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Curriculum Vitae

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George Mason University

BA/MS Student, [Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution](#)

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EDUCATION

- 2024 **M.S., Conflict Analysis and Resolution**
Concentration: Inclusive Conflict Engagement
George Mason University (GMU)
Arlington, Virginia
- 2023 **B. A., Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Honors**
Concentration: Building Peace in Divided Societies
Minor: Conservation Studies
George Mason University
Fairfax, Virginia

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental conflict analysis, resolution, and transformation
Indigenous and community approaches to peacebuilding and sustainability
Psychosocial support and wellbeing, especially in peacebuilding practitioners
Community-based / participatory action research

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2023 Sherwood, N. R., **Adamson, H. J.**, Mattix, M., *Insider Peacebuilders are Needed to Sustain Peace*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/insider-peacebuilders-are-needed-to-sustain-peace-mhcr-presents-recommendations-to-peer-exchange-on-improving-support-for-insider-mediators>
- 2022 **Adamson, H. J.**, *Building Trust on the Path to Healing: Insights from Observing the Sami Reconciliation Process*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/building-trust-on-the-path-to-healing-insights-from-observing-the-sami-reconciliation-process>
Adamson, H. J., Mattix, M., & Roberson, G. *MHCR Undergraduate Students Receive Funding to Pursue Summer Research*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/all-mhcr-undergraduates-win-summer-research-funding>
Adamson, H. J. *A New Phase in the Journey: Introducing the Mary Hoch Foundation and Think Peace Learning and Support Hub*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/a-new-phase-in-the-journey-introducing-the-mary-hoch-foundation-and-think-peace-learning-and-support-hub>
- 2021 **Adamson, H. J.** *Embracing the wisdom of Indigenous communities in truth and reconciliation processes*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/embracing-the-wisdom-of-indigenous-communities-in-truth-and-reconciliation-processes>
- 2020 **Adamson, H. J.** *Celebrating one year of growth and transformation*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/celebrating-one-year-of-growth-and-transformation>
Adamson, H. J. *Hope lighting the journey to peace—Betty Bigombe shares wisdom grown amidst pain and conflicts*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/news/hope-lighting-the-journey-to-peace-betty-bigombe-shares-wisdom-grown-amidst-pain-and-conflicts>

TECHNICAL REPORTS & HANDBOOKS

- 2021 Mattix, M. K., & **Adamson, H. J.** *Healing the Past, Transforming the Future*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/annualreport>
- 2020 **Adamson, H. J.**, & Jackson, A. *A year in review*. Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/annualreport>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- Adamson, H. J.** Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insiderness in peacebuilding. (Journal article)
- Adamson, H. J.**, Sherwood, N. R., Gjeloshi, B. Policy Recommendations to Foster Support of Insider Reconcilers. (Policy brief)
- Sherwood, N. R., Gjeloshi, B., **Adamson, H. J.**, Kitchen, J., Hill, O. H., Jackson, A., Pentikäinen, A. Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes. (Journal article).
- Adamson, H. J.** Championing Culture: A Key to Protecting Pangolins (Journal Article and Policy Brief)

Adamson, H. J. Supporting a Culture of Wellbeing Consciousness at the Carter School (Report).
Adamson, H. J. The Nexus of Culture, Climate Change Perceptions, and Political Participation. (Journal article).
Adamson, H. J. Tasteful or wasteful: How public perceptions of meat consumption impact climate change. (Journal article).

