

Emily A. Willard
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, International Studies

University of Washington, Seattle, W.A. - Expected August 2018

- Concentration: Peace, Violence, and Security; Law, Rights, and Governance; Latin America
- Research Title: “Women in Conflict in Guatemala: Government Records and Community Archives”

Master of Arts, International Affairs, Comparative and Regional Studies: The Americas

The American University, Washington, D.C. - December 2009

- Concentration: Latin America; Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Title of Research: “The Perfect Storm: Impunity and Femicide in Guatemala”

Bachelor of Arts, International Relations and Spanish Studies, cum laude

The American University, Washington, D.C. - May 2008

- Concentration: Latin America; Human Rights
- Study abroad and internship program at Universidad Diego Portales in Santiago, Chile, *Fall 2006*

Professional Development Certificate

Rotary Peace Center, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand - August 2014

- Professional Development Certificate (6 graduate credits) in Peace and Conflict Resolution
- Research Focus: International Advocacy in Land Conflict in Guatemala

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Washington Center for Human Rights, Seattle, WA, Research Fellow (7/2015 – present)

- Manages Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) project, supervises two interns, and files FOIA requests for the declassification of human rights information.
- Conducts in-depth research on El Salvador military, human rights abuses, and government records.
- Analyzes declassified government documents, curates document collections for publication, and assists with developing publication and preservation strategy.

The National Security Archive, Washington, DC, Research Associate/Project Coordinator, Genocide Documentation Project (1/2013 – 9/2015); Research Associate, Evidence Project (10/2009 – 12/2012);

- Co-founded the Genocide Documentation project and helped organize and run two critical oral history conferences in The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Filed over 750 information requests and appeals for the declassification of human rights information.
- Conducted research, analyzes documents and writes for blog postings, briefing books, and website articles.
- Advised students and researchers on using Archive’s published and unpublished collections.
- Collected, analyzed, and provided documentary evidence to expert witnesses in trials against human rights perpetrators in various national, international, and regional courts.
- Created and managed a 20,000 document database for Genocide Documentation Project.

PUBLICATIONS

- “How do we Decolonize Research?” *Sectors: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association’s Sociology of Development Section* 3, no. 2, Autumn 2016
- “Road to Dayton Paved with Genocide.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 535*, November 23, 2015. Co-edited with Tom Blanton.
- “Srebrenica Conference Documents Detail Path to Genocide from 1993 to 1995.” *The National Security Archive Briefing Book, no. 519*, July 1, 2015. Co-edited with Tom Blanton.
- “Rwanda Pullout Driven by Clinton White House, U.N. Equivocation.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book, no. 511*, April 16, 2015. Co-edited with Tom Blanton.

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- “Key Diplomat’s Personal Notebook Sheds Light on Inner-Workings of US Government Response to Genocide Unfolding in Rwanda in 1994.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 500*, January 30, 2015.
- “Rwanda: The Failure of the Arusha Accords.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 469*, May 21, 2014.
- “Sitreps Reveal Rwanda’s Descent into Genocide in 1994.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 466*, April 7, 2014. Co-edited with Jake Freyer
- “The Rwanda Sitreps: Daily Pleas to New York Detail How International Failure Left Peacekeepers Ill-Equipped to Respond to Rising Violence in January 1994.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 455*, February 3, 2014.
- “Forced Disappearance in the Dominican Republic.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 429*, May 23, 2013
- *Mexico-United States Counternarcotics Policy, 1969-2013*, Digital National Security Archive, Chadwyck-Healey, (2013), contributor.
- “The Perfect Storm: Impunity and Violence against Women in Guatemala.” *The Peace & Conflict Monitor*, April 1, 2012.
- “Learn from History”, 31st Anniversary of the Assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 339*, March 23, 2011. Co-edited with Kate Doyle
- “27 Years Later, Justice for Fernando García.” *The National Security Archive, Briefing Book no. 337*, February 18, 2011. Co-edited with Kate Doyle
- “Violence against Women in Guatemala.” *First Light*. Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture, Winter 2010.
- *Colombia and the United States: Political Violence, Narcotics, and Human Rights, 1948-2010*, Digital National Security Archive, Chadwyck-Healey, (2010), contributor
- Published nearly 40 blog posts on the National Security Archive’s blog, “Unredacted.”
<https://nsarchive.wordpress.com/author/ewillard/>

CONFERENCES and PRESENTATIONS

- “Decolonizing Government Archives,” *Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials Annual Conference*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May 20-24, 2017.
- “Access to Information as a Human Right.” *World Issues Forum*, Western Washington University: Bellingham, Washington, October 26, 2016, speaker.
- “Challenging Perspectives: Indigenous Studies in the Social Sciences.” *Native Organization of Indigenous Scholars Annual Symposium*, University of Washington: Seattle, May 27, 2016, presenter.
- “International Decision-Making in the Age of Genocide: Bosnia 1993-1995.” *The Hague Institute for Justice, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and The National Security Archive*, The Hague, The Netherlands, June 28 to July 1, 2015, co-founder and organizer.
- “International Decision-Making in the Age of Genocide: Rwanda 1990-1994.” *The Hague Institute for Justice, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, and The National Security Archive*, The Hague, The Netherlands, June 1-4, 2014, co-founder and organizer.
- “Rwanda Genocide Anniversary.” *Levitt Leadership Speaker Series*, Hamilton College: Clinton, New York, April 2, 2014, with Ambassador Prudence Bushnell, speaker.
- “The Right to Information and the Preservation of Historical Memory.” *Historical Justice and Memory: Questions of Rights and Accountability in Contemporary Society*, Annual Conference, *Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability*, Columbia University, December 2013, presenter.
- “Using Declassified Documents to Understand Mass Atrocity: Guatemala and Rwanda.” *The International Association of Genocide Scholars 10th Biennial Conference*, Sienna, Italy, June 19-22, 2013, presenter.
- “Access to Information as a Human Right.” *The Latin American Studies Association 2013 Conference*, Washington, D.C., May 29-June 1, 2013, presenter.
- “Encuentro Evidencia.” *The National Security Archive*, Lima, Peru, September 18-21, 2011, co-founder and organizer.

