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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Aug 2019-present
Research Fellow, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, 2017-present
Assistant Research Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, Aug 2017-2019
Assistant Professor, Health Sciences, Worcester State University, Sep 2016-Aug 2017

EDUCATION

PhD, Politics, Brandeis University, 2016
BA, Government, Colby College, 2008

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* PhD student coauthor, ** MPP student coauthor, *** undergraduate student coauthor

Worsnop, Catherine Z. “International border restrictions during COVID-19 as global health security theater,” accepted, *British Journal of Political Science*.

Grépin, Karen A, Minqi Song, Julianne Piper, **Catherine Z. Worsnop**, and Kelley Lee. “International Travel Measures During the First Year of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Retrospective Descriptive Analysis of Adopted Strategies,” *Globalization and Health* 20 (72) (2024).

Lee, Kelley, Salta Zhumatova, **Catherine Z. Worsnop**, and Ying Liu Bazak. “The social impacts of international travel measures used during the COVID-19 pandemic: a scoping review of the existing evidence,” *Globalization and Health* 20, no. 59 (2024).*

Worsnop, Catherine Z. and Kathleen M. Vogel. “The ‘disaster business’: natural disasters and human trafficking.” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, forthcoming.

Bazak, Ying Liu, Beate Sander, Eric Werker, Salta Zhumatova, **Catherine Z. Worsnop**, and Kelley Lee. “The economic impact of international travel measures used during the COVID-19 pandemic: a scoping review.” Forthcoming at *BMJ Global Health*.

Worsnop, Catherine Z. and Summer Marion. 2024. “Foreign Policy and Global Health” in *The Oxford Handbook of Foreign Policy Analysis*, Juliet Kaarbo and Cameron Theis eds. Oxford, New York: Oxford University Press.

Worsnop, Catherine Z., Samuel Nass, Karen A. Grépin, and Kelley Lee. “An analysis of WHO’s position on international travel and trade measures during Public Health Emergencies of International Concern.” *BMJ Global Health* 8 (July 2023): e012615.**

Worsnop, Catherine Z., Karen A. Grépin, Kelley Lee, and Summer Marion. “The unintended consequences of information provision: the World Health Organization and border restrictions during COVID-19.” *International Studies Perspectives*, 14, no. 1 (February 2023): 39-66.

Lee, Kelley, Karen A. Grépin, **Catherine Z. Worsnop**, Summer Marion, Julianne Piper, and Mingqi Song. “Managing borders during Public Health Emergencies of International Concern: a proposed typology of cross-border health measures.” *Globalization and Health* 17, 62 (2021).*

Grépin, Karen A, Tsi-Lok Ho, Zhihan Liu, Summer Marion, Julianne Piper, **Catherine Z. Worsnop**, and Kelley Lee. “Evidence of the effectiveness of travel-related measures during the early phase of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Rapid Systematic Review.” *BMJ Global Health* 6, no. 3 (March 2021): e004537.*

Worsnop, Catherine Z, Adam Kamradt-Scott, Kelley Lee, Karen A. Grépin, Julianne Piper, Summer Marion, Felix Rothery (2021). “Legal compliance is not enough: cross-border travel, trade measures and COVID-19” in “Forum: Covid-19 and IR Scholarship: One Profession, Many Voices,” *International Studies Review* viab004.*

Worsnop, Catherine Z. “The disease outbreak-human trafficking connection: a missed opportunity.” *Health Security* 17, no. 3 (June 2019): 181–92.

Worsnop, Catherine Z. “Concealing disease: trade and travel barriers and the timeliness of outbreak reporting.” *International Studies Perspectives* 20, no. 4 (November 2019): 344–72.

Worsnop, Catherine Z. “Provoking barriers: the 2014 Ebola outbreak and unintended consequences of WHO’s power to declare a Public Health Emergency.” *Global Health Governance* 11, no. 1 (May 2017): 7–26.

Worsnop, Catherine Z. “Domestic politics and the WHO’s International Health Regulations: explaining the use of trade and travel barriers during disease outbreaks.” *The Review of International Organizations* 12, no. 3 (September 2017): 365–95.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND COMMENTARY

Worsnop, Catherine Z. Invited review of Barbara Katz Rothman, *The Biomedical Empire: Lessons Learned from the COVID-19 Pandemic* (Stanford University Press) for H-Diplo-Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum, forthcoming.

Worsnop, Catherine Z. and Julianne Piper. “The World Health Organization” in *The Handbook of International Organizations. Theories, Concepts and Empirical Insights*, ed. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich (De Gruyter Press, forthcoming)

Catherine Z. Worsnop (2021). “Border management after COVID-19: new strategies required.” *Think Global Health*.

Lee, Kelley, **Catherine Z. Worsnop**, Karen A. Grépin, and Adam Kamradt-Scott. “Global coordination on cross-border travel and trade measures crucial to COVID-19 response.” *The Lancet* 395, no. 10237 (May 23, 2020): 1593–95.

Catherine Z. Worsnop (2020). “COVID-19 may increase the risk of human trafficking: prevention efforts should start now.” *Political Violence at a Glance*.

Catherine Z. Worsnop (2020). “China’s coronavirus outbreak has prompted some travel restrictions. That could backfire.” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*.

Poorti Sapatnekar and **Catherine Z. Worsnop** (2019). “Can non-state actors help to overcome barriers to state cooperation? The case of global climate governance.” *CISSM Working Paper*.*

Catherine Z. Worsnop and Anand Patwardhan (2019). “Variation in health security preparedness across the US.” *SPP Health Policy Group Working Paper*.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“International travel and trade measures in the United States during COVID-19” (in progress; with Michelle Le Truong, Riya Dhar, Karen Grépin, and Kelley Lee)*.***

“Capacity is political: transparency and information sharing during global health emergencies” (in progress, with Jordan Dewar)*

Canada-US Border Equity Project (CUBE) (with Simon Fraser University and Western Washington University)

“The politics of COVAX” (in progress; with Summer Marion and Renu Singh)

“Border restrictions in historical perspective: the 1965 cholera outbreak” (in progress)

“International organizations as focal point constructors: the revision of WHO’s International Health Regulations” (working paper)

“Armed non-state actors and public health” (working paper; with Alec Worsnop and Davin O’Regan)

MEDIA

January 4, 2023. “Do restrictions on travel work against COVID?” *BBC Reality Check*.
<https://www.bbc.com/news/59461861>

December 2, 2021. “Omicron-variant border bans ignore the evidence, say scientists.” *Nature News*.
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-03608-x>.

March 30, 2021. “More Essential Travelers Are Crossing The Border Than Migrants, As Frustration Grows Over Pandemic Restrictions.” *Texas Public Radio*. <https://www.texasstandard.org/stories/more-essential-travelers-are-crossing-the-border-than-migrants-as-frustration-grows-over-pandemic-restrictions/>.

July 8, 2020. “COVID's Darkest Effects: How the Pandemic May Fuel Child Trafficking in Ghana.” *Pulitzer Center*. <https://pulitzercenter.org/stories/covids-darkest-effects-how-pandemic-may-fuel-child-trafficking-ghana>.

April 30, 2020. “The Pandemic’s Hidden Human Trafficking Crisis.” *Foreign Policy*.
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/04/30/coronavirus-pandemic-human-trafficking-crisis/>.

April 10, 2020. “The WHO v coronavirus: why it can't handle the pandemic.” *The Guardian*.
<https://www.theguardian.com/news/2020/apr/10/world-health-organization-who-v-coronavirus-why-it-cant-handle-pandemic>.

March 2, 2020. “Why Curbing Travel is No Cure for the Coronavirus.” *The Washington Post*.

February 26, 2020. “If Coronavirus Is Contained in the U.S., Why Are Public Health Officials Worried?” *Bloomberg*. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-02-26/virus-is-contained-in-the-u-s-why-are-officials-still-worried>.

February 18, 2020. “What’s Behind Coronavirus Cruise Ship Chaos?” *Maryland Today*.
<https://today.umd.edu/articles/whats-behind-coronavirus-cruise-ship-chaos-d6a50390-745c-4fbb-960f-815b3ed6c14f>.

February 3, 2020. “CNN Newsroom.” *CNN International*.
<http://archives.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/2002/03/cnr.20.html>.

January 31, 2020. “Health experts warn China travel ban will hinder coronavirus response.” *STAT News*.
<https://www.statnews.com/2020/01/31/as-far-right-calls-for-china-travel-ban-health-experts-warn-coronavirus-response-would-suffer/>.

January 25, 2020. “A Travel Ban To Contain The Coronavirus Could Worsen Conditions In Wuhan.” *National Public Radio (Weekend Edition Saturday)*. <https://www.npr.org/2020/01/25/799470705/a-travel-ban-to-contain-the-coronavirus-could-worsen-conditions-in-wuhan>.

TEACHING

University of Maryland School of Public Policy

PLCY 388W Global Action and Problem Solving (undergraduate)

PLCY399R Directed Study in Public Policy: Independent Research (undergraduate)

PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy: Global Health Policy (undergraduate)

PLCY 401 Contemporary Issues in Public Policy: Politics of Outbreak Response (undergraduate)

PLCY 688E/630 Governance: Normative and Political Dimensions (graduate)

Worcester State University

HC 220 Health Policy (undergraduate)

HC 202 Introduction to Global Health (undergraduate)

Colby College

GS 273j The International Politics of Health and Disease (undergraduate)

Additional pedagogical training

UMD SPP Policy Anti-Racist Teaching (PART) learning community, 2022

SPP/TLTC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging certificate, 2022

OTHER POLICY ENGAGEMENT AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

Participant, World Health Organization informal rapid consultation on travel measures in relation to omicron variant of SARS-Cov-2, November 2021

Briefing to the World Health Organization's Review Committee on the Functioning of the International Health Regulations during COVID-19, response subgroup. November 19, 2020 (with Kelley Lee)

Member, World Health Organization Technical Consultation on the Implementation of the IHR (2005) (Emergency Committees and PHEIC), November 2019

Member, World Health Organization Guideline Development Group on the effectiveness and impact of travel & trade restrictions to prevent, delay or reduce international spread of disease during outbreaks, May 2019

Member, Health Policy Group, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, 2017-present

Senior Program Assistant, Roundtable on Value & Science-Driven Health Care, The National Academies, Washington, DC, 2008-2010

SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

"The World Health Organization, domestic politics, and international borders during global health emergencies," UMD School of Public Health Department of Health Policy and Management seminar, November 7, 2024.

"Living Through and Researching the Covid-19 Pandemic," discussant, Chinese Politics Research in Progress virtual workshop, February 23, 2024.

"Compliance with WHO's International Health Regulations during COVID-19," MIRTH Colloquium, Berkeley Political Science Department, April 2021

"Pandemics and Borders: The Politics of Cross-Border Travel and Trade Measures During COVID-19," CISSM Global Forum, April 2021 (with Summer Marion)

"Is the Public Health System Prepared for a Pandemic?" CISSM Global Forum panel discussion, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, February 2020.

"Concealing disease: trade and travel barriers and the timeliness of outbreak reporting," World Health Organization, World Health Organization, Technical consultation on the implementation of the IHR (2005) (Emergency Committees and PHEIC), virtual, November 2019

“Why do states impose trade and travel restrictions during outbreaks?” World Health Organization, First Guideline Development Group Meeting on the effectiveness and impact of travel & trade restrictions to prevent, delay or reduce international spread of disease during outbreaks, Tunisia, May 2019

“Challenges and Opportunities in Responding to Global Health Emergencies,” CISSM Global Forum, University of Maryland School of Public Policy, September 2017

“Domestic Health Policy and the 2016 Election,” Worcester State University, October 2016

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“Capacity is Political: Transparency and Information during COVID-19.” ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, April 2024

“Strategies for Displacing Whiteness and Westcentrism within ISA sections and caucuses.” Roundtable participant, ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, 2023.

“Indigenous politics, decolonization, and health: challenges and opportunities.” Roundtable organizer and chair, ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, 2023.

“COVID-19 and Cross-border Health Measures: Lessons Learned and Critical Questions for the Future of the International Health Regulations.” Panel organizer and panelist, Geneva Global Health Week 2021, Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (virtual), May 2021.

“The Challenge of Defining Compliance with the IHR: Cross-border Measures and COVID-19.” ISA Annual Convention, virtual, April 2021.

“Non-State Actors and Global Climate Governance” (with Poorti Sapatnekar). APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, September 2019

“The Human Trafficking-Disease Outbreak Connection: A Missed Opportunity.” ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 2019

“Non-State Actors and Global Climate Governance” (with Poorti Sapatnekar). ISA Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, March 2019

“The Human Trafficking-Disease Outbreak Connection: A Missed Opportunity.” MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2018

“International Organizations as Focal Point Constructors.” ISA Annual Convention, Baltimore, MD, February 2017

“Concealing Disease: Non-Compliance with WHO’s International Health Regulations.” APSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, September 2016

GRANTS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

UMD School of Public Policy Undergraduate Student-Faculty Summer Research Award, 2022 (with undergraduate student Riya Dhar)

UMD School of Public Policy Public Impact Award, 2022

UMD Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Award, 2021

UMD School of Public Policy/CISSM Research Seed Grant (with Alec Worsnop), 2020

CIHR/New Frontiers in Research Fund (Canadian Government) (w/ Kelley Lee and Karen Grépin), “Understanding compliance with the International Health Regulations (2005): Recommended strategies to inform and strengthen global coordination of the COVID-19 outbreak response,” 2020. (500,000 CAD)

UMD School of Public Policy/CISSM Research Seed Grant (with Poorti Sapatnekar), 2018

ISA Global Health Section Prize for the best graduate student paper, 2016

Provost’s Faculty Scholarship Fund, Worcester State University, 2016

Provost’s Dissertation Research Award, Brandeis University, 2016

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, Brandeis University, 2015-2016
Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award, Brandeis University, 2015
Roche-Slapin Fellowship, Brandeis University Department of Politics, 2011-2015
Mellon Foundation Dissertation Research Grant, 2013 and 2014
Brandeis University Department of Politics Summer Research Grant, 2011-2015

PROFESSIONAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Maryland

Application evaluator, UMD Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards (ISRC), 2022

University of Maryland School of Public Policy

Co-chair, SPP MPP Program Evaluation Committee, 2024-present
Member, SPP MPP Program Review Committee, 2024-present
Member, SPP Global and International Policy Major working group, 2024-present
Member, SPP Research Seminar external speaker selection committee, 2023
co-Faculty Liaison, Women in Public Policy student group
Member, SPP Graduate Assessment Committee, 2022-2024
Member, SPP Undergraduate Assessment Committee, 2020-2022
Search committee member, International policy, 2021-22
Director, SPP Global Action and Problem Solving Focus Area (undergraduate program), 2019-2021
PhD committee member, Poorti Sapatnekar, Liz Tennant, Bryce Slinger, Jennifer Richmond, Juan Echenique, Peiyao Jia
Application evaluator, NASPAA Global Pandemic Simulation Competition, 2017

Worcester State University

Health Sciences Search Committee (Public Health), Worcester State University, 2016-2017
Health Sciences Search Committee (Health Education), Worcester State University, 2016-2017
Advisor, Eta Sigma Gamma Honors Society, Worcester State University, 2016-2017

Professional service

Editorial board member, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, 2025-present
Chair, ISA Global Health Studies Section, 2021-2024
Executive Committee Member, ISA Global Health Studies Section, 2019-2021
Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *European Review of International Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *BMJ Global Health*, *International Affairs*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of International Relations and Development*, *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, *Journal of Human Trafficking*, *World Politics*
Member, International Studies Association, 2013-present
Co-chair and Member, Women in International Politics and Security, 2012-2016