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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Democracy, human rights and development in transitional societies; refugees & forced migration; conflict resolution & transitional justice; media & mass communications.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2011-present Visiting Scholar, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston
- 1990-present Independent Journalist/Photographer/Consultant
Reports & commentary for BBC, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, Foreign Policy in Focus, *Guardian*, *L.A. Times*, *Miami Herald*, *Mail & Guardian*, *Middle East Report*, *The Nation* and others. Photos with The Image Works.
- 2002-2014 Senior Lecturer, Depts. of Communications & Political Science/International Relations, Simmons College, Boston (Retired)
Courses: Media Writing, Journalism, African Politics, Human Rights.
- 1993-97 Adjunct Professor, Depts. of Communications & Sociology, Simmons College, Boston
Courses: Journalism, Third World Societies.
- 1983-90 Executive Director, Grassroots International, Cambridge, Mass.
Founded and managed an aid agency with a \$2m/year budget, aiding partners in Africa, Middle East and Philippines. Published in *Christian Science Monitor*, *Guardian*, *Miami Herald*, *Observer*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Spin*, *Toronto Globe & Mail*, *Wall St. Journal*.
- 1982-83 Middle East Projects Officer, Oxfam America, Boston
Ran an emergency program in Lebanon with a \$500,000 budget. Published in *Guardian*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Toronto Globe & Mail*, *Washington Post*.
- 1975-82 Independent Journalist/Photographer
Reported for *Africa News*, *Aftenposten*, Associated Press, Australian Broadcasting Corp, BBC, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Irish Times*, *Le Monde*, *Miami Herald*, *The Nation*, *Observer*, *La Repubblica*, Reuters, *Time*, *Toronto Globe & Mail*, Voice of America, *Vrij Nederland*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Star*.
Photos with Gamma-Liaison, Camera Press.

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway: Researcher on refugees & peace issues (2014-present).

Dept. of State, Washington: Panelist/speaker on Eritrea (2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014); terrorism in the Horn of Africa (2004), conflict in the Horn (2006), Islam & terrorism in the Horn (2007), Africa governance (2007), African leaders (2013), refugee trafficking (2013), refugees & migration (2015, 2016); peace & security in the Horn (2017, 2018, 2019).

European Asylum Support Office, Malta: Country expert for special report on Eritrea (2019); Specialist Network conference (2016); external reviewer for Eritrea Country of Origin Information Report (2015).

Swedish Migration Board: Country expert on refugee flows from Eritrea (2017).

European Union, London: Eritrea expert at preparatory meeting for Valletta Conference on Refugees & Migration (2015).

Freedom House, Washington: Assessed human rights & democratic governance in Eritrea for *Countries at the Crossroads* surveys (2005, 2007, 2011).

Eurasia Group, Washington: Produced an Eritrea risk assessment (2010).

Grassroots International, Boston: Oriented program staff for Palestinian Territories (1992, 1994) and Eritrea (1992, 1998, 1999); evaluated programs in South Africa (1995) and Eritrea (1999, 2002).

U.S. Committee for Refugees, Washington: Drafted refugee repatriation report, Eritrea (2001).

Oxfam America, Boston: Prepared Horn of Africa strategy paper, 1998; researched program (1999).

World Learning, Washington: Prepared Horn of Africa proposal for US/AID (1998).

Human Rights Watch, New York: Researched regional arms trafficking out of Sudan (1996-98).

Blackside Productions, Boston: Advisor for “Hopes on the Horizon: Africa Media Project” (1997).

Alternatives, Montreal: Evaluated program on NGO networking, Eritrea (1996).

One World Action, London: Evaluated project, wrote proposal for health station, Eritrea (1994-95).

Appropriate Technologies International, Washington: Formulated project for training women in oil-seed processing and conducted feasibility study, Eritrea (1994).

Food and Agriculture Organization/UN, Rome: Worked with a research team for a field manual on socio-economic and gender aspects of participatory development (1993-94).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Historical Dictionary on Eritrea, 3rd ed., Summit, Penn.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2019.

A Historical Dictionary on Eritrea, 2nd ed. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 2010.

Old Wrongs, New Rights: Student Views of the New South Africa, ed. Trenton, N.J.: Africa World Press, 2008.

Women-to-Women: Young Americans in South Africa, ed. Trenton, N.J.: Africa World Press, 2006.

Conversations with Eritrean Political Prisoners. Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 2004.

