

# Beltina Gjeloshi

## Curriculum Vitae

Doctoral Candidate in Peace and Conflict Resolution  
The Jimmy and Rosalynn School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University  
Research Officer, Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation

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## Education

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*Expected 2024*

**George Mason University**, Arlington (VA), USA.

**Ph.D. Candidate, Peace and Conflict Resolution.** GPA: 3.93

Thesis: *The Impact of Religious and National Identities on Church-led Integration Practices: the Case of Italy*

Committee: Karina V. Korostelina, Ph.D. (Chair), Daniel Rothbart, Ph.D., Al Fuentes, Ph.D.

Financing 100% of costs through doctoral scholarship (USD 48,000/yearly).

Graduate Research Assistant (Dr. Daniel Rothbart and Dr. Karina Korostelina).

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Dr. Daniel Rothbart and Dr. Douglas Irvin-Erickson).

2018 **Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca**, Milan, Italy.

**Post-graduate Diploma, Conflict Resolution.**

Financed 100% of training fee through scholarship (Euro 200).

Selected amongst 150 international rising scholars for one-week training on European identity, ethno-nationalism, global jurisdiction on war crimes, reconciliation, and peacebuilding.

2016 **United Nations Association of Italy – SIOI**, Rome, Italy.

**Post-graduate Diploma, International Security and Counterterrorism.**

Financed 100% of training fee through scholarship (Euro 250).

Selected amongst 200+ young professionals as part of a month-long in-person training on international security, non-state actors and media, terrorism financing, and money laundering.

2015 **University of Bridgeport**, Bridgeport (CT), USA.

**Master of Arts, Global Development and Peace.** GPA: 3.96

Thesis: *Education for Integration: The Case of Europe*

Chair: Dave O. Benjamin, Ph.D.

Financed 100% of educational costs through Graduate Scholarship (USD 39,000/yearly).

Graduate Research Assistant (Dr. Dave Benjamin and Dr. Thomas Ward).

2013 **Bachelor of Arts, International Political Economy & Diplomacy.** GPA: 3.95

Financed 100% of educational costs through Trustees Scholarship (USD 45,000/yearly).

Teaching and Legal Research Assistant (William Lay, Esq).

Awarded I.P.E.D. Program Award amongst 120+ graduates.

With Highest Honors & Honors Program graduate.

## Professional Research and Teaching Experience

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1/2022 – *present*

**Research Officer**, Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation.

Arlington, VA, USA and telecommuting.

- Lead all data collection and analyses for pilot study on insider reconcilers.
- Recruit and interview participants, fine-tune study design and language, create and draft articles, reports, manuscripts, and academic conference proposals.

3/2021 - *present*

**Conflict Social Psychologist**, Valka-Mír Human Security Research, Development and Training.  
Multiple locations.

- Conduct ongoing research and advanced analyses on target audiences and country profiles for irregular and psychological warfare armed forces (United States, United Kingdom, Canada).
- Deliver in-person courses on psychosocial-emotional variables of selected target audiences:
  - Canadian Joint Operations Command's Joint Information Operations Targeting & Effects Division (Ottawa, Canada).
  - UK Army 77X 101<sup>st</sup> Information Operations Task Force (Hermitage, England)
  - US Army 6th Psychological Operations Battalion (Fort Bragg, NC, USA).

8/2019 - *present*

**Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant**, George Mason University.  
Arlington, VA, USA and telecommuting.

- Manage literature and desk review State Department-funded USD 500,000 project on theories of change and fieldwork application for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.
- Designed experiential learning exercises and lectured for undergraduate courses:
  - Introduction to Conflict Resolution;
  - Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution;
  - Culture, Identity, and Conflict.
- Co-managed USAID-funded USD 100,000 project on oral history of Sudan including conceptualization, research design, data collection and analysis, findings dissemination, conclusions, and policy recommendations.

11/2020 – *present*

**Director of Research**, Sant'Egidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue, Sant'Egidio Community.  
Multiple locations.

- Elected as first ever Director of Research to lead and manage all aspects of research and practices on topics of religion and its ramifications to peace, spirituality, culture, and education.
- Spearhead reflective- and impact-driven approach to the Foundation's work.

1/2014 – 5/2015

**Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant**, University of Bridgeport  
Bridgeport, CT, USA.

- Co-led creation of first international matrix on prototypes of corruption practices.
- Lectured and designed lesson plans for graduate courses:
  - North/South Relations;
  - International Human Rights.
- Fundraised USD 5,000 and organized annual Alpha Phi Sigma Political Science colloquium.
- Co-implemented all aspects of the annual University-wide "Faculty Research Day" event.

