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EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Toronto, Geography (2013)

Dissertation: *Securitizing the Coast of Somalia: Political Geographies of Piracy*

M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Urban and Regional Planning (2009)

Concentration in International Development

B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison, Political Science (2005)

Concentration in African Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Maritime crime and transnational crime
Political geographies of crime and justice
Criminal justice reform in sub-Saharan Africa
Criminologies of the Global South
Qualitative methods/ethnography

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The University of Alabama

Associate Professor, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Tuscaloosa, Alabama

2018 – present
AY 2019 – 2020

Florida International University

Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice
Affiliated, African & African Diaspora Studies Program

Miami, Florida

AY 2014 – 2018

Old Dominion University

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Geography

Norfolk, Virginia

Spring 2014

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Gilmer, B. (2014) *Political Geographies of Piracy: Constructing Threats and Containing Bodies in Somalia*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:

Rhea, H., **Gilmer, B.**, Meldrum, R. C., Comerford, C*. (2019) U.S. Public Support for the International Criminal Court: Do Constitutional Considerations Matter? *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*.

DOI:10.1080/01924036.2019.1651748.

The official journal of the American Society of Criminology's Division of International Criminology

Gilmer, B and B. Kane*. (2019) Counter Piracy Programming and Potential Barriers to Reintegrating Somali Pirates: An African Restorative Justice Critique. *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*. doi.org/10.1016/j.ijlcj.2019.07.002

Impact factor: 0.846

Gilmer, B. and C. Comerford*. (2018) Promoting pirate prisons: exploring the intersections of narratives, media, and criminal justice reform in East Africa. *Crime, Law and Social Change*. 71(4): 403-421.

Impact factor: 0.952 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2017) Invisible Pirates: Women and the Gendered Roles of Somali Piracy. *Feminist Criminology*. doi.org/10.1177/1557085117741361

Impact factor: 1.750 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2017) Somali Piracy Prisoners and Biopolitical Penal Aid in East Africa. *Punishment & Society*. 19(1): 115-131.

Impact factor: 2.156 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2017) Hedonists and Husbands: Piracy Narratives, Gender Demands, and Local Political Economic Realities in Somalia. *Third World Quarterly*. 38(6): 1366-1380.

Impact factor: 2.156 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2016) Fishermen, Pirates, and the Politics of Aid: An Analysis of the Somali Fishermen Registration Programme. *Geoforum*. 77: 106-113.

Impact factor: 2.926 JCR

Gilmer, B. (2016) Awareness Campaigns as a Response to Piracy off the Coast of Somalia. *Journal of Development Studies*. 52(6): 765-779.

Impact factor: 2.043 JCR

Book Chapters:

Gilmer, B. (2017) Compensation in the Absence of Punishment: Rethinking Somali Piracy as a Form of Maritime *Xeer*. In Martin Fredriksson and James Arvanitakis (eds.), *Property, Place and Piracy*. Routledge. 93-105.

Other Publications:

Gilmer, B., J. Torrins and J. Lee-Silcox*. (2016) *Analysis of the Fisherfolk Registration Data in Somalia*. Technical report for Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Nairobi, Kenya: UNON.

Gilmer, B. (2016) Review of Burrill, Emily, *States of Marriage: Gender, Justice, and Rights in Colonial Mali*. H-Citizenship, H-Net Reviews.

(Gilmer) VandeBerg, B. (2012) *The Impact of Maritime Piracy on Somaliland*. Technical report for United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Counter Piracy Programme (UNODC CPP). Nairobi, Kenya: UNON.

Works Under Review:

Gilmer, B., Wakeham, J., and E. Storey*. Between Ransom and Release: Exploring Caringscapes of Somali Piracy Hostage Incidences. *Social & Cultural Geography*. (Revise and Resubmit)

Impact factor: 2.043 JCR

Wakeham, J., and **Gilmer, B.** Care in Uncaring Places: Exploring Somali Piracy Hostage Incidents. *British Journal of Criminology*.

Impact factor: 2.881 JCR

Working Papers:

Silvey, R. and **B. Gilmer**. (XXXX) Escaping the Frame: Indonesian Migrant Workers in the Margins of Development. For submission to *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*. Impact factor: 2.382 JCR

Gilmer, B. (XXXX) A Crime of No Nation: Extraterritorial Unresponsiveness and the Sinking of the Hijacked MV Albedo.

Wakeham, J. and **Gilmer, B.** (XXXX) How Somali Pirates Reproduce Global Inequality.

Kane, B. and **Gilmer, B.** (XXXX) Supporting Former al-Shabaab Youth in Somalia: Considerations for a New Framework for Reintegration. For submission to *Journal of Eastern African Studies*. Impact Factor: 1.269 JCR

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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Care(ful) Pirates?: Exploring the Caringscapes of Somali Piracy Hostage Incidents. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., 3 April – 7 April, 2019.

