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EDUCATION

2028 (expected)	Ph.D. in Peace Studies and Political Science, University of Notre Dame
2019	M.A. in Development Management and Public Policy, Georgetown University & Universidad Nacional de San Martin (Argentina)
2012	B.A. in English, Reed College

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

Quinn, Jason, Madhav Joshi, Elise Ditta, **Patrick McQuestion**, and Cristian Saez Florez. 2025. “Verifying the Implementation of the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement: A New Methodology and Dataset.” *Journal of World Affairs: Voice of the Global South* 1(1): 94–120. doi:[10.1177/29769442251325358](https://doi.org/10.1177/29769442251325358).

Echavarría Álvarez, Josefina, Elise Ditta, Juanita Esguerra-Rezk, and **Patrick McQuestion**. 2020. “Colombian Peace Agreement 2016.” In *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Cham: Springer International Publishing, 1–11. doi:[10.1007/978-3-030-11795-5_128-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-11795-5_128-1).

Policy Reports

Zuñiga, Ivonne, Elise Ditta, and **Patrick McQuestion**. 2022. *How to Integrate Peace Agreements into Public Policy*. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame. Peace Accords Matrix Policy Brief Series. doi:[10.7274/NG451G08W64](https://doi.org/10.7274/NG451G08W64).

Joshi, Madhav, Louise Olsson, Rebecca Gindele, Josefina Echavarría Alvarez, Elise Ditta, and **Patrick McQuestion**. 2020. *Women, Peace and Security: Understanding the Implementation of Gender Stipulations in Peace Agreements*. Stockholm: Folke Bernadotte Academy, PRIO and UN Women. Joint Brief Series: New Insights on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) for the Next Decade.

Book Reviews

McQuestion, Patrick. 2025. “Review of Sandra Botero, *Courts That Matter: Activists, Judges, and the Politics of Rights Enforcement* Cambridge University Press, 2024, 326 Pp.” *Journal of Latin American Studies*: 1–3. doi:[10.1017/S0022216X25100928](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0022216X25100928).

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Grants

2024 Semi-Finalist, Fulbright Open Study/Research Grant, US Fulbright Program

Fellowships

2025-2027 Presidential Fellow in Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Notre Dame

2024-2027 Doctoral Student Affiliate, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

2023-2024 Fellow, Lucy Institute for Data & Society, University of Notre Dame

2023-2024 John Darby Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

2026 “Estimating levels of subnational democracy: Combining empirical data and expert scores from Colombia,” Latin American Studies Association Congress

2026 “Estimating Levels of Subnational Democracy in Colombia using Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) and Local Empirical Data,” Midwest Political Science Association

2025 “Informal mining, polycentricity, and environmental outcomes,” Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement (FLARE) Annual Meeting (Peru)

2025 “Measuring Expected Levels of Democracy for Colombian Municipalities,” Midwest Political Science Association

2025 “Who controls the narrative? Gender and Country of Origin in the Contours, Themes and Biases of Peace Studies,” International Studies Association

2024 “Measuring Subnational Democracy with Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Survey Data - An Application Using the Case of Colombia,” Global Democracy Conference, University of Notre Dame

2023 “Decentralizing Rural Development after Civil War: The Case of Colombia’s PDET Initiatives,” International Studies Association Latin America & Caribbean Region (Colombia)

Panels Organized

2025 “Measuring and Tackling Coloniality in Peace Studies,” International Studies Association

Panel Discussant

2025 Political Science Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Notre Dame

2023 “Building peace from the debris of violent legacies: challenges and lessons from Colombia,” International Studies Association Latin America & Caribbean Region (Colombia)

Panel Chair

2025 “Political Violence,” Midwest Political Science Association

Rapporteur

2025 Global Democracy Conference, Kellogg Institute, Washington, D.C.
2024 Global Democracy Conference, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame
2022 Colloquium: Strategies for Sustainable Peacebuilding: Implementation and Policy, Yale University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance at University of Notre Dame

2025 *Perspectives on Peacebuilding*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
2023 *Introduction to Global Politics*, Department of Political Science
2023 *Introduction to Peace Studies*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Invited Lectures at University of Notre Dame

2025 “Environmental politics and peacebuilding,” for *Perspectives on Peacebuilding*
2023 “Civil War - Trends, Causes, and Microfoundations,” for *Introduction to World Politics*
“Do Comprehensive, Inclusive Peace Processes Produce More Sustainable Peace?” for *Introduction to Peace Studies*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024-2025 Research Assistant for Michael Coppedge (political scientist) on a methodological project to measure democracy at the subnational level using Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) data and geolocated municipal-level statistics.
2024-2025 Research Assistant for Laurence Nathan (international mediator) to evaluate the contents of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions for references to the regionalized dimensions of conflict in South Sudan.
2019-2022 Research Associate for the Kroc Institute Barometer Initiative (official third-party monitor of the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement) on a collaborative project with Colombia researchers to evaluate implementation of the peace process with the FARC-EP.
2016-2019 Technical Analyst for the National Ministry of Modernization (Argentina) to measure organizational and human resources in federal public sector entities, including public hospitals, statistics departments, and social services divisions.

2009-2010 Investigator in Community Relations for Health Care for the Homeless
(Baltimore, MD) involved in designing and conducting street-level surveys
on access to welfare services.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2025-2026	Political Science Department representative, Graduate Student Government, University of Notre Dame
2025	Volunteer, International Studies Association Conference (March 2-5)
2024-2025	Peace Studies Department representative, Graduate Student Government, University of Notre Dame
2023-Present	Coordinator of the <i>Global Stage</i> podcast, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Native
Portuguese – Conversant

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025	Member, Latin American Studies Association
2024	Member, Midwest Political Science Association
2023	Member, International Studies Association

REFERENCES

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