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Key Research Areas: Natural Resource Conflict; War Economies; Livelihood (&) Security; Africa; Conservation and Development; Informal Economies; Political Ecology

**Visiting Professor of Human Geography** – Department of Geography, University of California – Berkeley, January 2016-

**Lecturer of Human-Environment Relations** – School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, January 2013 – December 2015

**Assistant Professor of Human Geography** – Department of Environment and Society, College of Natural Resources, Utah State University, September 2008 – December 2012

**Academic Qualifications**

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- 2007-2008 Post-Doctoral Fellow in Sustainability Science, Center for International Development, Harvard University. Fellowship Hosts: Dr. P. Peters, Dr J. Leaning, Dr. E. Werker, Dr. W. Clark
- 2007 Ph.D. University of Oregon, Environmental Geography. Dissertation: *The Greening of the Fortress: Reclaiming the politics of exclusion in a green era*, Advisor: Dr. P. Walker
- 2001 M.A. (*summa cum laude*) Ohio University, Geography. Thesis: *Border Crossings: An Investigation into Transboundary Wildlife Management in Botswana*, Advisor: Dr. B. Jokisch

**Consultancy Work**

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- Qualitative Specialist for the World Bank Monitoring and Evaluation Project, “Making Services Work for the Poor in Fragile and Conflict-affected Contexts: An Impact Evaluation of the *Tuumgane* Community Scorecard Approach” Funded by Department for International Development (DFID), March 2015 – Current.
- Providing the Evaluation and Monitoring Training Module for the High-quality Research Support Programme, co-implemented by Transparency Solutions, University of Bristol, and the Observatory of Conflict and Violence Prevention. Funded by Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Hargeisa, Somaliland 4-8 Jan 2016 (this workshop is scheduled to be held again in 2016-2017).
- Lead Consultant for Peace Direct’s Conflict Prevention in South Kivu Program, Funded by United States Institute of Peace (USIP), August – September 2014.

## **Teaching** (Note: The following represent the classes developed while at tenure at Bristol only)

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Undergraduate Units: (Includes: Student Year; Role; Class Format; Assessment Type)

- Political Ecology (Year 3) – Instructor – Lectures; Discussion; Student-Led Learning – Weekly Blog Posts; Group Presentation; Group Project; Research Paper; Consumption Diary; Life History Essay
- Human Geography Fieldtrip: Barcelona (Year 2) – Contribute one of three modules – Practical Based – Written Reflection Essays
- World in Crisis (Year 1) – Contribute 2 lectures – Lecture Based – Single Final Exam

Graduate Units: (Includes: Student Year; Role; Class Format; Assessment Type)

- People and Protected Areas – Instructor – Seminar Based – Presentation/Discussion Leader; Final Paper
- Violent Environments: Geography of Conflict – Instructor – Seminar Based including thematic Workshops – Presentation/Discussion Leader; Final Paper
- Advanced Qualitative Research Methods – Instructor – Seminar Based – Practicals; Final Paper

## **Publications**

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Academic Journal Papers (Referred):

Larmer, M. Laudati, A. and Clark, JF. 2013. “Neither War nor Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Profiting and coping amid violence and disorder”, *Review of African Political Economy* 40: 1-12.

Laudati, A. 2013. “Beyond Minerals: Broadening ‘economies of violence’ in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo”, *Review of African Political Economy* 40: 32-50.

Burnham, M., Radel, C., Ma, Z. and Laudati, A. 2013. “Extending a Geographic Lens Towards Climate Justice 1: Climate Change Characterization and Impacts”, *Geography Compass* 7 (3) 239-248.

Burnham, M., Radel, C., Ma, Z. and Laudati, A. 2013. “Extending a Geographic Lens Towards Climate Justice 2: Climate Action”, *Geography Compass* 7 (3): 228-238.

Paulson, N., A. Laudati, A. Doolittle, M. Welsh-Devine, and Pena, P. 2012. “Indigenous Peoples’ Participation in Global Conservation: Looking beyond headdresses and face paint”, *Environmental Values* 21(3): 255-276.

Laudati, A. 2011. “Victims of Discourse: Narratives of Fear and Insecurity in Jonglei State, South Sudan”, *African Geographical Review* 30: 15-32.

Laudati, A. 2010. “The Encroaching Forest: Struggles over Land and Resources on the Boundary of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda”, *Society and Natural Resources* 23 (8): 776 – 789.

Laudati, A. 2010. "Ecotourism: The Modern Predator? Implications of Gorilla Tourism Policies on Local Livelihoods in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park, Uganda", *Environment and Planning D* 28 (4): 726 – 743.

Chapters in Edited Books:

Laudati, A. 2014. "From out of the Shadows: Negotiating Livelihood in Eastern DRC's Cannabis Trade," In: (eds) G. Klantschnig, N. Carrier, and C. Ambler. *Drugs in Africa*. Palgrave, pp. 161-180.

### **Forthcoming Publications**

Laudati, A. Forthcoming. "The Making of a Shadow Economy: Securing Insecurity in Eastern DRC's Cannabis Trade," *Review of African Political Economy*

Barclay, S. M. and Laudati, A. Forthcoming. The Changing Face of Chhattara: African Migrants, Mobilities, and Movements in Barcelona. In Bloom, R.T. (eds) *Movers and Stayers: Sub-Saharan African Migration Decisions and Changing Conditions in the Mediterranean*.

