

## Shannon Damery

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### EDUCATION

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#### University of Liège – Liège, Belgium

PhD Candidate and Marie Curie Fellow

*September 2013 to April 2017*

- Early Stage researcher in the FP7 INTEGRIM project “Integration and international migration: pathways and integration policies”
- Served as a guest lecturer in courses on sociological theory and refugees
- Completed a secondment at MiReKoc, Koç University’s Migration Research Center in Istanbul, Turkey
- Assisted in the organization of conferences and training workshops
- Edited and reviewed department texts
- Supervised a Bachelor’s thesis
- Conducted qualitative research with vulnerable populations including young migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and undocumented migrants

#### National University of Ireland, Maynooth – Maynooth, Ireland

*Graduation Date: November, 2011*

- Joint European Master of Arts in Anthropology - Cultural Differences and Transnational Processes
- Conducted fieldwork in the social welfare department of Vienna, Austria and a refugee integration home
- Mark: First Class Honors

#### Truman State University – Kirksville, MO, U.S.A.

*Graduation Date: May 5, 2007*

- Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis in Linguistics
- Minor in Asian Studies

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### Research Coordinator – INTERREG project – TREE

*September 2017 to present*

- Hire and manage a research team
- Conduct ethnographic interviews with integration actors in Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands
- Produce outputs such as a context and practice analyses
- Engage in cross border collaboration with partners and organize international meetings and conferences

#### Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis – St. Louis, MO

Residential Director

*November 2012 to September 2013*

- Hired, supervised, and ensured the effective training of residential program staff
- Organized and headed program committee meetings and oversaw the implementation of residential and post-residential programming.
- Conducted recruitment activities to find new residents and promote fruitful relationships with other community organizations, such as schools and charities
- Served as a liaison between the residents, their guardians, schools, and the organization’s staff
- Ensured adherence to state licensing standards and health and safety codes

#### Boys Hope Girls Hope St. Louis – St. Louis, MO

Residential Counselor/Program Assistant

*June 2008 to August 2009/ March 2012 to October 2012*

- As a member of the residential counseling team, functioned as primary overseer of care for six at-risk youth ranging in age from 14-18 in a group home facility

- Promoted to program assistant with additional duties of seeking partnerships with the surrounding community and conducting assessments with program participants

### **International Institute of St. Louis**

Donations Assistant Intern

*January 2012 to September 2012*

- Organized, tracked, and distributed donations to newly arrived refugees
- Communicated with families to identify needs
- Supervised volunteers and managed the organization of projects as required

### **English Teaching Assistantship – ShuiZhai High School, Guangdong, China**

EFL Assistant Teacher

*January 2005 to May 2005*

- Co-developed lesson plans to teach conversational English classes at a secondary school
- Conducted after-school, informal “English corners” for small group conversation and exam preparation
- Taught teacher training sessions to demonstrate and practice conversational language learning tools with secondary school EFL teachers

## **CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS**

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- Shannon Damery; Homeless in the house of God? An investigation of home and homelessness among undocumented migrants living in a Brussels church, *Migration Studies*, mny004, <https://doi.org/10.1093/migration/mny004>
- Co-presented at the ECPR (European Consortium for Political Research). TITLE: “*Multi-level governance of asylum-seeker and refugee integration: Examples from Belgium.*” 22-25 August 2018. University of Hamburg, Germany
- Invited to be part of the panel ‘*Borders and the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in the European Union. Insights from the Mediterranean Basin and beyond*’ at the 15th annual IMISCOE conference, 2-4 July 2018. Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain.
- *Integrim online papers*, No. 3 (2014), “Going Home: Migrants, Imagined Connections and Home Creation”
- Presented at 11th IMISCOE (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion) Annual Conference. TITLE: “*Going and Staying Home’: The Reality of Imagined Connections Among Young Migrants in Austria and Belgium*”. 27-29 August 2014. IEUM in Madrid, ES
- Presented at 13th EASA (European Association of Social Anthropologists) Biennial Conference. TITLE: “*The Reality of Imagined Home Connections*”. 31 July-3 August 2014. Tallinn University, EE

## **ACTIVITIES**

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### **IMISCOE Network and IMISCOE PhD Network**

Network Member

*March 2014- Present*

### **Globe Aroma – Balkan Karavaan Musical Group**

Singer

*November 2014-April 2015*

- Performed Roma songs with young immigrants as part of a charitable organization’s initiative to promote Roma culture and integration

## **SKILLS**

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### **Language**

- Native speaker of English
- French Level B1

### **Other**

- Trained in public speaking
- Trained in crisis intervention
- Classically trained singer