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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### University of Massachusetts Amherst

Department of Political Science and Legal Studies Program	
Associate Professor	2018-present
Assistant Professor	2015-2018
(parental leave, spring 2017)	

### Grinnell College

Department of Political Science	
Assistant Professor	2009-2015
Harris Faculty Fellow (2012-13)	
(parental leave, fall 2013)	

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science, 2009  
M.A., Political Science, 2003

### University of Chicago

B.A., Political Science with Honors, 2000

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

*Public Law*: comparative law, constitutional law, administrative law, international human rights  
*Migration*: comparative migration policies, forced migration and critical refugee studies, political asylum, the rights of non-citizens, American migration history and immigration politics

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

Hamlin, Rebecca. *forthcoming* 2021. *Crossing: How We Label and React to People on the Move*. Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2014. *Let Me Be a Refugee: Administrative Justice and the Politics of Asylum in the United States, Canada, and Australia*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

- Honorable Mention, American Political Science Association Migration and Citizenship Section, Best Book Award 2014

- Reviewed in: *Australian Journal of Administrative Law* (2015), *International Journal of Refugee Law* (2016), *Law & Society Review* (2016), *Tulsa Law Review* (2016), *Law and Politics Book Review* (2017).

#### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Hamlin, Rebecca and Jamie Rowen. 2020. "From Redress to Prevention: How the International Politics of "No Safe Haven" became the Politics of "Not in My Backyard," *Human Rights Quarterly*. 42(3): 623-645.

Rowen, Jamie, and Rebecca Hamlin. 2018. "The Politics of a New Legal Regime: Governing International War Crimes Through Domestic Immigration Law." *Law & Policy*. 40(3): 243-266.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2016. "'Foreign Criminals,' the Human Rights Act, and the New Constitutional Politics of the United Kingdom." *Journal of Law and Courts* 4(2): 437-461.

- Winner, American Political Science Association Law and Courts Section Best Conference Paper 2014

Hamlin, Rebecca, Irene Bloemraad, and Els de Graauw. 2016. "Political Stories: Media Narratives of Political Participation by Asian Immigrants in the United States and Canada." *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 4(3): 425-443.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2015. "Ideology, International Law, and the INS: The Development of American Asylum Politics 1948-Present." *Polity* 47(3): 320-336.

Bloemraad, Irene, Els de Graauw, and Rebecca Hamlin. 2015. "Immigrants in the Media: Civic Visibility in the United States and Canada." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 41(6): 1-23.

- Reprinted as a chapter in *Migrants, Minorities, and the Media: Information, Representations, and Participation in the Public Sphere*, ed. Erik Bleich, Irene Bloemraad, and Els de Graauw. New York, NY. Routledge (2016).

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2012. "International Law and Administrative Insulation: A Comparison of Refugee Status Determination Regimes in the United States, Canada, and Australia." *Law and Social Inquiry* 37(4): 933-968.

- Honorable Mention, American Political Science Association Migration and Citizenship Section, Best Article Award 2012.

Hamlin, Rebecca, and Philip E. Wolgin. 2012. "Symbolic Politics and Policy Feedback: The *United Nations Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees* and American Refugee Policy in the Cold War." *International Migration Review* 46(3): 586-623.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2012. "Illegal Refugees: Competing Policy Ideas and the Rise of the Regime of Deterrence in American Asylum Politics." *Refugee Survey Quarterly* 31(2): 33-53.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

Collins, Paul M. and Rebecca Hamlin. *forthcoming* 2021. "*Hernandez v. Mesa* on Rights and Restitution for Victims of Excessive Force at the Border" commissioned chapter in *SCOTUS*

2020: *Major Decisions and Developments of the US Supreme Court*, David Klein and Morgan Marietta, editors. Palgrave Press.

Hamlin, Rebecca. *forthcoming* 2021. “Big Tech and Migration Management” commissioned chapter in *The Research Handbook on the Law and Politics of Migration*, Catherine Dauvergne, editor. Edward Elgar Press.

Hamlin, Rebecca. *forthcoming* 2020. “The Politics of International Refugee Law and Protection” in *The Oxford Handbook of International Refugee Law*, Cathryn Costello, Michelle Foster and Jane McAdam, editors. Oxford University Press.

Abdelaaty, Lamis and Rebecca Hamlin. *forthcoming* 2020, “Refugees and Forced Migration” in *Introduction to International Migration: Population Movements in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Jeannette Money and Sarah P. Lockhart, editors. Routledge.