8/2010 – 5/2013

**Teaching Assistant**, University of Bridgeport  
Bridgeport, CT, USA.

- Co-designed lesson plans and experiential exercises for undergraduate courses:

- Human Security;
- Criminal Justice;
- Comparative Criminal Law;
- International Public Law;
- Legal Advocacy.
- Tutored students with conceptualizing, writing, and organizing research ideas.
- Graded papers, proctored exams, and administered student performance evaluations.

### Accepted Academic Articles for Presentation

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- 2023 Rothbart, D., Korostelina, K. V., **Gjeloshi, B.** *Living Through War: An Oral History of Civilians Through War*. Conflict Research Society Annual Conference 2023, King's College, London, England (accepted, forthcoming).
- Rothbart, D., Korostelina, K. V., **Gjeloshi, B.** *Living Through War: An Oral History of Civilians Through War*. Conflict Resolution Quarterly, Association for Conflict Resolution (accepted, forthcoming).
- 2022 **Gjeloshi, B.**, Sherwood, N. R., Kitchen, J. K., Adamson, H. J., Hil, O. T. & Pentikäinen, A. Y. *Local Wits of Peace: A Qualitative Investigation of Local Peacebuilders Engaged in International Reconciliation Processes*. Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference 2022, Davie, FL, USA.
- Sherwood, N. R., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Kitchen, J. K., Adamson, H. J., Hil, O. T. & Pentikäinen, A. Y. *Who are Insider Reconcilers? A Qualitative Exploration of Peacebuilders Reconciling Violent Conflict*. American Psychological Association 2022 Convention, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
- 2019 **Gjeloshi, B.** *Social Psychology of Migrant Perceptions in the Balkans*. New England Political Science Association 2020 Conference, Mystic, CT, USA.

### Panelist and Discussant

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- 2023 **Gjeloshi, B.**, Sherwood, N. R., Adamson, J. H., Bartoli, A., Pentikäinen, A., Dakoala, W. *New Frontiers in the Wellbeing of Reconciliation Practitioners*. Carter School Spring 2023 Peace Week at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA (accepted, forthcoming).
- 2022 Sweigart, M., Kraenbring, N., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Chankvetadze, N. *Dynamics of National and Religious Identity in the Context of Church-led Migrant Integration: the Case of Italy*. XVIII International Conference Days of Applied Psychology at University of Niš, Niš, Serbia.
- Rothbart, D., Korostelina, K., Greely, M., Snapp, T., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Kiros, F., Adam, M., Fadul, H. *Living Through War: An Oral History of Civilians Through War*. Carter School Spring 2022 Peace Week at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.
- 2021 **Gjeloshi, B.**, and Sherwood, N. R. *Transforming the Mind for Peace: Who Are Insider Reconcilers? A Qualitative Exploration of Peacebuilders Reconciling Violent Conflict*. Carter School Fall 2021 Peace Week at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.
- Price, M., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Sneary Alabanza, S. *Transforming the Mind for Peace: Activating Curiosity to De-escalate Conflict*. Carter School Fall 2021 Peace Week at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.

- 2020 Korostelina, K. V., Rothbart, D., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Skårås, M., Yang, D., Adwan, S. *History, Memory, and Transitional Justice: Confronting the Past for Transitioning to a Just Future*. Carter School Fall 2020 Peace Week at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.
- Arnold, S., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Carr-Piers, L., Odharo, S. *Traffic Stops: Alternative Methods of Enforcement*. Carter School Fall 2020 Peace Week at George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.
- 2015 Lay, W. & **Gjeloshi, B.** *Democratic Republic of the Congo vs. Belgium: Could Belgium Serve the Cause of Justice in the Congo?* Faculty Research Day at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT, USA.
- Alfalata, F., Amegboh, J., Bordignon, J., Bruckenstein, R., **Gjeloshi, B.**, Hassan, M., Haque, M., Lafavor, B. *The UN at Seventy: Making a Difference*. Committee on Teaching About the United Nations, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, USA.
- 2014 Lay, W. & **Gjeloshi, B.** *Case Not Closed: A Connecticut Family in King Leopold's Court*. Faculty Research Day at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT, USA.

### Poster Presenter

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- 2015 **Gjeloshi, B.** *UNstoppable: Working for Children*. Committee on Teaching About the United Nations, United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY, USA.
- Gjeloshi, B.** *Conflict in the Heart of Africa: the CAR Emergency*. Faculty Research Day Poster Competition at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT, USA.
- Benjamin, D. O., **Gjeloshi, B.** *The Oceans Compact and Global Governance*. Faculty Research Day Poster Competition at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT, USA.

