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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Geography, 2019-2023

Department of Geography; McGill University

Dissertation: Peace beyond encampment: Futurity and the (re)imagining of liveable geographies amongst

Congolese refugees at Mahama camp, Rwanda

Committee: Jon Unruh; Diana Allan; Megan Bradley; Yann le Polain de Waroux

M.Sc. Risk, Crisis & Disaster Management (with Distinction), 2014-2016

School of Business, University of Leicester

Dissertation: Syrian refugee inflow and risk perception in Izmir, Turkey: Understanding Turkish

attitudes through the evaluation of cultural cognition

B.Ed. Teaching (Cum Laude), 2011-2012

Associate Researcher

Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa

B.A. (Hons.) Geography, 2007-2011

Department of Geography, Environment, and Geomatics, University of Ottawa

Minor from the School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018-2019

2022-Present	Part-Time Professor Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa
2021-Present	Junior Research Fellow Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa, Wilfrid Laurier University
2021-2022	Science Education Fellow Office for Science Education, McGill University
2021-2022	Visiting Scholar / Instructor University of Rwanda
2021	Tomlinson Teaching Fellow Faculty of Science, McGill University
2019	Instructor Department of Social and Political Sciences, Universidad del Pacífico

Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming	Imagining an agrarian future in rural Rwanda: Evidence from Congolese refugees at Mahama camp. <i>Journal of Rural Studies</i> .
2022	Commitments to Refugees and Displaced Persons in African Peace Agreements, 1990-2018. <i>The International Journal of Human Rights</i> , 26(8): 1333-1352.
2022	Anti-Sedentarism and the Anthropology of Forced Migration. Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society, 46(2): 10-29.
2021	Parent, N. , Freier, LF., Dawson, W. Lost at Sea, Saved by Allah: Religious Coping on a Migrant Journey from Cape Verde to Brazil. <i>Mental Health, Religion & Culture</i> , 24(7): 659-669.
2020	From Exile to Homeland Return: Ethnographic Mapping to Inform Peacebuilding from Afar. Stability: International Journal of Security & Development, 8(1), art. 7: 1-23.
2019	Freier, LF., Parent, N. The Regional Response to the Venezuelan Exodus. <i>Current History:</i> A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs, 118(805): 56-61.
2018	Four Voices of Refugee Solidarity along the Balkan Route: An Exploratory Pilot Study on Motivations for Mobilization. <i>Migration Letters</i> , 15(3): 423-436.
2018	Turkish Perception of Risk vis-a-vis Syrian Refugees: An Exploratory Study of Cultural Cognition in Izmir, Turkey. <i>Journal of Identity and Migration Studies</i> , 12(1): 2-25.
2017	Blame Avoidance and Worldviews: Explaining the Recurrence of Socio-Cultural Disasters within Aboriginal Communities in Canada. <i>Canadian Journal of Native Studies</i> , 37(1): 117-135.

Book Chapters

Moving Beyond Borders: Anarchist Political Ecology and Environmental Displacement. In J. Mateer, S. Springer, M. Locret-Collet, M. Acker, *Energies Beyond the State: Anarchist Political Ecology and the Liberation of Nature*, 45-66. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

Conference Proceedings

2022	Congolese Protracted Refugees and Aspirations of Return: Negotiating Memorialized Territorialization and Ongoing Changes in Geographically Distant Landscapes, presented at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, 5 February-1 March, New York City, NY.
2021	Mutual Aid Amongst Refugees: Organized Abandonment and Anarchic Places, presented at the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Annual Conference, 27-29 October, Regina, SK.
2021	Hydropolitics, Middle East Security, and the Reach of the Neo-Ottoman Project in Syria, presented at the International Conference on Environmental Crises in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, 28-29 May.
2021	State Self-Destruction in Refugee Spaces: Informality at the Margins, Mutual Aid, and Anarchist Places, presented at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, 7-11 April, Seattle, WA.

2019 Ethnographic Mapping for More Inclusive Environmental Mediation in Areas with High

Levels of Return Migration, presented at the 1st International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, 23-25 October, University of California, Irvine.

Book Reviews

forthcoming The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America, edited by

Julia Agyeman, Sydney Giacalone. The Northeastern Geographer.

Book review: Digitalization, Immigration and the Welfare State by Mårten Blix, LSE

Review of Books, London School of Economics and Political Science, July 18, 2018.

Manuscripts in Submission

Parent, N., Wilson-Forsberg, S., Beggar, A. The Tightrope of Transit and Containment: A Comparative Scoping Review of Literature on International Migration to Chiapas and the Canary Islands (1991-2021). Under review at *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

Patel, J., **Parent, N.** Participatory Mapping for Public Health. Under review for upcoming edited volume titled *Spatial Literacy in Public Health*. Chicago: Association of College & Research Libraries.

