

# CHEN REIS

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

### **Program in Public Health & Society, Washington University in St. Louis**

Professor of the Practice

7/2025 -

### **Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver**

Clinical Associate Professor

9/2011–6/2025

Director, Humanitarian Assistance Certificate

9/2011–6/2025

Interim Director, Inclusive Global Leadership Initiative

9/2021–8/2022

Director, Human Rights MA

3/2023–6/2025

Co-Director, Global Justice Certificate

9/2023–6/2025

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **World Health Organization**

Geneva, Switzerland

Technical Officer, Health Action in Crises (HAC)

08/2007–07/2011

*2007–2009 Emergency Response & Operations Unit*

*2010–2011 Strategy, Policy & Resource Management Unit*

Program Officer, Dept. of Gender Women & Health

5/2006–8/2007

Program Officer, Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI)

5/2004–4/2006

### **Physicians for Human Rights, USA**

*Boston, MA*

Senior Research Associate

12/2001–05/2004

Field Coordinator and Human Rights Specialist (Sierra Leone)

01/2001–11/2001

Human Rights Researcher

01/2000–06/2000

### **The Children and Armed Conflict Unit, University of Essex**

*Colchester, UK*

Research & Advocacy Coordinator

05/1998–04/1999

### **Office of the UN Special Representative for Children & Armed Conflict** *New York, NY*

Researcher: Seconded by the Children and Armed Conflict Unit

08/1998–09/1998

## SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

World Bank – Evaluation of investments in GBV innovations

2020

Elrha & Voice – Review of disability inclusion in GBV Humanitarian Interventions

2019

Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence (WRC, INSPIRE Consortium)

2015–2022

World Health Organization/Reproductive Health and Research

2011–2021

## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

*Sydney, Australia*

PhD

Thesis: Clinical management of rape in conflict: Exploring the persistence of sub-standard humanitarian responses.

Supervisors: Anthony Zwi, Louise Chappell, Jo Spangaro.

University International Postgraduate Award

### **JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

*Baltimore, MD, USA*

MPH

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

*New York, NY, USA*

JD

Certificate of Achievement with Honors in Intl Law, *Parker School of Foreign & Int'l Law*

Head Submissions Editor, *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*

Co-Founder, RightsLink

**THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY**

*Baltimore, MD, USA*

BA

Major: social and cultural anthropology.

University Honors & Dean's List

Phi Beta Kappa

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Michelis, I., Makepeace, J., & Reis, C. (2024). Who Is Centered in the Humanitarian Response to Gender-Based Violence? A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Survivor-Centered Approach. *Violence against Women*.

Reis, C., & Meyer, S. R. (2024). Understudied and underaddressed: Femicide, an extreme form of violence against women and girls. *PLoS Medicine*, 21(1).

Stark, L., Seff, I., & Reis, C. (2021). Gender-based violence against adolescent girls in humanitarian settings: a review of the evidence. *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, 5(3), 210–222.

Touquet, H., Chynoweth, S., Martin, S., Reis, C., Myrtilinen, H., Schulz, P., Turner, L., & Duriesmith, D. (2021). From 'It Rarely Happens' to 'It's Worse for Men: Dispelling Misconceptions about Sexual Violence against Men and Boys in Conflict and Displacement. *Journal of Humanitarian Affairs*, 2(3), 25–34.

Cottingham, J., García-Moreno, C., & Reis, C. (2008). Sexual and reproductive health in conflict areas: the imperative to address violence against women. *BJOG : An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, 115(3), 301–303.

Reis, C., Heisler, M., Amowitz, L. L., Moreland, R. S., Mafeni, J. O., Anyamele, C., & Iacopino, V. (2005). Discriminatory Attitudes and Practices by Health Workers toward Patients with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. *PLoS Medicine*, 2(8), 0743–0752.

Reis, C., Ahmed, A. T., Amowitz, L. L., Kushner, A. L., Elahi, M., & Iacopino, V. (2004). Physician participation in human rights abuses in southern Iraq. *JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 291(12), 1480–1486.

