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HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Extensive research experience with both qualitative and quantitative methods, including in-depth interviews, data analysis, and archival research.
- Experience working with global research teams, including supervising research and data collection projects on a variety of subjects including gender, armed conflict, social protection policies, and global health.
- Excellent communications skills, such as the ability to translate and present research findings to the general public and public policy audiences.
- Strategic, creative, and analytical thinker. Excellent writer and editor.

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Sociology

Berkeley, California

August 2017-September 2023

St. Cross College, University of Oxford

Master of Science in Latin American Studies (distinction honors for MSc thesis)

Oxford, United Kingdom

October 2014-June 2016

Pembroke College, University of Oxford

Visiting Student in Politics and Law

Oxford, United Kingdom

October 2011- June 2012

Barnard College, Columbia University

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (cum laude honors + distinction honors for senior thesis)

New York, New York

August 2009 - May 2013

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Stallone, K. (2023) "The Strategic Use of Intimacy in Armed Conflicts." *Third World Quarterly*.

Stallone, K. (2021). "Strategic Submission to Rape is Not Consent: Sexual Violence in the Colombian Armed Conflict." *Violence Against Women*.

Stallone, K., and Zulver, J. (2024) "The Gendered Risks of Social Leadership in Contexts Governed by Armed Groups: Evidence from Colombia." *The Journal of Peace Research*.

Stallone, K. and Braun, R. (2023) "Defiant Conformists: Gender and Resistance Against Genocide." *Theory and Society*.

Kane, G., Moragas, M. and Stallone, K. (2023). "Framejacking Rights Discourse to Undermine Latin American Multilateral Human Rights Institutions." In L. Payne, J. Zulver, and S. Escoffier (eds). *The Right Against Rights*. Oxford University Press.

Braun, R. and Stallone, K. (2023). "Interregional Networks and Conventionalized Gender Roles in Civilian Resistance Against Genocide: Evidence from the Holocaust in the Low Countries." In Jana Krause, Juan Masullo, Emily Paddon Rhoads, and Jennifer Walk (eds). *Civilian Agency and Civilian Protection in Violent Settings*. Oxford University Press.

Payne, L. and Stallone, K. "When Combatants Speak About Sexual Violence: The Left Unsettled." Accepted: *International Feminist Journal of Politics*.

In Progress:

Stallone, K. "Silences that Speak: Deciphering the Unsaid while Protecting Women from Sexual and Domestic Violence in the Midst of Colombia's Armed Conflict." In Julia Zulver and Kiran Stallone (eds.) *The Fight for Women's Rights*. (Contract with Palgrave Macmillan)

Arjona, A., Moore, S. and Stallone, K. "A Research Agenda on Gender and Data Collection on Civil War Phenomena." In progress.

Stallone, K. "Recruitment Via Intimacy as a Strategic Practice of War: Evidence from Colombia." In progress.

RESEARCH AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

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Ladysmith Consultancy

August 2023-present

Researcher

- Ladysmith is a consultancy that works with multilateral agencies to develop and execute gender-sensitive research projects that address women's economic empowerment, WPS, gender-based violence, family planning, health, and care work.
- Provide consultation services on research design; project setup and management strategies; data collection methods (including interviews and surveys); the presentation of findings; and drafting and editing final deliverables.
- Writing, editing and secondary research for UN Women on its 2024 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development, which focused on "Harnessing social protection for gender equality, resilience and transformation".
- Project development, interviews, coordination with funders, data collection, analysis, and writing final deliverables for UN Women on a project that aims to comprehend the global pushback against human rights and gender equality by mapping pro-rights organizations countering this pushback.
- Developed a global tool for UNICEF to collect, analyze and present data on gender and immunization barriers and solutions. Supervised multiple team members to create an innovative methodological and theoretical framework, as well as detailed interview guides and a comprehensive review of existing tools.
- Research consultant on gender and health for UNICEF on three projects focused on gendered barriers to vaccination in Nigeria, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Support with: project development (including research methodology and project setup, development of KII and FGD guides, surveys, and client interactions); secondary research; supervision of research assistants and interviewers; analysis of findings; final reports; presenting findings to funders and other key stakeholders.

