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Curriculum Vitae

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George Mason University (GMU)

Ph.D. Student, Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace & Conflict Resolution

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EDUCATION

2025 Ph.D. Student, Conflict Analysis and Resolution

George Mason University
Arlington, Virginia

2021 M.S., Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Concentration: Media, Narrative, and Public Discourse
George Mason University,
Arlington, Virginia

Thesis: *Deconversion as Conflict: The Moral Grammar of Latter-day Saints and Ex-Mormons*. Thesis Chair: Solon Simmons, Ph.D.

2018 B.S., Integrated Studies

Emphases: Ethics, Peace and Justice Studies
Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah

Capstone: *Calling All Communities: How Average U.S. Citizens Can Effectively Fight For the Planet*. Capstone Chair: Scott Abbott, Ph.D.

2015 A.S., Integrated Studies

Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

2020 Pentikäinen, Antti Y., **Oakley Thomas Hill** “Clan Elders and Traditional Reconciliation in Somalia: Exercising Servant Leadership while Rebuilding Legitimate State Structures” in *The Routledge Handbook of Conflict Response and Leadership in Africa* (Eds) Acikmese, S., Liebenberg, I., Ozerdem, A. Routledge.

Technical Reports

2021 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Amelia Johnston, Kelsey Vaughn, “Evidence Review: MHCR’s Understanding of Reconciliation Theories of Change (ToCs): A Meta-Synthesis.” *United States Institute of Peace*, Washington, DC, USA.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Hill, Oakley Thomas “Deconversion as Conflict: Understanding the Moral Politics of Latter-day Saints and Ex-Mormons” (book manuscript).

Hill, Oakley Thomas “The Intertextuality of Deconversion: The Moral Politics of President Nelson and the Ex-Mormon Exodus” (journal article).

Sherwood, Nicholas R., **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Michael Sweigart, Amelia M. Johnston, Kelsey Vaughn, Antti Y. Pentikäinen, Carl Stauffer. “Utilizing theories of change in reconciliation design and implementation: A critical synthesis of reconciliation program evaluations and practitioner surveys.” (Journal article).

Hill, Oakley Thomas, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Antti Pentikäinen “Reconciliation Models and Methods: a Delphi Method Approach to Approximate Answers” (report).

Sherwood, Nicholas R., **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Justin Meyers, Antti Pentikäinen “COVID-19 and the Wellbeing of Religious Leaders and Communities” (report).

Hill, Oakley Thomas “The Conceptual Polarities of Conflict Early Warning and Early Response: A Meta-Synthesis (1990-2020)” (journal article).

Public Scholarship

- 2020 Rubenstein, Richard, **Oakley Thomas Hill**. “The Trump-Iran Showdown: A Conflict Resolution Perspective” *Al Jazeera Centre for Studies*.
- 2019 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “It’s In Our Hands Now: Localizing Resistance to Fight Climate Change” *Minds of the Movement Blog, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict*.
- Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Making Conversations Great Again” *S-CAR News*.
- Hill, Oakley Thomas**, Audrey Williams. ““Throw Us Into the Fire:’ S-CAR Master’s Students Facilitate Dialogue on #MeToo” *S-CAR News*.
- 2018 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Calling All Communities: How Average U.S Citizens Can Effectively Fight for the Planet” *Intersections: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought*, 19, 14-36.
- 2017 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “How Mormonism Evolves: The Evolution of Revelation” *Crescat Scientia: A Journal of History and Political Science*, 32-45.
- Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “When and How to Disobey: An Ethical Argument for Civil Disobedience” *Sophia: Utah Valley University Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy*, 7, 17-26.
- 2016 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Contra Wars: the CIA and its Own Definition of Terrorism” *Crescat Scientia: A Journal of History and Political Science*, 55-62.
- Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Latter Day Ethics and Animals” *UVU Center for the Study of Ethics*.
- 2015 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Outsourcing Children” *Intersections: A Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought*, 12, 27-30.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022 **Stephen M. Cumbie and Druscilla French Graduate Fellowship**
Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution (\$3,080)

- 2021 **Stephen M. Cumbie and Druscilla French Graduate Fellowship**
Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution (\$4,000)
- 2020 **Brenda Rubenstein Award**
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (\$400)
- 2019 **John W. Burton Scholarship Award**
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (\$3,000)
- 2018 **Magna Cum Laude Graduate**
Utah Valley University (BS)
- Outstanding Student Award**
Integrated Studies Department, Utah Valley University
- 2016 **UVU Board of Trustees Scholarship**
Utah Valley University (\$600)
- 2015 **Graduated with Honors**
Utah Valley University (AS)

