

Curriculum Vitae

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Present Position (2009-Present): Associate Professor (tenured).

(2003-2009): Assistant Professor (tenure-track/ African history).

Education:

Ph.D., History, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, 1997.

Thesis Advisor: Dr. Frank Chalk.

M.A., History, "With Distinction." Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada, 1991.

B.A., Classics and History, University of Ghana, Legon, 1987.

Research Fellowships Held

1. Pre-doctoral fellowship, Atlantic Human Rights Center, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. 1997.

2. Andrew W. Mellon post-doctoral fellowship, Genocide Studies Program, Yale University. Jan. 1998-Dec. 1999.

Research Grants Received

1. Humanities Institute, University of South Florida. 2008.

2. Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Florida. 2010.

Teaching and Research Interests:

African history: Intellectual, economic and diplomatic history of East and West Africa; Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa since the 20th century.

Genocide and Human Rights: Comparative study of genocide and human rights (Africa, Asia);

Holocaust Studies: African perspectives on the Holocaust and its legacies; Holocaust and Genocide Education.

U.S. foreign relations: History of US Relations with Africa since the 20th Century.

Previous Teaching Position:

2000-2003: Visiting Assistant Professor, Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Clark University, Worcester, MA.

Courses taught at USF

Contemporary Africa
Seminar on Genocide and Human Rights
African Historiography
Introduction to the Black Experience
African History Since 1850
History and Theory of Genocide
African History to 1850

Publications

Books

(2020). *Africans and the Holocaust: Perceptions and Responses of Colonized and Sovereign Peoples* [Routledge Studies in the Modern History of Africa]. London: Routledge.

(2006). *Revolution and Genocide in Ethiopia and Cambodia*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Forthcoming Proceeding, and Article

(2022). Edward Kissi, Tom Lawson, Ulrike Lindner, and Mirjam Zadoff, “A European *Vergangenheitsbewältigung*?: New Entanglements of Holocaust and Colonial Histories.” A Roundtable Discussion on September 20, 2021. *European Holocaust Studies*, 2022 Yearbook.

“Caught between the Union Jack and the Nazi Swastika: protests over ambiguous status under British imperialism and potential slavery and genocide in Nazi colonialism.” *The Journal of African History*.

Published

- (2021). “Integrating sub-Saharan Africa into a global and cultural study of the Holocaust.” Under review at *Holocaust Studies*. **Published online 7 September 2021. Yet to be assigned to Journal issue.**
- (2016). “Obligation to Prevent (O2P): Proposal for Enhanced Community Approach to Genocide Prevention in Africa.” *African Security Review*, 25, 3: 242-257.
- (2012). “Paradoxes of American Development Diplomacy in the Early Cold War Period.” *Past and Present*, No.215 (May 2012): 269-295.

Chapters in Books:

- (2018). “Africa and Human Rights.” Chapter 42. In Toyin Falola & Martin S. Shanguhya, eds., *The Palgrave Handbook of African Colonial and Postcolonial History*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp.1089-1108.
- (2018). “Reducing Genocides, One Region At A Time.” Chapter 18. In Samuel Totten, ed., *Last Lectures on the Prevention and Intervention of Genocide*. New York: Routledge, pp.140-146.
- (2012). “Remembering Ethiopia’s Red Terror: History of a Private Effort to Preserve a Public Memory.” Anne Louise Mahoney, ed. *Documenting the Red Terror: Bearing Witness to Ethiopia’s Lost Generation*. Ottawa: Ethiopian Red Terror Documentation and Research Center, 2012. pp. 9-23.
- (2010). “Genocide.” In Valerie Tomaselli, ed. *World At Risk: A Global Issues Sourcebook* Washington: CQ Press. pp. 236-255. 2010 Second Edition. pp. 663-684.

Non-Refereed Publications: Policy paper and opinion articles

- (2021). “Africa can prevent Ethiopia from going down Rwanda’s path: here’s how.” *The Conversation*, 2 August. <https://theconversation.com/africa-can-prevent-ethiopia-from-going-down-rwandas-path-heres-how-165254>. Invited by the regional editor of *The Conversation Africa* to write article applying my concept of “Obligation to prevent,” in 2016 journal article, to the on-going conflict and genocidal rhetoric in Ethiopia. **Interviewed by BBC Newsday on 3 August 2021 on article.**
- (2014). “Perspective: The nation that got Ebola right.” 28 November. *The Tampa Bay Times*. <https://www.tampabay.com/news/perspective/perspective-the-nation-that-gt-ebola-right/2208258>. Submitted opinion article to put, in context, the outbreak of a viral disease in West Africa that was causing national panic.
- (2009). “The Holocaust As a Guidepost for Genocide Detection and Prevention in Africa.” In *The Holocaust and the United Nations Outreach Program Discussion Papers Journal*. pp. 45-55. Invited by the UN to write the Africa position paper for the journal.

