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EDUCATION

- 2024 (*Expected*) Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science
Brown University
Subfields: Comparative Politics (*distinction*) and International Relations
Dissertation committee: Prerna Singh (Chair), Gemma Dipoppa, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, and Richard Snyder
- 2020 Master of Arts in Political Science
Brown University
- 2015 Master of Public Health
Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health
- 2011 Bachelor of Arts in Brain, Behavior, and Cognitive Science
University of Michigan in Ann Arbor

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration and immigration; political and criminal violence; gender-based violence; ethnicity and nationalism; disasters; discrimination and stigma; social determinants of health

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

- 2022-Present Visiting Scholar
Korbel School of International Studies
- 2022-Present Visiting Scholar
Center for Immigration Policy and Research (CIPR)

BROWN UNIVERSITY

- 2021-Present NIH T32 Fellow and Trainee
Population Studies Training Center (PSTC)
- 2019-Present Affiliated Fellow
Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies

- 2020-2022 Research Consultant
Boundaries, Membership, and Belonging Program with the Canadian
Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR)
- 2019-2020 Graduate Program in Development Fellow
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs
- 2019-2020 Spatial Structures in Social Sciences Fellow
Population Studies Training Center (PSTC)

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

- 2020-Present Research Consultant
Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

- 2017-2019 Senior Research Associate and Senior Program Officer
Department of Population and Family Health, Mailman School of Public
Health

UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA

- 2017-2020 Senior Advisor for Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation
PUSKAPA, School of Social and Political Sciences
- 2015-2017 Technical Lead for Research
PUSKAPA, School of Social and Political Sciences

PEER-REVIEW PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Seff, I., **Bennouna, C.**, Gillespie, A., and Stark, L. (R&R). Meaning-focused coping as a cultural process: A mixed quantitative and PhotoVoice study of adolescents with Arab backgrounds overcoming stigma and harassment. *Social Science & Medicine*.
- Meyer, S.R., Gillespie, A., Seff, I., **Bennouna, C.**, Qushua, N., Tothezan, I., Boaten Boahen-Boaten, B., Allaf, C., & Stark, L. (In press). A relational approach to understanding suicide ideation among adolescents with a MENA background. *Society & Mental Health*.
- 2022 **Bennouna, C.**, Gillespie, A., Stark, L., & Seff, I. Norms, Repertoires, & Intersections: Towards an integrated theory of culture for health research and practice. *Social Science & Medicine*.
- Cohen, F., Meyer, S. **Bennouna, C.**, Seff, I., Allaf, C., & Stark, L. Intersectionality: Experiences of gender socialization and racialization for Iraqi students resettled in the United States. *Journal on Education in Emergencies*, special issue: *Gender in Education in Emergencies*.

- Gillespie, A., Brumbaum, H., **Bennouna, C.**, Meyer, S.R., & Stark, L. Opportunities and obstacles for achieving language equity among adolescents resettled from the Middle East and North Africa. *Journal of Refugee Studies*.
- Stark, L., Seff, I., Yu, G., Salama, M., Wessells, M., Allaf, C., & **Bennouna, C.** Correlates of suicide ideation and resilience among native- and foreign-born adolescents in the United States. *Journal of Adolescent Health*.
- 2021 **Bennouna, C.**, Giraudy, A., Moncada, E., Rios, E., Snyder, R., & Testa, P. Pandemic policymaking in presidential federations: Explaining subnational responses to Covid-19 in Brazil, Mexico, and the United States. *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, special issue: *Federalism and the Coronavirus Pandemic*.
- Bennouna, C.**, Brumbaum, H., McLay, M.M., Allaf, C., Wessells, M., & Stark, L. The role of culturally responsive social and emotional learning in supporting refugee inclusion and belonging: A thematic analysis of service provider perspectives. *PLoS ONE*.
- Seff, I., Gillespie, A., **Bennouna, C.**, Hassan, W., Robinson, M.V., Wessells, M., Allaf, C., & Stark, L. Psychosocial well-being, mental health, and available supports in an Arab enclave: Exploring outcomes for foreign-born and U.S.-born adolescents. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, special issue: *Struggle for Survival: Mental Health Risks of Refugee Children and Adolescents during Immigration and Repatriation*.
- Stark, L., Robinson, M.V., Gillespie, A., Aldrich, J., Hassan, W., Wessells, M., Allaf, C., & **Bennouna, C.** Supporting mental health and psychosocial wellbeing through social and emotional learning: A participatory study of conflict-affected youth resettled in the U.S. *BMC Public Health*.
- Testa, P., Snyder, R., Rios, E., Moncada, E., Giraudy, A., & **Bennouna, C.** Do social distancing policies work? Voluntary and mandatory population immobility in Brazil, Mexico, and the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy, and Law*, special issue: *Subnational COVID-19 Politics and Policy*.
- 2020 Ocampo, M. G., **Bennouna, C.**, Allaf, C., & Stark, L. We are here for the future of our kids: Parental involvement in refugee youth's educational endeavors in America. *Journal of Refugee Studies*.
- 2019 **Bennouna, C.**, Ocampo, M. G., Cohen, F., Basir, M., Wessells, M., & Stark, L. Ecologies of care: Mental health and psychosocial support for war-affected youth in the U.S. *Conflict & Health*, 13(47).
- Bennouna, C.**, Khauli, N., Basir, M., Allaf, C., Wessells, M., & Stark, L. School-based programs for supporting the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of conflict-affected adolescents resettled in high-income countries. *Social Science & Medicine*, 239.

