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EDUCATION

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science

Master of Arts in Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Political Theory

Expected May 2019

December 2014

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Master of Science in Global Governance and Diplomacy, with Distinction

July 2012

Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Master of Public Health

Fields: Global Health, Epidemiology

May 2009

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

Major: Health & Societies

May 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Pillinger, M., I. Hurd & M. Barnett. (2016) "The Politics of Legal Responsibility: Haiti, Cholera, and International Law." *Perspectives on Politics* 14(1): 70-86.

Pillinger, M. (2015) "It's Not Just For States Anymore: Legal Accountability for International Organizations under the Framework Convention on Global Health." *Global Health Governance* 9(1):114-130.

Hennink, M., N. Kittu, M. Pillinger, R. Jayakaran. (2012) "Defining Empowerment: Perspectives from International Development Organizations" *Development in Practice* 22(2): 202-215.

Harris J, Pillinger M, Fromstein D, Gomez B, Garris I, Kanetsky P, Tebas P, Gross R. (2011) "Risk Factors for Medication Non-Adherence in an HIV-Infected Population in the Dominican Republic." *AIDS & Behavior* 15(7):1410-5.

Pillinger MH, Marjanovic N, Kim SY, Lee YC, Scher JU, Roper J, Abeles AM, Izmirly PI, Axelrod MJ, Pillinger MY, Tolani S, Dinsell V, Abramson SB, Blaser MJ. (2007) "*Helicobacter pylori* stimulates gastric epithelial cell MMP-1 secretion vis CagA-dependent and independent ERK activation." *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 282(26):18722-31

PUBLICALLY-ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP (SELECTED)

Pillinger, M. (2017) "WHO spends more on travel than on key diseases. And that's ok." *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, June 22.

Bali, S., Lahariya, C., Pillinger, M., Suzuki, E., Takesue, R., & Tang, K.. (2017) "[Pandemonium: Risk Factors for Future Pandemics](#)," *Global Governance Futures 2027 Report*, June.

["Challenges & Opportunities for Global Health Governance: Interview with Mara Pillinger"](#), *Global Policy*, January 16, 2017.

Pillinger, M. (2016) "Mosquitoes don't just spread the Zika virus. They may be helping an older killer reemerge." *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, June 16.

Pillinger, M., Hurd, I., & Barnett, M. (2016) "Thousands died when the UN brought cholera to Haiti. Here's why it's getting off scot-free." *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, March 28.

Pillinger, M. (2016) "WHO declared a public health emergency about Zika's effects. Here are three takeaways." *Washington Post Monkey Cage*, February 15. Reprinted in *Global Policy*.

Reporting and editorial coverage of World Health Assemblies 69 & 70 for [Intellectual Property Watch](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS (SELECTED)

(Re-)Fit for Purpose? The Organized Hypocrisy of Organization Reform in Global Health Partnerships (book manuscript, journal article, policy paper)

Excuses, Excuses: Rhetorical Contests and Sovereignty in Global Health Governance (journal article)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & HONORS (SELECTED)

Brocher Foundation Residency, Geneva (2019)

ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship (2018)

Junior Visiting Fellow, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (2016-18)

Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, GW (2017)

Bosch Foundation/Global Public Policy Initiative Global Governance Futures 2027 Fellow (2016-17)

Horowitz Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (2016)

Policy Studies Endowment Graduate Fellowship, GW (2012-17)

Clarendon Scholarship, Oxford University (2011-12)

Lord Crewe Scholarship, Lincoln College, Oxford University (2011-12)

Connaught International Scholarship for Doctoral Studies, University of Toronto (2011, declined)

Presidential Management Fellow (2009, declined)

Emory Global Health Institute Team Fieldwork Grant (2008)

Global Field Experience Hubert Fellowship Grant, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University (2008)

Boisfeuillet Jones Merit Scholarship, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University (2007-8)

Benjamin Franklin Scholar, University of Pennsylvania (2004-07)

Merck Research Fellowship Grant (2004)

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

"Organizing Polio: Has Restructuring Improved Performance?" International Studies Association Annual Meeting. April 4, 2018. San Francisco, CA.

Co-organized panel: "What Works & How Do We Know? Shaky Foundations for Efficacy Claims in Global Governance" (Thomas Biersteker, chair)

"Pre-empting the Compatibility Problem: How Multisectoral Cooperation Can Undermine Pandemic Responses to and What To Do About It." Prince Mahidol Award Conference. February 1, 2018. Bangkok, Thailand.

“Legal Accountability for International Organizations?” Harvard Medical School Center for Global Health Delivery. September 16, 2017. Cambridge, MA

“WHO Answers to Whom?: The World Health Organization’s Multi-Stakeholder Problem.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting. February, 24, 2017. Baltimore, MD.

“Food & Drugs: Comparing Global Anti-Hunger and Anti-AIDS Campaigns.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting. March 17, 2016. Atlanta, GA. Co-authored with Michelle Jurkovich.

“The Force of Ought: Norms & Coercive Power in International Negotiations.” International Studies Association Northeast Meeting. November 6, 2015. Providence, RI.

“Excuses, Excuses: Sovereignty, Noncompliance and Rhetorical Coercion in Global Health Governance.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting. February 20, 2015. New Orleans, LA.

“I Know It When I See It’: Empowerment from the Perspective of Development Organizations.” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. November 9, 2009. Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING

Watson Institute of International & Public Affairs, Brown University, Providence, RI

Adjunct Lecturer in International & Public Affairs, Brown in Washington Program

Fall 2017- Summer 2018

Courses: Introduction to Public Policy & Engaged Scholarship (undergraduate)

Public Policy Analysis: Theory and Practice (undergraduate)

Practicum Seminar (undergraduate)

Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2009

Courses: Survey Research Methods (graduate)

Teacher Training: GW Teaching “Writing in the Discipline” Training; Emory TA Training Program

Advising: GW Political Science Undergraduate Student Mentorship Program (founder & organizer, 2015-16)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

HIV Testing Unit, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, NYC Department of Health, New York, NY

Technical Assistance Coordinator/ Project Officer (City Research Scientist II)

April 2009- September 2011

World Health Organization (WHO) Global Buruli Ulcer Initiative, Accra, Ghana & Atlanta, GA

Consultant

January- December 2008

Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) (formerly Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS Initiative), New York, NY

Intern

July- August 2006

Philadelphia Emergency Preparedness Review Committee, Philadelphia, PA

Subcommittee Assistant

January- June 2006

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Service: Bosch Foundation Alumni Network Regional Coordinator (2018-present)

GW Political Science Grad Caucus co-chair (2013-15)

Oxford MSc Global Governance Student Representative (2011-12)

Rollins Alumni Admissions Committee & Admissions Ambassador (2009-11)

YearUp Mentor (2009)

Rollins Scholars in Action (2007-09)

Penn Admissions Ambassador (2004-06)

Fieldwork: Geneva (14 months); Ghana (3 months); Cameroon (10 weeks); South Africa (6 weeks)

Professional Development: Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Summer Institute (2016)

Institute for Qualitative & Multi-methods Research (2015)

Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (2015)

Bridging the Gap New Era Foreign Policy Conference (2014)

Languages: French (reading & writing: B2; speaking: B1)

Data Analytics: SAS, R, STATA, SPSS, MaxQDA, Atlas.ti, Tableau