Laudati, A. and Rivas, A.M. 2016. (Edited Volume). *Researching Conflict: Nuance, Nonsense, and New Sensibilities*. Zed Books.

### **Research Grants**

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2015	£3450	Co- Investigator	AWAITING
<b>Researching Conflict and Violence: A Critical Workshop on Research Processes.</b>			
University of Bath Alumni Grant Proposal.			
2015	£3100	Principal Investigator	AWARDED
<b>Writing (about) Violence: Politics, Aesthetics, and Politics of W(a)V.</b> ESRC SWDTC			
Advanced Training			
2015	£2520	Principal Investigator	AWARDED
<b>Knowing War: Mapping crisis and the application of mobile technologies in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.</b> FSSL Strategic Research Initiatives Scheme.			
2014	£2750	Principal Investigator	AWARDED
<b>Researching Conflict: Methods and Ethics.</b> ESRC Advanced Training Grant.			
2013-2016	\$120,000	Principal Investigator	AWARDED
<b>Violent Economies: Unearthing the linkages between natural resources and violent conflict in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.</b> United States Institute of Peace.			
2012-2013	\$37,099	Principal Investigator	AWARDED
2013-2014	\$35,323		
<b>From Coltan to Cattle: Unearthing violence in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.</b> Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Research Grant.			

2011-2012                      \$34,974                      Principal Investigator                      AWARDED  
**Securing Livelihoods From Insecurity: Grassroots Actors And Parallel Economies Of Accumulation In War-Torn DRC.** Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, International Collaborative Research Grant.

2010-2011                      \$ 5,961                      Principal Investigator                      AWARDED  
**Engaged Classrooms: Integrating local African place into the global space of USU students.** Office of Global Engagement, Internationalizing Curriculum Seed Grant (USU)

2009-2011                      \$1,500                      Principal Investigator                      AWARDED  
**Rustling in the Desert: A political ecology of the trade in wild and endangered cacti in the American Southwest.** Cactus and Succulent Society of America, Research Grant

2008-2009                      \$20,000                      Principal Investigator                      AWARDED  
**The Natural Face of Conflict: Resources and the Politics of Identity in Africa's New Wars.** Vice President of Research, Research Catalyst Award (USU)

### Invited Presentations

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2015 – Panelist in workshop entitled, “New digital methodologies in humanities, social sciences and modern languages: learning from Quipu” University of Bristol, Bristol, December.

2015 – “The Making of a Shadow Economy: DRC’s Cannabis Trade” War Studies, King’s College, London, March.

2014 – “Congo’s Green Gold: New Sites of Congo’s Resource Curse” Center for African Studies, Stanford University, Palo Alto, April.

2013 – “Securing Insecurity: Rethinking Livelihoods, Violence, and Vulnerability in DRC's Cannabis Trade” Political Ecology Speaker Series. Cambridge University, Cambridge, November.

2013 – “Beyond Minerals: Broadening ‘Economies of Violence’ in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo” Sustainability Cafe Discussion Series. University of San Francisco, San Francisco, August.

2012 – “The Economies of Violence in Eastern DRC” Peace and Justice for Congo Conference. Las Vegas, May.

2011- “Unearthing the 'Resource Curse': Economies of violence beyond minerals in Eastern Congo” Nordic Africa Institute, Uppsala, October.

2011 – “Unearthing the ‘politics of the belly’ from below: The role of peripheral economies in Eastern DRC” Conference on the Social Impact of the Congolese Wars. Florida International University, Miami, March.

## Organized Workshops & Events

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November 2014: (Evening Layered Event) **Violent Portrayals as Violent Betrayals?: A Conversation about representations of violence:** Funded by ESRC Thinking Futures 2014. University of Bristol.

January 2015: (2 Day Workshop) **Advanced Methodological Training for Studies of and in Conflict Zones:** Funded by ESRC SWDTC Advanced Training. University of Bristol

December 2015 (2 Day Workshop) **Writing (about) Violence: Politics, Aesthetics, and Emotions:** Funded by ESRC SWDTC Advanced Training. University of Bristol

## Conference Presentations

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2016 Association of American Geographers Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. Paper title: "Accumulating Insecurities: Rethinking and relinking natural resource violence in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo" April.

2015 Contemporary Congolese Studies Conference. African Studies Centre and Emmanuel College, Cambridge University. Paper Title: "The Making of a Shadow Economy: The colonial construction of illegality in DRC's cannabis trade" June

2015 Pan-European Conference on International Relations: Worlds of Violence. Giardini Naxos, Sicily. Paper Title: "Securing (In)Securities: Rethinking Violence and Livelihoods in the Trade of Congo's Green Gold" September

2012 European African Studies Association. Lisbon, Portugal. Paper title: Congo's Green Gold?: The role of marijuana in Eastern DRC's enduring warscape" April

2010 African Studies Association. San Francisco, CA. Paper title, "Beyond Gold: The role of peripheral economies in Eastern DRC's violent landscape" November

2009 American Association of Geographers. Las Vegas, NV. Paper title: "Violent Ecologies: Exploring the links between natural resources and violent conflict in South Sudan" April

## References

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