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FIELDS OF INTEREST

State-society relations in Africa, in particular power relations between the state and individuals in post-conflict countries; urban refugees; Rwanda; Kenya; research ethics and methodology.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University, 1 July 2012 to present.

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary African Politics, School of Critical Inquiry, Hampshire College, June 2010 to June 2012.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa, May 2009 to June 2010.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science), Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. May 2009.
Dissertation title: *Resisting Reconciliation: State Power and Everyday Life in Post-Genocide Rwanda*. Specializations: Comparative Politics and African Studies.

Master of Arts (Political Science), Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada. September 2001.

Bachelor of Laws Honours, University College London, UK. June 1998.

Bachelor of Arts Honours (Political Science), Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada. June 1992.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Book

Rwanda: A Phoenix from the Ashes of Genocide? New Haven, CT & London, England: Yale University Press (under contract. Manuscript due December 31, 2013).

Whispering Truth to Power: Everyday Resistance to Reconciliation in Post-Genocide Rwanda. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press (manuscript due November 30, 2012).

Peer-Reviewed Co-Edited Book

Thomson, Susan, An Ansoms and Jude Murison, eds. (2012) *Emotional and Ethical Challenges for Field Research in Africa: The Story Behind the Findings*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Rhetorical Legacies of Leadership: Projections of 'Benevolent Leadership' in Pre- and Post-Genocide Rwanda" (with Marie-Eve Desrosiers) *Journal of Modern African Studies*, 49(3), August 2011, pp. 431-455.

“The Darker Side of Transitional Justice: The Power Dynamics behind Rwanda’s Gacaca Courts” *Africa*, 81(3), August 2011, pp. 373-390.

“Whispering Truth to Power: The Everyday Resistance of Peasant Rwandans to Post-Genocide Reconciliation” *African Affairs*, 100(440), July 2011, pp. 439-456.

“Law, Power and Justice: What Legalism Fails to Address in the Functioning of Rwanda’s Gacaca Court” (with Rosemary Nagy) *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, 5(1), March 2011, pp. 11-30.

“Local Power Relations and Household Gender Dynamics: Assessing Rwanda’s Claim to Universal HIV/AIDS Treatment in Context” *Special Issue on HIV/AIDS, Human Security and Governance in Africa: Canadian Journal of African Studies*, 44(3), February 2011, pp. 552-578.

“La politique d’unité et de réconciliation nationale au Rwanda: figures imposées et résistance au quotidien” *Genèses*, 81(4), décembre 2010, pp. 49-63.

“Getting Close to Rwandans since the Genocide: Studying Everyday Life in Highly Politicized Research Settings” *African Studies Review*, 53(3), December 2010, pp. 19-34.

“Ethnic Twa and Rwandan National Unity and Reconciliation Policy” *Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice* 21(3), July 2009, pp. 313-320.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters in Books

“Introduction: Why Stories Behind the Findings?” (with An Ansoms and Jude Murison) in Susan Thomson, An Ansoms and Jude Murison (eds.) *Emotional and Ethical Challenges for Field Research in Africa: The Story Behind the Findings*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, pp. 1-11.

“Academic Integrity and Ethical Responsibilities in Post-genocide Rwanda: Working with Research Ethics Boards to Prepare for Fieldwork with ‘Human Subjects’” in Susan Thomson, An Ansoms and Jude Murison (eds.) *Emotional and Ethical Challenges for Field Research in Africa: The Story Behind the Findings*. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012, pp. 139-154.

“Peasant Perspectives on National Unity and Reconciliation: Building Peace or Promoting Division?” In Maddalena Campioni and Patrick Noack (eds.) *Rwanda Fast Forward: Social, Economic, Military and Reconciliation Prospects*. London: Palgrave MacMillan, 2012, pp. 96-110.