HONORS AND AWARDS

YEAR	AWARD	FUNDING AMOUNT (USD)
2023	George Mason University Scholar Full tuition scholarship, highest academic scholarship awarded, top 1% of class	\$19,513
	George Mason University Alumni Association Senior of the Year Awarded to one Senior undergraduate for achievements and contributions to the university and community	–
	George Mason University Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship Nominee Selected applicant to progress to the national Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship competition	–
	George Mason University Honors College Service Award Recognition for service to the Honors College as a Peer Mentor	–
2022	George Mason University Scholar Full tuition scholarship, highest academic scholarship awarded, top 1% of class	\$39,624
	Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, Traditional Award Competitive funding from the Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research for summer research on insider-reconcilers	\$1,000
	The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi Honor society recognizing the top 10% of the Senior class	–
	The Phi Kappa Beta Society, Omicron of Virginia Chapter Honor society recognizing the top 10% of the Senior class	–
	Fall 2022 Presidential Leadership Cohort Participated in cross-disciplinary discussions to brainstorm solutions to “Grand Challenges”	–
2021	George Mason University Scholar Full tuition scholarship, highest academic scholarship awarded, top 1% of class	\$39,568
	Smithsonian Mason Scholar Participant in the Smithsonian Mason School for Conservation’s Conservation, Biodiversity, and Society program.	\$2,500
	G.T. Halpin Family Endowment Scholarship Supports participation in the Smithsonian-Mason School for Conservation	\$2,500
2020	George Mason University Scholar	\$39,269

	Full tuition scholarship, highest academic scholarship awarded, top 1% of class	
	Schwartzstein First Semester Research Award – Runner-Up	\$100
	Honors College Award for outstanding Honors Research and Inquiry Project (view here)	
	2020 Freshman Academic Achievement Award	
	4.0 GPA in the first semester, College of Humanities and Social Sciences	
2019	George Mason University Scholar	\$19,513
	Full tuition scholarship, highest academic scholarship awarded, top 1% of incoming freshman class	
	The President’s Volunteer Service Award – Gold	–
	250+ hours of community service in one year	

FELLOWSHIPS

01/2021 – 05/2021 **Peacebuilding Fellow**
 Carter School, GMU
 Fairfax, VA

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2022 **Adamson, H. J.** *Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insidership in peacebuilding.* Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution Fall 2022 Undergraduate Research Symposium.
Adamson, H. J. *Investigating insider reconcilers.* The Office of Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research Virtual Celebration of Student Scholarship and Impact Summer 2022. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA.
- 2021 **Adamson, H. J.,** Sherwood, N. R., Hill, O. T., Jackson, A., & Pentikäinen, A. *Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes.* International Studies Association – Northeast 2021 Virtual Conference.

POSTERS PRESENTED

- 2023 **Adamson, H. J.** *Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insidership in peacebuilding.* National Conference on Undergraduate Research. University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau-Claire, WI, USA.
Adamson, H. J. *Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insidership in peacebuilding.* Mason Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA.

- 2021 **Adamson, H. J.**, Sherwood, N. R., Hill, O. T., Jackson, A., & Pentikäinen, A. *Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes*. Florida Psychological Association's Division of Graduate Students 2021 Virtual Conference.
- 3rd place, 2021 Florida Psychological Association's Division of Graduate Students Poster Competition.
- 2020 **Adamson, H. J.** *Tasteful or wasteful: How public perceptions of meat consumption impact climate change*. Honors College Spring 2020 Virtual Research Symposium, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA.
- 2019 **Adamson, H. J.** *Tasteful or wasteful: How public perceptions of meat consumption impact climate change*. Honors College Winter 2019 Research Symposium, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, USA.

DISCUSSANT

- 2023 Sherwood, N. R., Gjeloshi, B., Dakoala, W. A., **Adamson, H. J.**, Ali, G. A. & Pentikäinen, A. Y., (2023). *New Frontiers in the Wellbeing of Reconciliation Practitioners*. Carter School Spring 2023 Peace Week, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.
- 2022 Sherwood, N. R., **Adamson, H. J.**, Cassar, C., Hill, O. T., Mattix, M. K. *Cultivating Professional Development for the Next Generation of Peacebuilders*. International Association for Reconciliation Studies – 2022 World Conference on Reconciliation at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Arlington, VA, USA.
- Sherwood, N. R., **Adamson, H. J.**, Cassar, C. Hill, O. T., Gjeloshi, B., Mattix, M. K., Namachanja Wanjala, T., Olad, R. A., Stauffer, C., Pentikäinen, A. Y. *Who are insider reconcilers? Binding the theory and practice of reconcilers operating in their own communities*. Carter School Spring 2022 Peace Week at George Mason University. Virtual. Arlington, VA, USA.

