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Ph.D., Conflict Analysis & Resolution, George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia

M.A. Communication Studies/Management, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces,
New Mexico

B.A. With Honors, Psychology, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013-Current: Associate Professor, University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc School of
Peace Studies

2008-2013: Assistant Professor, University of San Diego Joan B. Kroc School of
Peace Studies

2007-2008: Visiting Instructor, California State University, Dominguez Hills Program
on Negotiation, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding.

2003-2006: Adjunct Faculty, George Mason University Institute for Conflict
Analysis/Resolution

2002: Adjunct Faculty, National Taurida Vernatsky University, Simferopol
Ukraine

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2018: Department of Homeland Security, “Connected Youth-Resilient
Communities Project”, DHS Grant Award Number EMW-2016-CA-
00212-S01

2016: United Nations Development Programme .“Assessing the Effects of
Education and Civic Engagement on Youth Radicalization and Violent
Extremism in Somalia”, PN 17-0005

2016: The State of Human Trafficking Law, Policy and Education: Legislative
Review and Policy Recommendations. Center for Education Policy and
Law. University of San Diego

- 2014:** National Institute of Justice, “Mapping Transnational Gang Activity”, NIJ 2012-R2-CX-0028,
- 2012:** National Institute of Justice, “Gangs and Sex Trafficking in the San Diego/Tijuana Border Region” NIJ-2012-3096, OMB No. 1121-0329
- 2010:** International Office, University of San Diego, International Travel Grants “International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences”
- 2009:** Transborder Institute, University of San Diego, “Workshop at Tijuana Estuarine”: A Workshop of the Greening Borders Conference
- 2008:** University of San Diego, Presidential Advisory Board on Inclusion and Diversity: “Cross-Cultural Competence” and “Facilitating Interethnic Dialogue”

CONSULTING & ADVISING

- 2017** **RAND Corporation**
Chapter Author for study entitled “Resilience to Sectarianism in the Middle East”
- 2014/Current** **United States Institute of Peace (USIP)**
Consultant for Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Program
- 2014-2016** **United States Institute of Peace (USIP)**
Advisor to Applied Research on Conflict (ARC) for Resilience to Violent Extremism studies in Kenya and Afghanistan
- 2014-2016** **Interpeace Frameworks for Assessing Resilience (FAR) Project**
Advisor and Subject Matter Expert for to the Frameworks for Assessing Resilience (FAR) Project
- 2014:** **Hansen Summer Institute, University of San Diego**
Conflict Resolution Trainer
- 2012:** **Fulbright Specialist**
Advisor to Midlands State University, Zimbabwe
- 2012:** **St. David’s Episcopal Church**
Conflict Resolution Facilitator
- 2012:** **United States Naval Southwest Regional Command**
Conflict Resolution Trainer
- 2011:** **Advisory Council on Human and Child Sex Trafficking**

Chair of the Research Subcommittee

2011: **National Conflict Resolution Center**
Evaluation Consultant

2010: **San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention**
Research Advisor

2009: **University of Missouri (Team Entrepreneur, Iraq)**
Conflict Resolution Analyst

2008: **Law Office of Bernadette W. Connolly**
Expert Witness: United States Department Of Justice Vs Rigoberto Hernandez-Flores

2008: **Los Angeles Free Clinic**
Conflict Resolution Consultant

2006: **United States Agency for International Development**
Research Consultant, Resilience in Fragile States

2006: **Virginia Tech University, Advanced Research Institute Conflict Resolution**
Consultant, Disaster Resiliency

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Carpenter Ami, (2014). *Community Resilience to Sectarian Violence in Baghdad*. New York: Springer Publishing.

Carpenter, Ami (2008). "Rendering Idea to Practice: Conflict Prevention and Development Assistance in Guatemala." Dissertation, Copyright Carpenter 2008

Articles

Carpenter, Ami C (2018). "The Role of Conflict Resolution in a Major Urban Partnership to Prevent Sex Trafficking." *Conflict Resolution Quarterly*, forthcoming

Carpenter, Ami C. and Hill, Tom (2018). "From Baghdad to Kurdistan: Resilience to Sectarian Violence in Iraq." *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, forthcoming

Carpenter, Ami and Cooper, Stacy (2015). "Understanding Transnational Gangs and Criminal Networks: A Contribution to Community Resilience." *Journal of Gang Research*, 22(3): 1-24

Carpenter, Ami (2013). "Changing Lenses: Conflict Analysis and Mexico's War." *Journal of Latin American Politics and Society* 55 (3), 141-160

