

# MARION LAURENCE

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## CURRENT POSITION

### **Assistant Professor**

Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security  
Canadian Defence Academy  
Toronto, Ontario

## EDUCATION

### **PhD, Political Science**

2019

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

*Field exams:* International Relations and Comparative Politics

*Committee members:* Steven Bernstein and Nancy Bertoldi (co-supervisors), Emanuel Adler

### **Master of Arts, Political Studies**

2007

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario

### **Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Political Science and History**

2005

Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

### **Diploma in French Language, Literature, and Civilization**

2004

Université Aix-Marseille III, Aix-en-Provence, France

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International relations and global security governance; international law; political sociology of international organizations; peacekeeping and peacebuilding; protection of civilians; gender and armed conflict; children and armed conflict; non-state actors in international politics; human rights and humanitarianism; qualitative research methods.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Alejandro, Audrey, **Marion Laurence**, and Lucile Maertens. "Discourse Analysis." In *Introduction to International Organization Research Methods*, eds. Fanny Badache, Emilie Dairon, Leah R. Kimber, and Lucile Maertens. Michigan University Press. **Forthcoming**.

Glas, Aarie and **Marion Laurence**. "[Changing Norms in Practice: Non-Interference in the UN and ASEAN](#)." *Journal of Global Security Studies*, vol 7, no. 2 (2022).

Bernstein, Steven and **Marion Laurence**. "[Practices and Norms: Relationships, Disjunctures, and Change](#)." In *Conceptualizing International Practices*, eds. Christian Bueger, Alena Drieschova, and Ted Hopf, 77-99. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022.

**Laurence, Marion** and Emily Paddon Rhoads. “[Constructivism](#).” In *United Nations Peacekeeping and International Relations Theory*, eds. John Karlsrud and Kseniya Oksamytna. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2020.

**Laurence, Marion.** “[An ‘Impartial’ Force? Normative Ambiguity and Practice Change in UN Peace Operations](#).” *International Peacekeeping*, vol. 26, no. 3. (2019): 256-280.

Paddon Rhoads, Emily and **Marion Laurence.** “[Peace Operations, Principles, and Doctrine](#).” In *Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*, eds. Oliver Richmond and Gëzim Visoka, 1-9. Cham: Palgrave MacMillan, 2019.

#### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Laurence, Marion.** (2022) *Reinventing Impartiality: Norms, Practices, and the ‘Assertive’ Turn in United Nations Peace Operations*. **(Book manuscript – R & R with Oxford University Press)**.

Dunton, Caroline, **Marion Laurence** and Gino Vlavonou. (2022) “Pragmatic Peacekeeping in a Multipolar Era: Liberal Internationalism and the Normative Trajectory of UN Peace Operations.” **R & R (introduction to special issue of *Journal of Intervention & Statebuilding*)**.

**Laurence, Marion.** (2022) “Human Security, Child Soldiers and the Vancouver Principles: Mapping the Evolution of Core Concepts.” **R & R (edited volume with Canadian Defence Academy Press)**

Johnson, Dustin and **Marion Laurence.** (2022) “Hierarchy, Global Inequality, and Research Ethics in Multinational Research on UN Peacekeeping.”

**Laurence, Marion.** (2022) “Practice Change, Reflective Agency, and the Role of Individuals in UN Peace Operations.” **(part of special issue bid with *International Peacekeeping*)**

Bernstein, Steven, Aarie Glas, and **Marion Laurence.** (2021) “Norms, Practices, and Social Change in International Politics.” **(in preparation for the Cambridge Element Series, Cambridge University Press)**

**Laurence, Marion.** (2021) “Performing Peace: Discourses of Progress and Professionalism in UN Peace Operations.”

#### POLICY-ORIENTED PUBLICATIONS

Laurence, M. “Managing Cooperation with Troubled States: Protection of Civilians, Human Rights Due Diligence, and the UN Mission in Mali.” Defence and Security Foresight Group Working Paper, University of Waterloo. **Forthcoming.**

Co-author of Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security (DCOE-PS) concept note *Canadian Armed Forces Responses to Preventing the Recruitment and Use of Children in Conflict*, 2021. Now a Joint Doctrine Note for CAF/DND.

Sole author of Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security (DCOE-PS) curriculum mapping report, *Mapping the Field: Programmes for Defence and Security Professionals Related to Children and Armed Conflict*, 2021.

Laurence, M., Caroline Dunton and Gino Vlavonou. “[Action for Peacekeeping? Middle Powers, Liberal Internationalism, and the Future of UN Peace Operations.](#)” 13 September 2021, CIPS Blog. Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa.

Laurence, M. “[Practice Theory, Tacit Knowledge, and Changes in Peacekeeping Practice.](#)” *Global Cooperation Research – A Quarterly Magazine*, 01/2021. Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen.

Laurence, M. “[What does the Coup in Mali Mean for UN Peacekeepers in the Country?](#)” 19 November 2020, CIPS Blog. Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa.

