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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Relief & development; refugees & forced migration; peace & postconflict transitions.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2011-present Visiting Scholar, African Studies Center, Boston University, Boston
- 1990-present Independent Consultant
Commentary in *Boston Globe*, Foreign Policy in Focus, *Guardian*, *Mail & Guardian*,
Middle East Report and others.
- 2002-2014 Senior Lecturer, Depts. of Communications & Political Science/International Relations,
Simmons University, Boston (Retired)
Courses: Journalism, African Politics, Human Rights.
- 1993-97 Adjunct Professor, Depts. of Communications & Sociology, Simmons University, Boston
Courses: Journalism, Third World Societies.
- 1983-90 Executive Director, Grassroots International, Cambridge, Mass.
Founded and managed an NGO 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
Designed & managed 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*, AP, 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*, VoA, *Vrij Nederland*, *Washington Post*, *Washington Star*.

SELECTED CONSULTANCIES

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway: Researcher on refugee & peace issues (2014-2020).

Dept. of State, Washington: Panelist on Eritrea (2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2019,
2020, 2021); terrorism (2004 & 2007), conflict in the Horn (2006), African governance (2007 & 2013),
human trafficking (2013), refugees & migration (2015, 2016); peace & security (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020).

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

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

European Union: Eritrea expert at prep 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).

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

Against All Odds: A Chronicle of the Eritrean Revolution. Trenton, N.J.: Red Sea Press, 1993, 2021.

Historical Dictionary of Eritrea, Summit, Penn.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2010, 2019.

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.

Reports & Special Publications

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

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

Selected Chapters in Books

- “Everything has changed, but nothing has changed: Assessing the rapprochement between Ethiopia and Eritrea” in *Building democracy in Eritrea*, ed. Habte Hagos. London: Eritrea Focus, 2019.
- “Eritrean Refugees at Risk” in *Postliberation Eritrea*, ed. Tekle Mariam Woldemikael. Indianapolis, Ind.: Indiana University Press, 2019.
- “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*, ed. Richard Reid. London: Chatham House, 2009.
- “Eritrea and the United States: Towards a new U.S. policy” in *Eritrea's Foreign Relations: Understanding its Regional Role*, ed. Richard Reid. 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*, ed. Suad Joseph. 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.

Selected Articles

- 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).

- “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).
- “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).
- 2013 “The rerouted trafficking in Eritrean refugees,” *Middle East Report*, no. 268 (Fall), 40-45.
- “Refugees, ransoms and revolt: 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.
- 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).
- 2003 “Enough! A Critique of Eritrea’s Post-Liberation Politics, allAfrica.com (November 6).
- 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 “The Importance of Self-Reliance: NGOs and Democracy-building in Eritrea,” *Middle East Report*, no. 214 (spring).
- 1999 “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’Érythrée, 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).

EDUCATION

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

AWARDS AND HONORS

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.

Residencies, Blue Mountain Center, N.Y., 2014, 2010, 2003, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1995.

President's Fund for Faculty Excellence, Simmons College, 2008-2010.

Research Grants, John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1999-2000 & 1994-96.

Residency, Bellagio Study & Conference Center, Como, Italy, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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, 2015-2018; chair, 1988-90, 1995-98; contributing editor, 1982-present.

African Studies Association: member, 2003-present.

Cape Ann Forum, Gloucester, Mass.: Founder & board chair, 2001-2020.

CDA Collaborative Learning Projects, Cambridge, Mass.: member, Board of Directors, 2016-2019.