

# Christine M. Bianco

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## EDUCATION

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

*In Progress (Candidate)*

Major Field: International Law

Minor Field: Global Institutions and Issues

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

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

### **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 Norms

International Criminal Law  
Sexual & Gender-based Violence

Law of the Sea  
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).

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

### **Under Review**

“An Ancient Shadow: The Impact of Chinese History on its Perception of Maritime Law in the South China Sea.” *Revise and resubmit at International Relations* (with Zenel Garcia).

“Writing the Past: How Commissioners Influence the Final Report of a Truth Commission.” *Under review at Peace and Change*.

### **Working Papers**

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

## 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

“Visibility of Violations: Prosecutorial Narratives of Male Victims of Sexual Violence.” *Paper to be 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 to be 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 to be 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.

\*Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.

“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.

“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**

### **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**

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.

## **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**

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