

# Mackenzie Hamilton Eason

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Cornell Law School, Postdoctoral Associate, Migration & Human Rights Program, 2019-Present

### EDUCATION

UCLA, Ph.D. Political Science, expected Spring 2020 (C.Phil. 2017, M.A. 2016)  
Dissertation (In Progress): “Assessing the Legacies of Empire in International Criminal Law.”  
Committee: Anthony Pagden, Davide Panagia, Leslie Johns, Asli Bali, and Maximo Langer.  
Advanced to Candidacy April 2017.  
Fields: Political Theory and International Relations.  
Earned mark of “With Distinction” on qualifying paper, 2015.

UCLA, J.D. Law, 2012  
Specializations: Law and Philosophy, Critical Race Studies.

University of Colorado, Boulder, M.A. Comparative Literature, 2009

University of Colorado, Boulder, B.A. (with distinction) 2007  
Majors: Philosophy, Humanities.  
*Summa Cum Laude* and *Magna Cum Laude*.  
Elected *Phi Beta Kappa*.

### PUBLICATIONS

“The Quiet Expansion of Universal Jurisdiction,” with Maximo Langer, *European Journal of International Law*, 30(3), 779–817, 2019. Doi: 10.1093/ejil/chz050.

### FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Promise Institute for Human Rights Graduate Student Research Fellowship, UCLA Law School, 2019.  
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2019-2020.

Departmental Best Teaching Assistant Award, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2019.  
 Departmental Nominee, UCLA Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, UCLA Academic Senate, 2019.  
 Edwin W. Pauley Fellowship, UCLA Social Sciences Division, 2018-2019.  
 Collegium University Teaching Fellowship, UCLA Office of Instructional Development, 2018-2019 (declined).  
 Departmental Nominee, UCLA Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, UCLA Academic Senate, 2018.  
 Departmental Nominee, UCLA Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, 2019.  
 Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2016-2017.  
 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, Summer 2016.  
 Best Paper Award, UCLA International Institute Annual Conference, Spring 2016.  
 Tuition Scholarship, Cornell School of Criticism and Theory, Summer 2016 (declined).  
 Rapoport Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2016.  
 Departmental Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science, Summer 2015.  
 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2014.  
 Departmental Fellowship, UCLA Department of Political Science Fellowship, 2013-2014.  
 University Fellowship, UCLA School of Law, 2009, 2010, 2012.  
 Phi Beta Kappa Crisp Fellowship, PBK Alpha Chapter, CU Boulder, 2007.  
 Kirkland B. Greer Memorial Scholarship, CU Boulder, 2005, 2006.

## **PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS PRESENTED**

“Legacies of Empire in International Law: Discourses of International Crime and Criminality in the Long 19th Century,” Critical Perspectives on Race and Human Rights Symposium, UCLA Law School, March 8, 2019.  
 “Legacies of Empire in International Law: Strategy and Criminality in the Long 19th Century,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, August 30 – September 2, 2018.  
 “Legal Communities and the Making of the International System as a Western Normative Order - 1860 to the Present,” Roundtable, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2-7, 2018.  
 “Legacies of Empire in International Criminal Law: The Use of ICL Norms by Imperial Powers During the Long 19th Century,” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, April 2-7, 2018.  
 “Legacies of Empire in International Criminal Law: The Use of ICL Norms by Imperial Powers During the Long 19th Century,” Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 28-31, 2018.  
 “The Quiet Expansion of Universal Jurisdiction” (Co-authored with Maximo Langer), Annual Workshop, American Society of International Law International Law in Domestic Courts Working Group, Annual Workshop, UCLA School of Law, December 8, 2017.

- “Assessing the Legacies of Empire in International Criminal Law,” Leiden Journal of International Law 30th Anniversary Symposium on The Trajectories of International Legal Histories, The Hague, October 20, 2017.
- “Assessing the Legacies of Empire in International Criminal Law,” International Studies Association West Annual Meeting, Pasadena, California, September 22-23, 2017.
- “Assessing the Legacies of Empire in International Criminal Law,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, August 31-September 3, 2017.
- “Is Universal Jurisdiction Imperialist? Assessing allegations that international criminal law has been subverted to imperialist ends,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Illinois, April 5-9, 2017.
- “Is Universal Jurisdiction Imperialist? Assessing allegations that international criminal law has been subverted to imperialist ends,” International Studies Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, February 22-25, 2017.
- “Is Universal Jurisdiction Imperialist? Assessing allegations that international criminal law has been subverted to imperialist ends,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 1-4, 2016.
- “Is Universal Jurisdiction Imperialist? Assessing allegations that international criminal law has been subverted to imperialist ends,” UCLA International Institute Third Annual Conference, Los Angeles, California, April 25, 2016.
- “Universal Jurisdiction and Imperialism,” IR Reading Group Series, UCLA Department of Political Science, November, 2015.
- “Historical Echoes and Monstrous Crimes: The ‘Medieval Intellectual Baggage’ of Universal Jurisdiction,” Paper presentation to *Ethos* (UCLA Political Theory Graduate Student Association), February, 2015.

