

Amanda J. Rothschild

EDUCATION

- 2011-2017 **Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA**
 MIT Security Studies Program
 Doctoral Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics
 Dissertation: “Courage First:” Dissent, Debate, and the Origins of US Responsiveness to Mass Killing
 Committee: Stephen Van Evera (Chair), Barry Posen, Roger Petersen, Vipin Narang
 Second Year Paper: “Competitive Humanitarianism” (*High Pass/A*, the highest honors)
 Research Expertise: US Foreign Policy, International Security, Humanitarian Intervention
- 2011 **B.A. in Political Science (*Highest Honors*), Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA**
 Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa (junior-year, early election), Scholar of the College
 Scholar of the College Thesis: “Out of the Nuremberg Nightmare”
 - John McCarthy S.J. Award (Social Sciences) for most distinguished Scholar of the College thesis
Member of Boston College Arts and Sciences Honors Program and Political Science Department Honors Program
- 2007 **High School Diploma, Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA**
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RECENT POSITIONS

- 2017-pr. International Security Program Associate, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government
 Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
- 2015-2017 International Security Program Research Fellow, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of
 Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “Rousing a Response: When the United States Changes Policy Toward Mass Killing,” *International Security* (forthcoming in Fall 2017 issue).
 - “The Holocaust Bankers Who Saved My Grandmother,” *Forbes*, January 18, 2017, sec. Opinion.
 - “Young Political Thinkers,” *New York Times*, December 12, 2016, sec. Opinion/A, 20.
 - “51 U.S. Diplomats Criticized U.S. Policy on Syria. Will Their Dissent Make a Difference?” *Washington Post*, June 24, 2016, sec. Monkey Cage.
 - “Call Radical Islam by Name to Win War of Ideas,” *Boston Herald*, June 14, 2016, sec. Opinion, 25.
 - “ISIS and Genocide: How the United States Talks about Atrocities,” *Foreign Affairs*, February 28, 2016.
 - “American Dream in ‘N.Y. Values,’” *Boston Herald*, February 7, 2016, sec. Opinion, 16.
 - “The Quiet Whistle-Blowers Who Saved Jewish Lives,” *Boston Globe*, November 1, 2015, sec. Ideas, K5.
 - “Policy Relevant Scholarship: What’s Chutzpah Got to Do with It?” *War on the Rocks*, July 6, 2015.
 - “[President Obama] Fails to Call Out Anti-Semitism,” *Boston Herald*, February 13, 2015, sec. Opinion, 15.
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SELECTED HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- National Fellowship, University of Virginia Miller Center of Public Affairs (2016-2017)
- International Studies Association International Security Studies Section Patricia Weitsman Award (2016)
 - Awarded for best research paper on international security written by a graduate student
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation Harry Middleton Fellowship in Presidential Studies (2015)
- Tobin Project Graduate Fellowship in National Security (2014-2015)
- “Leader of Tomorrow,” Wings of Excellence Award, 43rd St. Gallen Symposium, “Rewarding Courage” (2013)
 - Selected as one of 100 “Leaders of Tomorrow” by essay competition from applicant pool of 1,000 graduate students worldwide, representing 350 universities and 81 countries (selection blind to name)
- Boston College Mary A. and Katherine G. Finneran Commencement Award (2011)
 - The College of Arts and Sciences’ highest award, for the senior who has “achieved outstanding success in studies, while also devoting time and talents to other activities for the enrichment of the College”
- Boston College Donald S. Carlisle Award for outstanding achievement in political science (2011)
- Hertog Political Studies Program Fellow (Summer 2011)

- The Undergraduate Awards, Human Rights Division “Highly Commended Essay” (2011)
 - Award presented by President Mary McAleese of Ireland and Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin Maria Parodi for top three entry in international undergraduate research competition (blind to name, school)
- Rhodes Scholarship Finalist, final selection round, District 2 MA/CT (2010)
- Boston College German Consulate Book Award for outstanding achievement in German (2010)
- 2X Winner, NCAA Division I, Hockey East Academic All-Star Team, Goaltender (2007-2008 and 2008-2009 academic years)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

- “The American Presidency in Response to Mass Atrocities, 1915-1995,” International Security Program Brown Bag Seminar, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School (March 23, 2017)
- “Dissent, Debate, and the Origins of Responsiveness to Mass Killing” and “Dissent in the Ranks: Humanitarianism and US Foreign Policy,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2, 2016)
- “‘Courage First and Intelligence Second:’ US Responsiveness to Mass Killing,” International Studies Association Annual Convention (March 19, 2016)
- “Changemakers: Individual Action and US Responsiveness to Mass Atrocities,” Pine Crest School Holocaust Awareness Symposium, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (March 2-3, 2016)
- “Genocide Proofing: The Effects of Ethnic, Racial, and Religious Homogeneity in Militaries on Mass Atrocity,” International Studies Association Annual Convention (February 18, 2015)
- “Expanding Rights in Theory, Risking Protection in Practice: Does R2P Undermine the Genocide Convention?” International Studies Association Annual Convention (March 26, 2014)

Keynotes

- Keynote Speaker, Boston College Annual University Fellowships Dinner (May 1, 2014).
- Keynote Speaker, Boston College Annual University Fellowships Dinner (April 18, 2012).

MEDIA

- New England Cable News (NECN), June 14, 2016
- Quoted in “BU Experts: Labeling Attacks as Genocide May Not Spur Change,” *BU News Service*, March 2016

LANGUAGES

- French (Proficient*)
- German (Proficient*)

*Proficiency reached by Boston College and MIT Political Science Department standards.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Reviewer, *International Security* (2015-pr.)
- Graduate assistant to the International Security Studies Section Program Chair for the 2016 International Studies Association Annual Convention (2015-2016)
- Co-Chair, Women in International Politics and Security organization (WIPS) (2013-2015)
 - WIPS, which seeks to advance opportunities for women in international security, is comprised of over seventy academics, researchers, and graduate students in the Boston area.
- Judge, The Undergraduate Awards, international undergraduate research competition, “International Relations and Politics” panel (2013-2014)
- Volunteer Goalie Coach, MIT Men’s Club Ice Hockey Team (2012-2013)

AFFILIATIONS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- Women in International Politics and Security (WIPS); Co-Chair 2013-2015