“Re-education for Reconciliation: Participant Observations on *Ingando*” in Scott Straus and Lars Waldorf (eds.) *Reconstructing Rwanda: State Building and Human Rights after Mass Violence*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2011, pp. 331-339.

“‘That is not what we authorised you to do...’: Access and government interference in highly politicised research environments” in Chandra Lekha Sriram, John C. King, Julie A. Mertus, Olga Martín-Ortega and Johanna Herman (eds.) *Surviving Field Research: Working in violent and difficult situations*. London: Routledge, 2009, pp. 108-124.

Invited Chapters, Monographs and Consultancy Reports

“Rwanda.” In Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber and Klaas van Walrave (eds.) *Africa Yearbook 8: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2011* (Leiden: Brill), pp. 357-369.

“Rwanda.” In Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber and Klaas van Walrave (eds.) *Africa Yearbook 7: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2010* (Leiden: Brill, 2011), pp. 359-370.

“The Relationship between International Donors, the Government of Kenya and Somali’s Al-Shabaab.” Briefing Paper prepared for the United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank in response to on-going conflict and resultant famine in the Horn of Africa, September 2011.

“Seeing behind entrenched legitimizing myths: Examples from post-genocide Rwanda.” Invited monograph prepared for the *Investigating Techniques for Eliciting Hierarchy-Enhancing Legitimizing Myths* project, Royal Military College of Canada, April 2011.

“Rwanda.” In Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber and Klaas van Walrave (eds.) *Africa Yearbook 6: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2009*. Leiden: Brill, 2010, pp. 353-363.

“Developing Ethical Guidelines for Researchers working in Post-Conflict Environments.” Research Report prepared for the Program on States and Security, City University of New York. December 2009. http://www.statesandsecurity.org/_pdfs/Thomson.FINAL.9.16.pdf.

“Rwanda.” In Andreas Mehler, Henning Melber and Klaas van Walrave (eds.) *Africa Yearbook 5: Politics, Economy and Society South of the Sahara 2008*. Leiden: Brill, 2009, pp. 333-344.

“Re-Engaging the Post-Genocide Government of Rwanda: Canada’s Role.” Canadian Consortium on Human Security Policy Brief. March 2007.

“Civil Society Perspectives on the Responsibility to Protect: 10 Years after the Rwandan Genocide.” April 2004. Workshop Report.

Book Reviews

Rwanda de la guerre au genocide: Les politiques criminelles au Rwanda (1990-1994). By André Guichaoua, *Genèses*, forthcoming 86(2), summer 2012.

AIDS and Rural Livelihoods: Dynamics and Diversity in Sub-Saharan Africa. Edited by Anke Niehof, Gabriel Rugalema and Stuart Gillespie. *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 33(2), July 2012, pp. 279-280.

The Recurring Great Lakes Crisis: Identity, Violence and Power. By Jean-Pierre Chrétien and Richard Banégas (eds.) *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 45(1), April 2012, pp. 136-138.

Mediations of Violence in Africa: Fashioning New Futures from Contested Pasts. By Lidwien Kapteijns and Annemiek Richter (eds.) *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 44(1), April 2011, pp. 156-157.

The Great African War: Congo and Regional Geopolitics, 1996-2006. By Filip Reyntjens, *History: Review of New Books*, 39(3), July 2011, pp. 93-94.

Traditional Justice and Reconciliation after Violent Conflict: Learning from African Experiences. By Luc Huyse and Mark Salter (eds.) *African Studies Review*, 53(2), September 2010, pp. 204-205.

After Genocide: Transitional Justice, Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond. By Phil Clark and Zachary D. Kaufman (eds.) *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 43(1), September 2010, pp. 192-194.

After Genocide: Transitional Justice, Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond. By Phil Clark and Zachary D. Kaufman (eds.) *African Studies Review*, 53(1), April 2010, pp. 204-206.

A Thousand Hills: Rwanda's Rebirth and the Man Who Dreamed It. By Stephen Kinzer. *African Studies Review*, 52(1), April 2009, pp. 194-196.