Laurence, M. “[Data-Driven Peacekeeping and the Vancouver Principles: Towards Improved Monitoring and Reporting for Grave Violations Against Children.](#)” *Allons-y: Journal of Children, Peace and Security*, vol. 4 (March 2020): 73-85.

Laurence, M. “Data Analysis and the Future of United Nations Peacekeeping.” *Au Courant*. Global Affairs Canada. (March 2020)

Laurence, M. “[What are the Benefits and Pitfalls of ‘Data-Driven’ Peacekeeping?](#)” 9 January 2020, CIPS Blog, Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa.

Laurence, M. [What are the Benefits and Pitfalls of ‘Data-Driven’ Peacekeeping?](#) Ottawa: Centre for International Policy Studies, 2019.

Laurence, M. “[Aligning goals and core principles in UN peacekeeping.](#)” *Policy Options*, 9 November 2017.

## HONOURS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

**ISA Workshop Grant**, International Studies Association (2021) (Co-applicant with Emily Paddon Rhoads, Swarthmore College, and Sarah von Billerbeck, University of Reading)

**MINDS Targeted Engagement Grant**, Department of National Defence, Government of Canada (2019) (Lead applicant on behalf of the Centre for International Policy Studies)

**International Policy Ideas Challenge**, Global Affairs Canada, Government of Canada (2019)

**Ontario Graduate Scholarship**, Government of Ontario (2013-2014 and 2014-2015)

**School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant**, University of Toronto (2013 and 2014)

**SSHRC Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2010-2013)

**Professor Emeritus Frank Peers Graduate Research Scholarship**, University of Toronto (2013)

**Queen’s University Graduate Award**, Department of Political Studies, Queen’s University (2007)

**SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship**, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2006-2007)

**Eric Dennis Gold Medal in Political Science**, Dalhousie University (2005)

**Dalhousie University Renewable Entrance Scholarship**, Dalhousie University (2001-2005)

**Prize of the Institute of Political Studies**, Université Aix-Marseille III, Aix-en-Provence, France (2004)

**George E. Wilson Memorial Scholarship**, Department of History, Dalhousie University (2003-2004)

## FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Semi-structured interviews with UN peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Darfur, and South Sudan (2021 - conducted online due to COVID-19)

Archival research, focus groups, and semi-structured interviews with participants in Sierra Leone (2013), UN Headquarters, New York City (2014 and 2015), and Côte d'Ivoire (2015).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

**Research Associate** 2021 – present  
Multi-year SSHRC-funded project on gender, children, and UN peacekeepers  
Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace and Security  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Member** 2021 – present  
MINDS Research Network on Women, Peace and Security (Canada)

**Coordinating Team** 2019 – present  
Peace Operations in sub-Saharan Africa  
Defence and Security Foresight Group

**Research Associate** 2019 – 2022  
Centre for International Policy Studies  
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, Ottawa

**Contract Researcher** 2020  
Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security  
Canadian Defence Academy, Toronto

**Non-resident Fellow** 2014 – 2015  
Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative  
Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Engaging IR Undergraduates through Collaborative Learning. International Studies Association Career Course, ISA Annual Convention. Toronto, Ontario. (March 2019)

Interpretive and Relational Methodologies Workshop, International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Providence, Rhode Island. (November 2015)

Training of Trainers Certification. Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, Dalhousie University. Halifax, Nova Scotia. (February 2015)

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research. Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York. (June 2013)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Graduate Supervision

DR 500 (Directed Research Projects) 2020-2021  
Master of Defence Studies  
Royal Military College of Canada

### Course Instructor

DS 569 (International Security and Canadian Foreign Policy) 2022  
Joint Command and Staff Programme  
Department of Defence Studies, Canadian Forces College

PA 8215 (Global Public Governance) 2020  
MA Program in Public Policy and Administration  
Department Politics & Public Administration, Ryerson University

PCJ 260 (Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies) 2017  
Trudeau Centre for Peace, Conflict, and Justice  
Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

POL 380 (Non-state Actors in the International System) 2014  
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

### Teaching Assistant

POL 101 (Democracy, Dictatorship, War, and Peace) 2018  
Department of Political Science, University of Toronto 2010 – 2014

PCJ 260 (Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies) 2015 – 2016  
Trudeau Centre for Peace, Conflict, and Justice  
Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto

POLS 110 (Introduction to Politics and Government) 2006 – 2007  
Department of Political Studies, Queen's University

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND INVITED TALKS

Co-convener, "Scope for Agency and the Role of Individuals in UN Peace Operations." Virtual workshop. International Studies Association (March 2022) (with Sarah von Billerbeck and Emily Paddon Rhoads)

"Hierarchy, Global Inequality, and Research Ethics in Multinational Research on UN Peacekeeping." Virtual paper presentation. 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, online conference (March 2022) (with Dustin Johnson)

“Performing Peace: Discourses of Progress and Professionalism in UN Peacekeeping.” General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, online conference. (September 2021)

“Lessons, Hurdles and Opportunities within UN and AU Institutional Reforms.” Virtual expert roundtable. Institute for Security Studies, Pretoria, South Africa (August 2021).

