MATTHEW BOLTON, MSc (LSE), PhD (LSE), LHD (hc)

Political scientist and expert on the United Nations and global peace and security policy, focusing on the intersections of disarmament, humanitarianism and environmentalism, with field experience in 30 countries.

Part of Nobel Peace Prize-winning nuclear disarmament advocacy campaign.

EDUCATION

PhD in Government (2009), London School of Economics and Political Science.

MSc in Development Studies (Research) (2005), London School of Economics and Political Science.

Grad. Cert. in Environmental Leadership (In Progress), SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. **BA (Hons) majoring in History and Religion** (2001), minoring in German, Graceland University. GPA: 3.96.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS & HONORS

- ❖ Worked on the UN advocacy of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which received the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize; attended ceremony in Oslo, Norway.
- Member of New York Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (NYCAN) recognized by Borough of Brooklyn for "help[ing] to make Brooklyn and the world safe and a better place to live" (2021).
- Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters (2018): Graceland University; commencement address with Emily Welty.
- City of Independence, Missouri, Humanitarian Award (2018): Co-recipient with Emily Welty.
- ❖ Pace University *Opportunitas* in Action Award (2019): Recognizes leaders with innovative thinking who make positive contributions to community. Co-recipient with Emily Welty; presented at Radio City Music Hall.
- Jefferson Bronze Award for Public Service (2016): Co-recipient with Emily Welty.
- Pi Gamma Mu Scholarship Medal (2017): Distinction in social science research and service.
- ❖ Atomium Culture (2009): Designated one of the 'Best Young Researchers' in Europe.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Full Professor (From 2021), Associate Professor (2016-2021), Associate Chair (2016-2017) & Assistant Professor (2011-2016)

Department of Political Science, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University – New York City

- ♦ High teaching evaluations for undergraduate courses in global politics (average of 4.69 out of 5 since 2011).
- ❖ Advisor to Model United Nations program (2011-2019): managed \$43,000 annual budget, travel to conferences (in Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York, Geneva, Oslo, Edinburgh and Costa Rica), communication and social media. Program recognized in 2016 and 2018 UN Secretary-General reports.
- Secured \$328,000 in funding for research and scholarship, through grants, compensated talks and consultancies.
- As associate chair oversaw curriculum review and chaired three search committees (including for hiring chair).
- Created global policymaking internship, service learning and volunteering opportunities for students with NGOs working around UN Headquarters.

Director (2016-Present)

International Disarmament Institute, Dyson College of Arts and Science, Pace University – New York City

- Founded Institute providing education and research on global disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation policymaking; developed strategic plan and website (pace.edu/dyson/disarmament); annual budget \$17,000.
- ❖ Advised the Nobel Peace Prize-winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) on victim assistance, environmental remediation and disarmament education provisions during the negotiations of the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons at the UN in New York.
- * Research on the impact of Pacific nuclear testing with field visits to Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati and Maohi Nui/French Polynesia.
- Provided UN-funded training in Kenya on Arms Trade Treaty for East African officials; produced reports on relevance of treaty to wildlife crime and violence in pastoralist communities (also available in French).
- Co-edited landmark policy report The Humanitarian Impact of Drones (also available in German).
- Hosted several annual Humanitarian Disarmament Forums.

Temporary Academic Posts (2002-2010)

- Visiting Fellow, Graduate Teaching Assistant and Subwarden, London School of Economics (2005-2008, 2010).
- Visiting Lecturer, Makerere University Peace and Conflict Studies (2008-2009).
- Teaching Assistant, Graceland University (2002).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Single-Authored Books

- Bolton, M.B. (2020) Political Minefields: The Struggle against Automated Killing. London, I.B. Tauris.
- -----. (2020) Imagining Disarmament, Enchanting International Relations. New York, Palgrave Pivot.
- -----. (2010) Foreign Aid and Landmine Clearance. London, I.B. Tauris.

