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Researcher/Writer/Photographer
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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 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

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

Dept. of State, Washington: Panelist/speaker on Eritrea country conditions (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).

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

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

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 HoA program (1999).

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

Human Rights Watch, New York: Researched the regional arms trafficking out of 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, 3rd ed. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, forthcoming in 2019.

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

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

“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

- 2017 "Breaking the Deadlock: 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,” EPF, Washington (Jan. 31), EPF, Oakland, Calif. (Feb. 8), Cornell U., Ithaca, N.Y. (Feb. 19), EPF, Dallas (Feb. 21), 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 & the 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,” Rotary, Asmara (April 19); NCEW, Asmara (May 16); U. of Asmara (May 21); “Inside the EPLF: The Origins of the ‘People’s Party’ & its Role in Eritrea,” 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); “Gender Justice: Women & Revolution in Eritrea, South Africa, Palestine & Nicaragua,” Asmara (Nov. 29).
- 1977-98 Lectures on national liberation, nation-building, democracy, human rights.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- 2018 Reuters (April 17); *The Economist* (April 18); 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).
- 2008 NPR, Berlin (Feb. 27); *New York Times* (May 21, Dec. 2); VoA, Washington (May 23).
- 1998-2007 Numerous interviews with print & broadcast media in North America & Europe.

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

- CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, Cambridge, Mass.: member, Board of Directors, 2016-present.
- Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass.: Founder & board chair, 2001-present.
- Middle East Report*, Washington: member, Board of Directors, 1986-90, 1993-98, 2015-2018; chair, 1988-90, 1995-98; contributing editor, 1982-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.