Freier, LF., **Parent, N.**, Lui, I. From Resettlement to Regional Solutions: Canada's Changing Role in Latin American Refugee Protection. Under review for upcoming edited volume *Canada and the Global Refugee Regime*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Camp, Carcerality, and Care

Exilic (Re)imaginings of the Congo: Peace Maps and Repatriation Talk from Mahama Camp

Towards an urban political ecology of migrant settlements

Parent, N., Unruh, J. *Pax Ottomanica*, *Pax Aquarum*: Neo-Ottomanism, Hydropolitics, and Convergent Articulations of Hegemony.

Web-Based Publications

2021	How Religion Helped African Migrants During a Risky Atlantic Crossing. <i>The Conversation</i> , November 4. [link]
2021	Mutual Aid Amongst Refugees: Evidence from Turkey and Peru, CARFMS blog, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, October 26. [link]
2019	Freier, LF., Parent, N. A Turning Tide? Venezuelan Displacement and Migration Governance in Peru, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute, December 11. [link]
2019	Creative Methods of Dissemination in Forced Migration Research, ESPMI Discussion Series, Emerging Scholars & Practitioners on Migration Issues. [link]
2018	Parent, N. , Freier, LF. The Venezuelan Exodus: Placing Latin America in the Global Conversation on Migration Management, LSE Latin America and Caribbean blog, London School of Economics and Political Science, July 31. [link]
2018	Freier, LF., Parent, N . A South American Migration Crisis: Venezuelan Outflows Test Neighbors' Hospitality," Migration Information Source, Migration Policy Institute, July 18. [link]

2017 Mahlke, H., **Parent, N.**, Yamamoto, L. How Latin America is Responding to Venezuelan Refugees, Refugees Deeply, November 28. [link]

Other Publications

Forthcoming	Attention to Depth. Material Culture.
2021	Hachures and Hazards of Origins. Project Synergy, no. 1 (Origins): 38-41.
2021	Critical Geographies of Race Reading Group. <i>Critical Geographies of Race</i> , edited by Matthews, P., Parent, N. , Rowan, G. Montreal.
2020	Parent, N. , Sarazin, F. La liminalité et l'exil : Au-delà de l'étiquetage. <i>Perceptions</i> , no. 2 (Fall 2020): 25-29.
2019	Displacement, Return and Environmental Peacebuilding: Congolese Refugees and the Potential of Ethnographic Research. <i>Tvergastein Interdisciplinary Journal of the Environment</i> , no. 12: 30-37.
2017	Observatory for Human Rights and Forced Migrants in Turkey. A Year of Impunity: A One Year Visual Database of Migration-Related Human Rights Abuses, edited by Nicolas Parent. Izmir: OHRFMT.
2017	Falling Short of Protection: Peru's New Migration Scheme for Venezuelans. <i>Forced Migration Review</i> , 56 (October): 41-42.
2016	Refugees as Peons in Foreign Policy: Turkey, the EU and Reflections of Lasker and Nimzowitsch. <i>In/Words Magazine and Press</i> , 15(3): 99-104.

AWARDS & FUNDING

2023	People's Choice Award, 2023 CGSP Photo Competition Cultural Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers
2023	Doctoral Internship Program Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, McGill University (Canada); Value: CAD\$6,000
2022	International Graduate Mobility Award Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, McGill University (Canada); Value: CAD\$3,000
2021	1st place, CARFMS 2021 Student Essay Contest (Law/Graduate category) Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies; Prize: CAD\$500
2020	Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Value: CAD\$6,000
2020	CGS to Honour Nelson Mandela Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Honorary award
2020-2023	Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Value: CAD\$105,000
2020	Research Stipend Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et Culture (FRQSC); Value: CAD\$1,563
2019	Recruitment Award Department of Geography, McGill University; Value: CAD\$7,000

2019	Travel Grant – LASA 2020 (Guadalajara, Mexico) Latin America Studies Association (US); Value: USD\$500 plus conference registration
2019	Theo Hills Award Theo Hills Memorial Fund; Value: CAD\$427.87
2019	Event Grant Post-Graduate Student Society, McGill University; Value: CAD\$350
2019	Rathlyn Geography Fieldwork Award Department of Geography, McGill University; Value: CAD\$8,640
2019	Project Grant Andrea von Braun Stiftung (Germany); Value: EUR€7,000
2019	Travel Grant – Global Conversation on Migration (Medellín, Colombia) SOAS University of London (UK); Value: GBP£500
2019	York Graduate Fellowship (declined) York University (Canada); Value: CAD\$95,564
2016	Distinction Award – Master of Science University of Leicester (UK)
2012	Cum Laude Award – Bachelor of Education University of Ottawa (Canada)
2007	Excellence Award Millennium Scholarships Foundation (Canada); Value: CAD\$20,000 (full scholarship)
2007	Admission Scholarship Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa; Value: CAD\$5,000

