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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Middlebury College
Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Political Science
Director, Center for Teaching, Learning, and Research (July 1, 2026-)

Non-Resident Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (2026-2029)

PRIOR APPOINTMENTS

Academic in Residence, CMI-Martti Ahtisaari Foundation (2025-2026)
Visiting Senior Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (Fall 2025)
Director, Kathryn Wasserman Davis Conflict Transformation Collaborative (2022-2025), Middlebury
Associate Professor (2015-22); Assistant Professor (2011-15), Visiting Professor (2008-10), Middlebury

EDUCATION

PhD, University of California, Berkeley, political science (2008)
BA, Dartmouth College, government major, cum laude (2000)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Sarah Stroup and Wendy Wong, *The Authority Trap: Strategic Choices of International NGOs*. Cornell University Press, 2017. *Outstanding Book 2019, Nonprofit & Voluntary Action Research, ARNOVA*.

Sarah Stroup, *Borders Among Activists: International NGOs in the United States, Britain, and France*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2012.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Sarah Bush and Sarah Stroup, "Stay Off My Field: policing boundaries in human rights and democracy promotion," *International Theory* 15:2 (July 2023): 263-290. DOI: [10.1017/S1752971922000161](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1752971922000161)

Elizabeth Bloodgood, Sarah Stroup, and Wendy Wong, "What Counts? How to use different sources of NGO data," *Voluntas* 34 (2023): 126-132. DOI: [10.1007/s11266-021-00396-w](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-021-00396-w).

Alfred Oduro, Takumi Shibaiki, Sarah Stroup, and Wendy Wong, "The Stories They Tell: What INGO Mission Statements Reveal about their Authority," *Global Society* 37:1 (2023): 23-50.

Sarah Stroup, "NGO-State Relations: Exploring National Diversity and Global Liberalism," *International Studies Review*, 24:1 (March 2022). DOI: [10.1093/isr/viac011](https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viac011)

George E. Mitchell and Sarah Stroup, "The Domestic Environment for US Development NGOs," *Development in Practice*, 30:6 (2020): 774-783.

Sarah Stroup and Wendy Wong, "Authority, Strategy, and Influence: Environmental INGOs in Comparative Perspective," *Environmental Politics* 27:6 (2018): 1101-1121.

George E. Mitchell and Sarah Stroup, "The Reputations of NGOs: Peer Evaluations of Effectiveness," *Review of International Organizations* 12:3 (September 2017): 397-419.

Sarah Stroup and Wendy Wong, "The Agency and Authority of International NGOs," *Perspectives on Politics* 14 (March 2016): 138-44.

Sarah Stroup and Wendy Wong, "Come Together? Different Pathways to International NGO Centralization," *International Studies Review* 15 (June 2013): 163-84.

Amanda Murdie and Sarah Stroup, "There's no place like home: Explaining International NGO advocacy," *Review of International Organizations* 7 (December 2012): 425-448.

Book Chapters

Sarah Stroup, "Humanitarian Organizations," *Handbook on Humanitarianism and Inequality*, Silke Roth, Tobias Denskus, and Bandana Purkayastha, eds (Edward Elgar, February 2024): 108-124.

Sarah Stroup, "NGO Interactions with States," in *Routledge Handbook of NGOs and International Relations*, Thomas Davies, editor (New York: Routledge, 2019): 32-45.

Sarah Stroup and Wendy Wong, "Leading Authority as Hierarchy among INGOs," in *Hierarchies in World Politics*, Ayse Zarakol, editor (Cambridge, 2017): 175-197.

Sarah Stroup, "National Origin and Global Activism," in Thomas Olesen, ed., *Power and Transnational Activism* (Routledge, 2011).

Other Publications and Media

Sarah Stroup, "Who Leads, who follows? Civil society, states, and transitional justice," *International Politics* (review of *Governing Truth* by Kelebogile Zvobgo), forthcoming 2026.

Sarah Stroup, "Constructing the Legitimacy of Mediators," *CMI Analysis Paper*, forthcoming June 2026.

Jennifer Hadden and Sarah Stroup, "International aid groups are dealing with the pain of slashed USAID funding by cutting staff, localizing and coordinating better," *The Conversation*, January 16, 2026 ([link](#)).

Sarah Stroup, "Information Bubbles and US Foreign Policy," *FIIA Comment Paper*, December 11, 2025 ([link](#)).

Sarah Stroup, "Global Development in Crisis: responding to America's retreat," *FIIA Briefing Paper 420*, October 2025 ([link](#)).

Sarah Stroup, "US isn't first country to dismantle its foreign aid office- here's what happened after the UK killed its version of USAID," *The Conversation*, March 19, 2025 ([link](#)). Also see [WCAX](#) and [KCBS](#) stories.

