

# Nicolas Parent

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Geography  
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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.            Geography, 2019-2023  
Department of Geography; McGill University  
Dissertation: *Peace beyond encampment: Futurity and the (re)imagining of liveable geographies amongst Congolese refugees at Mahama camp, Rwanda*  
Committee: Jon Unruh; Diana Allan; Megan Bradley; Yann le Polain de Waroux
- M.Sc.            Risk, Crisis & Disaster Management (with Distinction), 2014-2016  
School of Business, University of Leicester  
Dissertation: *Syrian refugee inflow and risk perception in Izmir, Turkey: Understanding Turkish attitudes through the evaluation of cultural cognition*
- B.Ed.            Teaching (Cum Laude), 2011-2012  
Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa
- B.A. (Hons.)    Geography, 2007-2011  
Department of Geography, Environment, and Geomatics, University of Ottawa  
Minor from the School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2022-Present    Part-Time Professor  
Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa
- 2023-Present    Doctoral Intern, IDRC Research Chairs on Forced Displacement  
The Local Engagement Refugee Research Network, 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
- 2021-2022       Visiting Scholar / Instructor  
University of Rwanda
- 2021              Tomlinson Teaching Fellow  
Faculty of Science, McGill University
- 2019              Instructor  
Department of Social and Political Sciences, Universidad del Pacífico

2018-2019 Associate Researcher  
Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2022 Commitments to Refugees and Displaced Persons in African Peace Agreements, 1990-2018. *The International Journal of Human Rights*, 26(8): 1333-1352.
- 2022 Anti-Sedentarism and the Anthropology of Forced Migration. *Suomen Antropologi: Journal of the Finnish Anthropological Society*, 46(2): 10-29.
- 2021 **Parent, N.**, Freier, LF., Dawson, W. Lost at Sea, Saved by Allah: Religious Coping on a Migrant Journey from Cape Verde to Brazil. *Mental Health, Religion & Culture*, 24(7): 659-669.
- 2020 From Exile to Homeland Return: Ethnographic Mapping to Inform Peacebuilding from Afar. *Stability: International Journal of Security & Development*, 8(1), art. 7: 1-23.
- 2019 Freier, LF., **Parent, N.** The Regional Response to the Venezuelan Exodus. *Current History: A Journal of Contemporary World Affairs*, 118(805): 56-61.
- 2018 Four Voices of Refugee Solidarity along the Balkan Route: An Exploratory Pilot Study on Motivations for Mobilization. *Migration Letters*, 15(3): 423-436.
- 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(1): 2-25.
- 2017 Blame Avoidance and Worldviews: Explaining the Recurrence of Socio-Cultural Disasters within Aboriginal Communities in Canada. *Canadian Journal of Native Studies*, 37(1): 117-135.

### Book Chapters

- 2022 Moving Beyond Borders: Anarchist Political Ecology and Environmental Displacement. In J. Mateer, S. Springer, M. Locret-Collet, M. Acker, *Energies Beyond the State: Anarchist Political Ecology and the Liberation of Nature*, 45-66. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

### Conference Proceedings

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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

- forthcoming The Immigrant-Food Nexus: Borders, Labor, and Identity in North America, edited by Julia Agyeman, Sydney Giacalone. *The Northeastern Geographer*.
- 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

Of Utopia: Congolese Refugees and an Imagined Agrarian Future in Rwanda. Under review at *Journal of Rural Studies* (Status: revise and resubmit).

**Parent, N.**, Wilson-Forsberg, S., Beggar, A. 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 *Journal of International Migration and Integration*.

Patel, J., **Parent, N.** Participatory Mapping for Public Health. Under review for upcoming edited volume titled *Spatial Literacy in Public Health*. Chicago: Association of College & Research Libraries.

Freier, LF., Lui, I., **Parent, N.** From Resettlement to Regional Solutions: Canada's Changing Role in Latin American Refugee Protection. Under review for upcoming edited volume *Canada and the Global Refugee Regime*. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

Camp, Carcerality, and Care

Exilic (Re)imaginings of the Congo: Peace Maps and Repatriation Talk from Mahama Camp

Towards an urban political ecology of migrant settlements

**Parent, N.**, Unruh, J. *Pax Ottomanica, Pax Aquarum*. Neo-Ottomanism, Hydropolitics, and Convergent Articulations of Hegemony.