INVITED TALKS

2022	Between Peace and Carceration: Historical Overview of Latinx Forced Migration to the United States and Contemporary Struggles of Law and Order. Refugees, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University, 27 October.
2021	Religious Coping on a Muslim-African Migrant Journey from Cape Verde to Brazil. Introduction to Muslim Studies, Religion and Culture Program, Wilfrid Laurier University, 16 November.
2020	Migration et refuge vénézuélien : Réponses politiques en Amérique Latine. Immigration, intégration et diversité sur le marché du travail, Université de Montréal, 11 June.
2019	Venezuelan Exodus: Humanitarian Crisis, Migration, and Regional Responses. Global Politics of Contemporary Migration, Seattle University, 1 May.
2016	Legitimization of Uncertainty: The Shaky Fate of Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Europe. Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, 27 September.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

2020 African (trans)migration to and through Latin America. Latin American Study Association Annual Congress, Guadalajara, 13-16 May.

Papers Presented

2022	Protracted Congolese Refugees, Return Aspirations, and the (Re)Imagining of Congo: The Mediating Effect of Imagination in the Process of Memorialized Territorialization. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, 25 February-1 March.
2021	Mutual Aid Amongst Refugees: Organized Abandonment and Anarchic Places. CARFMS21: Utopias as Practices, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Regina, 27-29 October.
2021	Hydropolitics, Middle East Security, and the Reach of the Neo-Ottoman Project in Syria. International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, Montreal, 28-29 May.
2021	State Self-Destruction in Refugee Spaces: Informality at the Margins, Mutual Aid, and Anarchist Places. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, 7-11 April.
2020	Lost at Sea but Saved by Allah: Religious Coping and African Migration to South America. Latin American Study Association Annual Congress, Guadalajara, 13-16 May.
2019	Ethnographic Mapping for more Inclusive Environmental Mediation in Areas with High Levels of Return Migration. 1st International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, University of California, Irvine, 23-25 October.
2019	Lessons from Peru's Response to the Venezuelan Exodus. SOAS University of London Global Migration Conversations, Museo Casa de la Memoria, Medellín, 21-22 May.

Discussant

Themes in digital mapping. International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, Montreal, 28-29 May.

CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

2023	African Peace Agreements and their Commitments Towards Forced Migrants (1990-2018). Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University, 22 February.
2022	Visions Against Camp Carcerality: Congolese Refugees and Modes of an Agrarian Utopia. School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa, 18 October.
2021	Strategy Sharing for Graduate Field Researchers During the Pandemic. Methods of Geographical Research, Department of Geography, McGill University, 24 March.

2021	Racializing Migrants and Spaces of Control. Critical Geographies of Race reading group, Department of Geography, McGill University, 11 March.
2020	Mapping and Ethnography. Ethnographic Approaches to Development, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, 11 February.
2020	Congolese Displacement, Encampment, and Repatriation. McGill Refugee Research Group, 26 November.
2020	Social-Cultural Hierarchies, States of Exception, and Liminality: Drawing Examples from Migration in the Global South. Cities in the Modern World, Geography and Urban Studies Program, McGill University, 26 March.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Ottawa (2022-2023)

Migration, Mobility, Borders, and Citizenship (undergraduate), Instructor

Ethnographer's Magic: Reading and Writing Anthropology (undergraduate), Instructor

Qual. Res. Meth. and Techniques for Doing Fieldwork in Inter. Dev. (undergraduate), Instructor

Social Sciences and Research (undergraduate), Instructor

University of Rwanda (2022)

Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods (graduate), Instructor

McGill University (2019-2021)

Course Design (graduate), Instructor

Graduate Teaching (graduate), Instructor

Geography of Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Global Environmental Challenges in Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Political Geography (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Disaster and Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Université de Montréal (2020)

Immigration, intégration et diversité sur le marché du travail (graduate), Invited Faculty

Universidad del Pacífico (2019)

Migration and Development (undergraduate), Instructor

Newton College (2017-2019)

IB DP Geography (upper secondary), Teacher

IB DP Environmental Systems and Societies (upper secondary), Teacher

MEF International School (2012-2016)

A/AS Geography (upper secondary), Teacher

Government of Canada, Official Languages Division (2012)