Bloemraad, Irene and Rebecca Hamlin. 2020. “Immigration, Citizenship, and Asylum Policy” commissioned chapter for *The New Handbook of Political Sociology*, ed. Joya Misra, Tom Janoski, Cedric de Leon, and Stephanie Mudge. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Hamlin, Rebecca and Hillary Mellinger. 2018. “The Role of Courts and Legal Norms” in *Politics of Migration in Europe Handbook*, ed. Saskia Bonjour, Agnieszka Weinar, and Lyubov Zhyznomirska. New York, NY: Routledge.

Hamlin, Rebecca and Gemma Sala. 2018. “The Judicialization of Politics Disentangled.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*. May, 2018.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2008. “Immigrants at Work: Labor Unions and Non-Citizen Members.” In *Civic Hopes and Political Realities: Immigrants, Community Organizations, and Political Engagement*, ed. S. Karthick Ramakrishnan and Irene Bloemraad. New York, NY: Russell Sage Foundation.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2016. “Responding to Central American Arrivals: Learning from the Past and Preparing for the Future.” Report prepared for the Migration Policy Institute/United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees joint asylum reform project, September 2016.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2016. Editor and “Introduction” for Symposium: The Refugee in Political Science. *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship* 4(2): 4-7.

Bloemraad, Irene, Els de Graauw, and Rebecca Hamlin. 2016. “Mentoring Matters: Tips for Building Productive Mentoring Relationships for Migration and Citizenship Scholars.” *Migration and Citizenship: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Migration and Citizenship* 4(2): 80-84.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2006. "Civil Rights" and "Due Process." In *The Encyclopedia of Governance*, ed. Mark Bevir. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Building a Cross-National Database of Jurisprudence on Non-Citizens' Rights." (R&R, being revised for resubmission).

"Victim or Perpetrator: A Survey of Americans' Attitudes about Deservingness and Culpability in Immigration Decisions" (in preparation with Scott Blinder and Jamie Rowen).

"Unraveling: Trump, The 'End' of Asylum, and the Prospects of Restoring Lost Time." (in preparation).

### BOOK REVIEWS

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2019. Review of *Refuge: Rethinking Refugee Policy in a Changing World* by Alexander Betts and Paul Collier, *Journal of American Ethnic History*.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2018. Review of *Political Asylum Deceptions: The Culture of Suspicion* by Carol Bohmer and Amy Shuman. *Migration Studies*.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2016. Review of *Immigration Judges and U.S. Asylum Policy* by Banks Miller, Linda Camp Keith, and Jennifer S. Holmes. *International Journal of Refugee Law* 28(3): 543-546.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2016. Review of *Race, Ethnicity, and Welfare States: An American Dilemma?* by Pauli Kettunen, Sonya Michel, and Klaus Petersen, eds. *Czech Sociological Review* 52(6): 997-999

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2016. Review of *Policing Immigrants: Local Law Enforcement on the Front Lines* by Doris Marie Provine, Monica Varsanyi, Paul G. Lewis, and Scott H Decker. *Law and Politics Book Review* 26(7): 141-143.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2015. Review of *A Right to Flee: Refugees, States, and the Construction of International Cooperation* by Phil Orchard. *International Studies Review* 17(3): 507-508.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2015. Review of *The Liberty of Non-Citizens: Indefinite Detention in Commonwealth Countries* by Rayner Thwaites. *Law and Politics Book Review* 25(6): 89-92.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2012. Review of *Run for the Border: Vice and Virtue in U.S.-Mexico Border Crossings* by Steven W. Bender. *Law and Politics Book Review* 22(12): 545-548.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2011. Review of *Immigrants and the Right to Stay* by Joseph H. Carens. *Law and Politics Book Review* 21(4): 219-221.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2009. Review of *The Separation of Powers and Legislative Influence in Judicial Process: Constitutional Principles and Limitations* by Peter Gerangelos. *Law and Politics Book Review* 19(12): 862-865.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2008. Review of *Beyond Citizenship: American Identity After Globalization* by Peter Spiro. *Law and Politics Book Review* 18(9): 798-801.

## POPULAR PRESS ARTICLES

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2017. "[Canada's Asylum Claims Are Spiking Dramatically. Will it Restrict its Welcome at Last?](#)" *Washington Post*, September 14.