Secure, Idyllic, and Unsustainable: Exploring the Narratives of East Africa's Pirate Prisons. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 14 November –17 November 2018.

We Don't Want Them: Exploring the Crime-Punishment Divide of Bringing Somali Pirates to Justice. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. 14 November –17 November 2018.

Invisible Pirates: Women and the Gendered Roles of Somali Piracy. American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. 14 November – 17 November 2017.

The Fishermen's Fight: Somali Piracy and the Dynamics of Identities, Mobilities and Territorialities off the Coast of Somalia. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. 29 March – 2 April 2016.

Securing Somalia: Political Geographies of Piracy. Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting—J. Warren Nystrom Award Session II. Tampa, Florida. 7-12 April 2014.

Maritime Piracy and Labor Insecurities. Migration and Security Conference: Gendered Dimensions in Asian Cities. Toronto, Canada. 31 March – 1 April 2014.

INVITED LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Piracy and the Maritime Security Landscape. Global Security and Public Policy Executive Program. Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 5 March 2018.

Maritime Security. US Army War College International Fellows Program. Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy at Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 22 February 2018.

Analysis of the Somalia Fisherfolk Registration Data. Stakeholder Workshop. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Somalia Fisheries Sector. Bosaso, Somalia. 14-16 March 2016.

Border Security and Somali Piracy. Colloquium on Border Security. Hosted by Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy and Citizenship Studies. Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 17 April 2015.

International Criminal Law Expert Conference: The Potential Impact and Limits of the Criminal Jurisdiction of the African Court of Justice and Human and Peoples Rights. African Court Research Initiative. FIU College of Law. Miami, Florida. 20-21 March 2015. (Expert Participant)

Combating Somali Piracy. Professional MA in Global Governance (MAGG) Program. Florida International University. Miami, Florida. 14 February 2015.

Geographies of Indonesia. Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program (LDESP): Senior Leader Seminar on Indonesia, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 8-9 May 2013.

The Impacts of Piracy on Somaliland. Joint Partnership for Raising Awareness and Combating Piracy Workshop. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. Hargeisa, Somalia. 15-19 July 2012.

UN-HABITAT Expert Working Group on Girls' Safety in Cities. United Nations Compound, Nairobi, Kenya. 6-8 April, 2011. (Expert Participant)

FUNDED RESEARCH

U.S. Department of Education Title VI-Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Languages Travel Grant, African and African Diaspora Studies Program, Florida International University, 2016, \$1000.

Graduate Studies Travel Research Grant, University of Toronto, 2011-2012. \$2000.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, PRIZES, FELLOWSHIPS

External Awards:

Richard Morrill Award for Public Outreach, Political Geography Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers, 2016.

J. Warren Nystrom Award National Finalist, Best Dissertation in Geography, American Association of Geographers, 2014.

Institutional Grants:

International Student Doctoral Studies Fellowship, University of Toronto, 2009-2013.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Director of Undergraduate Studies Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice	The University of Alabama AY 2019-2020
Research Action Committee Substitute for Dr. Adam Lankford	The University of Alabama Spring 2019
Faculty Search Committee (Dark Trafficking Cluster) Department of Geography	The University of Alabama AY 2018-2019
Undergraduate Committee Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice	The University of Alabama AY 2018-2019; AY 2019-2020
Colloquium Committee Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice	The University of Alabama AY 2018-2019; AY 2019-2020
Curriculum Committee, Criminal Justice Faculty Rep. Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs	Florida International University AY 2016-2018

Mandela Washington Fellowship (YALI) Evaluator Florida International University
African & African Diaspora Studies Program & Division of Research July 2017

Mandela Washington Fellowship (YALI) Evaluator Florida International University
African & African Diaspora Studies Program & Division of Research July 2016

Mandela Washington Fellowship (YALI) Evaluator Florida International University
African & African Diaspora Studies Program & Division of Research July 2015

Student Retention Committee Florida International University
Department of Criminal Justice AY 2014-2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer:

Crime, Law & Social Change (2019)

International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice (2017, 2018)

Gender, Place and Culture (2017)

Antipode (2017)

Conflict Management and Peace Science (2015, 2017)

H-Net Reviews (2016)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Somalia/Nairobi, Kenya
Somalia Fisheries Sector, Transnational Crime Expert November 2015 – May 2016

- Served as a Transnational Crime Expert Consultant for FAO Somalia Fisheries Sector's Counter Piracy Trust Fund projects;
- Conducted a research validation workshop in Bosaso, Somalia, with the participation of donors, fishing cooperatives, FAO Somalia Fisheries Field Officers and Ministry staff from Somaliland, the Federal Government of Somalia, Puntland, and Galmudug;
- Analyzed Somalia fishermen and fleet registration data for age trends, fisheries activities, and economics and gender analysis at the regional and community levels—linking potential trends to perceived levels of piracy-related activity in the region;
- Provided guidance on proposals for future counter-piracy interventions in and outside of the Somalia fisheries sector;
- Drafted a Final Report of Somali fishermen, fleet registration, and piracy data analysis findings for publication by FAO.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Nairobi, Kenya
Counter Piracy Programme, Consultant January 2012 – October 2012

