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EDUCATION

- 2019-Present **PhD**; Geography; McGill University
Dissertation: From imagined homeland to pathways for cross-border peacebuilding: An ethnographic study with Congolese refugees at Gihembe camp, Rwanda
Committee: Jon Unruh; Diana Allan; Megan Bradley; Yann le Polain de Waroux
- 2014-2016 **MSc**; With Distinction; Risk, Crisis & Disaster Management; University of Leicester
Dissertation: Syrian refugee inflow and risk perception in Izmir, Turkey: Understanding Turkish attitudes through the evaluation of cultural cognition
- 2011-2012 **BEd**; Cum Laude; Education; University of Ottawa
- 2007-2011 **BA (Hons)**; Geography, minor Sociology; University of Ottawa

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-Present **Visiting Researcher**
African Centre of Excellence in Data Science; University of Rwanda
- 2021-Present **Science Education Fellow**
Office for Science Education; McGill University
- 2021-Present **Junior Research Fellow**
Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa; Wilfrid Laurier University
- 2021 **Tomlinson Teaching Fellow**
Faculty of Science; McGill University
- 2019 **Lecturer**
Department of Social and Political Sciences; Universidad del Pacífico
- 2018-2019 **Associate Researcher**
Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Parent, Nicolas, Freier, Luisa Feline, and Dawson, Walker. 2021. "Lost at Sea, Saved by Allah: Religious Coping on a Migrant Journey from Cape Verde to Brazil," *Mental Health, Religion & Culture* 24, no. 7: 659-669.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2020. "From exile to homeland return: Ethnographic mapping to inform peacebuilding from afar," *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development* 8, no. 1, art. 7: 1-23.
- Freier, Luisa Feline and Parent, Nicolas. 2019. "The Regional Response to the Venezuelan Exodus," *Current History: A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs* 118, no. 805: 56-61.

- Parent, Nicolas. 2018. "Four voices of refugee solidarity along the Balkan Route: An exploratory pilot study on motivations for mobilization," *Migration Letters* 15, no. 3: 423-436.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2018. "Turkish perception of risk vis-a-vis Syrian refugees: An exploratory study of cultural cognition in Izmir, Turkey," *Journal of Identity and Migration Studies* 12, no. 1: 2-25.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2017. "Blame avoidance and worldviews: Explaining the recurrence of socio-cultural disasters within Aboriginal communities in Canada," *Canadian Journal of Native Studies* 37, no. 1: 117-135.

Book Chapters

- Parent, Nicolas. Forthcoming September 2021. "Moving beyond borders: Anarchist political ecology and environmental displacement." In *Energies Beyond the State: Anarchist Political Ecology*, edited by Jennifer Mateer, Simon Springer, Martin Locret-Collet and Maleea Acker. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

Conference Proceedings

- Parent, Nicolas and Jon Unruh. 2021. "Hydropolitics, Middle East security, and the reach of the neo-Ottoman project in Syria," presented at the International Conference on Environmental Crises in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, 28-29 May.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2021. "State self-destruction in refugee spaces: Informality at the margins, mutual aid, and anarchist places," presented at American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, 7-11 April, Seattle, WA.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2019. "Ethnographic mapping for more inclusive environmental mediation in areas with high levels of return migration," presented at the 1st International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, 23-25 October, University of California, Irvine.

Book Reviews

- Parent, Nicolas. 2018. "Book review: Digitalization, Immigration and the Welfare State by Mårten Blix," LSE Review of Books, London School of Economics and Political Science, July 18, 2018.

Manuscripts in Submission

- Parent, Nicolas. "Mutual aid amongst refugees: Evidence from Turkey and Peru." Under review at *Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies*.
- Parent, Nicolas. "On a hazardous journey across the Atlantic Ocean, religion stands as an important coping mechanism for Muslim migrants of African origin." Under review at *The Conversation*.
- Parent, Nicolas. "Mutual aid amongst refugees in Turkey and Peru: Organized abandonment and anarchic places." Under review at *Political Geography*.
- Parent, Nicolas. "Anti-sedentarism and the anthropology of forced migration." Under review at *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society*.
- Parent, Nicolas. Review of *The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America*, edited by Julian Agyeman and Sydney Giacalone (Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press, 2020). Under review at *The Northeastern Geographer*.
- Parent, Nicolas. "Commitments to refugees and displaced persons in African peace agreements, 1990-2018." Under review at *International Journal of Human Rights*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

- Parent, Nicolas, Wilson-Forsberg, Stacey and Beggar, Abderrahman. "Spaces of transit, confinement, and labor: A comparative scoping review of migration in the Canary Islands and Chiapas."
- Parent, Nicolas. "Integrating imagination as social practice into approaches to repatriation."

