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POSITIONS HELD

- Senior Adviser, Office of the Global Summit on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants, United Nations Office of the Secretary-General.

 New York. Deployed by Georgetown University and UNHCR. Responsible for drafting the UN Secretary-General's Report for the Summit, advising on refugee protection issues, liaison with civil society and academia in preparing for the Summit. (January-September)
- Research Professor, Institute for the Study of International Migration,
 Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University.
 Responsible for various research projects, including serving as Principal Investigator for Planned Relocations and supporting work on big data and forecasting migration and longitudinal studies of internal displacement in Iraq. Teaching graduate level course on humanitarian crises.
- Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy at Brookings Institution and Co-Director of the Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement. Responsible for managing the project—together with Co-Director of the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement, Walter Kälin, Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (2004–2010) and with his successor, Chaloka Beyani, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (2010–present) —including research and advocacy on issues related to internally displaced persons.
- 2008-2015 **Adjunct Associate Professor, Georgetown University.** Teaching graduate level course on humanitarian crises.
- Team Coordinator, Diakonia and Solidarity, World Council of Churches. Responsible for oversight of WCC's work with development and humanitarian response in all regions, including supervision of staff in Geneva, Lebanon, Fiji, New York, Poland, and Croatia, management of the team's budget, strategic planning, relations with donor agencies, administration of projects, and participation in the management of the Council; and advocacy, analysis and networking on refugees, internally displaced people and forced migrants.
- Programme Executive for International Relations, World Council of Churches. Responsible for political analysis and development of WCC responses on major international issues; for advocacy, analysis, and networking on refugees, and internally displaced people; administration of approximately 75 projects serving displaced people in all regions of the world; advocacy and liaison

with UNHCR, UNHCHR, IOM and other international organizations; drafting statements by WCC governing bodies; and convening consultations on international issues.

1993-1998 Director, Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program.

Responsible for coordination and implementation of CWS refugee and immigration programs, including resettlement, asylum, advocacy and international concerns; oversight of \$15 million budget; coordination of development efforts; supervision of 100+ staff in offices in New York, Miami, Washington and Nairobi; oversight of 40 affiliated offices and sub-offices throughout the United States; liaison with broad range of other organizations, including the United Nations, other non-governmental organizations, international ecumenical partners, and US government; and serving as spokesperson on refugees and immigration for the National Council of Churches.

1991-1993 Research Director, Life & Peace Institute, Uppsala, Sweden.

Responsible for the Institute's research program, including conceptualizing and implementing research projects on a wide range of issues related to war and peace; supervising researchers and guest researchers at the Institute; monitoring progress of around 50 researchers working with the Institute in different regions and disciplines; developing the Institute's research proposals and seeking financial support for them; and representing the Institute at international meetings.

1985-91 Study and Interpretation Secretary, Refugee Service, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland.

Responsible for research and policy development on global refugee issues, administration of ecumenical refugee projects in Latin and North America, coordination of advocacy efforts vis-à-vis international organizations, and liaison with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, other inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations and churches.

1982-1985 Assistant Professor of Political Science, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Taught courses in Latin American and Third World Politics, International Relations, Development, Women's Studies, Social Science Research Methods.

1981-1982 Fulbright Professor, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), Mexico City.

Taught courses in International Relations, US-Latin American Relations; also served as adjunct professor at the Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, Mexico.

1978-1980 Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Taught graduate and undergraduate courses in Comparative Politics and International Relations.

1976-1978 **Assistant Professor, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, North Carolina.** Taught courses in International Relations, Comparative and US Politics.

ACADEMIC DEGREES

- **Ph.D.** 1976 University of Florida. Political Science with specialization in International Relations and Latin American Studies. Dissertation: "A Comparative Study of Latin American Foreign Policy: National Support for the Andean Pact."
- **M.A.** 1972 University of Florida in Latin American Studies.
- **B.A.** 1971 Duke University, History, magna cum laude.

LANGUAGES

English (mother tongue)
Spanish (fluent); French, Portuguese, Swedish (basic)

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Extensive travel in Africa, Asia, Middle East, Latin America, North America, Europe and the Pacific for purposes of assessing refugee and displaced situations; monitoring programmatic developments; liaising with local partners and NGOs; advocating on behalf of refugees and IDPs with government and UN agencies; teaching; and participation in academic conferences.

Field research carried out in many countries, most recently in Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan in 2013 and Colombia in 2014.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Consequences of Chaos: Syrian Displacement and the Failure to Protect, with Kemal Kirisci, Brookings Institution Press, 2016.

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In addition to professional associations, I have also spoken extensively on forced migration and human rights issues for a wide range of groups, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Meeting of Experts on Human Rights at the CSCE meeting

(Oslo), the International Council of Christians and Jews, the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, the World Assembly of the World Alliance of YMCAs, the Swedish Foreign Policy Institute, the International Bahai Association, and the Senate Judiciary Committee of the US Congress.

Board Memberships

Board member, Refuge Point, 2016-

Board member, Humanitarian Accountability Partnership, 2011-2013

Commissioner, Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children, 2006-

Chair, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (2003-2006)

Executive Committee, ACT International (2003-2006)

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Vice-Chair, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (1999-2002)

Executive Board, International Association of Civil Aviation Airport Chaplains (2000-2006)

Co-Chair, UNHCR-NGO Reach-out Process on Refugee Protection (1998-1999)

Chair, InterAction's Committee on Migration and Refugee Affairs (1996-1998)

Commission of Unit IV of the World Council of Churches (1993-98)

National Coalition for Haitian Rights (1993-1998)

Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children (1996-1999), Chair of Policy and Planning Committee