Total Award Amount: \$11,080 USD

GRANT FUNDING

<u>ROLE</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATES</u>
External				
Co-PI	United States Institute of Peace	<i>Evidence Review: Understanding Reconciliation Theories of Change</i>	\$11,600	5/2021- 5/2022
Co-PI	Al Amana Centre	<i>The Impact of COVID-19 on an International Sample of Religious Leaders: A Comparative Case Study</i>	\$4,200	5/2021- 5/2022

Total Funding Amount: \$15,800 USD

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

2016 “God Bless America Everyone” Writing for Social Change Conference, *Utah Valley University*, November 3, 2016

Papers Presented

2023 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “The Deconversion as Conflict Hypothesis.” *Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference*. November 3, 2023.

Sherwood, Nicholas R., **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Michael M. Sweigart. “International Reconciliation in Conflict Zones: Theories of Change or Change without Theory?” *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. March 15, 2023.

Hill, Oakley Thomas. “Fascism Without Fascists: QAnon and the Alternative Establishment (current orientation and hypotheses)” *Peace Week at the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution*. March 28, 2023

2022 **Oakley Thomas Hill**. “The Intertextuality of Latter-day Saint Deconversion: Comparing the Moral-Politics of President Nelson and the Ex-Mormon Exodus” *American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting*, November 20, 2022

Sherwood, Nicholas R., **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Justin Meyers, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “The Impact of COVID-19 on an International Sample of Religious Leaders.” *International Studies Association*, March 30, 2022

2021 Adamson, Hannah, Nicholas R. Sherwood, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, “Who are Insider Reconcilers? A Qualitative Investigation of Local Peacebuilders Engaged in International Reconciliation Processes.” *International Studies Association North-East*, November 6, 2021

Sherwood, Nicholas R., **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. Who are insider reconcilers? A person-centered ethnographic investigation. *Benjamin V. Cohen 2021 Virtual Peace Conference: Building a Beloved Community*, April 10, 2021

Hill, Oakley Thomas, “The Conflict Dynamics of Deconversion in the Latter-Day Saint Community” *Benjamin V. Cohen Peace Conference: Building a Beloved Community*, Ball State University, April 10, 2021

Hill, Oakley Thomas, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “Reconciliatory Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Approximating Expert Knowledge Using the Delphi Method” *Benjamin V. Cohen Virtual Peace Conference: Building a Beloved Community*, Ball State University, April 10, 2021

Sherwood, Nicholas R., **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “Who are Insider Reconcilers? A Mixed Methods Investigation of their Theory of Change, Strategies & Wellbeing in the Field.” *International Studies Association*, April 8, 2021.

Hill, Oakley Thomas, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Justin Meyers, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “The Impact of COVID-19 on an International Sample of Religious Leaders” *Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference*, George Mason University, April 8, 2021.

Hill, Oakley Thomas, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “Towards a New Agenda of Reconciliation Research and Practice” *Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference*, George Mason University, April 8, 2021.

Hill, Oakley Thomas, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “Towards a New Agenda of Reconciliation Research & Practice: Utilizing the Delphi Method to Synthesize Practitioner and Scholar Reconciliation Models” *International Studies Association*, April 6, 2021.

2020 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “Reconciliatory Approaches to Conflict Resolution: Approximating Expert Knowledge Using the Delphi Method” *International Studies Association Northeast*, Virtual Conference, November 7, 2020.

2018 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Calling All Communities: How Average U.S. Citizens Can Effectively Fight For the Planet” *Global Crisis Global Change Undergraduate Conference*, Westminster College, April 6, 2018.

2017 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Contra Wars: The CIA and Its Own Definition of Terrorism” *Contours of Knowledge Conference*, Utah Valley University, March 28, 2017.

Hill, Oakley Thomas. “When and How to Disobey” *Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*, Utah Valley University, March 13, 2017.

Hill, Oakley Thomas. “Elite Dominance and How to Fix It” *J. Bonner Ritchie Peace & Justice Conference*, Utah Valley University, March 8, 2017.

2016 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “Animal Testing: Questions Before the Question” *Intermountain Philosophy Conference*, Weber State University, November 4, 2016.

Hill, Oakley Thomas. “God Bless ~~America~~ Everyone” *Writing for Social Change Conference*, Utah Valley University, November 3, 2016

Hill, Oakley Thomas “Third Times' a Charm: Civil Resistance in Palestine and the Third Intifada” *Contours of Knowledge Conference*, Utah Valley University March 22, 2016.