Parent, Nicolas and Unruh, Jon. “*Pax Ottomanica, Pax Aquarum*. Neo-Ottomanism, hydropolitics, and convergent articulations of hegemony.”

Web-Based Publications

- Freier, Luisa Feline and Parent, Nicolas. 2019. “A Turning Tide? Venezuelan Displacement and Migration Governance in Peru,” Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute, December 11, 2019.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2019. “Creative methods of dissemination in forced migration research.” Discussion point. ESPMI Discussion Series. Emerging Scholars & Practitioners on Migration Issues.
- Parent, Nicolas and Freier, Luisa Feline. 2018. “The Venezuelan Exodus: Placing Latin America in the Global Conversation on Migration Management,” LSE Latin America and Caribbean blog, London School of Economics and Political Science, July 31, 2018.
- Freier, Luisa Feline and Parent, Nicolas. 2018. “A South American Migration Crisis: Venezuelan outflows test neighbors' hospitality,” Migration Information Source, Migration Policy Institute, July 18, 2018.
- Mahlke, Helisane, Parent, Nicolas and Yamamoto, Lilian. 2017. “How Latin America is responding to Venezuelan refugees,” Refugees Deeply, November 28, 2017.

Other Publications

- Parent, Nicolas. “Hachures and hazards of origins.” *Project Synergy* no. 1 (Origins): 38-41.
- Parent, Nicolas and Sarazin, François. 2020. “La liminalité et l'exil : Au-delà de l'étiquetage,” *Perceptions* no. 2 (Fall 2020): 25-29.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2019. “Displacement, return and environmental peacebuilding: Congolese refugees and the potential of ethnographic research,” *Tvergastein Interdisciplinary Journal of the Environment*, no. 12: 30-37.
- Observatory for Human Rights and Forced Migrants in Turkey. 2017. A Year of Impunity: A one year visual database of migration-related human rights abuses, edited by Nicolas Parent. Izmir: OHRFMT.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2017. “Falling short of protection: Peru's new migration scheme for Venezuelans,” *Forced Migration Review* 56 (October): 41-42.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2016. “Refugees as Peons in Foreign Policy: Turkey, the EU and Reflections of Lasker and Nimzowitsch,” *In/Words Magazine and Press* 15, no. 3: 99-104.

Syllabus

- Parent, Nicolas. 2021. Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods. Delivered by Nicolas Parent at the University of Rwanda.
- Parent, Nicolas, Langill, Jennifer, and Florez Bossio, Maria Camila (equal authorship). 2021. Critical geographies of race. Reading group at McGill University, Winter 2021.
- Parent, Nicolas and Freier, Luisa Feline. 2019. Migration and Development. Delivered by Nicolas Parent and Professor Luisa Feline Freier at the Universidad del Pacífico (Peru), Winter 2019.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 2021-Present | University of Rwanda
Visiting Researcher conducting fieldwork for doctoral research. |
| 2021-Present | Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa, Wilfrid Laurier University
Junior Research Fellow for ‘Life in unintended destinations: Stories of sub-Saharan African migrants in Morocco and Mexico,’ funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. |

- 2021-Present **University of Manitoba**
Research Assistant for 'COVID-19's differential impact on the mental and emotional health of Indigenous Peoples and Newcomers: A socioeconomic analysis of Canada, US and Mexico,' funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
- 2019-Present **Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University**
Research Assistant (Middle East team) for 'Appraising risk, past and present: Interrogating historical data to enhance understanding of environmental crises in the Indian Ocean World,' funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.
- 2018-2019 **Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico**
Associate Researcher working on various projects related to the Venezuelan exodus and policy responses across Latin America.
- 2016-2017 **Observatory for Human Rights and Forced Migrants in Turkey**
Researcher for a mapping project on xenophobia, violence, and issues of forced migrants' human rights in Turkey.