Carpenter, Ami, Lawrence, Anu, and Line, Milburn (2013). "Contested Authorities: Alternatives to State Law and Order in Post-Conflict Guatemala." *Journal of Law and Conflict Resolution*, Vol.5 (3), 48 - 61

Carpenter, Ami (2012). "Civilian Protection in Mexico & Guatemala: Humanitarian Engagement with Druglords & Gangs." *Homeland Security Review*, 6 (2): 109

Carpenter, Ami (2012). "Havens in a Firestorm: Perspectives from Baghdad on Resilience to Sectarian Violence." *Civil Wars Journal* 14 (2): 182-204

Carpenter, Ami (2011). "Building Peace: Practical Reflections from the Field - A Review." *Journal of Peace Education*, 8 (3): 359-360

Carpenter, Ami (2010). "Beyond Drug Wars: Transforming Factional Conflict in Mexico." *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* 27(4): 401-421

Carpenter, Ami. 2005. "Conflict Prevention in the International Sphere." *Transnational Journal of Conflict Management*. No. 2, Vol. 5

Carpenter, Ami (2005). "Partnerships for Sustainable Development and Human Rights: A Plea for Research." *Transnational Dispute Management* 2(1).

Carpenter, Ami (2004). "Recommended Practices for Public-Private Collaboration." *Transnational Dispute Management* 1(4).

Book Chapters

Carpenter, Ami (2016). "Land Conflict, Drug-Smuggling, and Gangs: Challenges for Conflict Resolution in Mexico and Guatemala." In *Linking Political Violence and Crime in Latin America: Myths and Realities*, K. Howarth and J. Peterson (Eds). Lexington Books.

Carpenter, Ami (2016). "In Hand, Out of Hand: Weapons and Culture in Large Latino Gangs" in *Psychological Perspectives on Youth Gang Behavior, Violence, and Weapons Use*, Marek Palasinski (Ed), IGI Global Publishing

Carpenter Ami, with Cheldelin, Sandra (2006). "Emergent Best Practices for Collaborative Partnerships in Infrastructure Protection" in *Critical Infrastructure Protection Project Workshop II Working Papers*. George Mason University Press, Fairfax Virginia.

Carpenter, Ami, Paula Scalinga and Sandra Cheldelin. 2005. "Designing a Roadmap for Partnership: The First Step, Identifying the Key Stakeholders." In *Critical Infrastructure Protection in the National Capital Region: Risk-based Foundations for Resilience and*

Sustainability. Final Report, Volume 12, Submitted in fulfillment of Department of Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative and Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Grant.

Carpenter, Ami. and Cheldelin, Sandra. 2003. "Collaborative Systems Design for Public-Private Partnerships" in Critical Infrastructure Protection Project, Workshop I Working Papers. George Mason University Press.

Thomas, Kit, Carpenter, Ami and Seigel, John 2003. "The Policy and Research Perspective" in Critical Infrastructure Protection Project, Workshop I Working Papers. George Mason University Press.

White Papers & Commissioned Reports

Carpenter Ami, and Cooper, Stacey (2012). "Weak Links: Gangs and Criminal Networks in the San Diego/Tijuana Border Region." Final Report of the Gangs: Regional Presence and Activity (GRPA) Project.

Carpenter, Ami and Laurence, Anu (2011). "Land Conflict in Quiche, Guatemala: A Baseline Report." Final Report, submitted in fulfillment of MercyCorps, Guatemala evaluation project.

Carpenter, Ami (2010). "Final Report of the Listening Tour". Submitted to the San Diego Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention. URL:
<http://www.sandiego.gov/gangcommission/pdf/listeningtourdocument.pdf>

Carpenter, Ami. 2006. "Patterns of Resilience in Fragile States." Final Report, Submitted in fulfillment of the United States Agency for International Development and University of Maryland contract.