A Thousand Hills: Rwanda's Rebirth and the Man Who Dreamed It. By Stephen Kinzer. *Canadian Journal of International Affairs*, 64(1), Winter 2008/09, pp. 304-306.

Liberal Democracy and its Critics in Africa: Political Dysfunction and the Struggle for Progress. Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo (ed.) *African Studies Review*, 49(3), December 2006, pp. 165-166.

Negotiating Local Knowledge: Identity and Power in Development. Johan Pottier, Alan Bicker and Paul Sillitoe, eds. *European Journal of Development Research* 18(1), 2006, pp. 173-174.

Opinion Editorials and Other Writing

"Lack of Inclusiveness in Rwanda could lead to Conflict", *Africa Portal*, 5 April 2012, <http://www.africaportal.org/articles/2012/04/05/lack-inclusiveness-rwanda-could-breed-potential-conflict>

"Silent Sabotage: How the Rwandan Peasantry is Defying 'Reconciliation'", *The East African* (Kenya), 24 July 2011, <http://www.theeastafrican.co.ke/OpEd/comment/How+the+Rwandan+peasantry+is+defying+reconciliation/-/434750/1206744/-/y0ysj0z/-/>

"The Rwandan Genocide, 17 Years Later", *The Mark News*, 7 April 2011, <http://www.themarknews.com/articles/4644-the-rwanda-genocide-17-years-later>

"On Genocide Anniversary, Rwanda Needs Political Reform", 6 April 2011, *Africa Portal*, <http://www.themarknews.com/articles/4644-the-rwanda-genocide-17-years-later>.

"Gerechtigkeit und Aussöhnung in Ruanda nach dem Genozid von 1994" (translated by D. Walter and B. Behschnitt), *Internationales Magazin für Sicherheit*, October 2010, pp. 11-13.

"Kagame's Victory, Rwanda's Challenge", *The Mark News*, 9 August 2010, <http://www.themarknews.com/articles/1998-kagame-s-victory-rwanda-s-challenge>

"Political Repression in Rwanda. Widespread harassment of journalists, opposition politicians" *Global Research*, 21 July 2010. <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=20194>

"Collateral Damage. Average Rwandans suffer as opposition, journalists intimidated", *The Mail and Guardian On-line*, 20 July 2010. <http://www.mg.co.za/article/2010-07-20-collateral-damage>

"Rwanda's Sham Elections", *The Mark News*, 15 July 2010. <http://www.themarknews.com/articles/1857-rwanda-s-sham-elections>

"A False Reconciliation", *The Mark News*, 21 January 2010. <http://themarknews.com/articles/861-a-false-reconciliation>.

"Inside Rwanda's gender revolution" (with E. Baines and S. Brown), *The Guardian Online*, October 13, 2008. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/oct/13/rwanda-gender>.

"Individual Lived Experience with Democratisation in Post-Genocide Rwanda", *Human Security Bulletin*, 3(4), November/December 2004, www.humansecuritybulletin.info/November_2004/Home/en/index.php

WORK UNDER REVIEW and IN PROGRESS

Under Review

“Accepting Authoritarianism? Everyday Resistance as Political Consciousness in Post-Genocide Rwanda” in Ebenezer Babatunde Obadare and Wendy Willems, eds. *African Arts of Resistance: New Vistas* (London: James Currey).

“Experiential Learning in Authoritarian Settings: Lessons from Postgenocide Rwanda (with Marie-Eve Desrosiers). In Bob Huisch and Rebecca Tiemessen (eds.) *When the World is your Classroom* (Toronto, ON: University of Toronto Press).