## **SELECTED WORKING PAPERS**

- “Imperial legacies in international law: A review of the literature.”
- “Is Universal Jurisdiction Imperialist? Assessing allegations that international criminal law has been subverted to imperialist ends.”
- “International Justice or Imperialist Overreach: Universal Jurisdiction and the Critique of ‘Jurisdictional Imperialism’.”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

UCLA Department of Political Science

Instructor, Careers in Political Science, Summer 2019.

Instructor, Teaching Political Science (Graduate Course), Fall 2018.

Instructor, International Responses to Crimes Crises and Atrocities, Summer 2018.

Instructor, Introduction to World Politics, Summer 2018.

Instructor, International Responses to Crimes Crises and Atrocities, Summer 2017.

Teaching Fellow, International Law, Leslie Johns, Spring 2018.  
Teaching Fellow, Introduction to World Politics, Robert Trager, Winter 2018.  
Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Political Theory, Davide Panagia, Fall 2017.  
Teaching Associate, The Laws of War and Peace - International Political Theory, Anthony Pagden, Spring 2016  
Lead Teaching Associate, Introduction to World Politics, Leslie Johns, Fall 2015.  
Teaching Associate, Early-Modern Political Thought, Anthony Pagden, Spring 2015.  
Teaching Associate, American Political Development, Karen Orren, Winter 2015.  
Teaching Associate, The Laws of War and Peace - International Political Theory, Anthony Pagden, Fall 2014.

#### UCLA Department of Philosophy

Teaching Assistant, Philosophy of Mind, Gabriel Greenberg, Spring 2013.  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Political Philosophy, A.J. Julius, Winter 2013.

#### CU Boulder Department of Philosophy

Assistant/Grader, Symbolic Logic, Uri David Leibowitz, Fall 2008, Spring 2009.  
Teaching Assistant, Philosophy and Society, Diane Mayer, Spring 2008.  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Philosophy, Chris Heathwood, Fall 2007.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

#### Cornell Law School

Postdoctoral Associate, 2019-Present

#### UCLA Department of Political Science

Graduate Student Researcher, Leslie Johns, 2015-2018.  
Graduate Student Researcher, Karen Orren, 2014-2015.  
Graduate Student Researcher, Michael Ross and Joseph Brown, 2015.

#### UCLA School of Law

Research Assistant, Aslı Ü. Bâli, 2011-Present.  
Research Assistant, Kimberlé Crenshaw, 2011.  
Research Assistant, Angela Riley, 2010-2011.

#### CU Boulder Department of Comparative Literature

Research Assistant, David Ferris, 2007-2008.

#### CU Boulder Humanities for Engineers Program

Research Assistant, Wayne Ambler, 2006-2007.

## **UNIVERSITY/VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Training Designer and Facilitator (in collaboration with Muriel McClendon, Associate Dean of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the UCLA Division of Social Sciences; Erin Sanders, Director of UCLA Center for Education Innovation and Learning in the Sciences (CEILS); and Rachel Kennison, Associate Director of CEILS), “Creating a Collegial and Inclusive Community of Instructors,” UCLA Division of Social Sciences.

Writing Maven (in-department writing tutor), UCLA Department of Political Science, September 2017-Present.

Departmental Researcher (building database of fellowships, grants and scholarships to be distributed to all Political Science graduate students), UCLA Department of Political Science, Fall-Spring 2015.

Guest Lecturer, “International Law in the 19th Century,” Course: “Laws of War and Peace,” Instructor: Anthony Pagden, UCLA Department of Political Science, May 2018.

Speaker, “Success in Your First Year of Graduate School,” UCLA Department of Political Science, October 2017.

Speaker, “Applying for Fellowships and Grants,” UCLA Department of Political Science, September 2017.

Guest Lecturer, “International Law in the 19th Century,” Course: “Laws of War and Peace,” Instructor: Anthony Pagden, UCLA Department of Political Science, November 2016.

Speaker, “Success in Your First Year of Graduate School,” UCLA Department of Political Science, October 2015.

Speaker, “Time Management: Organizing the Professional and Maintaining the Personal,” UCLA Department of Political Science, October 2015.

Guest Lecturer, “Universal Jurisdiction as Alternative Enforcement Venue in Int’l Criminal Law,” Course: International Law, Instructor: Leslie Johns, UCLA Department of Political Science, May, 2014.

Volunteer Researcher, Native American Research Fund, UCLA Law, 2012.

Student Representative, Curriculum Committee, UCLA Law School 2010-11.

Mentor, Law Fellows Program, UCLA Law, 2009-11.

Departmental Researcher, CU Boulder Department of Comparative Literature, 2007-08.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

American Society of International Law

Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities

International Studies Association

International Studies Association West

Midwest Political Science Association

Western Political Science Association

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

History of international law; international law doctrine and jurisprudence; history of political thought; history of international thought; legal theory; early modern, modern, and contemporary political thought; Critical Race Theory; Critical Legal Theory; Postcolonial Legal Theory; comparative legal history; political philosophy.