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MOLLY WALLACE, PH.D., teaches in Portland State University's Conflict Resolution program and serves as contributing editor of the Peace Science Digest. Her research and teaching interests include nonviolent action; unarmed civilian peacekeeping/protection (UCP); demilitarized security; conflict resolution/transformation; military desertion/defection; transitional justice, reconciliation, and peacebuilding; the relationship between weapons and protection/vulnerability; the legitimization of political violence; humanitarian negotiation; gender and global politics; and ethics of war and peace. Her recent book, "Security Without Weapons: Rethinking Violence, Nonviolent Action, and Civilian Protection," published with Routledge in 2017, explores nonviolent alternatives for civilian protection in war zones, and she has published research in *Critical Studies on Security, Global Society and International Politics*. She regularly presents at the International Studies Association and in 2017 was invited to deliver a keynote lecture at the Rethinking Pacifism for Revolution, Security and Politics conference at the University of Otago, Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Wallace earned her Ph.D. in political science from Brown University and her B.A. (magna cum laude) in Peace and Conflict Studies from Mount Holyoke College. At Brown, she was awarded the P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching and was recipient of the Watson Institute Graduate Program in Development Fellowship.

She currently teaches two courses at PSU—Introduction to Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Processes—and especially values the diverse life experiences and forms of expertise that PSU students bring to the classroom. Beyond PSU, she has taught in the International Affairs and/or Political Science programs at Brown University, the University of New Hampshire, and Lewis & Clark College.

Currently a volunteer facilitator with Multnomah County's restorative dialogue program, she previously served as a volunteer mediator with the Community Mediation Center of Rhode Island and on the staff of conflict resolution and international affairs NGOs in Washington, D.C. More recently, she has also worked with the James Lawson Institute (as a facilitator) and USD's Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice (as an editor).

Wallace grew up in Salem, Oregon, and returned to Oregon in 2016. She and her spouse have two young kids and feel lucky to now live so close to grandparents and other family.

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