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- “Original Clay Sculpture: Guatemala Indigenous Women’s Bodies as the Battle Field.” *Remembering War, Genocide and Other Human Rights Violations: Oral History, New Media, and the Arts*, Concordia University, November 2009, presenter.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2016-2017 Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research and Study, University of Washington
- 2016 Mack-Mayerfeld Fellowship, University of Washington
- 2016 Jennifer Caldwell Fellow, University of Washington
- 2015 Research Assistantship, University of Washington for Center for Human Rights
- 2016 Teaching Assistantship, Jackson School for International Studies, University of Washington
- 2014 Rotary Peace Fellowship, Rotary International Foundation
- 2013 Parishioner Mission Grant, St. Margaret’s Church, Annapolis, Maryland
- 2009 School of International Service Graduate Studies Grant Award, The American University

AWARDS

- 2009 “People’s Choice Award” for service to the community, The American University
- 2008 GLBTA Resource Center “Bridge Builders Award,” The American University
- 2004 Girl Scout Gold Award, Annapolis, Maryland
- 2002 Girl Scout Silver Award, Annapolis, Maryland

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- *The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)* 2016 to present.
- *Peace and Collaborative Development Network (PCDN)* 2011 to present
- *Alliance for Historical Dialogue and Accountability (AHDA)* 2013 to present
- *International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS)* 2013 to 2014
- *Latin American Studies Association (LASA)* 2011 to 2014

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Latin America Thought and Culture**, Guest Lecturer
Pierce College, 2015-2016
- **Human Rights in Latin America (LSJ 322/SIS 324)**, Teaching Assistant
University of Washington, winter 2016, winter 2017
- **The Social Affects and Responses to Intimate Partner Violence (WGSS)**, Teaching Assistant
The American University, autumn 2008

LANGUAGES

- *English* (native): reading, writing, speaking
- *Spanish* (advanced proficient): reading, writing, speaking
- *Maya K’iche’* (beginner): reading, writing, speaking

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Guatemala Human Rights Commission-USA, Washington, DC, *Vice-President of the Board of Directors* (9/2012 to 3/2016); *Volunteer*: (6/2008 – 3/2016); *Intern*: (5/2009-8/2009)

- Contributed to grant writing, blog posts, newsletters, and reports.
- Assisted in the logistics and hosting of speaker tour events, fundraising, advocacy, and lobbying efforts
- Planned and co-led week-long delegation to Guatemala to meet with civil society and local government

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Martha Ross Center for Oral History, Baltimore, MD, *Technology/Interview Assistant* (6/2004 - 4/2009)

- Filmed lectures and interviews. Assisted in audio/video recording, technical production, and video editing.

Community Bridges, Silver Spring, MD, *Program Assistant Intern* (1/2009 -5/2009)

- Assisted in creating afterschool program for high school girls to increase self-esteem, in an effort to decrease likelihood of becoming victims of domestic abuse.
- Assisted in the recruitment of participants, and creation of advertisement material for the after-school program; translated documents from English into Spanish.

GLBTA Resource Center, American University, Washington, DC, *Program Coordinator* (1/2007 - 12/2008)

- Planned and led student group to Mexico City to investigate human rights situation. Made cold contacts in civil society organizations, planned meetings, arranged logistics and travel itinerary, provided interpretation. Organized pre-departure meetings, advertised, and prepared and managed budget of \$15,000.
- Served as a teaching assistant for undergraduate gender studies class on domestic violence; led class session on international violence against women, and organized guest speakers for class.

Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC, *Intern*, (5/2007-8/2007)

- Researched and wrote report on corruption case involving security forces in Guatemala.
- Performed administrative tasks such as taking notes at hearings, answering phones, updating Outlook databases, daily monitoring of news, and mailings.
- Participated in congressional lobbying on Guatemala femicide resolution and Colombia free trade.

Vicaricas de Pastoral Social y de los Trabajadores, Santiago, Chile, *Intern*, (9/2006-12/2006)

- Assisted new Colombian and Congolese refugees in Chile with familiarity of social services, office organization.
- Observed assistance meetings with clients and assisted with interpretation and assisted in outreach to other organizations.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Maryland Humanities Council, Baltimore, MD, *Volunteer editor/reviewer*

(*Volunteer*: March – May 2012; March – June 2013; and on “as-needed basis”)

- Reviewed projects for local, state, and national “History Day” competition for secondary school students resulting further in the competition.
- Provided feedback on academic papers, documentaries, performances, and displays for grammar, composition, and accuracy as well as analyzing credibility of sources.

The Light House Shelter, Annapolis and **Arundel House of Hope**, Anne Arundel County, Maryland (2013 to 2015)

- Volunteer guide at annual “Homeless Resource Day,” assists guests with accessing services.
- Cooked and served meals monthly, and during annual “Winter Relief” program.

CARECEN Central American Resource Center, Washington, D.C., *Volunteer Teacher*

(September - December 2007)

- Tutored adult members of the Spanish speaking community in English and citizenship.
- Co-taught citizenship class to members of the D.C. Latino community who have applied for U.S. citizenship.