Abdelaaty, Lamis, and Hamlin, Rebecca. 2015. "[Migrants? or Refugees? It's the Wrong Question. Here's How to Help the People Fleeing to Europe.](#)" *Washington Post*, October 23.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2015. "[Why the Rohingya Will Continue to Flee Myanmar, Even if We Deter Them.](#)" *Washington Post*, May 28.

Hamlin, Rebecca. 2014. "[A Recent Shift in Immigration Law Will Change Less Than You Think.](#)" *Washington Post*, November 7.

## SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-21	Fellow, UMass ADVANCE Program
2018-19	Fellow, Kahn Institute Project "Refugees", Smith College
2016-17	Faculty Research Grant/Healey Endowment Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst - \$15,000 (with Jamie Rowen)
2016-17	Fellow, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2016	Massachusetts Society of Professors Research Support Grant
2015	Flex Grant, Institute for Teaching Excellence & Faculty Development, University of Massachusetts Amherst
2012-13	Harris Faculty Fellowship, Grinnell College
2010	Grinnell College, Summer Research Fellowship, Washington D.C.
2008-09	University of California, Berkeley Travers Department of Political Science, Dissertation Fellowship
2007-08	John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2007-08	Pacific Rim Research Program, Advanced Graduate Research Fellowship
2007	Canadian Embassy Graduate Student Fellowship
2006-07	University of California, Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
2006	University of California Graduate Student Summer Research Grant
2002-03	University of California, Berkeley Institute for Governmental Studies Fellowship

## ACADEMIC TRAINING

### **Institute for Constitutional History**

Summer Workshop: "Processes of Constitutional and Legal Change," Yale Law School, New Haven, CT. Participant, July 2010.

### **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research**

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. Participant and Presenter, January 2007.

## Summer Institute on International Migration

Center for Comparative Migration Studies, University of California, San Diego, CA.  
Participant and Presenter, June 2006.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “Crossing: How We Label and React to People on the Move.” *University of California, Berkeley, Law School and Center for the Study of Law and Society, Berkeley, CA.* November, 2020.
- “The Migrant/Refugee Binary.” *Brandeis University, Department of Political Science, Waltham, Massachusetts,* October, 2018.
- “The Migrant/Refugee Binary.” *The New Politics of Immigration Symposium. Concordia University, Montreal, Canada.* June, 2018.
- “Migrant Categories in Crisis.” *Middlebury College, International and Global Studies Colloquium Lecture, Middlebury, VT.* May, 2018.
- “Migrant Categories in Crisis.” *University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, Philadelphia, PA.* March, 2018.
- “Migrant Categories in Crisis.” *Conference on the Global Refugee Crisis, Center for the Study of International Migration, University of California, Los Angeles.* April 2017.
- “A Comparison of Refugee Status Determination Regimes.” Videoconference Presentation for the *Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada.* September 2016.
- “‘Foreign Criminals,’ the Human Rights Act, and the New Constitutional Politics of the United Kingdom.” *State University of New York at Albany Department of Political Science Colloquium.* March 2016.
- “Migrant Categories in Crisis.” *Smith College, Lewis Institute for Global Studies.* November 2015.
- “The Refugee in Public Law: Disciplinary Border Crossing and Theories of Migration.” *Determinants of Refugee and Asylum Admission Policy in Comparative Perspective Conference, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego.* November 2013.
- “Beyond Refugees: Complementary Protection in the United States, Canada, and Australia.” *The Ethics and Politics of the Global Refugee Regime, Princeton University.* March 2013.
- “Asylum for Women: Reading Gender into the Refugee Definition.” *Southern California Law and Social Science Forum, Pomona College.* March 2013.
- “Let Me Be A Refugee: Asylum Seekers and the Transformation of Law.” *Northwestern University, Buffett Center for Forced Migration Studies.* November 2010.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Victim or Perpetrator: A Survey of Americans’ Attitudes about Deservingness and Culpability in Immigration Decisions” (with Scott Blinder and Jamie Rowen). *American Political Science Association.* Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19, September 2020.
- “Big Tech and Migration Management,” *Migration and Citizenship Collaborative Research Network LSA Pre-Conference,* Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19, May 2020.
- “Victim or Perpetrator: A Survey of Americans’ Attitudes about Deservingness and Culpability in Immigration Decisions” (with Scott Blinder and Jamie Rowen). *Law and Society*