Edited Volumes

- Bolton, M.B., et al (Eds.). (2020) *Global Activism and Humanitarian Disarmament*. New York, Palgrave Macmillan. Co-authored the following chapters:
 - Benjamin-Britton, T., M.B. Bolton & S. Njeri. "The Humanitarian Disarmament Movement: An Assessment and Review." pp. 1-24.
 - Bolton, M.B. & C.C. Mitchell. "When Scientists become Activists: The International Committee for Robot Arms Control and the Politics of Killer Robots." pp. 27-58.
 - ♦ Bolton, M.B. & E. Minor. "The Agency of International Humanitarian Disarmament Law: The Case of Advocacy for Positive Obligations in the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons." pp. 59-101.
 - Njeri, S., M.B. Bolton & T. Benjamin-Britton. "Whither Humanitarian Disarmament?" pp. 253-260.
- Welty, E., M.B. Bolton, et al (Eds.). (2013) Occupying Political Science: The Occupy Wall Street Movement from New York to the World. New York, Palgrave Macmillan. Co-authored the following chapters:
 - ❖ Bolton, M.B. et al. (2013) "We Had a Front Row Seat to a Downtown Revolution." pp. 1-24.
 - ❖ Welty, E., M.B. Bolton & N. Zukowski. (2013) "Occupy Wall Street as a Palimpsest." pp. 25-58.
 - Bolton, M.B., et al. "This Space Is Occupied!: The Politics of Occupy Wall Street's Expeditionary Architecture and De-gentrifying Urbanism." pp. 135-162.
 - Bolton, M. & V. Measles. (2013) "barricades dot net: Post-Fordist Policing in Occupied New York City." pp. 163-190.
 - Malone, C., M. Nayak, E. Welty & M. Bolton. (2013) "An Occupied Political Science: Concluding Reflections on Downtown Political Thinking." pp. 275-282.

Journal Articles

- Bolton, M.B. (Submitted for Peer Review) "The Human Rights Fallout of Nuclear Detonations: Reevaluating "Threshold Thinking" in Policies Assisting Victims of Atmospheric Nuclear Testing." *Global Policy*.
- Bolton, M.B. & E. Minor. (2021) "Addressing the Ongoing Humanitarian and Environmental Consequences of Nuclear Weapons: An Introductory Review." *Global Policy*. 12(1). pp. 106-121.
- Alexis-Martin, B., M.B. Bolton, et al. (2021) "Addressing the Humanitarian and Environmental Consequences of Atmospheric Nuclear Weapon Tests: A Case Study of UK and US Test Programs at Kiritimati (Christmas) and Malden Islands, Republic of Kiribati." *Global Policy*. 12(1). pp. 81-99.
- Bolton, M.B. (2018) "The '-Pacific' part of 'Asia-Pacific': Oceanic diplomacy in the 2017 Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons." *Asian Journal of Political Science*. 26(3). pp. 371-389.
- Bolton, M.B. & E. Minor. (2016) "The Humanitarian Initiative on Nuclear Weapons: Introducing Global Policy's Special Section." *Global Policy*. 7(3). pp. 380-384.
- -----. (2016) "The Discursive Turn Arrives in Turtle Bay: The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons' Operationalization of Critical IR Theories." *Global Policy*. 7(3). pp. 385-395.
- Bolton, M.B., S. Froese & A. Jeffrey. (2016) "Go get a job right after you take a bath': Occupy Wall Street as Matter out of Place." *Antipode*. 48(4). pp. 857-876.
- Bolton, M.B. (2015) "From Minefields to Minespace: An Archeology of the Changing Architecture of Autonomous Killing in US Army Field Manuals on Landmines, Booby Traps and IEDs." *Political Geography.* 46. pp. 41-53.
- Bolton, M.B. et al. (2014) "The Arms Trade Treaty from a Global Civil Society Perspective: Introducing Global Policy's Special Section." *Global Policy*. 5(4). pp. 433-438.
- Bolton, M.B. & K. James. (2014) "Nascent Spirit of New York or Ghost of Arms Control Past?: The Normative Implications of the Arms Trade Treaty for Global Policymaking." *Global Policy*. 5(4). pp. 439-452.
- Bolton, M.B. (2012) "Technocratic Responses to the Politicization of Risk: Underwater Munitions in New York City's Gravesend Bay and Narrows." *Marine Technology Society Journal*. 46(1). pp. 17-27.
- Bolton, M.B., et al. (2012) "Globalization and the Kalashnikov: Public-Private Networks in the Proliferation and Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons." *Global Policy*. 3(3). pp. 303-313.
- Bolton, M.B. & T. Nash. (2010) "The Role of Middle Power-NGO Coalitions in Global Policy: The Case of the Cluster Munitions Ban." *Global Policy*. 1(2). pp. 172-184.
- Bolton, M.B. & A. Jeffrey. (2008) "The politics of NGO registration in international protectorates: The cases of Bosnia and Iraq." *Disasters*. 32(4). pp. 586-608.
- Bolton, M.B. (2008) "Coping with Clandestine Structures in International Intervention: Landmine Clearance Agencies in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Sudan." *Suedosteuropa Mitteilungen*. 56(1). pp. 8-34.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS, CTD.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters Not Listed Above