Building a New Nation: Collected Articles on the Eritrean Revolution (1983-2002), vol. 2. Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 2004.

Taking on the Superpowers: Collected Articles on the Eritrean Revolution (1976-1983), vol. 1. Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 2003.

Rethinking Revolution: New Strategies for Democracy & Social Justice: The Experiences of Eritrea, South Africa, Palestine & Nicaragua. Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 2002.

Eritrea: A Country Handbook. Asmara: Ministry of Information, 2002.

The Proceedings of the 20th Anniversary Conference of the National Union of Eritrean Women: November 27-29, 1999. Editor & Contributor. Asmara: NUEW, 2002.

Against All Odds: A Chronicle of the Eritrean Revolution. Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 1993, 1997.

Reports & Special Publications

Getting Home Is Only Half the Challenge: Refugee Reintegration in War-Ravaged Eritrea. Washington: U.S. Committee for Refugees, 2001.

Global Trade, Local Impact: Arms Transfers to all Sides in the Civil War in Sudan. New York: Human Rights Watch, August 1998.

Six Million Dispossessed in the Horn: A White Paper. Editor and Main Contributor. Special issue, *Horn of Africa Journal*, vol. 4, no. 1, 1981.

Chapters in Books/Multivolume Works

“Eritrean Refugees at Risk” in *Postliberation Eritrea*, ed. Tekle Mariam Woldemikael. Indianapolis, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 2018.

“Lampedusa and Sinai—Linked by Tragedy” in *Eritrea: From Liberation to Oppression*, ed. Katja D. Buck & Mirjam van Reisen. Hamburg, Germany: Evangelisches Missionswerk in Deutschland, 2017.

“Eritrea” in *Oxford Bibliographies in African Studies*, ed. Thomas Spear. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017, 2014.

“Eritrea” in *Countries at the Crossroads*, New York: Freedom House Books, 2011, 2007, 2005.

“Eritrea: No Peace, No War” in *Africa Contemporary Record 2003-2004*, Vol. 29, ed. Daniel Schonberg. Teaneck, N.J.: Holmes & Meier, 2011.

“Strategies for change: Women & politics in Eritrea & South Africa,” in *African Women: A ROAPE Anthology*, ed. M. Turshen, London: PalgraveMacmillan, 2010.

“Lessons from Lebanon” in *Change not Charity: Essays on Oxfam America's first 40 years*, ed. Laura Roper. Boston: Oxfam America, 2010.

“How the EPLF/PFDJ experience shapes Eritrea’s regional strategy” in *Eritrea's Foreign Relations: Understanding its Regional Role*, London: Chatham House, 2009.

“Eritrea and the United States: Towards a new U.S. policy” in *Eritrea's Foreign Relations: Understanding its Regional Role*, London: Chatham House, 2009.

“Eritrea” in *The Encyclopedia of Human Rights*, New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Eritrea” in *Global Perspectives on the United States: A Nation by Nation Survey*, Great Barrington, Mass.: Berkshire Publishing Group, 2007.

“Eritrea: On a Slow Fuse” in *Combating Terrorism in the Horn of Africa*, Washington: Brookings, 2005.

“Women, Gender and Public Office: Eritrea” in *The Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Suad Joseph, ed., Amsterdam: Brill Academic Publishers, 2004.

“Strategies for Change: Women in Eritrea and South Africa” in Diana Fox, ed., *Women's Rights as Human Rights: Activism and Social Change in Africa*, Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 2000.

“Participatory Development: An approach sensitive to class and gender” in Doriene Rowan-Campbell, ed., *Development with Women*, Oxford, U.K.: Oxfam Books, 1999.

“The Changing Situation in Eritrea” in Basil Davidson, Lionel Cliff, Bereket Habte Selassie, eds., *Behind the War in Eritrea*, London: Spokesman Books, 1980.

Articles in Periodicals and Journals

- 2017 Review: “Martin Plaut. *Understanding Eritrea: Inside Africa’s Most Repressive State*. (New York: Oxford U. Press, 2016)” in *African Studies Review*, 60: 2 (September).
- 2016 “Refugees, migration & gated nations,” *African Studies Review*, 59: 3 (December).
 “Caught in the crossfire of climate and politics: The Eritrean Afars in Ethiopia,” *Middle East Report*, no. 277 (Winter).
- 2015 “From Sinai to Lampedusa: An Eritrean Journey,” *Middle East Online* (January).
 “An Eritrean in Israel,” *Foreign Policy in Focus* (February).
 “Take me to prison—They have food there,” *Mail & Guardian* (March).
 “Eritreans stranded in hostile South Africa,” *Mail & Guardian* (June).
 “Eritrean Refugees’ Trek Through the Americas,” *Middle East Report*, no. 275 (Summer).
 “Refugee Journeys: Two Eritreans in Sudan,” *Foreign Policy in Focus* (August 14).
 “The road ends in Djibouti for some Eritrean refugees,” *Foreign Policy in Focus* (Nov. 10).
 “Eritrean Afars: The refugees you never hear about,” *Middle East Report*, no. 276 (Fall)
- 2014 “Eritrean Refugees at Risk,” *Foreign Policy in Focus & The Nation* (April 11).
 “Central America’s Other Refugees,” *Foreign Policy in Focus* (October).
- 2013 “The rerouted trafficking in Eritrean refugees,” *Middle East Report*, no. 268 (Fall), 40-45.
 “Refugees, ransoms and revolt: An update on Eritrea,” *Middle East Report*, no. 266 (Spring), 34-39.
- 2012 “Escaping Eritrea: Why they flee and what they face” *Middle East Report*, no. 264 (Fall).
 “Rebels without a pause: Inside the underground world of the world’s best guerrilla fighters,” *Open Skies*, Dubai (May), 82-89.
- 2011 “From Resistance to Governance: Eritrea’s Trouble with Transition,” *Review of African Political Economy*, 38:129 (September), 419-433.
- 2010 Review: “Gaim Kibreab. *Critical reflections on the Eritrean war of independence and Eritrea: A dream deferred*” in *Review of African Political Economy*, 37: 126 (December), 549-552.
- 2007 “War and Peace in Sudan: The Case of the Bejas,” Crisis in the Horn of Africa, SSRC Web forum (available at <http://hornofafrica.ssrc.org/Connell>).
- 2006 Review: *I Didn't Do It for You: How the World Betrayed a Small African Nation*, by Michela Wrong. *Middle East Report*, no. 238 (spring).
- 2005 “Redeeming the Failed Promise of Democracy in Eritrea,” *Race & Class*, vol. 46, no. 4 (April-June).
- 2004 “Eritrea/Ethiopia War Looms Washington Watches & Waits,” *Foreign Policy In Focus* (Jan.)
- 2003 “Peace in Sudan: Prospect or Pipe Dream?” *Middle East Report*, no. 228 (Fall).
- 2001 “Inside the EPLF: The Role of the People’s Party in the Liberation of Eritrea,” *Review of African Political Economy*, no. 89 (Sept.).

- 2000 "Sudan: Recasting U.S. Policy," *FPIF*, vol. 5, no. 40 (Nov.).
- "Women in the Nuba Mountains: Activists or Beneficiaries?" *Women Today* (Nairobi), no. 18 (July-Aug.).
- "Today's Costliest Civil War: My Trek with the Rebels of Sudan," *Progressive*, vol. 64, no. 6 (June).
- "The Importance of Self-Reliance: NGOs and Democracy-building in Eritrea," *Middle East Report*, no. 214 (spring).
- "Confronting FGM in Eritrea" and "Eritreans Try to Control NGOs," *Women Today* (Nairobi), no. 16 (March-April).
- 1999 "What's New in the New Sudan," *Middle East Report*, no. 212 (fall).
- "Against More Odds: The Second Siege of Eritrea," *Eritrean Studies Review*, vol. 3, no. 2.
- "Shootout in the Horn of Africa: A View from Eritrea," *Middle East Report*, no. 210 (spring).
- "Libérer l'Erythrée, un processus inachevé," *Vivant Univers* (Belgium), no. 439 (Jan.-Feb.).
- 1998 "From Alliance to the Brink of All-Out War: Explaining the Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Crisis," *Middle East Report*, no. 208 (fall).
- "Strategies for Change: Women & Politics in Eritrea & South Africa," *Review of African Political Economy*, no. 76 (June).
- "Africa's New Bloc," *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 77, no. 2 (March-April).
- 1979-97 Articles on the Horn of Africa in *Africa Today*, *Agenda* (Durban, S.A.), *Development in Practice*, *Dollars & Sense*, *Foreign Policy In Focus*, *Horn of Africa Journal*, *Middle East Report*, *Race & Class*, *Southern Africa Report* (Toronto), and others.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCE PAPERS (1999 - Present)