- Arifiani, S.D. Handayani, S.A., Baumont, M., **Bennouna, C.**, & Kusumaningrum, S. Assessing large-scale violence against children surveys in selected Southeast Asian countries: a scoping review. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *93*, 149-161.
- Bermudez, L. G., Stark, L., **Bennouna, C.**, et al. Converging drivers of interpersonal violence: Findings from a qualitative study in post-hurricane Haiti. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, *89*, 178-191.
- Browne, A., **Bennouna, C.**, Asghar, K., Correa, C., Harker-Roa, A., & Stark, L. Risk and refuge: Adolescent boys' experiences of violence in "post-conflict" Colombia. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
- Mootz, J.J., Stark, L., Meyer, E., Asghar, K., Roa, A.H., Potts, A., Poulton, C., Marsh, M., Ritterbusch, A., & **Bennouna, C.** Examining intersections between violence against women and violence against children: Perspectives of adolescents and adults in displaced Colombian communities. *Conflict & Health*, 13-25.
- 2018 **Bennouna, C.**, Fischer, T., Wessells, M., & Boothby, N. Protecting children in disaster and war requires integrated household approaches. *International Journal of Child Health and Nutrition*, *7*(2).
- Williams, A., Kusumaningrum, S., **Bennouna, C.**, Usman R., Wandasari, W., & Stark, L. Using the theory of planned behavior to understand motivation to register births in Lombok, Indonesia. *Children & Society*, *32*(5).
- 2017 **Bennouna, C.**, van Boetzelaer, E., Rojas, L., Richard, K., Karume, G., Nshombo, M., Roberts, L., & Boothby, N. Monitoring and reporting attacks on education in Somalia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. *Disasters*, *42*(2), 314-335.
- Bennouna, C.**, Mansourian, H., & Stark, L. Ethical considerations for children's participation in assessments and related research during humanitarian emergencies: A Delphi review. *Conflict and Health*, *11*(1), 5.
- Chisolm-Straker, M., Jardine, L., **Bennouna, C.**, Morency-Brassard, N., Coy, L., Egemba, M. O., & Shearer, P. L. Transgender and Gender Nonconforming in Emergency Departments: A Qualitative Report of Patient Experiences. *Transgender Health*, *2*(1), 8-16.
- 2016 **Bennouna, C.**, Feldman, B., Usman, R., Adiputra, R., Kusumaningrum, S., & Stark, L. Using the three delays model to examine civil registration barriers in Indonesia. *PLoS ONE*, *11*(12): e0168405. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0168405.
- Bennouna, C.**, Ali, I., Nshombo, M., Karume, G., & Roberts, L. Improving surveillance of attacks on children and education in South Kivu: A knowledge collection and sensitivity analysis in the DR Congo. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, *11*(1), 69-77.

Snyder, S. A., Rahman, S., Hamilton, J.K., Hamdi, H.T., Columbia Epidemiology of Human Rights Study Group, Anand, A., Andel, A., Barlet, L., Bennington, J.L., **Bennouna, C.**, et al. The Eric Garner case: Statewide survey of NYS voters' response to proposed police accountability legislation. *Journal of Social Service Research*, 43(1), 1-17.

WORKING PAPERS

Bennouna, C. Predatory rentierism in migration: How debts, threats, and rackets shape lives on the move.

Bennouna, C. Remittance accountability: Transparent leadership and community norms in migrant-led development projects.

Bennouna, C. The two faces of remittances: How migradollars enhance wellbeing but enrich criminals.

Bennouna, C., Seff, I., Moinester, M., Gillespie, A., and Stark, L. The meanings of success: Understanding the aspirations of refugees resettled from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Iraq under varying contexts of reception.

Seff, I., Cord, Z., **Bennouna, C.** Abu-Rubieh, Z., Alvarez, V., Naseh, M., & Stark, L., Measuring refugee and immigrant success: A scoping review of multidimensional socioeconomic outcomes in the U.S.

EDITED VOLUMES & CHAPTERS

2021 Kusumaningrum, S., Patunru, A., Siagian, C., and **Bennouna, C.** A child's growth is a nation's growth: Children's wellbeing and inequality in Indonesia. In Barichello, R., Schwindt, R., & Patunru, A. (Eds.), *Trade, poverty and income distribution: The Indonesian experience*. Vancouver: *University of British Columbia Press*.

Siagian, C., Habib, M., **Bennouna, C.**, Agastya, N. L. P. M., Arifiani, S. D., Febrianto, R., Handayani, S. A., Wandasari, W., & Kusumaningrum, S. *Handbook for children's participation in research in Indonesia*. PUSKAPA, University of Indonesia.

2020 **Bennouna, C.** & Stark, L. Ethical and methodological considerations for researching children exposed to political violence. In Greenbaum, C.W., Haj-Yahia, M.M., & Hamilton, C. (Eds.), *Handbook of political violence and children: psychological effects, intervention and prevention policy*. *Oxford University Press*.

Bennouna, C., Stark, L., & Wessells, M. Children and adolescents in conflict and displacement. In Song, S.J. & Ventevogel, P. (Eds.), *Child, adolescent and family refugee mental health*. *Springer*.

2017 Powell, C. & **Bennouna, C.** Sex trafficking in the US. In Chisolm-Straker, C. & Stoklosa, H. (Eds.), *Human trafficking is a health issue*. *Springer International Publishing*.

- 2016 Meyer, S., **Bennouna, C.**, & Stark, L. Health and wellbeing of camp-living refugees. In Thomas, F. (Ed), Handbook of migration and health. *Edward Edgar Publishing.*

SELECT PUBLISHED REPORTS, BRIEFS, & ESSAYS

- 2023 **Bennouna, C.**, Seff, I., and Stark, L. How schools and other public services in the US can promote refugee integration. *Forced Migration Review*, special issue: *Sustainable Social and Economic Integration.*
- 2022 Bornschein, D., Martínez Álvarez, M.R., López Arenales, J.F., Serrano Tello, V., **Bennouna, C.**, et al. *Estudio de movilidad humana en Guatemala.* Japanese International Cooperation Agency.
- 2021 **Bennouna, C.** “How schools can help to welcome young Afghan newcomers.” *EdSurge.*
- 2019 **Bennouna, C.** “Latin America shuts out desperate Venezuelans but Colombia’s border remains open – for now.” *The Conversation.*
- 2018 **Bennouna, C.**, Kusumaningrum, S., Siagian, C., & Laugen, C. Social accountability in health in Indonesia: Lessons from programs. *Health, Nutrition, and Population Global Knowledge Brief Series.* Jakarta, Indonesia: The World Bank.
- Stark, L. & **Bennouna, C.** “If not family separation or family detention, then what?” *The Hill.*
- 2016 **Bennouna, C.** “Will child ID cards really protect children's rights?” *The Jakarta Post.*
- Bennouna, C.** “Reasons to care about your birth certificate.” *The Jakarta Post.*
- Bennouna, C.** & Kusumaningrum, S. Out of sight, out of reach: breaking the cycle of invisibility: CRVS and health (Legal Identity, CRVS, and Basic Services Policy Brief Series). Jakarta, Indonesia: Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), PUSKAPA, Australian Aid, and KOMPAK.
- Kusumaningrum, S., **Bennouna, C.**, Siagian, C., & Agastya, N.L.P.M. Back to what counts: Birth and death in Indonesia. Jakarta, Indonesia: Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), PUSKAPA, Australian Aid, and KOMPAK.

SELECT INVITED TALKS & MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2023 “From the battlefield to the home: Violence against women & girls in crises.” Inclusive National Security Series, The Center for Naval Analyses (CNA).
- “Ballots, pickets, and pocketbooks: How remittances shape social development.” Korbel Research Seminar, University of Denver.