- Bolton, M.B. (Submitted for Peer Review) "Environmental Remediation as Archaeology: Excavating Sites Contaminated by Early Nuclear Weapons Activities in New York City, Both Literally and Hermeneutically." T. Christian (Ed.). Persistent Conflicts: Archaeological Perspectives on Warfare and Environmental Contamination.
- Alexis-Martin, B., ..., M.B. Bolton, et al. (2021) "Nuclear Geographies and Nuclear Issues." In: D. Richardson, et al (Eds). *International Encyclopedia of Geography: People, the Earth, Environment and Technology*. https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118786352.wbieg2109.
- Welty, E., M.B. Bolton & W. Kiptoo. (2019) "Local Peacebuilding in East Africa: The Role of Customary Norms and Institutions in Addressing Pastoralist Conflict in Kenya and Uganda." In: S.L. Connaughton & J. Berns (Eds.). Locally Led Peacebuilding: Global Case Studies. Lanham, Rowman & Littlefield. pp. 61-72.
- Welty, E. & M.B. Bolton. (2017) "The Role of Short Term Volunteers in Responding to Humanitarian Crises: Lessons from the 2010 Haiti Earthquake." In: M. Holenweger, M.K. Jager & F. Kernic (Eds.). *Leadership in Extreme Situations*. Cham, Springer. pp. 115-130.
- Bolton, M.B. (2014) "Exit Strategy: Human Security, the Social Contract and Liquid Governance in Haiti's Post-Earthquake Reconstruction." In: C. Hobson & N. Turner (Eds.) *Human Security and Natural Disasters*. New York, Routledge. pp. 140-157.

GRANTS AND OTHER AWARDS

- Dyson College of Arts and Sciences (Principal Investigator: 2016 & 2019): \$1,700 in two grants for research on disarmament in East Africa and Pacific regions.
- Helene & Grant Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship (Principal Investigator: 2013-2014, 2017-2018): \$10,000 in two grants for research on the role of NGOs in addressing the legacy of nuclear testing in the Pacific and disarmament policymaking.
- ❖ Friedrich Ebert Stiftung New York Office (Principal Investigator: 2017-Present): Grants totaling \$4,300 for research on the implications of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the humanitarian, human rights and environmental impact of Pacific nuclear testing.
- United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation (Principal Investigator: 2016):
 \$194,000 for organizing workshops and conducting research in East Africa on the Arms Trade Treaty.
- ❖ Pace University Scholarly Research Grant (Principal Investigator: 2015-2019): \$11,750 for field research on disarmament in East Africa, Southeast Asia and Oceania.
- ❖ Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies (Principal Investigator: 2014): \$4,000 for field research on interactions between environmental degradation and landmine clearance in Bosnia.
- German Foundation for Peace Research (2014): \$1,700 sub-grantee for conveying research to UN Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons Expert Meeting in Geneva.
- Verizon Foundation/Thinkfinity (2013): \$7,500 to organize "Robotic Weapons Control Symposium."
- ❖ Pace University Faculty-Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Principal Investigator: 2012): \$2,500 for field research on policing of protest in New York City.
- ❖ London School of Economics Centre for the Study of Global Governance, Research Fellow (2010-2011): £2,000 for field research on governance and human security in Haiti.
- ❖ Economic and Social Research Council (UK) Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Oxford University (Principal Investigator: 2009-2010): £100,000 for research on human security and disarmament (declined, to take job at Pace University).
- Fondation Pro Victimis Genève (Principal Investigator: 2007): \$9,000 for field research on landmine clearance in South Sudan.
- Economic and Social Research Council (UK) PhD Studentship (Principal Investigator: 2005-2008): £60,000 for tuition, living and field research expenses.
- Graceland University Alma and Kay Blair History Award (2001): Best undergraduate history thesis of the year.
- John Whitmer Historical Association Wildermuth Award (2001): Best paper by junior scholar.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pace University - New York City

- United Nations Workshop (Model United Nations)
- Global Politics of Peace and Social Justice (Learning Community with Peace and Justice Studies, Service Learning)
- Global Politics of Disarmament and Arms Control (Service Learning with NGOs at the United Nations)
- Us and Them in Politics and Literature (Learning Community with English)
- International Political Economy and Globalization (Writing Enhanced)
- Conflict Analysis (Writing Enhanced)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, CTD.

Pace University - New York City, Ctd.

- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to International Organization
- US Foreign Relations
- Ocean Politics
- Politics of the Global City
- African Politics and Foreign Policy

Makerere University

International Law and Diplomacy (Graduate)

London School of Economics and Political Science (Teaching Assistant)

- Complex Emergencies (Graduate Seminar)
- Globalization, Conflict and Post-Totalitarianism (Graduate Seminar)
- States, Nations and Empires

Graceland University (Teaching Assistant)

Participatory Human Development in Nicaragua (Travel Course)