ACCEPTED FOR PRESENTATION

- 2023 **Adamson, H. J.** *Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insiderness in peacebuilding*. International Association of Reconciliation Studies Annual Conference, Kibuye, Rwanda.
- Adamson, H. J.** *Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insiderness in peacebuilding*. Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology Annual Meeting. University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, USA.
- Adamson, H. J.** *Beyond a binary: Investigating criteria of insiderness in peacebuilding*. Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Places and Spaces for Peace. Ball State University, Muncie, IN, USA.
- 2022 Beltina Gjeloshi, Sherwood, N. R., Kitchen, J., Hill, O. T., **Adamson, H. J.** & Pentikäinen, A. Y. *Local Wits of Peace: A Qualitative Investigation of Local Peacebuilders Engaged in International Reconciliation Processes*. Peace and Conflict Studies Journal 2022 Conference, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.

Sherwood, N. R., Gjeloshi, B., Kitchen, J. K., **Adamson, H. J.**, Hill, O. T. & Pentikäinen, A. Y. *Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative exploration of peacebuilders reconciling violent conflict*. Poster presented at the American Psychological Association 2022 Convention, Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Kitchen, J., Sherwood, N. R., Hill, O. T., **Adamson, H. J.** & Pentikäinen, A. Y. *Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes*. Society for Cross-Cultural Research 2022 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA.

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Sherwood, N. R., **Adamson, H. J.** *Insider peacebuilders are needed to sustain peace*. Peer Exchange on improving support for Insider Mediators. European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI), European External Action Service (EEAS), Think Peace Hub, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United States Institute of Peace (USIP). Virtual.
- 2021 **Adamson, H. J.** *Young Volunteers Panel*. New Jersey Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, Morristown, NJ, USA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY / ACADEMIC

08/2020 – Present **Research Assistant**
PI: Antti Pentikäinen, M.A.
Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation, George Mason University
Arlington, VA, USA

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

09/2021—12/2021 **Practicum Student, Research Support**
PGBI Director: Justin Proctor
Piedmont Grassland Bird Initiative (PGBI), Virginia Working Landscapes
Front Royal, VA, USA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01/2023 – Present **Program Manager, Peace & Trust in Communities: Horn of Africa**
Think Peace Learning and Support Hub
New York, USA

- 09/2021 – Present **Program Officer**
Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation
George Mason University
Arlington, VA, USA
- 09/2021 – 12/2021 **Practicum Student Intern**
Piedmont Grassland Bird Initiative
Virginia Working Landscapes
Front Royal, VA, USA
- 03/2022 – 12/2022 **Program Associate**
Think Peace Learning and Support Hub
New York, USA
- 01/2021 – 08/2021 **Administration Coordinator**
Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation
George Mason University
Arlington, VA, USA
- 05/2020 – 08/2020 **International Development Intern**
The Asherah Foundation
Washington, D.C., USA

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

GEORGE MASON UNVIERSITY

- 08/2022 – Present **Carter School Senior Buddy**
Carter School Buddy Program
- 02/2020 – Present **Carter School Ambassador**
Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution
(Carter School)
- 08/2022 – 12/2022 **Peer Mentor - Honors 110 Research and Inquiry**
Honors College
- 01/2021 – 08/2021 **Undergraduate Student Representative**
Carter School Research Faculty Board
- 08/2020 – 5/2021 **Carter School Senior Buddy**
Carter School Buddy Program

01/2020 – 05/2021 **Treasurer**
Mason Environmental Justice Alliance (Now Student Environmental
Justice Alliance)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

10/2019 – 5/2021 **Sponsorship and Fundraising Coordinator**
Virginia Environmental Justice Summit

06/2020 – 06/2021 **Junior Facilitator, Junior Staff**
New Jersey Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY)
Virtual

06/2018 – 06/2019 **Team Alumni, Junior Staff**
New Jersey HOBY
Morristown, NJ

08/2018 **Camp Volunteer (for children with special needs)**
Camp Fatima of New Jersey
Harrison, NJ

CONFLICT RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

FIELDWORK

11/2022 **Kenya**
Participating in the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support in Peacebuilding Co-
Creation Workshop and Stakeholder Meeting; conducting monitoring and
evaluation of the Peace and Trust in Communities: Horn of Africa program.

