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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 in 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

- 2022-Present **Instructor**
Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies; Carleton University
- 2021-Present **Junior Research Fellow**
Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa; Wilfrid Laurier University
- 2021-2022 **Science Education Fellow**
Office for Science Education; McGill University
- 2022 **Lecturer**
University of Rwanda
- 2021-2022 **Visiting Scholar**
University of Rwanda
- 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. In Press. "Commitments to refugees and displaced persons in African peace agreements, 1990-2018," *The International Journal of Human Rights*.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2022. "Anti-sedentarism and the anthropology of forced migration," *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society* 46, no. 2: 10-29.

- 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. 2022. "Moving beyond borders: Anarchist political ecology and environmental displacement." In J. Mateer, S. Springer, M. Locret-Collet, and M. Acker, *Energies Beyond the State: Anarchist Political Ecology and the Liberation of Nature*, 45-66. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

Conference Proceedings

- Parent, Nicolas. 2022. "Congolese protracted refugees and aspirations of return: Negotiating memorialized territorialization and ongoing changes in geographically distant landscapes," presented at the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, 5 February - 1 March, New York City, NY.
- Parent, Nicolas. 2021. "Mutual aid amongst refugees: Organized abandonment and anarchic places," presented at the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies Annual Conference, 27-29 October, Regina, SK.
- 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 the 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. "Of utopia: Congolese refugees and an imagined agrarian future in Rwanda." Under review at *The Journal of Peasant Studies*.
- Parent, Nicolas, Wilson-Forsberg, Stacey, and Beggar, Abderrahman. "The tightrope of transit and containment: A comparative scoping review of literature on international migration to Chiapas and the Canary Islands (1991-2021)." Under review at *Comparative Migration Studies*.
- Patel, Jugal and Parent, Nicolas. "Participatory mapping for public health." Under review for upcoming edited volume titled *Spatial Literacy in Public Health*. Chicago: Association of College & Research Libraries.

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*.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Parent, Nicolas. “(Re)imagining the Congo: Peace maps from Mahama camp.”

Parent, Nicolas. “Sandcastle livelihoods: The forced relocation case of Congolese refugees in Rwanda.”

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

Parent, Nicolas. “How religion helped African migrants during a risky Atlantic crossing,” *The Conversation*, November 4, 2021. [\[link\]](#)

Parent, Nicolas. “Mutual aid amongst refugees: Evidence from Turkey and Peru,” CARFMS blog, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, October 26, 2021. [\[link\]](#)

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. [\[link\]](#)

Parent, Nicolas. 2019. “Creative methods of dissemination in forced migration research.” Discussion point. ESPMI Discussion Series. Emerging Scholars & Practitioners on Migration Issues. [\[link\]](#)

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. [\[link\]](#)

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. [\[link\]](#)

Mahlke, Helisane, Parent, Nicolas and Yamamoto, Lilian. 2017. “How Latin America is responding to Venezuelan refugees,” *Refugees Deeply*, November 28, 2017. [\[link\]](#)

Other Publications

Parent, Nicolas. 2021. “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. 2022. Rights of refugees and displaced persons. Delivered by Nicolas Parent at Carleton University, Summer 2022.

Parent, Nicolas. 2022. Seminar in qualitative research methods. Delivered by Nicolas Parent at the University of Rwanda, Winter 2022.

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

- 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.
- 2021-2022 **University of Rwanda**
Visiting Scholar conducting fieldwork at Mahama camp, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council and McGill University Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.
- 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

- 2022 **International Graduate Mobility Award**
Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, McGill University (Canada); Value: CAD\$3,000
- 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)

- 2019 Latin America Studies Association (US); Value: USD\$500 plus conference registration
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)

- 2022 “Protracted Congolese refugees, return aspirations, and the (re)imagining of Congo: The mediating effect of imagination in the process of memorialized territorialization,” panelist, American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, NY (USA), 25 February-1 March.
- 2021 “Religious coping on a Muslim-African migrant journey from Cape Verde to Brazil,” invited lecture, Introduction to Muslim Studies, Religion and Culture Program, Wilfrid Laurier University, 16 November.
- 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 “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), Istanbul (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

Carleton University

Rights of Refugees and Displaced Persons (undergraduate), Instructor, Summer 2022

University of Rwanda

Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods (graduate), Instructor, Winter 2022

McGill University

Course Design (graduate), Instructor, Winter 2021

Graduate Teaching (graduate), 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

Université de Montréal

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

Universidad del Pacífico

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

Outside Higher Education

- 2020-Present **Board of Directors**
The Refugee Centre
- 2019-Present **Co-Editor, H-Migration**
Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Net)
- 2020-2021 **Co-Founder**
Hijrah Crítica
- 2018-2020 **Co-Editor, Rights in Exile**
International Refugee Rights Initiative
- 2018 **Global Mentor, Teachers for Teachers Initiative**
Columbia University
- 2015-2016 **Founder and Coordinator, Praxis Initiative**
Association for Solidarity with Refugees (Mülteci-Der)
- 2010 **Deckhand and Educator**
Kalmar Nyckel Foundation
- 2009 **Psychosocial Support Worker**
Caserne Samba Diery Dielo, Senegal
- 2008 **Deckhand and Cultural Mediator**
Los Angeles Maritime Institute
- 2007 **Coordinator, Community Youth Action**
Sierra Youth Coalition, Sierra Club of Canada
- 2006-2007 **Executive Committee**
Sierra Youth Coalition, Sierra Club of Canada

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 **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)**

2019-Present	Graduate Member Department of Geography, McGill University (Canada) Doctoral Researcher
2021-2022	University of Rwanda (Rwanda) Visiting Scholar
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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