- Association*. Virtual Meeting due to COVID-19, May 2020.
- “The Migrant/Refugee Binary in American Public Discourse, 2014-present.” *Law and Society Association*. Washington D.C. May, 2019.
- “Categories in Crisis: The Migrant/Refugee Binary and State Responses to Asylum Seekers.” *Law and Society Association*. Toronto, Canada. June, 2018.
- “No Safe Haven: How Street-Level Bureaucrats Enforce International Criminal Law.” *American Political Science Association*. San Francisco, CA. September 2017.
- “Building a Cross-National Database of Jurisprudence on Non-Citizens’ Rights.” *American Political Science Association*. Philadelphia, PA. September 2016.
- “International Responses to the Syrian Refugee Crisis – Discourse, Humanitarianism and the Law.” *Roundtable Organizer and Participant, Law and Society Association*. New Orleans, LA. June 2016.
- “The Human Rights Act and the New Immigration Politics of the United Kingdom.” *American Political Science Association*. Washington D.C. September 2014.
- “Political Stories: Media Narratives of Political Participation by Asian Immigrants in the United States and Canada.” *American Political Science Association*. Washington D.C. September 2014.
- “Immigration Policy Development in the 1980s and the Judicialization of American Immigration Law.” *American Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. September 2013.
- “Implementation Through Litigation: The 1980 Refugee Act and Immigration Policy Development in the 1980s.” *Law and Society Association*. Boston, MA. June 2013.
- “Non-Citizens’ Rights and Judicial Power in Comparative Perspective.” *American Political Science Association*. Seattle, WA. September 2011.
- “Beyond Refugees: Complimentary Protection in the United States, Canada, and Australia” *Law and Society Association*. San Francisco, CA. June 2011.
- “Symbolic Politics and Policy Feedback: The 1968 UN Protocol on Refugees and American Refugee Law in the Cold War.” *Social Science History Association*. Chicago, IL. November 2010. (with Philip E. Wolgin).
- “Bureaucratic Decision-Making, Judicial Review, and Inter-Branch Conflict: A Comparison of Political Asylum in the United States, Canada, and Australia.” *Law and Society Association*. Chicago, IL. May 2010.
- “Illegal Refugees: The Rise of Restrictive Asylum Policies in Canada, Australia and the United States.” *American Political Science Association*. Boston, MA. August 2008.
- “Who is a Refugee? Administrative and Federal Court Interaction in the United States, Canada and Australia.” *American Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. August 2007.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Multicultural Youth Project, Chicago, IL**

*Director*

2000-2002

- Coordinated leadership development program for 500 refugee youth
- Conducted all grant-writing and record keeping
- Supervised a bilingual staff of seven youth counselors
- Attended “American Assembly” symposium at Columbia University in 2001, resulting in a publication entitled “Racial Equality: Public Policies for the 21st Century.”

**California Tomorrow, Oakland, CA**

*Founding member, Walking the Walk Network* 2001-2003

- Participated in a nation-wide consortium of path-breaking youth service providers
- Developed capacity building resources for non-profit agencies
- Organized conference of members in San Antonio, Texas in February, 2003

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Nominated for Distinguished Teaching Award, 2016-17 and 2018-19

- Race, Citizenship, and the U.S. Constitution
- Defining Justice in Diverse Democracies
- Law and Global Migration
- American Courtroom Dramas (*Integrative Experience* requirement)
- Comparative Judicial Politics (*graduate seminar*)

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Chair – Kimberly Beaudreau (2016-17) (winner, best Legal Studies thesis 2017)

Chair – Matthew Martin (2017-18) (winner, best Legal Studies thesis 2018; winner, Consortium for Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs (CULJP) Best Undergraduate Student Paper Award, 2018).

Chair – Caroline Collis (2018-19)

Chair – Michaela Zelandi (2019-20) (winner, best Legal Studies thesis 2020)

PhD Dissertation Committees

Chair, Amber Vayo (2019-present)

University of Massachusetts, Department of Political Science

Member, Subhalakshmi Gooptu (2019-present)

University of Massachusetts, Department of English

Member, Basileus Zeno, (2019-present)

University of Massachusetts, Department of Political Science

Member, Elizabeth Riedford, PhD 2020

Northeastern University, Doctor of Law and Policy Program

Member, Hillary Mellinger, PhD 2020

American University, Department of Justice, Law, and Criminology

Member, Jenn Flemming, PhD 2020

University of Massachusetts, Department of Education

Member, Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas, PhD 2020

University of Massachusetts, Department of Sociology

**Grinnell College**

- Introduction to Political Science
- Constitutional Law of the United States
- Advanced Seminar in Constitutional Law
- American Immigration Politics
- First Year Tutorial: American Courtroom Drama



- Supervised 6 Mentored Advanced Projects (like honors theses)

### **University of California, Berkeley**

Received university-wide Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2005-06

- Immigration, Citizenship, and the State, Instructor
- Constitutional Law of the United States, Teaching Assistant
- American Legal System, Teaching Assistant

## **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

### **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

Chair, Political Science Graduate Admissions (2019-present).