FUNDING & AWARDS

- 2021 **1st place, CARFMS 2021 Student Essay Contest (Law/Graduate category)**
Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies; Prize: CAD\$500
- 2020 **Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Value: CAD\$6,000
- 2020 **CGS to Honour Nelson Mandela**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Honorary award
- 2020-2023 **Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Scholarship**
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada; Value: CAD\$105,000
- 2020 **Research Stipend**
Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Société et Culture (FRQSC); Value: CAD\$1,563
- 2019 **Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship** (nominee)
McGill University (Canada); Passed two rounds of candidate selection at PETF
- 2019 **Travel Grant – LASA 2020** (Guadalajara, Mexico)
Latin America Studies Association (US); Value: USD\$500 plus conference registration
- 2019 **Theo Hills Award**
Theo Hills Memorial Fund; Value: CAD\$427,87
- 2019 **Post-Graduate Student Society Event Grant**
Post-Graduate Student Society, McGill University; Value: CAD\$350
- 2019 **Rathlyn Geography Fieldwork Award**
Department of Geography, McGill University; Value: CAD\$8,640
- 2019 **Project Grant**
Andrea von Braun Stiftung (Germany); Value: EUR€7,000
- 2019 **Travel Grant – Global Conversation on Migration** (Medellín, Colombia)
SOAS University of London (UK); Value: GBP£500
- 2019 **York Graduate Fellowship** (declined)
York University (Canada); Value: CAD\$95,564
- 2016 **Distinction Award – Master of Science**
University of Leicester (UK)
- 2012 **Cum Laude Award – Bachelor of Education**
University of Ottawa (Canada)
- 2007 **Excellence Award**
Millennium Scholarships Foundation (Canada); Value: CAD\$20,000 (full scholarship)

2007 **Admission Scholarship**
Faculty of Arts, University of Ottawa; Value: CAD\$5,000

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & INVITED LECTURES (selected)

- 2021 “Mutual aid amongst refugees: Organized abandonment and anarchic places,” panelist, CARFMS21: Utopias as Practices, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, 27-29 October.
- 2021 “Hydropolitics, Middle East security, and the reach of the neo-Ottoman project in Syria,” panelist, International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, 28-29 May.
- 2021 “Themes in digital mapping,” panel chair, International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, 28-29 May.
- 2021 “Themes in South Asia,” panel chair, International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, 28-29 May.
- 2021 “State self-destruction in refugee spaces: Informality at the margins, mutual aid, and anarchist places,” panelist, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (USA), 7-11 April.
- 2021 “Strategy sharing for graduate field researchers during the pandemic,” invited lecture, Methods of Geographical Research, McGill University, 24 March.
- 2021 “Racializing migrants and spaces of control,” presenter, Critical Geographies of Race reading group, Department of Geography, McGill University, 11 March.
- 2021 “Mapping and ethnography,” invited lecture, Ethnographic Approaches to Development, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, 11 February.
- 2020 “Congolese displacement, encampment, and repatriation,” panelist, McGill Refugee Research Group ‘Contemporary Refugee Issues’ event, 26 November.
- 2020 “Lost at sea but saved by Allah: Religious coping and African migration to South America,” panelist, Latin American Study Association Annual Congress, Guadalajara (MEX), 13-16 May.
- 2020 “African (trans)migration to and through Latin America,” panel organizer, Latin American Study Association Annual Congress, Guadalajara (MEX), 13-16 May.
- 2020 “Social-cultural hierarchies, states of exception, and liminality: Drawing examples from migration in the Global South,” invited lecture, Cities in the Modern World, Geography and Urban Studies Program, McGill University, 26 March.
- 2019 “Ethnographic mapping for more inclusive environmental mediation in areas with high levels of return migration,” panelist, 1st International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, University of California, Irvine, CA (USA), 23-25 October.
- 2019 “Venezuelan exodus: Humanitarian crisis, migration, and regional responses,” invited lecture, Global Politics of Contemporary Migration, Seattle, WA (USA), 1 May.
- 2019 “Lessons from Peru’s response to the Venezuelan exodus,” invited panelist, SOAS University of London Global Migration Conversations, Museo Casa de la Memoria, Medellín (COL), 21-22 May.
- 2018 “Keys to neo-Ottomanism: Hydropolitics, conflict and migration,” invited lecture, Greenstock VI, Latin American Heads Conference, Lima (PER), 24 March.
- 2016 “Field observations on migration in Turkey,” invited panelist, In/Words Magazine Refuge(e) issue launch, Ottawa International Writers’ Festival, 21 October.
- 2016 “New media and migrant solidarity,” invited lecture, Göçmen Dayanışma Ağı (Migrant Solidarity Network), İstanbul (TUR), 4 October.