UNICEF

October 2023-April 2024

Consultant

- Research consultant for a gendered analysis of social protection measures under the Gender Responsive and Age Sensitive Research Program (GRASSP) Research Stream 3, in Ethiopia.
- Report writing, interviewing, qualitative analysis of primary interview data, coordination and project management strategies with UNICEF team; secondary literature research.

University of Oxford

May 2023-present

International Coordinator and Project Manager

- Creating a global network of researchers and practitioners for the British Academy-Knowledge Frontiers Project "The Rise of the Right against Rights and Global (Dis)Order in Latin America and Beyond" (directed by Oxford Professor Leigh Payne); write grant proposals and research for additional funding; meet regularly with team members across Latin America to develop project goals and agendas.

SSHRC Insight Development Grant

January 2022-December 2022

Researcher

- Project: At the Edge of Safety: Comparing Responses to Venezuelan LGBT Refugees in Brazil and Colombia amid COVID-19. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
- Supported the Colombia portion of a grant project on how Venezuelan LGBTQI+ asylum seekers/refugees experience human (in)security at the border between Colombia and Venezuela.
- Organized and managed Colombia fieldwork and survey implementation; built connections with local organizations; conducted in-depth interviews and data analysis to be used for final academic and policy publications.

Northwestern University, Political Science Department

Fall 2021

Researcher

- Hired by Professor Ana Arjona to conduct interviews and lead focus groups in seven communities affected by the Colombian armed conflict. Interviews and focus groups examined conflict legacies, illicit economies, political participation, and electoral patterns in seven different Colombian conflict zones.
- Conducted approximately 75 individual interviews and seven small group workshops with 6-10 people each; coordinated and managed data collection on the ground at each field site.

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UC Berkeley, Sociology Department

July 2020 – December 2020

Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)

- Archival data collection, coding, data analysis, and secondary literature review for a book chapter and article co-authored with Robert Braun on armed conflict and gendered civilian agency during WWII.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Expert witness for United States asylum hearings; provide country condition reports for Colombians who have been impacted by armed conflict violence and are seeking safety in the United States. Testify in court when necessary.

SELECTED PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Zulver, J. and Stallone, K. (6 February 2023). Why are Rights Activists Targeted in Colombia? Featured Q&A. *Latin America Advisor (Inter-American Dialogue)*.

Stallone, K. and Zulver, J. (21 June 2022) Will Gustavo Petro Live Up to His Promises to Colombia's Women? *Al Jazeera*.

Stallone, K. and Zulver, J. (12 April 2022) A Colombian Town's Spike in Femicides is Linked to Armed Groups. *The New Humanitarian*.

Moore, S. and Stallone, K. (15 March 2022) In Colombia, Abortion is No Longer a Crime. But Rural Women Will Still Find It Hard to Get One. *Washington Post*.

Ritholtz, S. and Stallone, K. (3 February 2022) 'It Gives Me Joy': The LGBT Colombians Embracing Visibility in a Town with a Legacy of Abuse. *The Guardian*.

Stallone, K. and Janetsky M. (12 August 2021) US Put Billions Into Colombia. Five Years After Peace Deal, Violence Has Returned. *USA Today*.

Stallone, K. and Janetsky, M. (22 July 2021) 'I'm Not Alone': Survivors Organize Against Sexual Violence in Colombia. *The Guardian*.

Janetsky, M. and Stallone, K. (17 July 2021) Colombia's 'Ghost Towns' Threatened by New Wave of Violence. *Al Jazeera*.

Stallone, K. and Grattan, S. (1 March 2021) The Midwives Braving Armed Gangs in Colombia. *BBC News*.

Grattan, S. and Stallone, K. (1 March 2021) In Colombian Port Town, LGBT Community Faces Increasing Threats. *Al Jazeera*.

Stallone, K. and Zulver, J. (Winter 2017) Is 'FARC Feminism' For Real? *Ms. Magazine*.

Stallone, K. and Zulver, J. (19 June 2017). Female FARC Fighters' Daily Lives in a Demobilization Camp. *Open Democracy*.

Stallone, K. (18 May 2017). Yoga en Bogotá: mujeres combatientes de las FARC miran el futuro desde la cárcel. *Democracia Abierta*.

Stallone, K. (17 May 2017). Yoga in Bogotá: Imprisoned Female FARC Combatants Look to the Future. *Open Democracy*.

