ADAM LICHTENHELD

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, California, USA
Ph.D, M.A. in Political Science (International Relations, Comparative Politics) — *15/08/2019*
Dissertation: "Making Migrations: Population Displacement Strategies in Civil Wars"
Major Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Public Policy and Organizations

University of Wisconsin-Madison — Madison, Wisconsin, USA
B.A. in Political Science and International Studies — *18/05/2008*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Leiden University — The Hague, Netherlands
Assistant Professor of Peace Studies, Conflict Resolution & International Relations — *06/11/2025 - present*

Stanford University — Stanford, California, USA
Executive Director, Immigration Policy Lab — *18/07/2022 - 1/07/2025*

Georgetown University — Washington, DC, USA
Affiliated Scholar, Institute for the Study of International Migration — *01/09/2018 - present*

Yale University — New Haven, Connecticut, USA
Postdoctoral Associate, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies — *01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020*

Makerere University — Kampala, Uganda
Research Associate, Refugee Law Project — *01/01/2016 - 15/05/2017*

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Book Chapters

Lichtenheld, A. *Guilt by Location: Forced Displacement and Population Sorting in Civil Wars* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2024). ****Winner, 2025 Conflict Research Society Book of the Year**

Lichtenheld, A. "Armed Conflict and Internal Displacement," in Cantor, David, Megan Bradley, Winifred Ekezie, Utz Johann Pape, and Natalia Baal, eds. *Oxford Handbook on Internal Displacement* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2026).

Lichtenheld, A. "The Politics of Forced Migration Data." *Oxford Explains Video Series* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming 2026).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Matanock, A. and Lichtenheld, A. "How Does International Intervention Work? A Mechanism for Securing Peace Settlements in Civil Conflicts." *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 52, No. 4 (2022): pp. 1810-30.

Carnegie, A., Howe, K., Lichtenheld, A., and Mukhopadhyay, D. "Winning Hearts and Minds for Rebel Rulers: Foreign Aid and Military Contestation in Syria." *British Journal of Political Science,* Vol. 52, No. 3 (2022): pp. 1333-1354.

Lichtenheld, A. and Schon, J. "The Consequences of Internal Displacement on Conflict Dynamics: Evidence from Syria." *Political Geography*, Vol. 86 (2021): pp. 1023-1046.

Carnegie, A., Howe, K., Lichtenheld, A., and Mukhopadhyay, D. "The Effects of Foreign Aid on Rebel Governance: Evidence from a Large-Scale U.S. Aid Program." *Economics & Politics*, Vol. 34, No. 1 (2021): pp. 41-66.

Lichtenheld, A. "Explaining Population Displacement Strategies in Civil Wars: A Cross-National Analysis." *International Organization*, Vol. 74, No. 2 (Spring 2020): pp. 253-294.

Lichtenheld, A. "Beyond Ethno-Sectarian Cleansing: The Assortative Logic of Forced Displacement in Syria." *Refugee and Migration Movements in the Middle East*. Ed. Marc Lynch. Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Series No. 25 (March 2017): pp. 42-48.

Lichtenheld, A. "Forced Displacement and Identity Politics in the Middle East." *Nations and Nationalism.* Ed. Marc Lynch. POMEPS Series No. 14 (June 2015): pp. 22-25.

Works in Progress

MacDonald, M., and Lichtenheld, A. "Support for Refugee Integration in a Major Refugee-Hosting Country: Evidence from Kenya."

Lichtenheld, A., Schwartz, S., and Steele, A. "Government responses to internal and international displacement (GRIID)."

Adong, A., Clingain, C., Hainmueller, J., Lichtenheld, A., MacDonald, M., Musiime, D., Weber, S., Wendo, A., and Zeitlin, A. "Building Business Networks to Strengthen Refugee Economic and Social Integration."

Carnegie, A., Gracheva, A., Lichtenheld, A., and Mukhopadhyay, D. "Balancing Act: Terrorism and Regime Stability."

Lichtenheld, A., Herbert, N., Grossman, A., Wong-Parodi, G., Hainmueller, J. "Can Forecast-based Nudges Increase Remittance Sending in Advance of Disasters?"

Koren, O., Valentino, B., Agbenyi, A., Lichtenheld, A., and Lance, K. "Pre-emptive Peace? An Impact Assessment of an Early Warning Intervention in Nigeria."

Lichtenheld, A. "Understanding Social Acceptance of Returnees after Displacement: Experimental Evidence from Iraq."

Lichtenheld, A. "Shared Suffering and the Reintegration of the Displaced after Conflict."

Policy Analysis and Program Evaluations

Steele, A., Schwartz, S., and Lichtenheld, A. "The Politics of Forced Displacement and How States Respond." *Researching Internal Displacement*, April 2024.

Lichtenheld, A., Lupieri, S., and Chaudhuri, N. "Resistant to Reform? Improving U.S. Immigration Policy Through Data, Evidence, and Innovation." Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2024).

Micinski, N., Lichtenheld, A., and Norman, K. "Israel's mass displacement of Gazans fits strategy of using migration as a tool of war." *The Conversation* (2023).

Lichtenheld, A. *Mobilizing Communities to Build Social Cohesion and Reduce Vulnerability to Violent Extremism: Evidence from a Peacebuilding Program in Niger.* Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2022).

Lichtenheld, A. and Sheely, R. "Overcoming Misperceptions about Violent Extremism." Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2022).

Lichtenheld, A. *Towards Durable Solutions to Displacement: Understanding Social Acceptance of Returnees in Post-ISIS Iraq.* Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

Lichtenheld, A. *'Fear of the Unknown': Religion, Identity, and Conflict in Northern Nigeria.* Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

Lichtenheld, A., and Alam, M. "To Ease Iraq's Displacement Crisis, Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding are Vital." *Just Security* (2021).

Kelly, L., Nogueira-Budny, D., Anuj, H., Butscher, J., Dani, A., Lichtenheld, A., Dodds, E., Freymeyer, C., Rebosio, M., van der Werf, M., and Zheng, J. "World Bank Engagement in Situations of Conflict: An Evaluation of FY10–20

Experience." Independent Evaluation Group. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank (2021)

Alam, M., Lichtenheld, A., and Sheely, R. "The Pandemic Has Reshaped Conflicts Around the World. Here's What Got Worse." *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2021)

Aron, G., Herrera Kelly, D., Lichtenheld, A., and Sheely, R. *A Clash of Contagions: The Impact of COVID-19 on Conflict in Nigeria, Colombia, and Afghanistan.* Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

Lichtenheld, A., Olawole, I., and Sheely, R. "Prioritizing Research and Learning within the Global Fragility Strategy." Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

Lichtenheld, A. "Strategic Displacement and the Politics of Wartime Mobility: Implications for Policymakers and Practitioners." UNHCR working paper, contribution to UNHCR's *State of the World's Forcibly Displaced 2021* (2020).

Lichtenheld, A. *What Makes Refugees and Migrants Vulnerable to Detention in Libya? A Microlevel Study of the Determinants of Detention,* Mixed Migration Centre of North Africa (2020).

Lichtenheld, A. "Guilt by Location." *Foreign Policy* (2020).

Lichtenheld, A. "You Can't Go Home Again: Pressures and Prospects of Refugee Return to Syria." Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University (2019).

Lichtenheld, A. "How to Really Help the World's New Refugees." *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2015).

Lichtenheld, A. "The Identity Politics of Displacement in the Middle East." *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2015).

Lichtenheld, A. "Syria, Libya, and the Challenge of Intervention." *UN Dispatch* (2014).

Lichtenheld, A. "The Problem with 'Safe Zones' in the Middle East." *UN Dispatch* (2014).

Lichtenheld, A. "What Boko Haram Has Learned from ISIS." *UN Dispatch* (2014).

Lichtenheld, A. "The Aid Diversion Dilemma." *UN Dispatch* (2014).