Contributing author to the United Nations Guidelines on Good Governance in Public Private Partnerships in Infrastructure. (Economic and Social Council, Committee for Trade, Industry and Economic Development, Working Party on International Legal and Commercial Practice 2003)

Op-Eds

Honda, Michael and Carpenter, Ami (2012). "In fighting gangs, US should look to El Salvador." Christian Science Monitor, 28, December:
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/Opinion/2012/1228/In-fighting-gangs-US-should-look-to-El-Salvador>

Carpenter, Ami (2012). Tackling Child-Sex Trafficking: Commentary on the CASE Act. San Diego Union Tribune, 20 September:
<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2012/sep/19/prop-35-tackles-child-sex-trafficking/>

Carpenter, Ami and McDougal, Topher (2011). "Marijuana Cartels and the Mafia." San Diego Union Tribune, 3 June: B6,
<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2010/jun/03/marijuana-cartels-and- mafia/>

Carpenter, Ami and Ceja, Anthony (2010). Preventing Gang Violence in San Diego." San Diego Union Tribune, 14, September B6,
<http://www.utsandiego.com/news/2010/sep/14/preventing-gang- violence-in-san-diego/>

Shank, Michael and Carpenter, Ami (2008). "Banco del Sur: An Alternative to the World Bank and IMF." Nepali Times, Issue 381.
<http://www.nepalitimes.com/issue/381/International/14341>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Samples from 2015)

White House Summit on Preventing Violent Extremism (D.C): Side Event "*Ending Extremism: New Research and Effective Approaches for CVE*", jointly convened by United States Institute of Peace (USIP), The US Department of State, and USAID.

Targeted Violence Intervention Best Practice Summit (Chicago): Capstone panel, which addressed how to implement targeted violence intervention model for communities nationwide. Jointly convened by Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), Rutgers Institute for Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security (IEPHS), and the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine Department of Psychiatry (UIC).

Operationalizing Reconciliation for Research and Practice: Opening Panel, "*Operationalizing & Measuring Reconciliation*", jointly convened by United States Institute of Peace and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative.

2015 United States Institute of Peace Working Group on Resilience to Violence: This working group informed the USIP report *Peacebuilding and Resilience: How Societies Respond to Violence*, which explores the concept of resilience in the context of peacebuilding and conflict-affected states and how socioecological systems respond to violence.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

October 2016. "Integrated Responses to Trafficking in Persons." Presented at the International Association of Police Chiefs Conference, San Diego, October 15-19

June 2016. "Traffickers: Motivations and Strategies". Presented at the U.S. Department of Justice [Closed Door] Conference *The Perpetration of Human Trafficking in the United States*, Washington DC, June 9

August 2014. "Community Resilience and Atrocity Prevention." Presented at the International Peace Research Association Conference, Istanbul, August 18-22

April 2012. "Peacebuilding Impact Assessment." International Studies Association, 53rd Annual Convention, San Diego, California

April 2012. Panel: Unpacking the Challenges of Violence in Latin America: Origins and Impact: “Regional Crime-Conflict Nexus in Central America: Guatemala, Mexico, and Organized Crime”. International Studies Association, 53rd Annual Convention, San Diego, California

February 2012. “Hybrid Law in Post-Conflict Guatemala: Integrating Indigenous and Constitutional Law to Deal with Gangs & Organized Crime”. Pacific Southwest Academy of Legal Studies in Business Annual Conference. February 16-18, 2012, Palm Springs, California

September 2011. “International Mediation Attempts During the Arab Spring. Panel Presentation at the Southern California Mediation Association, Pepperdine University

July 2011. “Community Resilience to Sectarian Violence in Baghdad”. Presented at the Understanding Civil Wars conference, University of Birmingham

October, 2009. “Preventing Human Trafficking: Community-Based Initiatives.” Presented at the Global Forum on Human Trafficking, Carlsbad California.

July 2009. “Preventing the Spread of Violence: A Model of Conflict Resilient Communities in Multi-Ethnic Settings.” Presented at the Fourth Annual Conference of International Social Sciences, Athens Greece

September, 2008. “New Strategies for Preventing Youth and Gang Violence.” Presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Conflict Resolution, Austin Texas.

March, 2008. “Enhancing Social and Economic Resilience through International Development Aid.” Presenting at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA.

October, 2003. “Partnering for Global Justice: Human Rights and Public-Private Cooperation.” Presented at a conference entitled The Challenge of Globalization – Incorporating Peace, Justice and Human Rights, University of San Francisco.

2002. “Appreciative Inquiry and Social Conflict: An Examination of the Usefulness of Appreciative Inquiry as a Model for Intervention.” Presented at a conference entitled: Dispute Resolution: A New Generation of Ideas, U-Mass, Boston MA.

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Department of State, Fulbright Specialist, 2012-2013

San Diego Magazine’s “50 People to Watch in 2010”

High Potential Scholarship Award (George Mason University) 2001-2004

Rotary Foundation Award for Academic Excellence, 2001

Award for Commitment and Excellence, Southwest Counseling Center, 1999