### Web-Based Publications

- 2021 How Religion Helped African Migrants During a Risky Atlantic Crossing. *The Conversation*, November 4. [\[link\]](#)
- 2021 Mutual Aid Amongst Refugees: Evidence from Turkey and Peru, CARFMS blog, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, October 26. [\[link\]](#)
- 2019 Freier, LF., **Parent, N.** A Turning Tide? Venezuelan Displacement and Migration Governance in Peru, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute, December 11. [\[link\]](#)
- 2019 Creative Methods of Dissemination in Forced Migration Research, ESPMI Discussion Series, Emerging Scholars & Practitioners on Migration Issues. [\[link\]](#)

- 2018 **Parent, N.**, Freier, LF. 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. [\[link\]](#)
- 2018 Freier, LF., **Parent, N.** A South American Migration Crisis: Venezuelan Outflows Test Neighbors' Hospitality," Migration Information Source, Migration Policy Institute, July 18. [\[link\]](#)
- 2017 Mahlke, H., **Parent, N.**, Yamamoto, L. How Latin America is Responding to Venezuelan Refugees, *Refugees Deeply*, November 28. [\[link\]](#)

### Other Publications

- 2021 Hachures and Hazards of Origins. *Project Synergy*, no. 1 (Origins): 38-41.
- 2021 Critical Geographies of Race Reading Group. *Critical Geographies of Race*, edited by Matthews, P., **Parent, N.**, Rowan, G. Montreal.
- 2020 **Parent, N.**, Sarazin, F. La liminalité et l'exil : Au-delà de l'étiquetage. *Perceptions*, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 25-29.
- 2019 Displacement, Return and Environmental Peacebuilding: Congolese Refugees and the Potential of Ethnographic Research. *Tvergastein Interdisciplinary Journal of the Environment*, no. 12: 30-37.
- 2017 Observatory for Human Rights and Forced Migrants in Turkey. *A Year of Impunity: A One Year Visual Database of Migration-Related Human Rights Abuses*, edited by Nicolas Parent. Izmir: OHRFMT.
- 2017 Falling Short of Protection: Peru's New Migration Scheme for Venezuelans. *Forced Migration Review*, 56 (October): 41-42.
- 2016 Refugees as Peons in Foreign Policy: Turkey, the EU and Reflections of Lasker and Nimzowitsch. *In/ Words Magazine and Press*, 15(3): 99-104.

### AWARDS & FUNDING

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- 2023 Doctoral Internship Program  
Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, McGill University (Canada); Value: CAD\$6,000
- 2022 International Graduate Mobility Award  
Graduate and Postgraduate Studies, McGill University (Canada); Value: CAD\$3,000
- 2021 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Recruitment Award  
Department of Geography, McGill University; Value: CAD\$7,000
- 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 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

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2022 Between Peace and Carceration: Historical Overview of Latinx Forced Migration to the United States and Contemporary Struggles of Law and Order. Refugees, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, George Mason University, 27 October.
- 2021 Religious Coping on a Muslim-African Migrant Journey from Cape Verde to Brazil. Introduction to Muslim Studies, Religion and Culture Program, Wilfrid Laurier University, 16 November.
- 2020 Migration et refuge vénézuélien : Réponses politiques en Amérique Latine. Immigration, intégration et diversité sur le marché du travail, Université de Montréal, 11 June.
- 2019 Venezuelan Exodus: Humanitarian Crisis, Migration, and Regional Responses. Global Politics of Contemporary Migration, Seattle University, 1 May.
- 2016 Legitimization of Uncertainty: The Shaky Fate of Syrian Refugees in Turkey and Europe. Centre for Refugee Studies, York University, 27 September.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

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### Panels Organized

2020 African (trans)migration to and through Latin America. Latin American Study Association Annual Congress, Guadalajara, 13-16 May.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2022 Protracted Congolese Refugees, Return Aspirations, and the (Re)Imagining of Congo: The Mediating Effect of Imagination in the Process of Memorialized Territorialization. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New York City, 25 February-1 March.
- 2021 Mutual Aid Amongst Refugees: Organized Abandonment and Anarchic Places. CARFMS21: Utopias as Practices, Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Regina, 27-29 October.
- 2021 Hydropolitics, Middle East Security, and the Reach of the Neo-Ottoman Project in Syria. International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, Montreal, 28-29 May.
- 2021 State Self-Destruction in Refugee Spaces: Informality at the Margins, Mutual Aid, and Anarchist Places. American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Seattle, 7-11 April.
- 2020 Lost at Sea but Saved by Allah: Religious Coping and African Migration to South America. Latin American Study Association Annual Congress, Guadalajara, 13-16 May.
- 2019 Ethnographic Mapping for more Inclusive Environmental Mediation in Areas with High Levels of Return Migration. 1st International Conference on Environmental Peacebuilding, University of California, Irvine, 23-25 October.
- 2019 Lessons from Peru's Response to the Venezuelan Exodus. SOAS University of London Global Migration Conversations, Museo Casa de la Memoria, Medellín, 21-22 May.

