

# Christine M. Bianco

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Assistant Professor** 2022-Present  
St. John Fisher University, Department of Political Science and Legal Studies

**Visiting Assistant Professor** 2021-2022  
Wofford College, Department of Government and International Affairs

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. International Relations, *Florida International University***

*July 2021*

Dissertation Title: *The Creation of International Crimes: How Narratives Shape Our Understanding of the “Most Serious Crimes of International Concern”*

Major Field: International Law

Minor Field: Global Institutions and Issues

Chair: Harry Gould, PhD

Committee: Susanne Zwingel, PhD

John Oates, PhD

Hannibal Travis, JD

### **M.A. International Studies, *Florida International University***

*July 2019*

### **M.A. Latin American and Caribbean Studies, *Florida International University***

*May 2017*

Directed Research Project: *Understanding Truth: How Commissioners Influence the Final Report of a Truth Commission*

### **B.A. Double Major: International Relations and Spanish, *Rollins College***

*May 2014* Magna Cum Laude

Honors Thesis: *Truth and Healing in Latin America: The Effectiveness of Truth Commissions at Promoting National Healing*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Wofford College**

Foundations of World Politics

Fall 2021 (Two Sections), Spring 2022

America and the Global Economy

Fall 2021

Central American Politics

Spring 2022

Human Rights and International Crimes

Spring 2022

**Florida International University****Instructor of Record, Department of Politics and International Relations**

Introduction to International Relations	Summer 2020 (Remote), Fall 2020 (Remote)(Two Sections)
International Law of the Sea	Fall 2018, Fall 2019
International Law	Spring 2019, Spring 2020 (Online)

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Politics and International Relations**

International Law	Summer 2019
International Relations of the Middle East	Summer 2018
International Humanitarian Law	Spring 2018
Theories of International Relations	Fall 2017

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT****Certificates**

Certificate in University Teaching and Learning. 2020. Certification issued by Florida International University's Center for the Advancement of Teaching.

Remote Teaching Ready Badge. 2020. Certification issued by Florida International University's Academic Continuity Team.

**Workshops**

Pandemic Pedagogy Workshop. 2020. Workshop hosted virtually by the International Study Association's Innovative Pedagogy Conference.

Pedagogy Workshop. 2019. Workshop hosted by the International Studies Association's Northeast Regional Conference in Providence, Rhode Island.

Interpretive and Relational Methodologies Workshop. 2018. Workshop hosted by the International Studies Association's Northeast Regional Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Human Rights	International Criminal Law	Law of the Sea
International Norms	Sexual & Gender-based Violence	International Organizations

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

"La Sugestiva Estrategía del Suicidio en el Cine Cubano Contemporáneo." [The Suggestive Strategy of Suicide in Contemporary Cuban Film] *Sargasso* 2012-2013(1 and 2): 13-33 (with Rosana Díaz Zambrana).

## **PUBLIC FACING PUBLICATIONS**

“China as a Maritime Power and the Interpretation of Innocent Passage,” *EJIR: Talk!* Last updated May 31, 2022, <https://www.ejiltalk.org/china-as-a-maritime-power-and-the-interpretation-of-innocent-passage/>. (with Zenel Garcia)

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **Under Review**

“The Impact of Chinese History on its Perception of the Law of the Sea in the South China Sea.” (with Zenel Garcia) *Revise and Resubmit at* Territory, Politics, and Governance.

“Writing the Past: How Commissioners Influence the Final Report of a Truth Commission.” *Under Review at* European Journal of International Relations

### **Working Projects**

*Creating International Crimes: Narratives and Our Understanding of the “Most Serious Crimes of International Concern”* (Book manuscript).

“Visibility of Violations: Gender-based Blindness in the Definition of Rape.” (with Brianna Hernandez)

“Facts, Lies, and Exaggeration: How False Historical Narratives Enabled the Prosecution of Conflict Related Sexual Violence.”

“What is Innocent? Freedom of Navigation v. Coastal States Rights in the Law of the Sea.” (with Zenel Garcia and Bibek Chand).

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Research Assistant** for John Oates, Fall 2016-Summer 2017

Title: *The Constitution of Supranationalism: Constituent Power and the Legitimacy of Powerful International Organizations*

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Facts, Lies, and Exaggeration: How False Historical Narratives Enabled the Prosecution of Conflict Related Sexual Violence.” *Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association* held virtually, 2022.

“Reflecting on Mentoring for its Future in a Post-COVID Discipline.” *Roundtable presentation to be given at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association* held virtually, 2022.

“Visibility of Violations: Prosecutorial Narratives of Male Victims of Sexual Violence.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association* held virtually, 2021 (with Brianna Hernandez).

“What is Innocent? Freedom of Navigation vs. Coastal States Rights in the Law of the Sea.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association* held virtually, 2021 (with Bibek Chand and Zenel Garcia).

