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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Assistant Professor** (since 2018)  
School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

### **EDUCATION**

**PhD- Political Science** (2018)  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA  
Dissertation: Emergent Legal Pluralism: Legal Consciousness and Unanticipated Outcomes of Rule of Law Building in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

**MA- Political Science** (2013)  
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada  
Thesis: Customary Justice and the Rule of Law in the Eastern DRC: A Case Study of Baraza

**BA- Human Rights and Political Science** (2010)  
Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

### **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

**University of South Florida**  
Creative Scholarship Grant (2022)  
Humanities Institute Summer Grant (2022)  
Humanities Institute Summer Grant (2019)

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada**  
Doctoral Fellowship (2014-2018)

**University of Minnesota**  
Research Fellowship (Political Science) (2018)  
Andrew Dickinson Memorial Fellowship (2016)  
Graduate Research Partnership Program (2016)  
Graduate School Research Travel Grant (2016)  
Research Fellowship (Political Science) (2015)  
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Development Travel Grant (2015)  
Mixed Methods Interdisciplinary Graduate Group Scholarship (2014)  
Fellowship (Political Science) (2013-2014)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

Dunn, H. (2022). *Legal Consciousness and the Rule of Law in Post-Conflict Societies: Emergent Hybrid Legality in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo*. Routledge.

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles and Chapters**

Dunn, H. (2024). “The Problem is the Law and Women's Rights...” A Study of Marriage Practices in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Social & Legal Studies*, OnlineFirst.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/096466392412371>

Dunn, H. (2023). Legal Consciousness and Vigilantism: Seeking Justice for Witchcraft Harms in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. *Law & Social Inquiry*, OnlineFirst.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2023.56>

Dunn, H. (2021). Emergent Hybrid Legality: A Study of Legal Encounters in the DRC. *Journal of Intervention and Statebuilding*, 15(2), 201-220.

Dunn, H. (2020). Research in the Land of Savages, Victims, and Saviors. In G. Hoogensen, P. Weitsman and R. Matthew (Eds.), *Women's Perspectives on Human Security: Violence, Environment, and Sustainability*, Ohio University Press, pp.154-182.

Dunn, H. (2017). The Transitional Justice Gap: Exploring ‘Everyday’ Gendered Harms and Customary Justice in South Kivu, DR Congo. *Feminist Legal Studies*, 25(1), 71-97.

Dunn, H. & Matthew, R. (2015). Natural Resources and Gender in Conflict Settings. *Peace Review* 27(2), 156-164.

### **Other Publications**

Dunn, H. (2024). The Modern Sovereign: The Body of Power in Central Africa by Joseph Tonda. *African Studies Review*.

Dunn, H. (2023). African Feminisms and Women in the Context of Justice in Southern Africa by Cori Wielenga. *African Studies Review*, 66(2), 560-561.

Dunn, H. (2019). Insecurity, Immersion, and Chance: Fieldwork in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. Article Solicited by SAGE Research Methods Online. DOI:

<https://dx.doi.org/10.4135/9781526465795>

### **Under Review**

Dunn, H. Ethnographic Research for the Study of Climate Change. In A. LeHolland and R. Matthew (Eds.), *Climate Change and International Relations*. Under contract with Edward Elgar Press. Invited chapter.

## **CONFERENCES**

### **Organizer**

“Échange sur les conflits quotidiens et les pratiques de justice à Uvira et ses environs.” Uvira, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo, 15-16 August 2019.

## Participant

Dunn, H. "Is Everything Data? Reflections on Fraught Fieldwork in the DRC." Southern Political Science Association. 10-13 January 2024.

Dunn, H. "The Stories We are Told: Reflections on Narrative 'Data' and Writing with Ethics." International Studies Association. 15-17 March 2023.

Dunn, H. "Legal Consciousness and Vigilantism: Seeking Justice for Witchcraft Harms in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo." Southern Political Science Association. 12-14 January 2023.

Dunn, H. "Contradictory Legal Consciousness and Popular Justice in the Eastern DR Congo: Witchcraft and Repeat Offenders." New Directions in Law and Society. UMass Amherst. 7-8 October 2022.

Dunn, H. "Gender In/Justice in the Space of Emergent Hybrid Legality: Everyday Harms and Disputes in the Eastern DRC." Southern Political Science Association. Virtual participation. 13-15 January 2022.

Dunn, H. "Emergent Hybrid Legality: Legal Consciousness and Unanticipated Outcomes of Legal Reforms in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo." *Emerging Scholars Book Workshop*, Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies. 8-9 October 2021.