Stallone, K. and Zulver, J. (27 March 2017). The Feminists of the FARC. *The Guardian*.

Stallone, K. (22 March 2013). Walls Speak in Argentina: Interpreting Political Graffiti About the Dictatorship. *The Nation*.

EDITING EXPERIENCE

Peterson's EssayEdge Online Editing Services, Lincoln, N.E.

October 2014-present

Editor and Lead Trainer

- Edit and proofread academic writing and graduate admissions essays on all subjects. Online remote work.
- Train newly hired editors through a self-developed on-boarding process.

Freelance Editor and Translator

June 2013-present

- Paid to edit and translate books, dissertations, academic articles, and legal documents for clients from a variety of academic and political backgrounds. Translations from Spanish to English.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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Cárcel Buen Pastor (Bogotá Women's Prison), Bogotá, Colombia

April 2017-July 2017

Yoga Instructor

- Taught weekly yoga classes in Spanish to female FARC political prisoners in the Bogotá Buen Pastor prison through the Fundación Teatro Interno.

Misión de Observación Electoral (MOE), Bogotá, Colombia

October 2016

International Election Observer

- Objectively monitored and reported on the 2 October 2016 Colombian Peace Plebiscite between the government and the FARC-EP.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UC Berkeley Graduate Student Instructor (GSI), Berkeley, California

August 2018 – Spring 2019

GSI for UC Berkeley undergraduates in “Introduction to Sociology” in Spring 2019 and Fall 2018.

Unidad de Víctimas and Fundación Starcop, Bogotá, Colombia

August 2015

Workshop Leader

- Paid to develop materials and teach a workshop on conflict reparations and women's legal rights in Colombia to a group of 20 women community leaders and victims of the Colombian armed conflict.

PAST PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

“Confessions to Intimate Violence: FARC Testimonies to Sexual Violations in the Colombian Conflict,” (Panel: Intimacies of Violence: Ex-combatants and Post-conflict Memory-making), International Studies Association (ISA), San Francisco, California (April 2023)

“The Gendered Risks of Defending Rights in Armed Conflict: Evidence from Colombia,” Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), virtual talk. (August 2023).

“The Gendered Risks of Social Leadership in Contexts Governed by Armed Groups: Evidence from Colombia,” Conflict Research Society Annual Conference (CRS), Belfast, Northern Ireland (September 2022).

“Love in War? The Strategic Use of Attraction in Colombia's Armed Conflict,” European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), Ljubljana, Slovenia (July 2022).

“A Research Agenda on Gender and Data Collection on Civil War Phenomena.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference (LASA), virtual panel (May 2022).

“‘God Gave Us the Victory’: Framejacking Rights Discourse to Undermine Latin American Multilateral Human Rights Institutions,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference (LASA), virtual panel (May 2022).

“The Gendered Nature of Threats and Murders of Women Social Leaders in Colombia,” Feminist Takes on Rebel Warfare and Civil War, Stockholm, Sweden (virtual, March 2022).

“Love in War? The Strategic Use of Attraction in Colombia's Armed Conflict,” Decolonising the Research Agenda on the Continuum of Violence against Women in Latin America: Network of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies, Bogotá, Colombia (March 2022)

“Defiant Conformists: Gender and Resistance Against Genocide,” (Panel: Dynamics in War, Peace, Resistance and Solidarity), American Sociological Association Virtual Conference (August 2021).

“Gendering War, Gendering Peace: Evaluating the Winners and Losers in Colombia's Peace Process to Date,” Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, Barcelona, Spain (May 2018).

“Sexual Violence in the Colombian Armed Conflict: Strategic Victims in War,” (Panel: Colombia After the Peace Accords: New Challenges, New Paths Forward from a Multidisciplinary Perspective), Latin American Centre Conference, University of Oxford (December 2017).

“Alternate Accounts from Women in the FARC: Diverse Realities in Colombia's Armed Conflict,” (Panel: Gendering War, Gendering Peace: Women as Perpetrators and Victims in Colombia's Transitional Process), Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, Lima, Peru (April 2017).

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“Female FARC Combatants and Sexual Violence: Challenges and Solutions on the Path to Recognition,” (Conference: Women’s Social Movements in Contemporary Latin America), Latin American Centre, University of Oxford (January 2017).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English: Native language | **Spanish:** Full professional fluency (reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension)