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Researcher/Writer
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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Democracy, human rights and development in transitional societies; refugees and forced migration; third world insurgencies; media and mass communications.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2011-present **Visiting Scholar, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston**
- 1990-present **Independent Journalist/Consultant**
Reports & commentary carried by BBC, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, Foreign Policy in Focus, *Guardian*, *Independent*, *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 Corporation, BBC, *Boston Globe*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Financial Times*, *Guardian*, *Irish Times*, *Le Monde*, *Miami Herald*, *The Nation*, *Observer*, Pacifica Radio, *La Repubblica*, Reuters, *Time*, *Toronto Globe & Mail*, Voice of America, *Vrij Nederland*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Star*. Photos with Gamma-Liaison, Camera Press.

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

Dept. of State, Washington: Speaker or panelist on Eritrea (2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014); panelist on terrorism (2004), conflict in Horn of Africa (2006), Islam & terrorism (2007), governance in Africa (2007), new African leaders (2013), refugee trafficking (2013).

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).

Eritrean Human Resource Development Program, Asmara: Produced country handbook (2001-2002).

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 HoA program (1999).

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

Human Rights Watch, New York: Researched the arms trade in Sudan (1996-1998).

Blackside Productions, Boston: Advisor for “Hopes on the Horizon: The 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, 1995).

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 (1993-1994).

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books

A Historical Dictionary on Eritrea, 2nd ed., coauthored with T. Killion. 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

“Eritrea” in *Oxford Bibliographies*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, U.K., forthcoming in 2014.

“Eritrea” in *Countries at the Crossroads 2011*, New York: Freedom House Books, 2011, http://www.freedomhouse.org/sites/default/files/inline_images/ERITREAFINAL.pdf.

“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, <http://www.oxfamamerica.org/files/change-not-charity.pdf>.

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

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

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

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

“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.

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

“They squeezed the liberty out of liberation” in *Dawit och friheten: om den svenske samvetsfångnen och Eritreas inställda demokratisering*, Karlsson & Sjöberg, eds., Stockholm: Swedish Int’l Liberal Ctr, 2005.

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

“Introduction” in Alemseged Tesfai, *Two Weeks in the Trenches*, Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 2002.

“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

- 2015 “From Sinai to Lampedusa: An Eritrean Journey,” *Middle East Online* (January).
 “An Eritrea 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).
- 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 Book review: *Weller’s War: A Legendary Foreign Correspondent's Saga of World War II on Five Continents*, ed. A. Weller in *African Studies Review*, 53: 3 (December), 146-148.
 Book review: *Critical Reflections on the Eritrean War for Independence and Eritrea: A Dream Deferred*, by Gaim Kibreab. *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 Book 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

- 2015 “Eritrea Refugees at Risk,” U. of Cincinnati (March 7), Simmons College (April 7); Boston U. (April 15); ECC, Charlotte, N.C. (May 9).
- 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 “The trafficking of Eritrean refugees,” Simmons College (March 5); Eritrean Community Center (ECC), Washington (May 25); PEN & Ryerson U., Toronto (Sept. 19); African Studies Ass’n, Baltimore (Nov. 21).
- “Escaping Eritrea: Why they flee & what they face,” Har Zion, Tel Aviv (Jan.3); Kehilat Kol Haneshama, Jerusalem (Jan. 9); ECC, Boston (Jan. 19); ECC Seattle (Feb. 9).
- 2012 “The Eritrean dilemma: Prospects for the way forward,” Citizens for Democratic Rights in Eritrea, London (May 12); “Public diplomacy on Eritrea: Challenges & Opportunities,” online symposium (June 24); “Women in Eritrea; Two steps forward, one back,” Simmons College (July 6); “Escaping Eritrea: Why they flee and what they face,” Eritrean Youth, Toronto (Aug. 25), Oakland, Calif. (Sept. 8), African Studies Ass’n, Philadelphia (Nov. 29), and 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,” African Studies Association, San Francisco (Nov. 20).
- 2009 “From resistance to governance: The case of Eritrea,” U. of Pretoria Law School (May 21); “Eritrea & the U.S.: Toward a new policy,” Europe External Policy Advisors, Brussels (Nov. 9); “Eritrea: From Liberty to Dictatorship & Back,” African Studies Ass’n, New Orleans (Nov. 21).
- 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,” African Studies Ass’n, 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 and Peace in Sudan: The Bejas,” African Studies Ass’n, San Francisco (Nov. 16); “Human Rights in Eritrea,” Priority Africa Network, Berkeley, Calif. (Nov. 16); “The Roots of Genocide in Sudan,” Simmons College (April 26); “Sudan: The danger of war in the East,” JFK School of Gov’t, Cambridge, Mass. (March 3).
- 2005 “Redeeming the Failed Democracy in Eritrea,” U. of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg (May 19); UCT, Cape Town (March 10); Iziko, Cape Town (May 26); EHDR, London (Sept. 19).
- 2004 “Eritrea: On a Slow Fuse,” JFK School of Gov’t, Cambridge, Mass. (Nov. 5); “Redeeming the Failed Promise of Democracy in Eritrea” EPF, Washington, (Jan. 31), EPF, Oakland, Calif. (Feb. 8), Cornell U., Ithaca, N.Y. (Feb. 19), EPF, Dallas (Feb. 21), EPF, N.Y. (March 28), EPF, Boston (July 18), World Fellowship Center, Conway, N.H. (Aug. 10), ASA, New Orleans (Nov. 13), CSIS, Washington (Dec. 13); “Eritrea & the International Media,” ASA, New Orleans (Nov. 12); “Eritrea, Ethiopia & U.S. Policy,” IPS, Washington (Jan. 20).