- 2022 Panelist, Open Classroom - Strategies to Support Multilingual Learning, Wellbeing, & Equity in U.S. Schools. SALaMA Webinar Series, University of Washington in St. Louis.
- 2021 “COVID Policy Coordination: Subnational Responses to COVID-19 in Brazil, Mexico, and the US.” General Speaker Series, Duke University.
- 2020 “The Intensity and Inclusiveness of Nationalism and Everyday Citizenship.” Panel on National Identity and its Consequences in Comparative Perspective, American Political Science Association (APSA) annual conference.
- “The Comparative Politics of a Pandemic: Explaining Policy Responses to COVID-19 in Latin America’s Federations.” Population Health Colloquium Series Webinar, College of Health, Lehigh University.
- “Participatory Research Methods in Post-Disaster Haiti.” Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis.
- “Ceasefires and Electoral Behavior in Pre-Peace Colombia” (Citizen Responses to Violence, Crime and Corruption: Comparative Perspectives panel). Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (MPSA). (*Cancelled due to COVID-19).
- “Understanding Colombian Policy towards Venezuelan Migration.” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), Brown University.
- “Violence against Refugees: An Exploratory Geospatial Analysis.” Population Studies Training Center, Brown University.
- 2019 “The Politics of Forced Migration in Colombia.” The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.
- 2018 “Assessing the Social and Psychological Needs of Immigrant Children.” Education Talk Radio.
- “Study of Adolescent Lives after Migration to America (SALaMA): Assessing the needs of Arabic-speaking students resettled to the U.S.,” Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) 2018: Re-mapping Global Education, South-North Dialogue, Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2017 “Practical Considerations for Ethical Research on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse: From Data Collection to Dissemination,” ECPAT Technical Workshop and Conference: Practical Ethical Considerations for Involving Children in Research on Child Sexual Exploitation, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2016 “Birth and Death in Indonesia: A Mixed Methods Study,” Ministry of National Development Planning Workshop on Mixed Methods Approaches in Poverty Reduction Implementation Strategies, Bogor, Indonesia.

- 2015 “Mixed Methods in Action: Legal Identity Case Study in Indonesia,” Ministry of National Development Planning Workshop of Mixed Methods and Policy, Bogor, Indonesia.
- “Attacks on Education: Addressing the Data Challenge,” Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict International Seminar, Doha, Qatar.
- “Monitoring and Reporting Attacks on Education: The Cases of DRC and Somalia,” Columbia Global Centers – Africa Special Meeting on the Future of Education in Areas of Insecurity and Conflict, Nairobi, Kenya.

AWARDS

- 2022 Dissertation Research Grant in Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration, Russel Sage Foundation (\$9,995)
- Doctoral Fellowship, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University (\$31,809)
- Dissertation Improvement Grant, Department of Political Science, Brown University (\$3,000)
- 2021 T32 Fellowship, National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, NIH (\$41,836)
- 2019 Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Pre-dissertation Award, Brown University (\$1,500)
- Joukowsky Summer Research Award, Brown University (\$500)
- Graduate Program in Development (GPD) Summer Research Award, Brown University (\$500)
- Department of Political Science Research Award, Brown University (\$1000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Teaching Assistant, Nationalism, Ethnicity, and the State (IAPA 0500, undergraduate), Prerna Singh
- Teaching Assistant, Politics of the Illicit Global Economy (POLS 1020, undergraduate), Peter Andreas
- 2020 Teaching Assistant, Quantitative Research Methods II (POLS 2590, doctoral), Rob Blair
- Teaching Assistant, Topics in American Constitutional Law (POLS 1010, undergraduate), Corey Brettschneider

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION

- 2023 Sam Colvett, Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
Baffour Boahen-Boaten, Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2022 Allie Gillespie, Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2021 Hannah Brumbaum, Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis
Maria Ocampo, Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis
Flora Cohen, Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis
Molly McLay, Brown School of Social Work, Public Health, and Social Policy, Washington University in St. Louis
Mariam Salama, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins
- 2019 Amanda Browne, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- 2018 Mashal Basir, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- 2017 Nicole Khauli, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
- 2016 Jessica Milberg-Haydu, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Anaise Williams, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Brooke Feldman, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Kathryn Davis, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Yeray Medina, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer reviewer: Social Science & Medicine; SSM - Population Health; PLoS ONE; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Publius: The Journal of Federalism; Global Public Health; Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health; Journal of General and Emergency Medicine; Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies

Steering committee member: Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Western Regional Conference 2023: Education, Migration, and Human Rights

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English (native), French (C2), Spanish (C1)

REFERENCES

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