

Rachel Harmon, PhD

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Academic Positions

Emory University

Visiting Assistant Professor at Oxford College, August 2023 - Present
Service, AY 2023-2024:

Co-chair, Autism Celebration Committee
Committee Member, Emory Oaks Implementation Group
Faculty Advisor, Human Rights Forum
Faculty Advisor, Autism Advocacy Organization
Panelist, Accommodations 101
Panelist, Sophomore Summit
Mentor, Emory Autism Center

Visiting Instructor at Oxford College, August 2022 - August 2023

Predocutorial Research Fellow with The Carter Center, August 2021 - May 2022

Dean's Teaching Fellow for Arrendale State Prison, August 2020 - May 2021

Walker State Prison via Georgia State University

Adjunct Professor, May 2022 - August 2022

Georgia Gwinnett College

Part-time Faculty, January 2022 - May 2022

Middle Tennessee State University

Adjunct Professor, August 2021 - December 2021

Service: Virtual Mentor, 2021 - Present

Education

Emory University

PhD in Political Science, August 2023

Dissertation: "Understanding the Adoption, Prioritization, and Biases Within
Anti-Human Trafficking Policy"

Committee: Danielle Jung, Dan Reiter (chair), David Davis

MA in Political Science, August 2019

Middle Tennessee State University

MA in International Affairs - Security Track, December 2013

BS in International Relations, May 2012

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

Harmon, Rachel, Daniel Arnon, and Baekkwon Park. 2022. "TIP for Tat: Political Bias in Human Trafficking Reporting." *British Journal of Political Science* 52 (1). Cambridge University Press: 445–55.

Reingold, B., Widner, K., & **Harmon, R.** 2020. "Legislating at the Intersections: Race, Gender, and Representation." *Political Research Quarterly*, 73(4), 819–833.

Publications (Non-Peer Reviewed)

"Disclosing an Autism Diagnosis in Higher Education," video publication for the *Sinneave Family Foundation's Autism College Prep course*, November 2020.

"A Perspective on Engaging Scholars with Autism," *Duck of Minerva*, April 22, 2017

Works in Progress

"Women's Political Power and Anti-Trafficking Policy Adoption" Harmon first-author, with Kate Perry and Glenn Harden (*under review at World Politics*)

"Human Trafficking, Sexual Violence, or Something Else? Political Incentives in Labeling: An Experiment" Harmon first-author, with Daniel Arnon

"What Do We Owe Each Other? Considerations for Ethical Compensation in Fieldwork"

Selected Research, Work, & Service Experience

EverWell International Scholarship

Founder & Director, January 2023 - Present

EverWell provides scholarships and academic support to survivors of human trafficking pursuing education. I oversee scholar selection, organizational development, grant-writing, and program growth. 25 scholarships have been awarded in 2023 in 3 countries.

Georgia College Transition Partnership

Consultant/Project Partner, July 2021 - Present

Provide feedback and insight to the development of programming and support services for autistic students at Emory University, University of Georgia, and Georgia State University, including program evaluation.

Free for Life International

Board member, September 2015 - Present

The Carter Center

Election Observer, 2020 Georgia Election, Fall 2020

MTSU Mock Trial

Assistant Coach, August 2012 - December 2013

Transparency International, Mexican National Chapter

Project Consultant, May 2013 - September 2013.

Conference Presentations

College Autism Summit: 2020, 2021

National Trafficking Shelter Alliance: 2021

ISA South: 2021

International Studies Association: 2019, 2020*

Peace Science Society: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2023

American Political Science Association: 2017, 2019, 2020

Midwest Political Science Association: 2017, 2020*, 2023

Southern Political Science Association: 2020

GAHRNet Spring Conference: 2018

Violence Against Women in Elections hosted by The Carter Center: 2017

Tennessee Political Science Association: 2013

MTSU Scholars Week: 2012

** indicates canceled due to COVID*

Invited Talks & Panels

“Connecting Research to Practitioner Experience in the Anti-Trafficking Sector,” MTSU, November 2022.

