refugee Return on Civil Conflict Intensity.” Poster. Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference. April 2012.

Research Experience

World Bank Emigration Policy Database. Lead Research Assistant for Michael Hiscox, Caglar Ozden, and Michele Beine. 2012-13.

The International Migration Policy and Law Analysis (IMPALA) Database. Research Assistant for Michael Hiscox. 2012-13.

“Mother’s High School Math and Child’s Early Math Achievement.” Research Assistant for Amy Claessans. 2011.

“Family Instability and Childrens Behavior: Timing, Duration, and Family Type.” Research Assistant for Amy Claessans and Rebecca Ryan. 2010-11.

“Rebel Tactics.” Research Assistant for Ethan Bueno de Mesquita. 2010-11.

UNICEF Early Childhood Development Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS 3). Research Assistant for Gabriella Conti, Investigator, and James Heckman, Principle Investigator. Summer 2010.

Teaching Experience

Refugees, Security and Forced Migration. Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, Spring 2017.

International Migration and the Developing World. Mini-Course. Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, Fall 2014.

International Conflict and Cooperation (Teaching Fellow for Prof. Dustin Tingley). Harvard University, Spring 2013.

Professional Experience

Grants Specialist, *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago*. 2007-2010
Part of 3 person team that raised \$2.7 million annually from foundations to support social service programs which helped 1 million people annually.

Business & Development Associate, *Lumen Christi Institute*. 2006-2007
Lead person for grant proposal and report writing, major gift prospect research, and donor acknowledgement. Supervised part-time student workers.

Peace Corps Volunteer, *United States Peace Corps / Tanzania*. 2003-2005
Taught secondary school mathematics including statistics and calculus. Worked with District Designated Hospital in malaria education and prevention outreach.

Skills

Languages: Medium Fluency in Swahili; Working knowledge of Spanish and French.

Fieldwork: Tanzania (2014), Kenya (2014), Australia (2013)

Software: STATA, R, SPSS, Mathematica, ArcGIS, and Quantum GIS

Computer Languages: Python, L^AT_EX, and HTML

Service

Discussant. "Migration and Conflict." International Studies Association Annual Convention. February 2017.

Chair and Discussant. "Political Stability in Africa and Asia." International Studies Association Annual Convention. March 2016.

Co-Organizer of Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference 2013.

Workshop Co-Coordinator for Political Violence Workshop, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. 2012-13.

Volunteer Refugee Resettlement Program, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. 2007-2010.