- (2005). "Beneath International Famine Relief in Ethiopia: The United States, Ethiopia, and the Debate over Relief Aid, Development Assistance, and Human Rights." *African Studies Review*, 48:2, 111-132.
- (2005). "Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity in Ethiopia: 1935 to the present." In Frank Chalk, Howard Adelman, Alexandre Kiss and Dinah Shelton, eds. *Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity*. New York: Macmillan. pp. 292-301.
- (2004). "Rwanda, Ethiopia and Cambodia: Links, Faultlines and Complexities in a Comparative Study of Genocide." *Journal of Genocide Research*, 6:1, 115-133.
- (2003). "The Uses and Abuses of the Holocaust Paradigm in Ethiopia: 1980-1991." *BRIDGES: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, History, and Science*, 10:3, 235-251.
- (2003). "Genocide in Cambodia and Ethiopia." In Ben Kiernan and Robert Gellately, eds. *The Specter of Genocide: Mass Murder in Historical Perspective*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. pp. 307-323.
- (2000). "The Politics of Famine in United States' Relations with Ethiopia: 1950-1970." *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 33:1, 113-131.

Appearances in the press, and book reviews:

- (2021). Interviewed by BBC Newsday (3 August 2021) on article in *The Conversation*.
- (2013). Interviewed for UNESCO TV (Multimedia Video & Sound Collections), Paris, France, on "The Importance of Teaching about the Holocaust in Africa."
- (2008). Review of Howard M. Lenhoff's *Black Jews, Jews, and Other Heroes: How Grassroots Activism Led to the Rescue of the Ethiopian Jews*. Jerusalem: Geffen Publishing House, 2007. In *Journal of African History*, vol. 49, No. 1 (2008): 159-161.
- (2004). Interviewed for the BBC/KCET Documentary: *Auschwitz: Inside the Nazi State*.
- (2001). Review of Linda R. Melvern's *A People Betrayed: The Role of the West in Rwanda's Genocide*. London: Zed Books, 2000. In AGNI (an Amnesty International Journal), No. 54 (2001): 313-316.
- (2001). Review of Wayne Madsen's *Genocide and Covert Operations in Africa, 1993-1999*. New York: The Edwin Mellen Press, 1999. In *Journal of Genocide Research*, 3, 1 (March 2001): 159-161.

Selected Invited and Conference Presentations (2006-present):

(2021). **Virtual.** Invited International Conference participant. “Democratic Education Needs Imagination.” Organized by The Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, and Protection Approaches, Brazil. 8-16 November.

(2021). **Virtual.** Invited participant for Digital Roundtable discussion for publication. “A European *Vergangenheitsbewailtigung?*; New Entanglements of Holocaust and Colonial Histories. Organized by Co-editors of the peer-reviewed *European Holocaust Studies* yearbook, Germany. 20 September.

(2021). **Virtual.** Invited International conference panelist, “Decolonizing Holocaust Studies.” Closed workshop on Integrating Holocaust Studies: Impediments and Opportunities” organized by US Holocaust Memorial Museum, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Stockton University, and UMass-Amherst Institute for Holocaust, Genocide, and Memory Studies. 19-22 July.

(2021). **Virtual.** Invited International research workshop participant. “The Holocaust at the Crossroads of Empire: West and sub-Saharan African Approaches to African, Holocaust, and Jewish Studies. Organized by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Alan D. Leve Center for Jewish Studies, UCLA. 4 March.

(2021). **Virtual.** Featured Speaker, *7th Annual Conference on Genocide and Human Rights Research in Africa and the Diaspora.*” Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago. February 12. I spoke on “Genocide Prevention and Human Rights Protection as a Community, Continental, and Diasporic Obligation.”

(2017). Invited by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, DC, to participate in a *Holocaust Education Research and Evaluation Summit* held at the Museum from January 9-10, 2017. Participants identified current challenges and possibilities in research on teaching about the Holocaust in the United States, and developed a preliminary research agenda for the Museum.

(2015). Invited by UNESCO, and the Aladin Project, an international humanitarian organization based in Paris, to participate in, and present a paper, at the *International Conference on Genocide Prevention, Culture of Peace and Holocaust Education*, in Dakar, Senegal, from June 1-2. I spoke on “Teaching About the History of Genocides and the Culture of Peace.”

(2015). Invited by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, in Washington, DC, to attend and speak at a *Conference for International Holocaust Education*, held at the Museum from September 27 to October 2. I spoke as a panelist on “The Politics of Teaching Atrocity” panel.

(2015). Invited by Vanderbilt University to participate in a panel discussion on “Genocide and Sexual Violence” as part of the university’s 38th Annual Holocaust Lecture Series, held on the university campus on November 3.

(2015). Invited by USF-St. Petersburg to participate in and speak as a panelist on the 2015 St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs held on the university's campus on February 26-28. I spoke as a panelist on the question: International Criminal Tribunals: Kangaroo Courts We Should Oppose? I was invited to bring an "African perspective" to the discussion.