Hill, Oakley Thomas “Social Change through Social Media” *SLAM Leadership Conference*, Utah Valley University, February 27, 2016.

Hill, Oakley Thomas “Latter Day Ethics and Animals” *Utah Valley University Ethics Symposium*, Utah Valley University, February 26, 2016

2015 **Hill, Oakley Thomas** “Outsourcing Children” *Writing for Social Change Conference*, Utah Valley University, November 12, 2015.

Hill, Oakley Thomas “The Robin Hood Tax: A Christian-Ethics Critique on Capitalism, ‘Redistribution,’ and the Financial Sector” *Utah Valley University Ethics Symposium*, Utah Valley University, April 7, 2015.

Posters Presented

2022 Kitchen, Jena, Nicholas R. Sherwood, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Hannah J. Adamson, & Antti Pentikäinen “Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes.” Poster presented at the *Society for Cross-Cultural Research 2022 Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, USA.

2021 Adamson, Hannah J., Nicholas R. Sherwood, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Annalisa Jackson, Antti Y. Pentikäinen “Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes. *Florida Psychological Association Division of Graduate Students Conference*, virtual.

- 3rd place, 2021 Florida Psychological Association’s Division of Graduate Students Poster Competition

Discussant

2022 Sherwood, Nicholas R, Hannah J. Adamson, Cameron Cassar, **Oakley Thomas Hill**,

Beltina Gjeloshi, Merisa K. Mattix, Tecla Namachanja Wanjala, Rowda A. Olad, Carl Stauffer, Antti Y. Pentikäinen “Who are insider reconcilers? Binding the theory and practice of reconcilers operating in their own communities.” *Carter School Spring 2022 Peace Week*, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA. April 5, 2022.

Eggars, Keil, Sam Frazier Hediger, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Padideh Jalali-Shirazi, Kaylyn S. Matis, Haley D. Nelson, Ashton Rene Rohmer, Solon Simmons “Sensemaking in Ukraine: A Peace Engineering and Participatory Methods Showcase.” *Carter School Spring 2022 Peace Week*, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA. April 6, 2022.

Accepted for Presentation

2022 **Hill, Oakley Thomas**. “The Intertextuality of Latter-day Saint Deconversion: Comparing the Moral Politics of President Nelson and the Ex-Mormon Exodus” accepted for Presentation at the *American Academy of Religion 2022 Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, USA.

Sherwood, Nicholas R., Belle Gjeloshi, Jenna K. Kitchen, Hannah Adamson, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Antti Y. Pentikäinen. “Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative exploration of peacebuilders reconciling violent conflict” Poster presented at the *American Psychological Association 2022 Convention*, Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Gjeloshi, Beltina, Nicholas R. Sherwood, Jena K. Kitchen, Hannah J. Adamson, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Antti Y. Pentikäinen “Local wits of peace: A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes.” *Peace and Conflict Studies Journal Conference 2022*, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA.

Kitchen, Jena, Nicholas R. Sherwood, **Oakley Thomas Hill**, Hannah Adamson, & Antti Pentikäinen “Who are insider reconcilers? A qualitative investigation of local peacebuilders engaged in international reconciliation processes.” Poster presented at the *Society for Cross-Cultural Research 2022 Annual Meeting*, San Diego, CA, USA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

6/2022 - Present

Research Officer

PI: Antti Pentikäinen, M.Th

Transformation and Reconciliation Laboratory

Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation

George Mason University, Arlington, VA

- 8/2021 - Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Directors: Sheherezade Jafari, Ph.D., Jessica X. Avila-Franco
Point of View
George Mason University, Mason Neck, VA
- 8/2020 - 6/2022 **Laboratory Manager**
PI: Antti Pentikäinen, M.Th
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George Mason University, Arlington, VA
- 1/2020 - 8/2020 **Graduate Research Associate**
PI: Antti Pentikäinen, M.Th
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George Mason University, Arlington, VA
- 10/2019 - 5/2020 **Graduate Research Assistant**
PI: Sara Cobb, Ph.D., Richard Rubenstein, JD.
School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution
George Mason University, Arlington, VA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>SECTIONS</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Teaching Assistant				
Conflict in Our World, GMU	1	16	UG	2022
World Religions, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution, UM/GMU*	1	10	G	2020
Conflict and Literature, GMU	1	12	G	2020
Theories of Conflict and Resolution, GMU	1	31	UG	2020
Ethics and Values, UVU	6	18-24	UG	2016-2017

*University of Malta (UM), George Mason University (GMU), Utah Valley University (UVU)

Non-University Teaching

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
Moral Philosophy and Formal Logic	Ethics Bowl Coach	American Fork High School	2015-2016
Latter-Day Saint Theology	Elder in the Church	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	2009-2012

Teach-Ins Moderated

2020 “Online Teach-in: the U.S. Presidential Election and Threats of Civil Violence” George Mason University, October 26, 2020.