- 2016 “Legitimization of uncertainty: The shaky fate of Syrian migrants in Turkey and Europe,” invited lecture, Centre for Refugee Studies Lecture Series, York University, Toronto (CAN), 27 September.
- 2016 “Refugees, Turkey, and humanitarian education,” invited presentation, Canadian Red Cross, Ottawa (CAN), 30 August.
- 2016 “Digital activism and crisis mapping,” invited lecture, Kapılar cryptoparty, Izmir (TUR), 30 July.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

McGill University

Course Design (graduate), TPULSE Fellow/Instructor, Winter 2021
 Graduate Teaching (graduate), TPULSE Fellow/Instructor, Winter 2021
 Geography of Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020
 Global Environmental Challenges in Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, Winter 2020
 Political Geography (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019
 Disaster and Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019

University of Rwanda

Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods, Instructor, Fall 2021

Université de Montréal

Immigration, intégration et diversité sur le marché du travail (graduate), Invited Faculty, Summer 2020

Universidad del Pacifico

Migration and Development (undergraduate), Instructor, Spring 2019

Newton College*

IB DP Geography (upper secondary), Teacher, 2017-2019 (5 terms)
 IB DP Environmental Systems and Societies (upper secondary), Teacher, 2018-2019 (3 terms)
 *Coordinator, Environmental Systems and Societies program, 2018-2019 (3 terms)

MEF International School**

A/AS Geography (upper secondary), Teacher, 2012-2016 (8 terms)
 **Head of Department, Humanities, 2013-2016 (6 terms)

Government of Canada, Official Languages Division

Introduction to Sociology (adult learning), Instructor, Fall 2012

SERVICE

Within Higher Education

- 2021-Present **Executive Committee, Geography Graduate Society, McGill University**
Equity Co-Chair
- 2020-2021 **Equity Committee, Geography Graduate Society, McGill University**
Member, Racial Geographies Steering Committee
- 2020-Present **Geography Graduate Society, McGill University**
AGSEM Representative
- 2019-Present **Geography Mentorship Program, McGill University**
Graduate Mentor
- 2021 **SALTISE Annual Conference**
Graduate Mentor
- 2019-2020 **Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Geography, McGill University**
Geography Graduate Society Representative
- 2010-2012 **Student Federation of the University of Ottawa**
Coordinator, Volunteer Engagement
- 2009-2010 **Geography Student Association, University of Ottawa**
President
- 2008-2009 **Geography Student Association, University of Ottawa**
V.P. Communications

Outside Higher Education

- 2020-Present **Hijrah Crítica, The Refugee Centre**
Co-Founder
- 2020-Present **Board of Directors, The Refugee Centre**
Board Member
- 2019-Present **H-Migration, Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Net)**
Co-Editor
- 2018-2020 **Rights in Exile, International Refugee Rights Initiative**
Co-Editor
- 2018 **Teachers for Teachers Initiative, Columbia University**
Global Mentor
- 2015-2016 **Praxis Initiative, Association for Solidarity with Refugees**
Founder and Coordinator
- 2010 **Kalmar Nyckel Foundation**
Deckhand and Educator
- 2009 **Caserne Samba Diery Dielo**
Support Worker
- 2008 **Los Angeles Maritime Institute**
Deckhand and Cultural Mediator
- 2007 **Sierra Youth Coalition, Sierra Club of Canada**
Coordinator, Community Youth Action
- 2006-2007 **Sierra Youth Coalition, Sierra Club of Canada**
Member, Executive Committee

LANGUAGES

English (native)
French (native)
Spanish (conversational)
Turkish (basic)

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Institutional Affiliations

2021-Present **Centre for Refugee Studies, York University** (Canada)
Centre Affiliate and Graduate Research Fellow

2021-Present **University of Rwanda** (Rwanda)
Visiting Researcher

2021-Present **Refugee Law Initiative, University of London** (UK)
Research Affiliate

2021-Present **Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa, Wilfrid Laurier University**
Junior Research Fellow

2019-Present **Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University** (Canada)
Doctoral Affiliate

2019-Present **McGill Refugee Research Group** (Canada)
Graduate Member

2019-Present **Department of Geography, McGill University** (Canada)
Doctoral Researcher

2018-2019 **Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico** (Peru)
Associate Researcher

Memberships

2021-Present African Studies Association

2020-Present International Association for the Study of Forced Migration

2020-Present Canadian Association for the Study of Forced Migration

2019-Present American Association of Geographers
Specialty groups: Cultural Geography; Cultural & Political Ecology; Middle East; Africa

2019-Present Latin American Studies Association

2019-Present Africa Research Group, Kaldor Centre, University of New South Wales

2017-Present Emerging Scholars and Practitioners on Migration Issues

2015-Present Inter-agency Network for Education in Emergencies

2012-Present Ontario College of Teachers

2019 Canadian Association of Geographers

2019 Environmental Peacebuilding Association

2018 Society for Latin American Studies

2017 South American Network for Environmental Migrations

REFERENCES

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