Panelist, Sophomore Summit, Emory University, September 2023.

Panelist, Accommodations 101, Emory University, July 2023.

Panelist, Elections and Voting Rights, Emory University, November 2022.

Moderator, Student panel on autism celebration, Emory University, 2021, 2022, 2023.

“Human Trafficking: Converting Awareness to Action,” Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas, November 2021.

“The Role of Scholarship and Mentorship in Supporting Survivor Success,” National Trafficking Shelter Alliance, Online, October 2021.

“The Truth About Trafficking: Addressing Myths and Misinformation,” Metro Office of Family Safety panel event, Online, July 2021.

“Human Trafficking and the Autistic Community: Risks, Boundaries, and Red Flags,” Conference on Autism and Human Trafficking, Online, April 2021.

“Migration and Human Trafficking,” Behind the Glass panel, Online, March 2021.

“Human Trafficking and the Autistic Community: Risks, Boundaries, and Red Flags,” Autism Tennessee, Online, January 2021.

“Human Trafficking and the Autistic Community: Risks, Boundaries, and Red Flags,” Nashville Adult Peer Support Group, Online, January 2021.

“Human Trafficking in Georgia,” Free for Life International Webinar Series, Online, November 2020.

“Autistic Experiences in Higher Education: Student Panel,” NASPA College Autism Summit, Online, October 2020.

“Recognizing and Responding to Human Trafficking,” Bonnaroo, Manchester, Tennessee, June 2019.

“Human Trafficking: Local and Global Connections to Conflict,” French Consulate in Atlanta, October, 2018.

“Collecting Data on Human Trafficking: Ethical and Empirical Challenges,” Graduate Research Interdisciplinary Talk Series, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2017.

“Translating Research to Policy,” Workshop with the Institute for Developing Nations, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2017.

“Ethics in Fieldwork: Gaining Consent and the Use of Technology,” Presentation for the Institute of Developing Nations, Atlanta, Georgia, April 15, 2017.

Individual Grants Awarded

Classroom Enhancement Grant, Oxford College, Fall 2023

Classroom Enhancement Grant, Oxford College, Fall 2022

Hatchery Innovations Grant, Summer 2021

Mellon PhD Interventions Grant for exploring pathways outside academia, Spring 2020

Graduate Student Travel Grant, SPSA, January 2020

Conference Travel Grant, Emory GSC, January 2020

Travel Grant for PSSI conference, Emory’s Professional Development Funds, November 2018

Travel Grant for the Academic Research in Conflict and Contention Workshop, London School of Economics, 2018

Conference Travel Grant, Emory GSC, September 2017

Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Institute for Developing Nations/The Carter Center, Summer 2016

Research travel grant, MTSU Office of International Affairs, Summer 2013

Research travel grant, MTSU Department of Political Science and International Relations, Spring 2012

Research travel grant, MTSU Office of International Affairs, Spring 2012

Courses Previously Taught

- **Global Governance and Transnational Politics**
 - Graduate online course for MA program
 - Middle Tennessee State University

- **The United Nations and Crisis Simulation**
 - Undergraduate course that included Model UN component
 - Middle Tennessee State University

- **Political Violence (taught 2 times)**
 - Upper-division undergraduate course
 - Oxford College of Emory University

- **Research Design Methods**
 - Upper-division undergraduate course
 - Oxford College of Emory University

- **Human Rights and Gender**
 - Undergraduate course
 - Arrendale State Prison for Women

- **Principles of Political Science (taught 6 times)**
 - Undergraduate course
 - Oxford College of Emory University

- **US Politics/American Government (taught 2 times)**
 - Undergraduate course
 - Walker State Prison for Men
 - Georgia Gwinnett College

- **Research and Writing Skills**
 - Undergraduate course
 - Arrendale State Prison for Women

- **War and Politics**

- Upper-division undergraduate course
- Emory University (co-taught with Dr. Dan Reiter)