Amowitz, L. L., Kim, G., Reis, C., Asher, J. L., & Iacopino, V. (2004). Human Rights Abuses and Concerns About Women's Health and Human Rights in Southern Iraq. *JAMA : The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 291(12), 1471–1479.

Venkateswarlu, D., Kasper, J., Mathews, R., Reis, C., Iacopino, V., & Wise, P. (2003). Child labour in India: a health and human rights perspective. *The Lancet (British Edition)*, 362, s32–s33.

Mathews, R., Reis, C., & Iacopino, V. (2003). Child labor. A matter of health and human rights. *The Journal of Ambulatory Care Management*, 26(2), 181–182.

Amowitz, L. L., Reis, C., & Iacopino, V. (2002). Maternal Mortality in Herat Province, Afghanistan, in 2002: An Indicator of Women's Human Rights. *JAMA : The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 288(10), 1284–1291.

Amowitz, L. L., Reis, C., Lyons, K. H., Vann, B., Mansaray, B., Akinsulure-Smith, A. M., Taylor, L., & Iacopino, V. (2002). Prevalence of War-Related Sexual Violence and Other Human Rights Abuses Among Internally Displaced Persons in Sierra Leone. *JAMA : The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 287(4), 513–521.

Reis, C. (1996). Trying the future, avenging the past: the implications of prosecuting children for participation in internal armed conflict. *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, 28, 629.

### **Book and Book Chapters**

Chen Reis and Tania Bernath (2017). *Becoming an international humanitarian aid worker*. Elsevier.

Chen Reis “Ethical, safety, and methodological issues related to collection and use of data on sexual violence in conflict” in *Prosecuting Sexual Violence as an International Crime: Interdisciplinary Approaches*. (2012) Intersentia.

Chen Reis and Lynn Lawry, “Gender Based Violence” in *Public Health Guide for Emergencies* (2008). International Federation of Red Cross.

Chen Reis “Research methodologies” in *Public Health and Human Rights: Evidence-Based Approaches*. (2007) Johns Hopkins University Press.

Chen Reis and Beth Vann “Gender-Based Violence in the Context of Armed Conflict” in *Handbook of International Disaster Psychology*, Gilbert Reyes & Gerard A. Jacobs (Eds). (2005) Praeger Publishers.

### **Reports and Position Papers**

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies Road Map 2016-2020: 2021 Progress Report (2022) Primary Author. [Link](#)

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies Road Map 2016-2020: 2020 Progress Report (2021) Primary Author. [Link](#)

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies: Road Map 2021-2025 (2020) Co-Author. [Link](#)

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies Road Map 2016-2020: 2019 Progress Report (2020) Primary Author. [Link](#)

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies Road Map 2016-2020: 2018 Progress Report (2019) Primary Author. [Link](#)

Elrha & Voice, Rapid Review of the inclusion of People with Disabilities and Older People in Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Humanitarian Interventions (2019). Co-Author. [Link](#)

Women's Refugee Commission, Where Do We Go from Here? Moving Forward with the Gender Equality Objective of the Call to Action Road Map (2018). Primary Author. [Link](#)

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies Road Map 2016-2020: 2017 Progress Report (2018) Contributing Author. [Link](#)

WHO & UNODC, Strengthening the medico-legal response to sexual violence (2017) [Link](#)

Call to Action, Call to Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies: Road Map 2016-2020 (2015) Co-Author. [Link](#)

UN Action, Fact-sheet on "dos and don'ts" of Sexual Violence Data (2008) Primary Author. [Link](#)

WHO, WHO Ethical and safety recommendations for researching, documenting, and monitoring sexual violence in emergencies (2007) Originator and Contributing Author. [Link](#)

Addressing sexual violence in emergencies, Humanitarian Exchange Number 32, December 2005:32-33. [Link](#)

Physicians for Human Rights, Nigeria: Access to Health Care for People Living with HIV and AIDS (2006) Primary Author. [Link](#)

Physicians for Human Rights, War-Related Sexual Violence in Sierra Leone: a population based assessment (2002) Primary Author. [Link](#)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