### Peer Reviewer

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The Journal of Global Development and Peace, University of Bridgeport.

### Other Professional Experience

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**Youth Empowerment**, European Solidarity Corps of the European Commission.  
Selected amongst 100+ applicants as one of the 2 national Italian volunteers to serve at CYA Krik in Skopje, North Macedonia to represent young people and implement workshops on human rights. Skopje, North Macedonia. January 2019 – July 2019.

**Project Officer - Atlas Corps Fellow**, IMPACT2030.  
Selected amongst 1500+ applicants to partake in leadership development program for social change leaders in non-profit management. Class valedictorian, graduated program as most improved. New York, NY, USA. May 2017 – May 2018

**Instructor and Office Manager**, Fedcap Rehabilitation Services. Contractor for NYC Human Resources Administration and Department of Social Services. F-1 Visa Optional Practical Training. Brooklyn, NY, USA. October 2015 – June 2016

**Adviser in Social, Cultural, and Humanitarian Affairs**, Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations. Selected amongst 35+ interns who had served at the Mission to serve as the in-house Adviser for the Agenda 2030 high-level negotiations at the United Nations Headquarters. New York, NY, USA. May 2014 – December 2014

**Translator and Legal Researcher**, Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants. Trained and certified in translation and interpretation (Italian, Albanian) and worked with legal representatives on refugee case management and refugee re-settlement. Bridgeport, CT, USA. March 2011 – December 2014

**Intern in Peace and Disarmament Affairs**, Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations. Represent and support the Mission's priorities at the United Nations Headquarters. New York, NY, USA. May 2012 – September 2012

**ConnCAP Program Assistant**, University of Bridgeport  
Facilitated state-sponsored program to support at-risk middle schoolers in the STEM fields while supporting the design of class coursework and psycho-emotional wellbeing activities. Bridgeport, CT, USA. August 2009 – May 2010

## Research Languages

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English, Italian, Albanian, Spanish, Macedonian.

## Professional Certificates

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- 2022 *Family Diplomat*. Family Diplomacy at Learning Life.  
*Women Leadership in Peace, Security and International Cooperation*. Geneva Centre for Security Policy.  
CITI Program, Human Subject Training:
- *Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research* (-2026);
  - *Group 1 Social and Behavioral Research* (-2023).
- 2020 *Global Trauma*. United Nations Institute for Training and Research.
- 2017 *21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership*. McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University.
- 2016 *Interfaith Conflict Resolution*, United States Institute of Peace.
- 2014 *Negotiation and Conflict Management*, United States Institute of Peace.
- 2012 *Conflict Analysis*, United States Institute of Peace.
- 2011 *Community Interpreting*, Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants.

## Awards and Honors

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- 2022 Summer Fellowship, Reconciling Conflicts and Intergroup Divisions Lab
- The Carter School at George Mason University, summer.

- 2019 – 2022 Graduate Research and Teaching Assistantship
- The Carter School at George Mason University, all semesters.
- 2021 Summer Supplemental Scholarship
- The Carter School at George Mason University, summer.
- 2019 Peacebuilding Ambassador
- Institute for Economics and Peace.
- 2018 Non-Profit Management Fellow and Class Valedictorian, Atlas Service Corps.
- Selected as one of 25 fellows amongst 1500+ international applicants.
- 2015 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award Graduate Research Competition, University of Bridgeport.
- First time winner for the social sciences for the College of Public and International Affairs.
- 2014 – 2015 Graduate Merit Scholarship
- College of Public and International Affairs, University of Bridgeport, all semesters.
- 2013 International Political Economy & Diplomacy Program Award, University of Bridgeport.
- Selected amongst 300+ students within the undergraduate I.P.E.D. program.
- Sigma Iota Rho, National International Studies Society
- College of Public and International Affairs Chapter, University of Bridgeport.
- 2011 – 2013 Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honor Society (Secretary)
- College of Public and International Affairs Chapter, University of Bridgeport.
- 2010– 2015 Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society (President and Treasurer)
- College of Public and International Affairs Chapter, University of Bridgeport.
- 2010 – 2013 Undergraduate Teaching Assistantship
- College of Public and International Affairs, all semesters.
- 2009 – 2013 Board of Trustees Scholarship
- University of Bridgeport, all semesters.
- 2011 Albanian American National Organization Scholarship.
- Selected as one of ten recipients amongst 1000+ applicants.

## **Affiliations**

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Geneva Centre for Security Policy  
Community of Sant'Egidio  
Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation  
George Mason University  
Atlas Service Corps, Inc.  
University of Bridgeport  
Italian National Civil Protection

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