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY

Pace University – New York City

- Director, (2016 to present), International Disarmament Institute.
- Model United Nations Advisor (2011-2019).
- ❖ UN Relations Committee, Pace University (2017 to present): Member.
- Pace NY Faculty Council Resolution on respect and participation (2019): Drafter.
- Faculty Affairs Committee, Pace University New York Faculty Council (2017 to 2019): Member.
- ❖ Political Science Search Committee (2014-2015, 2017-2018): Chair.
- ❖ Associate Chair (2016-2017), Department of Political Science.
- Dyson Society of Fellows (2012 to Present): Member; co-organized 2012 retreat.
- Helene & Grant Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship Faculty Advisory Board (2014-Present): Member.
- Political Science Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee (2015-2016): Member.
- Faculty Affairs Committee (2012-2013, 2015-2016), Dyson College of Arts and Sciences: Member.
- Fulbright Interview Committee (2012, 2016): Member.
- Institutional Review Board (2014-2016): Reviewer.
- Scholarly Research Committee (2013-2015): Member.
- Honors College Advisory Board (2013-2015): Member.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- Member ships in American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Peace and Justice Studies Association and International Peace Research Association.
- National Model United Nations Washington DC Conference Advisory Board (2016-Present).
- * Peer-reviewed articles for the journals Global Policy, Critical Studies on Security, Sur Journal, Studies in Comparative International Development, Perspectives on Politics, Millennium and Review of International Studies.
- * Edited Special Sections on the Arms Trade Treaty (2014) and nuclear disarmament (2016 and 2021) for *Global Policy* journal.
- * Robotic Weapons Control Symposium in New York City (2013). Organizer.
- Organized panel on humanitarian disarmament at International Studies Association conference (2016).
- Organized panel on politics of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the Annual Conference of the British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies.
- Chair of London School of Economics Development Studies Society (2004-2005).

SERVICE TO GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY POLICYMAKING

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Campaigner (2014-Present)

- ❖ Participated in advocacy campaign that was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize.
- Member of the 'Positive Obligations Team' during the 2017 negotiations of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), which successfully advocated for provisions on victim assistance, environmental remediation and disarmament education provisions.
- Provided policy advice, wrote analysis, spoke to press and advocated to states for a treaty banning nuclear weapons at Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty conferences in 2014, 2015 and 2019; as well as at the UN General Assembly First Committee (2014-2018).
- Coordinated drafting suggestions for pending New York City Council legislation on TPNW, participated in advocacy for divestment of the City's pensions from nuclear weapons.

Conflict and Environment Observatory, Trustee (2020-Present)

Member of Board of Trustees

International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC), Membership Secretary (2012-2019)

- Managed recruitment and selection of new members, as well as membership policies; served as part of core leadership team.
- Presented first official ICRAC statement in a diplomatic forum at the 2013 meeting of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW); represented ICRAC at May 2014 and May 2015 CCW meetings.
- Engaged in consultations with UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and other relevant actors to consider policy options for regulating the use of armed drones outside of conflict zones.
- Participated in expert consultation organized by United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Killings and NYU Global Justice Clinic (2012).
- Represented ICRAC at 2012 Humanitarian Disarmament Campaigns Summit in New York.

Strategic Concept for Removal of Arms and Proliferation (SCRAP) Project, School of Oriental and African Studies Center for International Studies and Diplomacy, Committee Member (2015-2017)

- Delivered expert statement on General and Complete Disarmament in side event during 2015 and 2016 UN General Assembly First Committee.
- Delivered presentation on disarmament education at side event hosted by Japan and Mexico during 2015 NPT Review Conference.
- Delivered expert statement on "The other part of Article VI: General and Complete Disarmament" at side event hosted by Costa Rica during 2015 NPT Review Conference.

International Peace Research Association, Supplemental Representative to the UN (2015-2017)

- Monitored and engaged in advocacy at 2015 and 2016 UN General Assembly First Committee, 2015 Sustainable Development Summit and 2015 Review Conference of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT); helped draft two small states' formal speeches.
- Co-hosted Peace and Planet and Abolition 2000 civil society conferences during the 2015 NPT Review conference at Pace University.
- * Prepared submission for the 2016 UN Secretary-General's report on disarmament education.

Christiana Figueres for UN Secretary-General Campaign (2016)

Assisted in drafting and editing Vision Statement for Christiana Figueres' bid to lead the UN.

Control Arms, Policy Advisor (2012-2016)

- Served on Information and Analysis Team during July 2012 and March 2013 Diplomatic Conferences of the UN Arms Trade Treaty, 2012 and 2013 UN General Assembly First Committee sessions and 2014 Fifth Biennial Meeting of States on the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons.
- Wrote two reports on using Arms Trade Treaty to curb wildlife poaching in East Africa, presented to African states at the 2016 UN General Assembly First Committee.