- 2019 "Assessing the rapprochement between Eritrea and Ethiopia," Eritrea Focus Conference, U. of London (April 24).
- 2018 "The impact of the Eritrea-Ethiopia Peace on the Red Sea Basin," African Studies Ass'n, Atlanta (Nov. 29).
- 2017 "Prospects for ending the Eritrea-Ethiopia impasse," African Studies Center, Boston U. (Sept. 25), Mekele U., Ethiopia (Oct. 30), African Studies Ass'n, Chicago (Nov. 16).
- "Eritrea: Dashed hopes drive new outflows," Swedish Migration Board (Jan. 31), North Carolina State University (March 19).
- 2016 "Eritrea v. Ethiopia: A way forward," Ethiopia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Aug. 9); "Eritrea: Refugees, migration & gated nations," U. of San Francisco (Sept. 24) & African Studies Ass'n (Dec. 2).
- 2015 "Eritrea: Refugees at risk," U. of Cincinnati (March 7), Simmons College (April 7); Boston U. (April 15); ECC, Charlotte, N.C. (May 9); Uppsala University (Sept. 10); Swedish-Eritrean Partnership for Democracy, Stockholm (Sept. 12); African Studies Ass'n, San Diego (Nov. 19).
- 2014 "Eritrea: Refugees, migrants, or migrating refugees?" U. of London (Feb. 3); U. of Pretoria Law School (May 14); African Studies Ass'n, Indianapolis (Nov. 21).
- 2013 "Escaping Eritrea," Har Zion, Tel Aviv (Jan. 3), Kehilat Kol Haneshama, Jerusalem (Jan. 9), ECC Boston (Jan. 19); ECC Seattle (Feb. 9); "The trafficking of Eritrean refugees," Simmons College (March 5), Ryerson U., Toronto (Sept. 19), African Studies Ass'n, Baltimore (Nov. 21).

- 2012 “The Eritrean dilemma: A way forward,” Citizens for Democratic Rights in Eritrea, London (May 12); “Women in Eritrea,” Simmons College (July 6); “Escaping Eritrea,” African Studies Ass’n, Philadelphia (Nov. 29), Chatham House, London (Dec. 13).
- 2011 “Eritrea ten years after the crackdown,” Centre for Human Rights, U. of Pretoria Law School (May 26) and U. of Winnipeg (Sept. 18).
- 2010 “From resistance to governance: Eritrea’s problems with transition,” ASA, San Francisco (Nov. 20).
- 2009 “Eritrea: From resistance to governance,” U. of Pretoria Law School (May 21) & ASA, New Orleans (Nov. 21); “Eritrea & the U.S.: Toward a new policy,” EEPA, Brussels (Nov. 9).
- 2008 “Human Rights in Eritrea & Why They Matter,” U. of Pretoria Law School, (Jan. 15); “From resistance to governance: How the EPLF/PFDJ experience shapes Eritrea’s regional strategy,” U. of Texas, Austin (Oct. 6); “Eritrea & U.S. Policy,” ASA, Chicago (Nov. 14).
- 2007 “How the EPLF/PFDJ experience shaped Eritrea’s regional strategy,” Royal Institute for International Relations [Chatham House], London (Dec. 17).
- 2006 “War & Peace in Sudan: The Bejas,” JFK School of Gov’t, Cambridge, Mass. (March 3) & ASA, San Francisco (Nov. 16); “The Roots of Genocide in Sudan,” Simmons College (April 26); “Human Rights in Eritrea,” Priority Africa Network, Berkeley, Calif. (Nov. 16).
- 2005 “Redeeming Eritrea’s Failed Democracy,” UCT, Cape Town (March 10); U. of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (May 19); Iziko, Cape Town (May 26); EHDR, London (Sept. 19).
- 2004 “Eritrea, Ethiopia & U.S. Policy,” IPS, Washington (Jan. 20); “Redeeming the Failed Promise of Democracy in Eritrea,” Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y. (Feb. 19), World Fellowship Center, Conway, N.H. (Aug. 10), CSIS, Washington (Dec. 13); “Eritrea: On a Slow Fuse,” JFK School of Gov’t, Cambridge, Mass. (Nov. 5); “Eritrea & International Media,” ASA, New Orleans (Nov. 12).
- 2003 “Political Islam in Sudan: The Search for a Democratic Alternative,” World Affairs, Salem, Mass. (Feb. 20); “War in Iraq: How does it affect us?” Simmons College, Boston. (March 20); “Enough! A Critique of Eritrea’s Post-Liberation Politics,” ASA, Cambridge, Mass. (Nov. 1); .
- 2002 “Dangers of a Widening War in East Africa,” Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass. (March 17) & AFSC, Cambridge, Mass. (March 20); “New Strategies for Democracy & Social Justice,” Rutgers U. (April 15), Khormilay, Sudan (June 2), & Clark U., Worcester, Mass. (Oct. 3).
- 2001 “The Liberation, Development & Defense of Eritrea,” U. of Asmara (May 21); “Inside the EPLF: The Origins of the ‘People’s Party’ & its Role in Eritrea,” Int’l Eritrean Studies Ass’n, Asmara (July 25); “Why Do They Hate US? The Roots of Terrorism,” Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass. (Sept. 24.); “Rethinking Revolution: New Strategies for Democracy & Social Justice,” USD, San Diego (Dec. 4).
- 1999 “NGOs and the Struggle for Rights,” Georgia Tech., Atlanta (April 30); “Africa’s New Leaders: Prospects & Problems,” World Affairs Council, Savannah (May 20).