Co-Organizer, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Migration Working Group, (2018-present)

Advisory Board Member, Interdisciplinary Studies Institute (2018-present)

Member, Legal Studies Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2015-present)

Member, Department of Political Science Personnel Committee, (2020-2021, 2018-19)

Member, Promotion and Tenure subcommittee: Scott Blinder (fall 2019), Adam Dahl (fall 2020)

Member, Legal Studies Division Graduate Studies Committee (2016-18, 2020-present)

Chair, Legal Studies Research and Teaching Fellowship search committee (spring 2019, spring 2020)

Chair, Promotion to Senior Lecturer II subcommittee, Diane Curtis (spring 2019)

Chair, Promotion to Lecturer subcommittee, Marissa Carrere (spring 2021)

Member, Political Science Department Graduate Studies Committee (spring 2019)

Member, Department of Political Science, Chair Search Committee (spring 2018)

Co-Organizer, College of Social and Behavior Sciences “Social Science Matters”

Immigration Themed Programming, 2016-2017

Member, Legal Studies Award Subcommittee, Spring 2016

Member, Legal Studies Search Committee, Fall 2015

### **Grinnell College**

Faculty Representative, Student Judicial Council, 2014-15

Member, Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies Committee, 2010-2015

Member, Rosenfield Committee on Public Affairs, International Relations and Human Rights, 2011-2015

Chair, Political Science Search Committee, Spring 2012

Member, Political Science Search Committees, Fall 2010, Fall 2014

Co-Coordinator, Grinnell College Early Career Faculty Group, 2011-12

Mentor, Grinnell Mock Trial Team, 2014-15

Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, 2010-12

Member, Grinnell Task Force on Undocumented Students, 2011-13

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Advisory Board, Refugee Are Migrants Project, 2018-2022  
Oxford University Refugees Studies Centre  
Funded by the European Research Council

Member, American Political Science Association, 2005-present  
Law and Courts Section  
Member, Executive Committee, 2015-2017  
Member, Lasting Contribution Award Committee, 2014  
Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2018  
Migration and Citizenship Section  
Member, Executive Committee, 2014-2016  
Chair, Section Membership Subcommittee, 2015-16  
Member, Best Book Award Committee, 2019

Member, Law and Society Association, 2007-present  
Immigration and Citizenship Collaborative Research Network  
Member, 2007-present  
Network Co-Chair, 2017-2019  
Founder and Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2019  
Co-Organizer, LSA Migration Pre-Conference, 2020  
Displaced Peoples Collaborative Research Network  
Member, 2017-present

Member, International Political Science Association, 2007-present  
Research Committee for Comparative Judicial Studies  
Member, 2011-2012

Member, Western Political Science Association, 2012-present  
Program Chair, Section 9: Judicial Politics, Legal Politics, and Public Law, 2014

### Reviewer:

*Administration & Society; American Journal of Political Science; Canadian Public Administration; Frontiers in Human Dynamics; Human Rights Review; International Journal of Refugee Law; International Migration Review; Journal of American Ethnic History; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Journal of Refugee Studies; Latin American Research Review; Law & Policy; Law & Social Inquiry; Law & Society Review; National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Division and Sociology Division; Migration Studies; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Political Research Quarterly; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Refugee Survey Quarterly; Roman & Littlefield, Social Problems; Stanford University Press; Studies in Law, Politics, and Society; Yale University Press.*

Media Commentary:

*The Atlantic Monthly, CQ Roll Call, In These Times, Netflix's Patriot Act with Hasan Minhaj, Politics & Reality Radio, PolitiFact, ProPublica, This American Life, The Science of Politics Podcast, The Wall Street Journal, Valley Advocate, WERS Boston, Western Mass News, WGBY Springfield, and WWLP 22 News.*