“Protecting the Past: The Continuity of Narratives Surrounding the Destruction of Cultural and Religious Property.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association* held virtually, 2020.

“Engendering Gender-based Crimes: The Narrative Process that Enabled the Criminalization of Gender-Based Crimes.” *Paper accepted to the annual meeting of International Studies Association* in Honolulu, 2020.\*

“Interpreting International Maritime Law: The Evolution of Chinese Understandings of the Maritime Commons.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association* in Toronto, 2019 (with Zenel Garcia).

“Harry Potter and the Power of Exclusion: International Law as a Force of Othering within the Harry Potter Universe.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association* in Baltimore, 2018.

“Disadvantaged Defense: The Structure of the ICC and the Rights of the Accused.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association* in San Francisco, 2018.

“Enduring Cooperation: The Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine as a Case of Transboundary River Cooperation.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association* in Ft. Meyers, 2018.

“A Roundtable Discussion on the Intersections of Political Theory and International Relations.” *Roundtable presentation at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association* in Ft. Meyers, 2018.

“Defending Right: The Rights of the Accused before the International Criminal Court.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest region of the International Studies Association Midwest* in St. Louis, 2017.

“Understanding Truth: How Commissioners Influence the Final Report of a Truth Commission.” *Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial conference of the Social Practice of Human Rights: Charting the Frontiers of Research and Advocacy* in Dayton, 2017.

“The Role of International Humanitarian Law in the Concept of Homo Sacer.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association* in Providence, 2017.

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\* Conference cancelled due to COVID-19

“When Truth Commissions Promote National Reconciliation.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the South region of the International Studies Association* in Orlando, 2017 (with Dan Chong).

“Child Trafficking after Natural Disasters: The Case of Haiti.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of Florida Political Science Association* in Orlando, FL, 2017.

“Prosecuting Gender: How the International Criminal Tribunals Influenced the ICC in Regard to Gender Crimes.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association* in Baltimore, 2016.

“Comparing Truth: A Comparative Analysis of the Structure of Chile’s Two Truth Commissions.” *Paper presented at the annual meeting of Florida Political Science Association* in Lakeland, FL, 2016.

“Growth without Poverty Reduction in Argentina during the 1990s” *Paper presented at the Annual South Florida Latin America and the Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference*, Coral Gables, FL, 2016.

“Prohibition and the Growth of Vice along the U.S. Mexico Border” *Paper presented at the Annual Phi Alpha Theta State Conference*, Stetson University, 2014.

## **GUEST LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS**

### **Guest Lectures**

“Postcolonialism” talk presented at a Coffee Hour discussion hosted by Dr. Bibek Chand at the University of North Georgia via Zoom, February 10, 2021.

“Postcolonialism” talk presented at a Coffee Hour discussion hosted by Dr. Bibek Chand at the University of North Georgia via Zoom, February 12, 2021.

### **Presentations Given on Florida International University’s Campus**

“Women’s Health and Security Panel” presentation on a roundtable sponsored by Sigma Iota Rho at Florida International University, October 17, 2019

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Positions in Professional Societies**

International Studies Association Northeast Region Governing Council Member (2017-Present)

### **Academic Conferences**

Chair/Discussant. 2021. “Gendered (In)Securities, Feminist Interventions, and Women’s Rights,” *Panel to be conducted at the annual meeting of the Northeast region of the International Studies Association held virtually.*

Roundtable Moderator. 2019. “Turning on the Light? The Role of Optimism in Research and Pedagogy,” *Roundtable conducted at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association in Tampa, Fl.*

Organizer, *South Florida Student Conference on Human Trafficking 2017*, March 3, Florida International University.

Chair of Submission Review Committee, *South Florida Student Conference on Human Trafficking 2017*, March 3, Florida International University.

### **Peer Review**

*International Journal of Transitional Justice*

## **HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **Fellowships**

FIU Presidential Fellowship 2015-2018, \$30,000 a year

FIU Dissertation Year Fellowship Spring – Summer 2021, \$8,300 per semester

### **Awards**

FIU Department of Politics and International Relations Best Dissertation Award in International Relations 2020-2021

Affordability Counts Medallion for my International Law Class for Spring 2020.

FIU Department of Politics and International Relations Best Graduate Instructor in International Relations for 2018-2019

FIU Department of Politics and International Relations Best Teaching Assistant in International Relations for 2017-2018

FIU Department of Politics and International Relations Service Award for 2017-2018

Award for Honors in International Relations (2014) at Rollins College, \$500

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

International Studies Association	2017- Present
Women’s Caucus for Political Science	2015-Present
Florida Political Science Association	2016-Present

## **SKILLS**

Language: Fluent in Spanish verbal and written