Introduction to Sociology (adult learning), Instructor

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021-Present	Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa, Wilfrid Laurier University Junior Research Fellow for 'Life in unintended destinations: Stories of sub-Saharan African migrants in Morocco and Mexico,' funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.
2023	Local Engagement Refugee Research Network, Carleton University Doctoral Intern to identify links and facilitate collaboration between the IDRC-funded Research Chairs Network on Forced Displacement.
2019-2023	Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University Research Assistant (Middle East team) for 'Appraising risk, past and present: Interrogating historical data to enhance understanding of environmental crises in the Indian Ocean World,' funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.
2021-2022	University of Manitoba Research Assistant for 'COVID-19's differential impact on the mental and emotional health of Indigenous Peoples and Newcomers: A socioeconomic analysis of Canada, US and Mexico,' funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
2021-2022	University of Rwanda Visiting Scholar conducting fieldwork at Mahama camp, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and McGill University Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.
2018-2019	Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico Associate Researcher working on various projects related to the Venezuelan exodus and policy responses across Latin America.
2016-2017	Observatory for Human Rights and Forced Migrants in Turkey Researcher for a mapping project on xenophobia, violence, and issues of forced migrants' human rights in Turkey.

SERVICE

Departmental/University Service

2022-Present	Part-time Professors Representative
	School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa
2021-2022	Equity Co-Chair
	Executive Committee, Geography Graduate Society, McGill University
2019-2022	Graduate Mentor
	Geography Mentorship Program, McGill University
2020-2021	Racial Geographies Steering Committee
	Equity Committee, Geography Graduate Society, McGill University

2020-2021	AGSEM Representative
	Geography Graduate Society, McGill university
2019-2020	Graduate Society Representative
	Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Geography, McGill University

Service to the Profession

2019-Present	Co-Editor, H-Migration
	Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Net)
2022	Expert Reviewer, John R. Evans Leaders Fund
	Canada Foundation for Innovation
2021	External Examiner, Oral Defense Committee
	Global Challenges Faculty, African Leadership University
2021	Graduate Mentor
	SALTISE Annual Conference
2018-2020	Co-Editor, Rights in Exile
	International Refugee Rights Initiative
2010-2012	Coordinator, Volunteer Engagement
	Student Federation of the University of Ottawa
2009-2010	President
	Geography Student Association, University of Ottawa
2008-2009	V.P. Communications
	Geography Student Association, University of Ottawa

Community Involvement/Outreach

2020-Present	Board of Directors
	The Refugee Centre
2020-2021	Co-Founder
	Hijrah Crítica
2018	Global Mentor, Teachers for Teachers Initiative
	Columbia University
2015-2016	Founder and Coordinator, Praxis Initiative
	Association for Solidarity with Refugees (Mülteci-Der)
2010	Deckhand and Educator
	Kalmar Nyckel Foundation
2009	Psychosocial Support Worker
	Caserne Samba Diery Dielo, Senegal
2008	Deckhand and Cultural Mediator
	Los Angeles Maritime Institute
2007	Coordinator, Community Youth Action
	Sierra Youth Coalition, Sierra Club of Canada
2006-2007	Executive Committee
	Sierra Youth Coalition, Sierra Club of Canada

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE HIGHER EDUCATION

2023-Present Reporter

The Low Down

2018-2019	Coordinator, Environmental Systems and Societies program Newton College
2017-2019	Teacher, Geography and Environmental Systems and Societies Newton College
2013-2016	Head of Department, Humanities MEF International School
2012-2016	Teacher, Geography and Humanities MEF International School

LANGUAGES

English (native)
French (native)
Spanish (conversational)
Turkish (basic)

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Institutional Affiliations

2021-Present	Centre for Refugee Studies, York University (Canada)
	Centre Affiliate and Graduate Research Fellow
2021-Present	Refugee Law Initiative, University of London (UK)
	Research Affiliate
2021-Present	Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa, Wilfrid Laurier University
	Junior Research Fellow
2019-Present	Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University (Canada)
	Doctoral Affiliate
2019-Present	McGill Refugee Research Group (Canada)
	Graduate Member
2019-Present	Department of Geography, McGill University (Canada)
	Doctoral Researcher
2021-2022	University of Rwanda (Rwanda)
	Visiting Scholar
2018-2019	Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico (Peru)
	Associate Researcher

Memberships

2021-Present	African Studies Association
2020-Present	International Association for the Study of Forced Migration
2020-Present	Canadian Association for the Study of Forced Migration
2019-Present	American Association of Geographers
	Specialty groups: Cultural Geography; Cultural & Political Ecology; Middle East; Africa
2019-Present	Latin American Studies Association
2019-Present	Africa Research Group, Kaldor Centre, University of New South Wales
2017-Present	Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues
2015-Present	Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies

2012-Present	Ontario College of Teachers
2019	Canadian Association of Geographers
2019	Environmental Peacebuilding Association
2018	Society for Latin American Studies
2017	South American Network for Environmental Migrations

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