Article 36, Policy Advisor (2012-2016)

- Co-authored first NGO call for ban on autonomous weapons systems ('killer robots') (2012).
- Co-authored call to end all-male panels in global peace and security policy forums (2014).
- ❖ Monitored 2013 UN explosive weapons meeting and NPT meetings, 2014-2015.
- Delivered and drafted NGO statements on drones, cyberweapons, ways of work, gender and disarmament at 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 UN General Assembly First Committee.

SERVICE TO GLOBAL PEACE AND SECURITY POLICYMAKING, CTD.

Landmine Action UK, Advocate (2006-2008)

- Co-authored Bosnia's Political Landmines (2006) report on corruption in demining, with foreword by former UK parliamentarian and BBC war correspondent Martin Bell.
- Presented research at 2006 Intersessional Meeting of States Parties to the Antipersonnel Landmine Ban Treaty at the UN in Geneva.
- Authored articles supporting the Cluster Munition Campaign and provided film and digital media at the 2008 Kampala Regional Conference on the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

CONSULTANCIES

Disarmament, Mine Action and Peacebuilding

- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung New York Office (2020): Report writing for project on lethal autonomous weapons.
- Norwegian People's Aid (2019). Research on the humanitarian, human rights and environmental impact of nuclear weapons use and testing.
- UN Development Programme (UNDP), Development and Mine Action Expert (2016-2017). Prepared strategy, grant proposal and publicity documents for mine action and sustainable development program.
- Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (2014): Conducted research on coverage of new weapons technologies by the Arms Trade Treaty.
- Catholic Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya (2009, 2014-2016): Led production of two short books on grassroots reconciliation in the North Rift region of Kenya.
- ❖ Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor (2009, 2014 & 2015): Bosnia and Croatia field missions and drafting of country reports on mine action. Attended 2014 Intersessional Meeting of States Parties to the Antipersonnel Landmine Ban Treaty in Geneva. Served as Victim Assistance and Casualty Statistics Editor in 2009, edited all country thematic reports; quality-checked all casualty data.
- UNICEF Sarajevo Mine Action Unit, Editorial Consultant (2004-2005): Wrote Standing Operating Procedures for permanent marking of minefields; wrote and edited reports and public communications.
- Counterpart International, northern Iraq. (2003). Conducted needs assessment on disability and mine survivor issues, edited a training manual on IDP home construction for UNHCR, wrote proposals to IOM and final report on US State Department humanitarian assistance grant.
- ❖ London School of Political Science Centre for the Study of Global Governance (2004, 2008): Assisted with evaluation of UNDP Support to conflict-affected countries. Helped start-up of a civil society network building project in newly independent Kosovo.

Humanitarian and Development Assistance

- Outreach International, Haiti Advisor (2011-2012): Monitored and evaluated a post-earthquake school reconstruction program.
- Outreach International, Writer, Researcher and Trainer (2004-2009): Conducted research on participatory development and community organizing; wrote, filmed and photographed online content; edited training manuals. Trained field staff in project management in Dominican Republic and Bolivia. Helped lead donor visit to field programs in Malawi.
- Counterpart International, Aid Worker. (2004-2007). Investigated accounting discrepancies; conduct final evaluation of a USDA-funded agricultural and environmental program in Bosnia. Assisted with logistics in South Sudan for \$2 million medical shipment, grant proposals, monitoring and evaluation. Developed grant proposals to US Department of Agriculture, US Department of State and private donors.
- Community of Christ World Hunger Fund (2004): Reviewed funding and communications strategy.
- Counterpart International/Outreach International, Field Researcher (2003): Conducted HIV/AIDS and food insecurity needs assessment in Zambia and Democratic Republic of the Congo.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Haiti Emergency Coordinator & Acting Chief of Mission (Jan. 2010-Dec. 2010)

Outreach International - Port-au-Prince, Haiti/London, UK

- Coordinated and supervised a charity's emergency response to the 2010 Haitian earthquake, managing an almost 10-fold increase in annual funding and four-fold increase in staff.
- Oversaw rapid assessment of humanitarian conditions and technical survey of almost 30 schools.
- * Managed projects including a cash distribution to vulnerable displaced families, school supplies distribution, temporary school construction, school building repairs and teacher subsidies.
- Established, equipped and staffed a program support center in Port-au-Prince. Developed program policies, including security, financial, human resources and logistical protocols.
- Formed a strategic partnership with architectural NGO, Article 25 and networked with and developed grant proposals for donors, including UNICEF. Coordinated with the UN-led Education Cluster.
- Assisted with public relations, fundraising and communications.

Foreign Correspondent (2003-2011)

The Examiner – Based in Independence, Missouri, USA with frequent extended travel

Wrote weekly columns from 16 countries including Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Sudan and Uganda.