- Served as a consultant in UNODC's high profile regional office dedicated to enhancing rule of law and combating maritime piracy, terrorism, human trafficking, drug trafficking, and corruption in the East African region;

- Traveled frequently to Somalia and served as principal UNODC contact for the Counter-Piracy Coordination Offices in Somaliland and Puntland;
- Oversaw the successful repatriation of two Somali preteen piracy suspects to Garowe, Somalia;
- Designed and managed the Somaliland Counter-Piracy Awareness Campaign and the Puntland Counter-Piracy Advocacy Campaign, including public polling and other evaluative measures;
- Created and managed the UNODC piracy prisoner database system in coordination with Somali officials, as both a capacity building and counter-piracy measure;
- Worked to promote and incorporate the international Piracy Prisoner Transfer Programme, building regional cohesion and cooperation;
- Represented UNODC in intergovernmental and inter-agency meetings, donor briefings, and consultations with Member States, including background papers, presentations, analyses, fortnightly progress reports, etc., while also serving as the media contact for all UNODC CPP activities.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
Counter Piracy Programme, Graduate Student Intern

Nairobi, Kenya
 October 2011 – January 2012

- Worked directly for the Counter Piracy Programme Coordinator to advance the United Nation’s primary response to piracy off the coast of Somalia and develop technical assistance programmes to counter maritime piracy, as well as criminal justice and law enforcement matters;
- Designed the programmatic framework, project document, implementation strategy and budget for the UNODC Anti-Piracy Campaign currently being implemented in Somaliland and Puntland, Somalia;
- Liaised with international governments and agencies, donors, and other United Nations agencies throughout the UNODC Anti-Piracy Campaign design process;
- Conducted piracy- and terrorism-related research, backstopped background papers, presentations, analyses, briefings, summary reports, etc.

United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
Safer Cities Programme, Graduate Student Intern

Nairobi, Kenya
 January 2011 – October 2011

- Conducted research on curbing crime and increasing safety in Third World cities through modifying the built environment and implementing community policing strategies;
- Developed city selection criteria for choosing and implementing safer cities for girls projects;
- Finalized the report/proceedings from the 3rd International Women’s Safety Conference in Delhi, India, and from the Expert Working Group on Safe Cities for Girls;
- Contributed to a joint project document on Safer Cities for Women, Youth and Girls in collaboration with UNICEF and UN Women;
- Co-authored a thematic paper for the XIIth UN Round Table on “Communication for Development” focusing on planning for safer cities for adolescent girls.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology (ASC) 2014-present

- *Critical Criminology, Division Member*
- *International Criminology, Division Member*

American Association of Geographers (AAG) 2010-present
African Studies Association (ASA) 2018-present
Global Prisons Research Network (GPRN) 2016-present
International Studies Association (ISA) 2016-2018
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) 2014-2015

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Publisher in Residence Program (AY 2018-2019; AY 2019-2020) College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama.

Bauer Grant Writing Workshop. (2019 Cohort) College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama.

Active Learning Initiative Workshop. (2018) College of Arts & Sciences, The University of Alabama.

Advanced Security in the Field Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 16 October 2015.

Basic Security in the Field II (BSITF II) Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 16 October 2015.

Safe and Secure Approach to the Field Environment (SSAFE) Somalia Certification. Pre-Deployment Security Training for United Nations Staff: United Nations Somalia. 16-19 April 2012. Nairobi, Kenya.

Advanced Security in the Field Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 15 April 2012.

Basic Security in the Field I (BSITF I) Certification. United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS). 15 April 2012.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Online Media Interviews:

The Somali Women Keeping Piracy Afloat. (2018) *Medium*. 5 December 2018. <https://medium.com/@jkoons/womenkeeping-somalipiracyafloat-1165b548a276>

The Return of the Pirates (Die ruckkehr der piraten). (2017) *The Swiss Daily (Neue Zurcher Zeitung)*. (2017) 15 April 2017. <https://www.nzz.ch/international/somalias-seeraeuber-die-rueckkehr-der-piraten-ld.1287104>.

IHS Maritime 360. (2015) Piracy analysis: EU Somali coastguard initiative delivers. 27 July 2015. www.ihsmaritime360.com.

IHS Maritime 360. (2015) EMEA maritime attacks down but Bangladesh crime rises. 24 July 2015. www.ihsmaritime360.com.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate Level Courses

Immigration and Crime

Global Terrorism and Homeland Security

Undergraduate Level Courses

Maritime Crime and Justice

Pirates and Punishment

Human Trafficking

Global Terrorism and Homeland Security

Introduction to Political Geography

Introduction to Cultural Geography