05/2022 **Finland**
Shadowing and empowering the Truth and Reconciliation Commission
Concerning Sami People

2022 **United States**
Supporting the United States Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation
Movement

WEBINARS MANAGED

2020 Gonzalez, E., Johnson, Rev. N., Johnson, J., Attean, E., Ragland, D., Cowger, C., Read,
C., Christopher, G., & Pentikäinen, A. (December 10). *Learning from Experience: Truth
& Reconciliation Processes in the US*. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/archives>

2021 Rausch, C., Christopher, G., Medicine Crow, L. L. quen náay, Phillips, T., Williams, S.,
& Pentikäinen, A. (January 27). *Bridging Societal Divides: How Can We Heal?*
<https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/archives>

Rausch, C., Mike Niconchuk, Corey Henderson, Cherie Bridges Patrick, & Kati Sarvela. (March 17). *Understanding the Role of Trauma in Truth, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding Processes*. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/archives>

Nyaboho, Rev. A. M. B., Wanjala, T. N., Fadhil, S. A., Rabe, A., James, R., & Borris, E. (April 14). *The Role of Apology, Repentance, and Forgiveness in Social Transformation*. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/archives>

Nuorgam, A., Brännkärr, M., Gonzalez, E., Høybråten, D., Koivisto, A., Medicine Crow, L. la quen náay, Stewart, M., Littlechild, W., Somby, L. I., & Kessler-Mata, K. T. (April 21). *Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Commissions: Learning from Global Experiences*. United Nations Forum on Indigenous Issues, Side Event, Virtual. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/archives>

Rausch, C., Brown, R., Hamid, N., & Harris, L. (May 19). *Knowing Us, Knowing Them: Applying the Neuroscience of Group Dynamics to Reconciliation and Peacebuilding*. <https://www.mhcr.gmu.edu/archives>

FACILITATION

11/2022 **Facilitator for College of Visual and Performing Arts Student/Faculty Forum**
Supporting Carter School Assistant Dean

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2021 Chapin, S. *Virtually-hosted Virginia Environmental Justice Summit created community in a time of isolation*. Honors College. <https://honorscollege.gmu.edu/news/2020-05/virtually-hosted-virginia-environmental-justice-summit-created-community-time>
- Lewitas, B. *GMU student organization helps break barriers to equity*. *Fairfax County Times*. https://www.fairfaxtimes.com/articles/gmu-student-organization-helps-break-barriers-to-equity/article_b9ee62ba-778a-11eb-9121-4fa52926661d.html
- 2020 Butler, A., & Chapin, S. *Honors students present findings at Mason's first Virtual Celebration of Student Scholarship*. Honors College. <https://honorscollege.gmu.edu/news/2020-05/honors-students-present-findings-masons-first-virtual-celebration-student-scholarship>
- Cristodero, D. *With Mason students to the rescue, Virginia Environmental Justice Summit is a go*. George Mason University. <https://www2.gmu.edu/news/2020-03/mason-students-rescue-virginia-environmental-justice-summit-go>

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

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Event Management; Grant Writing; Leadership; Organization; Cross Cultural Communication; Problem Solving; Collaboration; Coordination; Facilitation

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

Canva; Cisco Webex; Discord; Google Suite; Lucidpress; Microsoft Office; Trello; Slack; Zoom

LANGUAGES

English	Native speaker
American Sign Language	Basic knowledge
French	Basic knowledge
Spanish	Basic knowledge

REFERENCES

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