### **Discussant**

- 2021 Themes in digital mapping. International Conference on Environmental Crisis in the Indian Ocean World since 1800, Montreal, 28-29 May.

### **CAMPUS OR DEPARTMENTAL TALKS**

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- 2023 African Peace Agreements and their Commitments Towards Forced Migrants (1990-2018). Indian Ocean World Centre, McGill University, 22 February.
- 2022 Visions Against Camp Carcerality: Congolese Refugees and Modes of an Agrarian Utopia. School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa, 18 October.
- 2021 Strategy Sharing for Graduate Field Researchers During the Pandemic. Methods of Geographical Research, Department of Geography, McGill University, 24 March.
- 2021 Racializing Migrants and Spaces of Control. Critical Geographies of Race reading group, Department of Geography, McGill University, 11 March.
- 2020 Mapping and Ethnography. Ethnographic Approaches to Development, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University, 11 February.

- 2020 Congolese Displacement, Encampment, and Repatriation. McGill Refugee Research Group, 26 November.
- 2020 Social-Cultural Hierarchies, States of Exception, and Liminality: Drawing Examples from Migration in the Global South. Cities in the Modern World, Geography and Urban Studies Program, McGill University, 26 March.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Ottawa (2022-2023)**

Migration, Mobility, Borders, and Citizenship (undergraduate), Instructor

Ethnographer's Magic: Reading and Writing Anthropology (undergraduate), Instructor

Qual. Res. Meth. and Techniques for Doing Fieldwork in Inter. Dev. (undergraduate), Instructor

Social Sciences and Research (undergraduate), Instructor

### **University of Rwanda (2022)**

Seminar in Qualitative Research Methods (graduate), Instructor

### **McGill University (2019-2021)**

Course Design (graduate), Instructor

Graduate Teaching (graduate), Instructor

Geography of Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Global Environmental Challenges in Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Political Geography (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

Disaster and Development (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant

### **Université de Montréal (2020)**

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

### **Universidad del Pacífico (2019)**

Migration and Development (undergraduate), Instructor

### **Newton College (2017-2019)**

IB DP Geography (upper secondary), Teacher

IB DP Environmental Systems and Societies (upper secondary), Teacher

### **MEF International School (2012-2016)**

A/AS Geography (upper secondary), Teacher

### **Government of Canada, Official Languages Division (2012)**

Introduction to Sociology (adult learning), Instructor

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 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.
- 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 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.
- 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.

## SERVICE

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### Departmental/University Service

- 2022-Present **Part-time Professors Representative**  
School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa
- 2021-2022 **Equity Co-Chair**  
Executive Committee, Geography Graduate Society, McGill University
- 2019-2022 **Graduate Mentor**  
Geography Mentorship Program, McGill University
- 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

### Service to the Profession

- 2019-Present **Co-Editor, H-Migration**  
Humanities and Social Sciences Online (H-Net)



2022 **Expert Reviewer, John R. Evans Leaders Fund**  
Canada Foundation for Innovation

2021 **External Examiner, Oral Defense Committee**  
Global Challenges Faculty, African Leadership University

2021 **Graduate Mentor**  
SALTISE Annual Conference

2018-2020 **Co-Editor, Rights in Exile**  
International Refugee Rights Initiative

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

### Community Involvement/Outreach

2020-Present **Board of Directors**  
The Refugee Centre

2020-2021 **Co-Founder**  
Hijrah Crítica

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

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE OUTSIDE HIGHER EDUCATION

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2018-2019 Coordinator, Environmental Systems and Societies program  
Newton College

2017-2019 Teacher, Geography and Environmental Systems and Societies  
Newton College

2013-2016 Head of Department, Humanities  
MEF International School

2012-2016 Teacher, Geography and Humanities  
MEF International School

## LANGUAGES

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

## AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

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### 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)  
Graduate Member

2019-Present **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 (alphabetical)

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**Diana Allan, Associate Professor**  
(Refugee camps; ethnography; Middle East)  
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**Megan Bradley, Associate Professor**  
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**Joshua Ramisch, Professor**  
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**Jon D. Unruh, Professor**  
(Land rights; peace processes; Africa)  
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