(2015). Presented a paper at the 2015 University of Texas-Austin Annual Africa Conference held in Austin, Texas, from April 3-5. I spoke on "Human Rights and the Debates Over Dignity and Social Order in Africa" in the session on *Conceptualizing Human Rights in Africa*.

(2014). Invited by the African Union Human Rights Memorial Project Committee to attend a project consultative meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 28-29 September.

(2013). Invited speaker at International Institute for Advanced Studies, Public Seminar, University of Ghana, on June 5. I spoke on the topic: "Human Rights and the Debates over Dignity and Social Order in Africa."

(2013). Invited by UNESCO to participate in a panel discussion on "*From Holocaust Education to the Prevention of Genocide: What have we learnt from the Past*" marking International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France, 28 January.

(2012). Invited by UNESCO to speak on the "Role of Holocaust and Genocide Education in the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Violence" at first regional consultation with representatives of Ministries of Education in sub-Saharan Africa on "*Why Teach About Genocide?: The Example of the Holocaust.*" Cape Town, South Africa. 10-11 September.

(2012). Invited by the Salzburg Global Seminar to chair a session and participate in the symposium "*Learning from the Past: Global Perspectives on Holocaust Education*" 27 June-1 July, 2012.

(2012). Invited speaker at a workshop on "Teaching About Genocide with a Focus on Africa" for pre-service and in-service teachers. Syracuse University, 13 February.

(2011). *Invited Speaker, 2011 Annual History Lecture/Dr. Bernie Vigod Memorial Lecture*, St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick, CANADA. 3 October. I spoke on the topic: "Beyond the Holocaust: A Comparative Interpretation of Genocide and Mass Murder in Cambodia, Rwanda, and Darfur."

(2010). Invited speaker at *Genocide and Human Rights Awareness Month* public event, Florida Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, Florida. 29 April 2010. Topic: "Genocide [Prevention] and the Role of the United Nations."

(2010). Invited Keynote Speaker, *43rd Annual History Teachers' Conference*, Department of History, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. 23 April 2010. Topic: "What Constitutes Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity? Comparative Perspectives on Intentional Killings in Rwanda and Ethiopia."

(2008). Invited panel speaker, *International Conference on Famine and Mass Violence*. Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio. 7-9 September. I spoke on "Famine and Political Violence in Ethiopia."

- (2008). Invited speaker. *Lectures on International Human Rights*. Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Connecticut. 23 October. I spoke on the topic: “Genocide and State Terrorism in Africa.”
- (2007). Invited panel speaker. Conference on *Civil Wars and Genocide: Case Studies, Outcomes and Trends* organized by the Foundation for International, Comparative and Federal Law, and the School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, CANADA. 14-16 November. I spoke on “Genocide and Atrocity Crimes in Revolutionary Ethiopia and Cambodia.”
- (2007). Invited panel speaker. Public Forum on “*From Kristallnacht to Today: How Do We Combat Hatred?*” United Nations’ Department of Public Information. UN Headquarters, New York. 9 November 2007. I spoke on “Responsibility to Protect and the Role of Regional and Local Actors.”
- (2007) Invited speaker. Public Forum organized by the Department of History, Peace Studies Program and the Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition, McMaster University, Hamilton, CANADA, 23 October. I spoke on “Genocide and the Human Condition: A Comparative Analysis of Murder in the Name of Power and Purity in Rwanda and Cambodia.”
- (2007). Invited speaker. Teachers’ seminar organized by Florida Atlantic University and Facing History and Ourselves, Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Florida. 9 August. I spoke on “A Continuing Dialogue: The Promises and Challenges of Genocide Prevention and Human Rights.”
- (2006). Keynote Speaker at Lecture and Exhibition on *Never Again? Genocide from the Holocaust to Darfur*. Center for Holocaust and Human Rights Education, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida. I spoke on the topic: “Ethnic Conflicts and Genocide in Post-colonial Africa: The Case of Darfur, Sudan.
- (2006). Panel Speaker. Panel Discussion on *Legacy of the Nuremberg Trials: Genesis of Modern International Law & Questions of Professional Ethics*. Organized by Stetson University College of Law and Florida Holocaust Museum, and held at Florida Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- (2006) Invited Speaker, *International Conference on U.S.-Africa Relations*, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. I spoke on “Beneath the Policy Statements: Do Africa and the United States Matter To Each Other?”

Membership in Professional Societies and Associations

Member of UN/UNESCO Advisory Group on Genocide Education in Africa,
Member of Editorial Board, *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*, Official journal of the US
Holocaust Memorial Museum,
International Association of Genocide Scholars,
African Studies Association,
Member of Florida Holocaust Museum Leadership Council.
Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar, Austria.
Fellow of the International Institute for Advanced Studies, Ghana.