- 2003 “Enough! A Critique of Eritrea’s Post-Liberation Politics,” ASA, Cambridge, Mass. (Nov. 1); “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).
- 2002 “New Strategies for Democracy & Social Justice,” Rutgers U. (April 15), Khormilay, Sudan (June 2), & Clark U., Worcester, Mass. (Oct. 3); “Dangers of a Widening War in East Africa,” Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass. (March 17) & AFSC, Cambridge, Mass. (March 20).
- 2001 “Rethinking Revolution: New Strategies for Democracy & Social Justice,” USD, San Diego (Dec. 4); “Why Do They Hate US? The Roots of Terrorism,” Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass. (Sept. 24); “Inside the EPLF: The Origins of the ‘People’s Party’ & its Role in Eritrea,” Eritrean Studies Ass’n, Asmara (July 25); “The Liberation, Development & Defense of Eritrea,” Rotary, Asmara (April 19); NCEW, Asmara (May 16); U. of Asmara (May 21).
- 1999 “Gender Justice: Women & Revolution in Eritrea, South Africa, Palestine & Nicaragua,” Asmara (Nov. 29); “Africa’s New Leaders: Prospects & Problems,” World Affairs Council, Savannah (May 20); “NGOs and the Struggle for Rights,” Georgia Tech., Atlanta (April 30).
- 1977-98 Numerous lectures on national liberation, nation-building, democracy, human rights.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- 2015 “All Things Considered,” NPR (April 21); CNN (April 21); “Meet the EBC,” Addis Ababa (June 17); *Guardian* (July 7); *Washington Post* (July 10).
- 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 Welle, Radio France International & BBC, Brussels (Nov. 9).
- 2008 NPR, Berlin (Feb. 27); *New York Times* (May 21, Dec. 2); VoA, Washington (May 23).
- 2007 “*Vanity Fair* (March 21); *Chicago Tribune* (July 11); *New York Times* (Oct. 5).
- 2006 *Handelsblatt*, Amsterdam (Feb. 3); *New Republic* (March 2); *Wall St. Journal* (March 16); *Die Zeit*, Berlin (March 17); Reuters, Nairobi (June 20); “Breakfast Club,” Jamaica (Aug. 10); KPFA, Berkeley, Calif. (Aug. 10); Reuters, Asmara (Nov. 20).
- 2005 “The World,” NPR/BBC (July 5).

- 2004 Radio France Int'l (March 3).
- 2003 *Press-Enterprise*, Riverside, Calif. (Jan. 16); UN Integrated Regional Information Network, Nairobi (Jan. 20, May 20); Australian Broadcasting Co. (Nov. 5).
- 2002 Reuters, Asmara (Feb. 28); "Africa Today," KPFA, Berkeley, Calif. (April 22); Chicago Public Radio (July 23), VoA, Washington (July 26); NPR, Nairobi (Dec. 3).
- 2001 AFP, Asmara (Aug. 24); *Boston Globe* (Nov. 6).
- 2000 Radio Netherlands (March 30); BBC (April 4); Radio Exterior España (May 18); Chicago Public Radio (June 19); "Africa Today," KPFA, Berkeley, Calif. (June 23); VoA (July 27).
- 1999 "Making Contact," KPFA, Los Angeles (March 2); "Morning Edition," NPR (March 5); "Marketplace," NPR (May 24); "Africa Today," KPFA, Berkeley, Calif. (June 3, Aug 16); "The World," NPR (July 27); *Boston Globe* (Aug. 8); "The Connection," PRI, Boston (Aug. 16).
- 1998 *Washington Post* (Aug. 20, 24); "The Connection," PRI, Boston (Aug. 21); KPFA, Berkeley, Calif. (Aug. 21, 24); BBC (Aug. 24); UPI, Washington (Aug. 24); Wisconsin Public Radio (Aug. 26); *Time* (Aug. 26); WHDH-TV, Boston (Aug. 29); Radio France Int'l, Paris (Sept. 2).

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

- I
 Professor of the Year, Simmons College, 2014.
- Provost's Fund for Research, Simmons College, 2013.
- Fund for Faculty Research, Simmons College, 2012, 2013.
- 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.
- Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, Simmons College, 2005.
- Writer's Residency, Mesa Refuge, Point Reyes, Calif., May 2004.
- Writing & Research Grant, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, 1999-2000.
- Writer's Residency, Bellagio Study & Conference Center, Como, Italy, 1998.
- Writing & Research Grant, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, 1994-1996.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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.

Middle East Report, Washington: member, Board of Directors, 1986-90, 1993-98; chair, 1988-90, 1995-98; contributing editor, 1982-present.

Committee on Honorary Degrees, Simmons College: chair, 2007-2014.

African Studies Association: member, 2003-present.

Association of Concerned African Scholars: member, 2003-present.

Eritrean Studies Association: member, 1997-present.