GRANTS AND AWARDS

ISA Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration section	2026
Distinguished Book Award (for "Guilt by Location")	
Conflict Research Society	2025
Book of the Year (for "Guilt by Location")	
Stanford Impact Labs, Stanford University	2024 - 2029
Stage 3 Grant for Immigration Policy Lab	$2,500,000
Stanford University	2024-2029
Private donation for Immigration Policy Lab	$500,000
Innovations for Poverty Action	2024 - 2025
Displaced Livelihoods Initiative Research Grant	$60,000
King Center for Global Development, Stanford University	2024
Global Development Research Grant	$25,000
King Center for Global Development, Stanford University	2023
Global Development Research Grant	$75,000
International Political Economy Society	2019
David A. Lake Best Paper Award	

National Science Foundation 2018 - 2019
Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant $20,569

Truman National Security Network 2019
National Security Fellowship

Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association 2018 - 2019
Graduate Fellowship $10,000

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation 2018 - 2019
Dissertation Fellowship $20,000

African Studies Center, University of California, Berkeley 2016 - 2017
Rocca Dissertation Fellowship $5,000

Human Rights Center, University of California, Berkeley School of Law 2016 - 2017
Human Rights Fellowship $5,000

U.S. Institute of Peace 2015 - 2016
Jennings Randolph Peace Fellowship $20,000

University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation 2015 - 2016
Herb York Global Security Fellowship $18,000

African Studies Center, University of California, Berkeley 2015 - 2016
Rocca Dissertation Fellowship $6,000

Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley 2014 - 2015
John L. Simpson Research Fellowship $5,000

TEACHING

Thesis Lab II 2026
Instructor, Institute of Governance and Security Affairs The Hague, NL

Thesis Lab I 2025
Instructor, Institute of Governance and Security Affairs The Hague, NL

Qualitative Research Methods 2025
Instructor, Institute of Governance and Security Affairs The Hague, NL

Security and Irregular Migration 2022 - 2023
Instructor, Institute for Security Governance, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School Monterrey, CA

The Politics of Forced Migration and Population Displacement 2019
Lecturer, Yale University New Haven, CT

Introduction to Comparative Politics 2015
Graduate Student Instructor (with M. Steven Fish), University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA

Ethics and Justice in International Affairs 2014
Graduate Student Instructor (with Amy Gurowitz), University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA

WAR! 2014
Graduate Student Instructor (with Ron Hassner), University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA

Introduction to International Relations 2013
Graduate Student Instructor (with Amy Gurowitz), University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Mercy Corps   Washington, DC, USA
Senior Researcher   *2020 - 2022*

· Planned, coordinated, and implemented research studies and program evaluations related to democracy and governance, conflict, and violence prevention in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, and Uganda.

UNHCR   New York, NY, USA
Consultant   *2020*

· Wrote a research paper on weaponized displacement and its implications for policymakers.

The World Bank   Washington, DC, USA
Senior Conflict Analyst   *2020*

· Provided subject matter and analytical expertise for an evaluation of World Bank engagement in fragile and conflict-affected states, including technical guidance and consultation on conflict prevention and stabilization.

Mixed Migration Centre   Tunis, Tunisia
Research Analyst   *2019*

· Conducted an analysis of the determinants of refugee and migrant detention in Libya using quantitative survey data from 5,000 refugees and migrants gathered over a two-year period.

USAID Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation   Berlin, Germany
Consultant   *2018*

· Reviewed research on conflict and state fragility and wrote a report on key conceptual, theoretical, and empirical debates, and recommendations for enhancing USAID's early warning efforts

U.S. State Department, USAID   Istanbul, Turkey
Monitoring & Evaluation Trainer   *2016 - 2017*

· Led training of program staff on research design, measurement, data collection techniques, remote research management, and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data.

Dexis Consulting Group (USAID)   Istanbul, Turkey
Senior Research Analyst, USAID   *2016 - 2017*

· Monitored and analyzed political, military, and social dynamics in Aleppo, Idlib, and Homs, and conducted oral and written briefings for USAID/OTI, theU.S. State Department, and other donors.

SKILLS

Languages	English (native), Arabic (conversational)
Fieldwork	Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Kenya, Niger, Nigeria, Syria, Turkey, Uganda
Software	Stata, R, Python, Dedoose, Adobe, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics, SurveyCTO
Methods	RCTs, quasi-experimental methods (matching, RDD, etc.), statistical analysis, qualitative research (interviews, focus groups, ethnography), context assessments, conflict analysis, case studies