International Volunteer (June 2002-June 2003)

Counterpart International – Brčko District, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Advised on field office development and public relations for program funded by USDA.
- Managed start-up of a landmine clearance and awareness project.
- Coordinated project granting scholarships to Bosnian students for undergraduate studies in the US.

Field Operations Assistant (January-June 2002) and Field Operations Reporter (June-August 2001)

Outreach International – Based in Independence, Missouri, USA with frequent extended travel

- * Reported on field programs in Nicaragua and the Philippines for three months; wrote case studies, project analyses and human-interest stories.
- Oversaw program start-up activities and wrote a successful grant for a new program in Dundalk, Maryland, USA. Conducted organizational review of South Texas, USA program.

International Volunteer (May-July 2000)

WorldService Corps – Nairobi and Nyanza Province, Kenya

Set up an integrated peace, culture, health and environmental education program in two primary schools. Promoted cross-cultural understanding in schools and churches.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Teaching

- Teaching online certificates, Pace University (Fall 2012, Summer 2020).
- Teacher training seminars, London School of Economics (Oct. 2007-June 2008).

Languages

* Intermediate Spanish and Serbo-Croatian. Classroom study of German, French, Kiswahili and Persian.

Participatory Development and Community Organizing

Basic and advanced courses on participatory community mobilization and civil society building, Outreach International, Nicaragua and Philippines (July-Aug. 2001).

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Other Academic Publications (Not Peer-Reviewed)

Bolton, M.B. (2019) "Using the Arms Trade Treaty to Address Pastoralist Conflict and Wildlife Crime in Kenya's Marginalized Regions." *Revista Electrônica do Curso de Directo*. 14(1) https://periodicos.ufsm.br/revistadireito/article/view/38305.

-----. (2018) "The Nuclear Taboo and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons." *e-International Relations*. http://www.e-ir.info/2018/05/02/the-nuclear-taboo-and-the-international-campaign-to-abolish-nuclear-weapons/>.

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS, CTD.

Other Academic Publications (Not Peer-Reviewed), Ctd.

- -----. (2017) "Related to the lives and concerns of the learners': Revitalizing undergraduate disarmament education through Model UN simulations and service learning." In: UNODA (Ed.). *Celebrating 15 Years of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education*. New York, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. pp. 59-70.
- -----. (June 2017) "The Nuclear Weapons Ban and Human Security for All." Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Perspective. http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/13435.pdf>.
- Korir, C., M.B. Bolton, W. Kiptoo, S. Kosgei, J. Kimisoi & F. Njeri. (2017) Maridhiano Mashinani (Reconciliation at the Grassroots): Reflections on the Role of the Church in Building Sustainable Peace in the North Rift Region of Kenya. Nairobi, Catholic University of East Africa Press.
- Bolton, M.B. (2016) "Time for a Discursive Rehabilitation: A Brief History of General and Complete Disarmament." In: D. Plesch & K. Miletic. Rethinking General and Complete Disarmament in the Twenty-First Century. New York, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs. pp. 3-14.
- Bolton, M.B. et al. (2014) "The Road Forward for the Arms Trade Treaty: A Civil Society Practitioner Commentary" *Global Policy*. 5(4). pp. 469-473.
- Bolton, M.B. & C. Mitchell. (August 2014) "The Peloponnesian War and Killer Robots: Norms of Protection in Security Policy." *e-International Relations*. http://www.e-ir.info/2014/08/29/the-peloponnesian-war-and-killer-robots-norms-of-protection-in-security-policy/.
- Bolton, M.B. (March 2013) "Security for Whom? Putting a Human Face on Resilience: Critical Response Paper Following the Pace University 2012 'Summit on Resilience: Securing Our Future through Public-Private Partnerships." Summit on Resilience: Securing our Future through Public-Private Partnerships. J. Ryan (Ed.). New York, Pace University Press.
- -----. (January 2011) "Human Security after State Collapse: Global Governance in Post-Earthquake Haiti." London School of Economics Global Governance Research Paper 01/2011.

 http://www.humansecuritygateway.com/documents/LSE_HumanSecurityAfterCollapse.pdf>.

Book Reviews (Not Peer-Reviewed)

- Bolton, M.B. (2016) "Book Review: WMD Arms Control in the Middle East: Prospects, Obstacles and Options." *Journal of Peace Education*. 13(3) pp. 286-287.
- -----. (January 2012) "Book Review: Bosnia remade: ethnic cleansing and its reversal." *Nationalities Papers: The Journal of Nationalism and Ethnicity*. 40(1). pp. 149-174. http://politicalminefields.files.wordpress.com/2012/02/bosnia-remade.pdf.