Dunn, H. "Emergent Hybrid Legality and Gender Justice in Transition: Everyday Experiences in Negotiating Marriage and the Law in DRC." Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies. 7-8 October 2020.

Dunn, H. "Exploring Legal Consciousness Beyond Hegemonic State Law: Unanticipated Outcomes of DR Congo's Legal Pluralism." Law and Society Association, Washington, DC, 30 May-3 June 2019.

Dunn, H. "Emergent Hybridities: A Study of Legal Reform in the DRC." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, 4-7 April 2019.

Dunn, H. "Intersecting Methods and Ethics: Reflexivity, Re-presentation, and Reciprocity in Fieldwork Research." Student Organization for Qualitative Methodologies. Interdisciplinary Symposium on Qualitative Methodologies, University of South Florida, 23 March 2019.

Dunn, H. "Emergent Legal Pluralism and the Development of Legal Consciousness." Law and Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, 20-23 June 2017.

Dunn, H. "Searching for Justice in DRC: The Plural Foundations of Legal Consciousness." Law and Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2-5 June 2016.

Dunn, H. "Searching for Justice in South Kivu: The New Terrain of Legal Pluralism." International Studies Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, 16-19 March 2016.

Dunn, H. "Poverty, Poor Infrastructure, and the Persistent Problems of Peacebuilding." Environment, Poverty and Peacebuilding, University of California-Irvine, 28 January 2016.

Dunn, H. "Legal Pluralism and the Multiple Paths to (In)Justice in the Eastern DRC: More Questions than Answers." Who Cares? Workshop on the Economies, Technologies and Ethics of Aid, University of California-Irvine, 1-2 October 2015.

Dunn, H. "Justice and 'Everyday' Gendered Harms in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo." International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, 18-21 February 2015.

Dunn, H. "Formes de justices et leur modes d'application." Presentation organized by the Centre d'Encadrement et d'Etudes pour le Developpement Communautaire, attended by local chiefs and leaders (by invitation). Uvira, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo, 20 May 2015.

Dunn, H. "Travailler et apprendre des ONGs." Promotion du leadership communautaire pour un impact sur le développement et le changement social durable à l'Est de la RDCongo. Conference organized by Centre d'Encadrement et d'Etudes pour le Developpement Communautaire, attended by local NGOs and activists (by invitation). Uvira, South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo, 27 April 2015.

Dunn, H. "Customary Justice and 'Everyday' Gendered Harms in South Kivu, Democratic Republic of Congo." Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, Indianapolis, IN, 20-23 November 2014.

Dunn, H. "Customary Justice: Exploring the Contentious Issue of Women's Rights." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, 28-31 May 2014.

### **Invited Symposia Participation/Presentations**

Dunn, H. "The Erosion of the Rule of Law." St.Pete Conference on World Affairs. 6-8 February 2024.

Dunn, H. "Transitional Justice: Reconstruction and Peace." *Jus Post Bellum: Justice After the War*. Minnesota Journal of International Law Symposium, Minneapolis, MN, 17 November 2017.

Dunn, H. "Savages, Victims, Saviors: Commodification of Rape Narratives in the DRC." *Politics of Concern*. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture, Minneapolis, MN, 5-7 May 2016.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### **University of South Florida**

Qualitative Analysis (graduate)  
Fieldwork in Political Science (graduate)  
Comparative Politics (graduate)  
Comparative Law (undergraduate)  
Political Violence and Justice (undergraduate)  
Conflict in the World (undergraduate)  
Politics of Developing Areas (undergraduate)  
Rwanda Beyond Genocide: The Politics of Justice and Development (undergraduate)

#### **University of Minnesota**

Human Rights, Inhumane Wrongs (first-year seminar)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Faculty Learning Community**

Decolonizing Humanities and Social Science Courses

**(Fall 2022-Spring 2023)**

**Graduate Student Mentor** (October 2022)  
New Directions in Law and Society Conference  
Graduate student workshop, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

**Participant** (Summer 2020)  
Collaborative Online International Learning Foundations Course  
State University of New York, online

**Participant** (June 2017)  
Law and Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City  
Pre-Conference Research Workshop on Global and Comparative Socio-Legal Studies and Methods

**Co-Organizer (with Oanh Nguyen)** (Spring 2016)  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis  
Fraught Fieldwork: Silences, Tensions and Opportunities

- Interdisciplinary discussion series on the ethics and methodologies of fieldwork and the positionality of the researcher.

**Participant** (June 2014)  
Maxwell School of Syracuse University, New York  
The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research