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS (2009 - Present)

- 2019 *The Economist* (May 31).
- 2018 Reuters (April 17, Nov. 9); *The Economist* (April 18, Nov. 7); Agence France Press (June 7).
- 2016 *New York Times* (June 8).
- 2015 “All Things Considered,” NPR (April 21); CNN (April 21); “Meet the EBC,” EBC-TV, Addis Ababa (June 17); *Guardian* (July 7); *Washington Post* (July 10); “The World, WGBH/BBC (July 28); TV-2, Denmark (Aug. 26).

- 2013 *New York Times* (Jan. 21); *Los Angeles Times* (Jan. 21); *Financial Times* (Jan. 21); *World Politics Review* (Jan. 21); *Frankfurter Zeitung* (Jan. 22); *Huffington Post* (Jan. 22); Bloomberg News (Jan. 23); *Wall St. Journal* (Jan. 28); BBC World Service (Sept. 19, Oct. 14, Oct. 18).
- 2012 *New York Times* (March 15, Aug. 21); BBC (March 15, Aug. 21); “Africa Today,” KPFA (Aug. 31); “Uvda,” Keshet-TV, Tel Aviv (Sept. 4).
- 2011 *Forward*, New York (Feb. 25); CTV (Canada) & BBC (Sept. 18); *National Post*, Toronto & CKUW, Winnipeg (Sept. 19).
- 2010 Bloomberg News, Addis Ababa (May 13); Voice of America (July 15).
- 2009 *Congressional Quarterly* (March 13); “Nightline,” Dubai (June 24, Aug. 25, Dec. 21); Int’l Relations and Security Network (Aug. 24); *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* (Aug. 26); McClatchy News (Nov. 2); Deutsche Wella, Radio France International & BBC, Brussels (Nov. 9).

EDUCATION

- M.A. English & American Literature, 1969, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.
- B.A. English Literature, 1966, Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Writer’s Residency, Mesa Refuge, Point Reyes, Calif., 2016, 2004.
- Professor of the Year, Simmons College, 2014.
- Provost’s Fund for Research, 2013; Dean’s Fund for Faculty Research, Simmons College, 2013, 2012.
- Fund for Faculty Development, Simmons College, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004.
- Writer’s Residencies, Blue Mountain Center, N.Y., 2014, 2010, 2003, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1995.
- President’s Fund for Faculty Excellence, Simmons College, 2008-2010.
- Writing & Research Grants, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1999-2000 & 1994-96.
- Writer’s Residency, Bellagio Study & Conference Center, Como, Italy, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Middle East Report*, Washington: member, Board of Directors, 1986-90, 1993-98, 2015-2018; chair, 1988-90, 1995-98; contributing editor, 1982-present.
- Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass.: Founder & board chair, 2001-present.
- Grassroots International, Boston: Founder & executive director, 1983-90; member, Board of Directors, 1990-96, 2003-2009; chair, RootsNet, 2009-present.
- African Studies Association: member, 2003-present.
- CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, Cambridge, Mass.: member, Board of Directors, 2016-2019.