Selected Policy Reports (Most Not Peer-Reviewed)

- Bolton, M.B., et al. (2021) Addressing the Threat of Autonomous Weapons: Maintaining Meaningful Human Control. New York, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/17215.pdf.
- Bolton, M.B. (2019) From Manhattan Project to Nuclear Free: New York City's Policy and Practice on Nuclear Weapons. New York, International Disarmament Institute. https://disarmament.blogs.pace.edu/2020/01/14/manhattan-project-to-nuclear-free/.
- ----- (2019) Nuclear Weapons are Risky Business: Divestment as Financial Prudence. New York, International Disarmament Institute. https://disarmament.blogs.pace.edu/2020/01/14/risky-business/>.
- -----. (2018) Addressing Humanitarian and Environmental Harm from Nuclear Weapons: Kirisimasi (Christmas and Malden Island) Veterans, Republic of Fiji. New York, International Disarmament Institute.

 http://disarmament.blogs.pace.edu/2018/05/07/fiji-addressing-the-humanitarian-and-human-rights-concerns-of-kirisimasi-christmas-and-malden-island-veterans/.
- ------ (2018) Addressing Humanitarian and Environmental Harm from Nuclear Weapons: Kiritimati (Christmas Island) and Malden Islands, Republic of Kiribati. New York, International Disarmament Institute.

 http://disarmament.blogs.pace.edu/2018/05/07/kiribati-addressing-the-humanitarian-and-environmental-harm-of-nuclear-weapons-tests-at-kiritimati-christmas-and-malden-islands/>.
- ----- (2017) Humanitarian and Environmental Action to Address Nuclear Harm: The Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons as a Normative Framework for Assisting Victims of Nuclear Weapons Use and Testing and Remediating Contaminated Environments. New York, International Disarmament Institute, Pace University.

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Policy Reports (Not Peer-Reviewed), Ctd.

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- "Reforming the UN for Decisive Action in the Security Field", City University, London, Sept. 2021 Panelist.
- "U.S. Congress and the Legacies of the Vietnam War", Stimson Center, January 2021 Panelist.
- "Political Minefields: Instagram Live Interview", Mines Action Canada, November 2020 Interviewee.
- "Political Minefields Book Talk", Forum on the Arms Trade, September 2020 Presenter.
- "Racism and Nuclear Weapons", Presentation to incoming students, Pace University, July 2020 Co-presenter with Emily Welty.
- "Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons in the Pacific Region", Presentation to World Council of Churches Commission on International Affairs, Feb. 2020 Presenter.
- "Rejuvenating Nuclear Disarmament", Guest lecture to high school summer program, Long Island University-Post, July 2019 Presenter.
- "True Partnerships: A Conversation with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship, Pace University, New York, May 2019 Panelist.
- Keynote address on faith-based approaches to nuclear disarmament, Parliament of the World's Religions, Toronto, Nov. 2018, delivered with Emily Welty.
- "Existing Policy Approaches to Victims of Nuclear Weapons Use and Testing", United Nations First Committee Side Event, hosted by Ireland, Oct. 2018 Presenter.
- "Addressing the Harm of Nuclear Weapons through Victim Assistance and Environmental Remediation", Informal Side Event, hosted by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung New York Office, Oct. 2018 Presenter.
- "Rejuvenating Nuclear Disarmament", Guest lecture to high school summer program, Long Island University-Post, July 2018 Presenter.
- "Lessons from Humanitarian Disarmament Processes for Addressing High Tech Weapons", Workshop on Drones, Killer Robots and Cyberwar, Open University, Milton Keynes, UK, July 2018 Presenter.
- "Mine Action: The Political Landscape," Inter-American Defense Board, Washington DC, May. 2018 Presenter.
- Commencement Address, Graceland University, Apr. 2018 Co-speaker, along with Emily Welty.
- "The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons," Kansas City PeaceWorks, Independence, MO., Apr. 2018

 Co-speaker, along with Emily Welty.
- "Humanitarian Disarmament: The Way Ahead," Mar. 2018, Workshop of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and Harvard Law School International Human Rights Clinic Participant.
- "Human-Centered, Rather Than Weapons-Centered: Lessons Learned Regarding Arms Control Agreements," Inter-American Defense Board, Washington DC, Dec. 2017 – Presenter.
- "Linking Disarmament Education and Humanitarian Action on Nuclear Harm," 27th United Nations Conference on Disarmament Issues (UNCDI), Hiroshima, Nov. 2017 Presenter.
- "Related to the lives and concerns of the learners': Revitalizing undergraduate disarmament education through Model UN simulations and service learning,' UNODA Side Event on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Education, Oct. 2017 Panelist.
- "Humanitarian Action to Address Nuclear Harm," United Nations First Committee Side Event, hosted by Trinidad and Tobago, Oct. 2017 Panelist.
- "Humanitarian Impact of Drones," United Nations First Committee Side Event, Oct. 2017 Chair.
- "Victim Assistance and Environmental Remediation in a Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty," UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty Negotiation Conference Side Event, hosted by Ireland, June 2017 Chair.
- "Statement on Norm Promotion and Disarmament Education," statement to UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty Negotiation Conference, June 2017 Expert testimony.
- "Challenges in Nationalizing Global Norms: Kenya and the Arms Trade Treaty," American Association of Geographers, Boston, MA, April 2017 Presenter.
- "Positive Obligations in a Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons," UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty Negotiation Conference Side Event, Mar. 2017 Chair.
- "Magic, Windmills and Minefields: Enchanting and Disarming International Relations", International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD., Feb. 2017 Presenter.