### Academic and Professional Conferences

- 2023 *Who is centered in the humanitarian response to gender-based violence? A critical analysis of the survivor centered approach.* International Humanitarian Studies Association Conference
- 2023 *Who is centered in the humanitarian response to gender-based violence? A critical analysis of the survivor centered approach.* Virtual International Studies Association Conference
- 2020 *#AidToo & Gender-based Violence in emergencies: connections and humanitarian system response failures.* International Studies Association Annual Convention, Honolulu, Hawaii (conference cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2017 *Research, Monitoring and Evaluation of GBV in Refugee Settings.* Expert Consultation Meeting, George Washington University Washington, DC, USA
- 2017 *Sexual Violence in Fragile Situations: The right to care, treatment and protection* International Studies Association Annual Convention, Baltimore, Maryland, USA
- 2015 *Refugee Co-Instructors: Bridging the Gap between Policy and Practice,* Humanitarian Innovation Conference, Oxford, UK
- 2014 *Future of Humanitarian Action,* IDRC, Davos, Switzerland
- 2014 *Use of research & service data for international prosecutions.* Ending Sexual Violence in Conflict Global Summit, London, UK

- 2014 *Use of Innovative Experiential Methods to Train Future Humanitarian Aid Workers.* Humanitarian Innovation Conference, Oxford, UK
- 2013 *Challenges to achieving the MISP standard for clinical management of rape in humanitarian crises,* SVRI Forum, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 2010 Challenges of civil military coordination in health sector humanitarian response International Military Forum on Emerging Infectious Diseases: the military's role under the 2005 International Health Regulations, St Petersburg, Russia
- 2010 *Measuring sexual and other forms of gender-based violence: methodological and ethical considerations,* Learning into Action conference (Child Protection Working Group and CPC Learning Network), Geneva, Switzerland
- 2009 *Ethical Safety and Methodological issues related to collection and use of data on sexual violence in conflict,* Conférence sur la gestion de la sécurité concernant les victimes, témoins et intermédiaires dans les cas de violences sexuelles, Bukavu, DRC
- 2008 *Gender in disasters.* Asia Pacific Emergency & Disaster Nursing Network Meeting, Jinan, Shandong, China
- 2006 *Gender and health in disasters* IDRC, Davos, Switzerland
- 2003 *A Human Rights Approach to Gender and HIV/AIDS and what it means for parliamentarians, Reducing Women's Vulnerability and Combating Stigma in the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Africa: The Role of Parliamentary Leadership: Effective Strategies for Change.* Gaborone, Botswana
- 2003 *Prevalence of War-related Sexual Violence & other Human Rights Abuses Among Internally Displaced Persons in Sierra Leone,* Sex and Secrecy: IASSCS Conference Johannesburg, SA

#### **Invited Presentations and Workshops**

- 2024 Presenter: Who is in charge? Examining the Survivor Centered Approach to GBV in Emergencies. GBV AoR Community of Practice, Virtual
- 2023 Presenter: GBV, conflict, and climate change: seven lessons for integrated action. Interagency working group on atrocities prevention, US Department of State, Virtual
- 2022 Panelist: “Dimensions of gender-based violence in military conflicts: limiting the scale and assisting the victims” Forum for Research on Gender Economics, Workshop on Domestic Violence, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Stockholm, Sweden, Virtual
- 2022 Expert: UN Framework for the Prevention of Conflict-related Sexual Violence. Scholars’ Roundtable, Virtual
- 2022 Expert: Humanitarian Policy Group action research workshop – gender in displacement, Virtual
- 2022 Presenter: Prevention of violence against adolescent girls - sharing experiences from practitioners and researchers, Prevention Collaborative, Virtual
- 2021 Expert: Expert Group Meeting on GBV Prevention in Emergencies, WHO, Virtual