Teach-Ins Presented

2020 **Hill, Oakley Thomas** “Fears of a Stolen Election: Narrating ‘What-if’ on the Left and Right,” *Online Teach-in: the U.S. Presidential Election and Threats of Civil Violence* at George Mason University, October 26, 2020.

Invited Lectures

2021 **Hill, Oakley Thomas** “The Moral Grammar of Latter-day Saints and Ex-Mormons,” *Conflict and Discourse Analysis*, Grad. Seminar, Solon Simmons, Ph.D. George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

12/2022 - Present **Steering Committee Member**
American Academy of Religions Conversion Studies Unit
Committee Chairs: Eliza Kent, Ph.D., Edith Szanto, Ph.D.

11/2019 **Facilitator**
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Fellow: Professor Stephen Bamford

10/2017 - 5/17 **Member of the Board of Directors, Organizer**
Utah Valley Earth Forum, Provo, UT
Director: James Westwater

- 8/2016 - 4/2017 **President**
UVU Green Club, Orem, UT
 Faculty Advisor: Thomas H. Bretz, Ph.D.
- 8/2015 - 1/2016 **High School Coach, Event Judge, College Team Competitor**
Utah Valley University Ethics Bowl, Orem, UT
 Director: Karen Mizell, Ph.D.
- 1/2016 - 4/2016 **Creator/Organizer, God Bless America Everyone Campaign**
Utah County, UT
 Fellow: Michael Minch, Ph.D.
- 4/2009 - 11/2012 **Disaster Relief Agent, Zone Leader, District Leader, Trainer**
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Douglas, WY, Sioux Falls, SD, Spearfish, SD, Fargo, ND, Minot, ND, Casper, WY.
 President: Curtis Anderson

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2020 Caitlin, Thomas, Katie Eastmond, hosts (2020) “Lets Talk Politics Part 2: A Look At American Governing Ideas.” *Surfacing Common Ground* (Podcast). October 13, 2020.
<https://surfacingcommonground.buzzsprout.com/1004746/5887504-lets-talk-politics-part-2-a-look-at-american-governing-ideas>
- 2016 Valente, Dominic (2016) “God Bless Everyone: UVU Protest Concert Touches on U.S. Aggression” *the Daily Herald*
https://www.heraldextra.com/news/local/education/college/uvu/god-bless-everyone-uvu-protest-concert-touches-on-u-s-aggression/article_7c8255f7-bf83-5900-b3cb-2ee9e7734062.html
- Renee, Lindsay (2016) “Students Protest Choice for Ethics Award” *The Review*.
<https://www.uvureview.com/front-page/recent/featured/news/students-protest-choice-for-ethics-award/>
- Stirland, Jared (2016) “Students Protest War Rhetoric on Campus, Promote Peace” *The Review*.
<https://www.uvureview.com/front-page/recent/featured/news/students-protest-war-rhetoric-on-campus-promote-peace/>

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Certifications

2020 **Fundamentals of Online Course Development**

George Mason University

Social & Behavioral Research Certification

Collaborative Institutional training Initiative (CITI)

ID: 33697946

Social & Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Certification

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

ID 34486238

2013 **Serious 6 Investment Company/Variable Contracts Products Limited
Representative License (expired)**

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

Series 63 Uniform Securities Agent license (expired)

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)

Technical Skills

NVivo, MAXQDA, Microsoft Office Suite, Mac iOS, Windows, Zotero, MESA, Canvas, Blackboard, Google Applications, Zoom, Zoom Webinar, WebEx.

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2019 **Information Assistant**
John Burton Library, S-CAR
Arlington, VA, U.S.A

2015-2019 **Nurse Assistant**
DJN ALC LLC
Highland, UT, U.S.A

2015 **Head of Sales**
Favorite Eats
American Fork, UT, U.S.A

2012-present **Professional Drummer, Private Drum Instructor, Social Media Manager**
L8ER, Shine Bright, 20storiesfalling, Shrink the Giant, Summer Lasts Forever
U.S.A

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

Current

American Academy of Religion (AAR)
Religions, Social Conflict and Peace Unit
Religious Conversions Unit
Mormon Studies Unit

International Studies Association (ISA)
Peace Studies Section

REFERENCES

Richard Rubenstein, JD, University Professor
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