Interview, “Data-driven Peacekeeping.” Conference of Defence Associations Institute, Expert Interview Series (August 2021)

Co-convener, “Action for Peacekeeping? Middle Powers, Liberal Internationalism, and the Future of UN Peace Operations.” Virtual workshop. Centre for International Policy Studies, University of Ottawa (May 2021).

Facilitator, “Mali: Prospects for Durable Peace.” Virtual strategic foresight workshop. Defence and Security Foresight Group and the Centre for the Study of Security and Development. University of Waterloo and Dalhousie University (May 2021)

“Peace Operations and the Future of Mali: Challenges, Dilemmas and Opportunities.” Virtual roundtable discussion. Defence and Security Foresight Group and the Centre for the Study of Security and Development. University of Waterloo and Dalhousie University (May 2021)

“United Nations Peace Operations and International Relations Theory.” Virtual roundtable discussion. 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, online conference (April 2021)

“Norms, Practices, and Social Change in International Politics.” Virtual paper presentation. 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, online conference (April 2021) (with Steven Bernstein and Aarie Glas)

“Innovation and Improvisation: Pathways for Practice Change in UN Peacekeeping.” New Voices in International Practice Research (online conference). University of Copenhagen and the Centre for Global Cooperation Research. (February 2021)

Moderator, “Politique étrangère et multilatéralisme : quel rôle joue aujourd’hui le Canada sur la scène internationale?” NATO Association of Canada, online roundtable event (November 2020)

“The Evolution of Norms in Practice: Non-Interference in the UN and ASEAN.” 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Honolulu, Hawaii (March 2020) (with Aarie Glas)  
Paper accepted, but conference cancelled due to COVID-19

“Data-Driven Peacekeeping : Opportunities, Challenges, and Limitations.” International Policy Ideas Challenges Symposium, Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Ontario (November 2019)

“Building Better Lives Across the Gender Spectrum.” Armchair discussion organized by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Global Affairs Canada, Ottawa, Ontario (November 2019)

“Une force ‘impartiale’? Ambiguïté normative et changement de pratiques au sein des opérations de paix de l’ONU.” Centre d’études et de recherches internationales, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Quebec (May 2019)

“Reinventing Impartiality: Norm and Practice Change in United Nations Peace Operations,” Centre for International Policy Studies Seminar Series, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario (April 2019)

“Innovation and Improvisation: Pathways for Practice Change in UN Peacekeeping.” 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Toronto, Ontario (March 2019)

“An Impartial Force? Normative Ambiguity and Practice Change in UN Peace Operations.” 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, San Francisco, California (April 2018)

“Practices and Norms: Relationship, Disjunctures, and Change.” 11<sup>th</sup> Pan-European Conference on International Relations, European International Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain (September 2017) (with Steven Bernstein)

“Indirect Contestation: Norm and Practice Change in United Nations Peace Operations.” European Workshops in International Studies, European International Studies Association, Cardiff, UK (June 2017)

“Indirect Contestation: Norm and Practice Change in United Nations Peace Operations.” Dynamics of Dissent Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK (June 2017)

“Practices and Norms: Relationships, Disjunctures, and Change.” 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland (February 2017) (with Steven Bernstein)

“Training, Learning, and Communities of Practice in United Nations Peace Operations.” Annual Meeting, Academic Council on the United Nations System, New York City, NY (June 2016)

“Covert Contestation: Norm and Practice Change in United Nations Peace Operations.” 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia. (March 2016)

“A Neutral International Force? Old Norms, New Practices, and the UN’s Combat Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” Annual Meeting, Canadian Political Science Association, Ottawa, Ontario. (June 2015)

“A Neutral International Force? Old Norms, New Practices, and the UN’s Combat Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in International Security Canada Workshop, Kingston, Ontario. (May 2015)

“Beyond States and Mandates: Tracking the Dissemination and Institutionalization of New Legitimizing Practices in UN Missions.” 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, International Studies Association, New Orleans, Louisiana. (February 2015)

## SERVICE

Reviewer for *Civil Wars*; *Contemporary Security Policy*; *Global Responsibility to Protect*; *International Peacekeeping*;  
Monthly research lab co-convener, Dallaire Centre of Excellence for Peace and Security (2020-2021)  
Graduate Student Organizer, Departmental IR Seminar Series, University of Toronto (2015-2016)  
Parkdale Mentorship Program, Medical Society, University of Toronto (2014-2016)  
IR Area Group Representative, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science (2011-2014)  
Member of the Selection Committee, Parliamentary Internship Programme, Canadian Political Science Association (2008)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Legislative Assistant</b> Office of LGen the Honourable Roméo Dallaire, Senator Senate of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario	2008 – 2010
<b>Research Assistant</b> Office of the Honourable Yoine Goldstein, Senator Senate of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario	2007 – 2008
<b>Parliamentary Internship Programme</b> Canadian Political Science Association House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario	2005 - 2006

MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academic Council on the United Nations System  
International Studies Association

LANGUAGES

**English** (native); **French** (fluent: reading, written, spoken)

CITIZENSHIP

Canadian