- 2021 Presenter: Gender-based Violence against Adolescent Girls in Emergencies. GBV AoR Community of Practice, Virtual
- 2021 Presenter: Sexual Violence against Men and Boys: Progress, Challenges, Next Steps, Women's Refugee Commission, Virtual
- 2021 Presenter: Gender-based Violence against Adolescent Girls in Emergencies: Implications for Practitioners, Save the Children International, Virtual
- 2021 Co-facilitator: Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Annual Partners Meeting, Virtual
- 2021 Presenter: Graduate Professional Education and Decolonizing Humanitarian and Development Practice, Decolonizing Development Series: Bridging the Gap Between Academia, Implementation, and Justice, Posner Center & Josef Korbel School, Virtual
- 2020 Co-facilitator: Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Annual Partners Meeting, Virtual
- 2019 Co-facilitator: Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies Annual Partners Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2017 Panelist: Research, Monitoring and Evaluation of GBV in Refugee Settings. Expert Consultation Meeting, George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA
- 2014 Presenter: Gender and health Short Course on Development, Human Rights and Global Health, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
- 2012 Presenter: Sexual Violence and Evidence-Gathering Methods, Beyond Reasonable Doubt. Using Scientific Evidence to Advance Prosecutions at the International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2009 Presenter: Ethical, Safety and Methodological issues related to collection and use of data on sexual violence in conflict, Sexual Violence as International Crime: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Evidence, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2009 Co-facilitator: Interagency workshop on gender-based violence coordination and data collection and use, Goma, DRC
- 2008 Co-facilitator: Interagency workshops on gender-based violence coordination and data collection and use, Kinshasa, DRC
- 2006 Expert: Office of the Prosecutor special meeting on sexual and gender violence crimes, International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands
- 2003 Presenter: Models of Health Professional Advocacy: Physicians for Human Rights, Open Society Workshop on Healthcare Providers as Advocates for Reproductive Health, Vilnius, Lithuania

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Defending humanitarian aid in terms of national security obscures its real purpose (2025) (With

Maryam Deloffre) The Conversation

- Ukrainian female refugees are fleeing a war, but in some cases more violence faces them where they find shelter (2022) The Conversation
- Sexual abuse during humanitarian operations still happens. What must be done to end it (2021) The Conversation
- 5 ways the coronavirus is making the world's most vulnerable a lot more vulnerable. (2020) Washington Post
- Abused children and partners, people with mental illness are all especially vulnerable with stay-at-home orders from coronavirus. (2020) (with Lynn L. Lawry) The Conversation
- How do you reduce sexual and gender violence in conflict? Consider these five key issues. (2019) (with Marie Berry) Washington Post
- Internal displacement (2017) Vail Symposium
- Practitioner pathways (2017) ATHA Podcast
- How Obama can back women's rights abroad. (2013) CNN
- ICC Must Strengthen Sexual Violence Protections. (2013) (with Lynn L. Lawry) Jurist

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024	Technical Reviewer, United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence against Women
2023–	Associate Editor <i>Conflict and Health Journal</i>
2020–	GBV in emergencies expert, GBV AoR Helpdesk
2020	Local Peacebuilding Leadership Working Group, Better Evidence Project, GMU.
2018–	Advisory Group: WRC Project on sexual violence against men and boys.
2018–	Managing GBV in Emergencies Mentoring Initiative
2019	Advisory Council: International Rescue Committee's "Listen Up!," initiative.
2018–2019	Advisory Group: Voice/IRC study on humanitarian funding for GBV.
2012–	Editorial Board member <i>Conflict and Health Journal</i> Guest editor for <a href="#">supplement</a> on Reproductive Health
2011–	Reviewer Funding proposals: Humanitarian Innovation Fund; R2HC (Research for Health in Humanitarian Crises) Fund. Conference abstracts: Inter-Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Emergencies (IAWG); Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI Forum) Journals: Disasters, PLOS ONE, PLOS Medicine, Reproductive Health Matters, Conflict & Health, Journal of Interpersonal Violence, Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work, Law and Policy, BMJOpen, BMJ Nutrition, Prevention & Health, Signs. Presses: Fordham U Press; Routledge

## MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

- International Studies Association
- International Humanitarian Studies Association
- IAWG Reproductive Health in Crises, GBV Sub-Working Group
- Missing Peace Scholars Network
- GBV AOR Community of Practice
- Child Protection in Crisis (CPC) Learning Network- Faculty Affiliate
- Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy - Faculty Affiliate
- JKIS Institute for Comparative and Regional Studies - Faculty Affiliate
- DU Center for Immigration Policy and Research - Faculty Affiliate