Sarah Stroup, host, *Opening Up: A Conflict Transformation Podcast* (<https://openingupmidd.libsyn.com/>)

Sarah Stroup, "Taking the Law into Their Own Hands?" *Current History* 122: 840 (January 2023): 38-40.

Scholars at Risk, "The Engaged Listening Project," *Free to Think Podcast*, May 31, 2021 ([link](#)).

Sarah Stroup, review, *The Paradox of Scale*, by Cristina Balboa, *Journal of Development Studies* (2021).

Sarah Stroup, "Principles or Practices? The model for hosting outside speakers is fundamentally flawed," *InsideHigherEd.com*, November 9, 2020 ([link](#)).

Sarah Stroup, "NGOs and States in Global Politics: A Brief Review," *e-IR.info*, August 3, 2020 ([link](#)).

Sarah Stroup and Wendy Wong, Response to critics, *International Politics Reviews* 6:2 (October 2018).

Jin-Mi Sohn and Sarah Stroup, "Deliberation and Dialogue on a Divided Campus," Brown University Swearer Center Working Paper, <https://www.educatingfordemocracy.org/blog>, May 2018.

Sarah Stroup and Steven Viner, "Teaching Philanthropy in the 'Middlebury Bubble'," *Histphil.org*, May 2017.

Sarah Stroup, "Refugee politics from the local to the international," *openDemocracy.net*, Feb 21, 2017.

- Jamie McCallum and Sarah Stroup, "The right place for the left? The World Social Forum in Montreal," *openDemocracy.net*, September 20, 2016.
- Jamie McCallum and Sarah Stroup, "The World Social Forum – 'anti-Davos' – just concluded. Here's what happened." *The Monkey Cage [Washington Post]*, Aug 18, 2016.
- Sarah Stroup and Amy Yuen, "So you want to be a Liberal Arts College Professor, Parts I and II," *duckofminerva.com*, April 28 and May 2, 2016.
- Sarah Stroup, book review, *Environmentalism, Resistance, and Solidarity*, by Brian Doherty and Timothy Doyle. *Environmental Politics*, 15:2 (May 2015).
- Sarah Stroup, "Coming Together, or Falling Apart? Internationalizing human rights NGOs," *openDemocracy.net*, January 20, 2015.
- Sarah Stroup, book review, *The Credibility of Transnational NGOs*, edited by Peter Gourevitch, David Lake, and Janice Gross Stein, *Perspectives on Politics* 12 (March 2014): 282-3.
- Sarah Stroup, "During Lop-sided Super Bowl, no clear winner in SodaStream ad controversy," *Huffington Post*, February 3, 2014.
- Lindsay Heger, Danielle Jung, Sarah Stroup, and Wendy Wong, "A Common Framework for Understanding Non-State Organizations," *One Earth Future Research Report*, May 2014.
- Vulnerability of Cities: New Challenges for Humanitarians*, report for Save the Children, 2012.
- Disaster Risk Reduction: Understanding Costs & Benefits*, report for Save the Children, 2011.
- Understanding the Divide: Giving & Global Engagement*, report for Bridging the Divide, 2011.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Jeffrey R. Cason Memorial Field Work Fund, \$5,000, Middlebury College, 2025-26
- Whiting Fellowship, \$5,894, Marion and Jasper Whiting Foundation, 2025-26
- Faculty Director, [Engaged Listening Project](#), \$800,000, Mellon Foundation, 2018-21
- Insight Grant, Social Sciences Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), \$262,365, 2017-2023
- ATI Challenge Award recipient (with Bush), \$2,000, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse Univ, 2018
- Higher Education and Democratic Practice initiative, \$500, Brown University Swearer Center, 2018
- Ron and Jessica Liebowitz Fund for Innovation (FFI) grant, \$2,000, Listen/Learn project, 2017-18
- Undergraduate Collaborative Research Funding, Middlebury College, Summer 2017
- One Middlebury Fund, collaboration with Edward Laurance, Fall 2016 and Fall 2017
- Undergraduate Collaborative Research Funding (with McCallum), Middlebury College, Summer 2016
- Learning by Giving Foundation, \$10,000 for teaching on philanthropy, January 2015
- Community Engagement, Middlebury, \$3,000 for teaching on philanthropy, January 2015
- M-Squared Initiative, Middlebury College, \$4,250 for non-state actors workshop, March 2014
- Once Upon A Time Foundation, \$100,000 grant for teaching on philanthropy, January 2013
- Ada Howe Kent grant for course development, \$3,000, Middlebury College, Winter Term 2013
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Course Development Grant, \$3,000, Fall 2012
- Research Start-up Funds for Tenure Track Faculty, Middlebury College, January 2012-Aug 2014
- Faculty Research Assistant Fund, Middlebury College, Fall 2009-present
- Finishing Year Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2007-2008
- John Simpson Memorial Fellow, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, 2007-2008
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellow, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, 2006-2007
- Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2006-2007
- Graduate Fellowship, Department of Political Science, UC Berkeley, 2001-2003
- Dickey Center (Dartmouth College), Post-Graduate Fellowship Grant, Fall 2000
- Anne Armstrong Leadership Award, Center for Strategic and Int'l Studies, Fall 2000 (declined)
- War and Peace Studies Fellow, Dickey Center, Dartmouth College, 1999-2000
- Recipient, Rockefeller Center Internship Grant, Dartmouth College, June 1999

ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS

Institute for Citizens and Scholars, Civic Measurement Working Group, April 2024.
 Book workshop, manuscript by Sarah Bush and Jennifer Hadden, University of Maryland, April 2023.
 Advancing Global Liberalism workshop, Berggruen Institute, Los Angeles, CA, November 2019.
 Book workshop, manuscript by Suparna Chaudhry, Newport News, VA, October 2019.
 PEN America, faculty workshop on campus free speech, September 2019.
 Annotated Transparency Initiative Challenge, QDR workshop in New York, November 29-30, 2018.
 Transnational Social Movement Organizations, workshop at University of Pittsburgh, September 2018.
 Pressure Groups and Intergovernmental Organizations, workshop at Princeton University, Oct 2017.
 Organizational Ecology and International NGOs, workshop at Princeton University, December 2016.
 Nonstate Actors Workshop (co-organizer), University of Toronto, March 2014.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES***Invited Talks***

Berghof Foundation, July 8, 2026
 SITRA (Helsinki, Finland), Foresight and Analysis Team, December 17, 2025
 Workshop facilitator, Tampere Peace Day, November 27, 2025
 University of Rotterdam, November 26, 2025
 Hanken School of Economics HUMLOG Institute, November 13, 2025
 Finnish Development NGO Platform (FINGO), November 11, 2025
 FIIA Panel on global development, October 28, 2025
 2025 SUNY New Paltz Gary King Lecture in Applied Social Science, April 25, 2025
 McGill University, Centre for International Peace and Security Studies, February 21, 2025
 Post-election webinar, Constructive Dialogue Institute, November 19, 2024
 Eastview Community, Middlebury, April 16, 2026; March 6, 2025; March 1, 2023; March 25, 2021;
 February 8, 2018
 Bristol Social Justice Discussion Group, Thursday, September 27, 2024
 AAUW Middlebury, March 21, 2023
 Princeton University, IR Faculty Colloquium, April 15, 2019
 Speakers Bureau, Vermont Humanities Council, Essex Junction, VT, March 6, 2019
 Monterey Institute for International Studies, public talk, Monterey, CA, April 3, 2018
 University of Toronto, public talk, January 18, 2018
 Bowdoin College, public lecture, April 8, 2014
 Dartmouth College, government department, Hanover, NH, May 16, 2013
 Monterey Institute for International Studies, public talk, Monterey, CA, February 17, 2011
 Participant, planning session, Humanitarian Domain, Hauser Center, Harvard, April 2010
 Colgate University, government department, November 2007
 University of California at Berkeley, International Relations colloquia, October 2007
 College of William and Mary, political science department lunch talk, September 21, 2007

Manuscript Reviewer (select list)

British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Cornell University Press, International Interactions, International Organization, International Politics, International Studies Quarterly, International Studies Review, International Theory, Journal of Human Rights, National Science Foundation (SES), Oxford University Press, Perspectives on Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Princeton University Press, Review of International Organizations, Review of International Studies, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Social Science & Humanities Research Council [CA], Voluntas, World Politics

Professional Memberships

National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation, May 2023-present
American Political Science Association, 2002-present
International Studies Association, 2003-present
Association for Research on Nonprofit Orgs and Voluntary Action, 2011-present
International Society for Third-Sector Research, 2019-present

OTHER TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Basic Mediation training, Reflective Practice Institute, Vermont, May-August 2024
Introduction to Restorative Practices, Middlebury College, June 2023
Dialogue Across Differences training, Essential Partners, Cambridge, Massachusetts, May 2018
International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap, American University, June 2014
Problem-Based Service Learning: A Curriculum Development Institute, Middlebury, January 2010
Atlantic Council of the US, Intern in the Program on Asia, Washington DC, Fall 2000
National Security Council, Intern in Executive Secretary, Washington, DC, Summer 1999

LANGUAGES

French (reading proficiency, basic conversational)
Chinese (basic conversational)