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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: 20th century Economic and Diplomatic history of Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa.

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

Selected Publications:**Books:**

Africans and the Holocaust: Perceptions and Responses of Colonized and Sovereign Peoples. London: Routledge, 2020.

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

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles:

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (2000). "The Politics of Famine in United States' Relations with Ethiopia: 1950-1970." *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 33:1, 113-131.

Chapters in Books:

- (2018). "Africa and Human Rights." Chapter 42. In Toyin Falola and 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.
- (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.
- (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.

Other Publications (Commissioned Paper):

- Kissi, E. (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.

Selected Presentations:

- (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 to 2, 2015. 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 to 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. Topic: “Human Rights and the Debates over Dignity and Social Order in Africa,” Accra, Ghana, 5 June.

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

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

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Membership in Professional Societies and Associations

International Association of Genocide Scholars

African Studies Association

Member of Florida Holocaust Museum Leadership Council.

Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar

Fellow of the International Institute for Advanced Studies.