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- "Assessing the Humanitarian Disarmament Movement: The Changing Global Politics of Efforts to Mitigate, Control and Eliminate the Human Impact of Weapons", International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD., Feb. 2017 Panel Organizer and Chair.
- "Global Policy on Autonomous Weapons Systems", NGO Working Group on Disarmament, UN Church Center, Feb. 2017.
- "Rethinking General and Complete Disarmament in the Twenty-First Century", United Nations First Committee Side Event, hosted by Chile, East Timor and Marshall Islands, Oct. 2016 Panelist.
- "Fully Autonomous Weapons & the CCW Review Conference", United Nations First Committee Side Event, hosted by Pakistan and Human Rights Watch, Oct. 2016 Panelist.
- "Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty Resolution: Press Briefing", United Nations Correspondents Association, Oct. 2016 Panelist.
- "The Role of Academia in Global Disarmament Policy", Peace and Justice Studies Association conference, Nelson, BC, Canada, Sept. 2016 Presenter.
- "Robotic Weapons and Human Rights," International Committee for Robot Arms Control Workshop, London, April 2016 Presentation.
- "Digital Media and Humanitarian Disarmament Campaigns", Workshop: From landmines to nuclear weapons: the humanitarian approach to disarmament and the role of digital media, Deutsche Welle Global Media Forum, June 2015 Panelist (compensated).
- "The Role of Civil Society, Artists and Intellectuals in Nuclear Disarmament", Abolition 2000 Annual Meeting, April 2015 Presenter.
- "On Killer Robots", National Model United Nations New York City Conference, March 2015 Presenter to students simulating the UN General Assembly First Committee.
- "On the Ethics of Helping", Pace University Alternative Spring Break, March 2015 Guest lecture.
- "Windmills, Magic and Minefields: A Quixotic Approach to Disarmament," Dyson College of Arts and Sciences Humanities and Social Sciences Research Seminar, Feb. 2015, Pace University New York City Presenter.
- "Gender and Disarmament", Humanitarian Disarmament Forum, Sept. 2014, Pace University New York City Conference Co-Chair and Presenter.
- "The Role of NGOs in Disarmament and Violence Reduction", August 2014, Wilson Center for Social Entrepreneurship, Pace University New York City Briefing for representatives of Syrian NGOs.
- "Landmines and Metamines: The Politics of Minefields in Bosnia and Beyond," What Shape Is Peace? Panel, British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies Annual Conference, April 2014, Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, UK Presenter and Panel Chair.
- "Toward a Disarmament Aesthetic," The New School, New York, Oct. 2013 Guest lecture for "Digital Warfare" class.
- "Minefields to Minespace: Law and the Changing Space and Time of War", Pace Law School Faculty Colloquium, White Plains, NY, Oct. 2013 Guest lecture.
- Humanitarian Disarmament Campaigns Summit, UN Church Center, New York, Oct. 2013 Lessons Learned Working Group Facilitator.
- "International Relations and Technology," International Relations and Digital Technology Project Collective Symposium, Munk School of Global Affairs, Toronto, Sept. 2013 Invited participant (compensated).
- "Robotic Weapons Control Symposium", Pace University, New York, June 2013 Organizer and presenter.
- "Portents: The Political Function of Tents in Post-Earthquake Haiti and Occupied Zuccotti Park", Issues on Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Aid conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 2013 Invited speaker (compensated)
- "Minefields to Minespace: The Changing Architecture of Autonomous Killing," Between Architecture of War and Military Urbanism conference, Faculty of Architecture, Tallinn, Estonia, April 2013 Presenter
- "The Threat of Killer Robots," Humanitarian Disarmament Campaigns Summit, UN Church Center, New York, Oct. 2012 Panelist.
- "Human Security and the Social Contract in an Age of Acceleration," Human Security and Natural Disasters Symposium, United Nations University, Tokyo, Feb. 2012 Invited speaker (compensated).

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"Representing the Haiti Earthquake," Witness to Tragedy and Recovery conference, Pace University, New York, Sept. 2011 – Invited speaker.