‘Self-Evaluation for Researchers working in Violently Divided Societies: Learning from Experience in Rwanda’ *Journal of Peacebuilding & Development*

In Progress

‘The Problem-Solving Networks of Urban Refugee Girls Living in Nairobi: The Challenges of Coping’ Invited paper for *Conflict, Security and Development*

“Gatekeeping or Image-Making? Working with Local Officials to Gain Access in Urban Kenya and Rural Rwanda”

“Creative Truth-Telling as Resistance? Gendering Testimony before Rwanda’s Gacaca Courts”

“Book Review, *Stuck: Rwandan Youth and the Struggle for Adulthood*” by Marc Sommers, *African Studies Review*.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

Colgate University, University Studies Publication Grant (to support the publication of *Emotional and Ethical Challenges for Field Work in Africa*), August 2012, \$1,500.

Colgate University, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, New Faculty Start-Up Grant, July 2012 to July 2014. \$14,500.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New Faculty Research Development Grant (Hampshire College), July 2010. \$15,000.

University of Ottawa, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Conference Travel Grant, January 2010. \$750.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Postdoctoral Fellowship. 2009-2010. \$45,000.

Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Travel Grant. 2007. \$2,498.

Canadian Consortium on Human Security. Doctoral Fellowship. 2006-07. \$10,000

International Development Research Centre. Doctoral Fellowship. 2006. \$20,000

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Doctoral Fellowship. 2003-05. \$24,000 per annum.

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rwanda since the 1994 Genocide, 3rd seminar, Colgate University, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Spring 2013.

Practices of Peace and Conflict: War in Lived Experience, 2nd year lecture course, Colgate University, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Spring 2013

Human Rights and Human Security, Colgate University, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Fall 2012.

Practices of Peace and Conflict: War in Lived Experience, 2nd year lecture course, Colgate University, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Fall 2012.

Contemporary African Politics, 3rd year seminar, Smith College, Department of Government, Spring 2012.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, 2nd year lecture course, Hampshire College, School of Critical Social Inquiry, Fall 2011.

Contemporary Controversies in African Studies, 1st year debate class, School of Critical Social Inquiry, Hampshire College, Fall 2011; Smith College, Spring 2012.

Division III Writing Seminar, 4th year seminar, School of Critical Social Inquiry, Hampshire College, Spring 2011.

Politics of Power and Resistance in Africa, 3rd year seminar, School of Critical Social Inquiry, Hampshire College, Spring 2011.

Introduction to African Politics, 1st year lecture course, School of Critical Social Inquiry, Hampshire College, Fall 2010.

African Politics in Comparative Perspective, 3rd year lecture course, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa, Winter 2010.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, 1st year lecture course, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, Fall 2009.

Gender, Development and Globalization, 4th year seminar, Faculty of International Development, Mbarara University, Mbarara, Uganda, March 2006.

Scope and Methods of Political Science, 4th year practicum, Department of Political Science, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS. September 2003-April 2004

Special Topics: International Law, 4th year useminar, Department of Political Science, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, NS. January 2003-April 2003

Public International Law, 3rd year lecture course, Faculty of Law, National University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda, July-December 1999 and January- April 2000.

International Human Rights Law, 2nd year seminar, Faculty of Law, National University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda, January- April 2000.

The Investigation of Human Right Abuses: Theory and Practice, 3rd year seminar, National University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda. January-April 2000.

PRESENTATIONS, KEYNOTE AND INVITED TALKS

“Gatekeepers have Gatekeepers too: The Long Hallway of Meta-Data.” Surviving War Workshop, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, September 29, 2012.

“Local level Research and Action in Oppressive Environments: Preparing Undergraduate Students.” Rwanda from Below Conference, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp, June 30, 2012.

“Accepting Authoritarianism? Everyday Resistance as Political Consciousness among Rural Rwandans since the 1994 Genocide.” Rwanda from Below Conference, Institute of Development Policy and Management, University of Antwerp, June 29, 2012.

“Political Trends in Contemporary Rwanda. A Comment for Policymakers.” Great Lakes Policy Forum, The Search for Common Ground, Washington, DC, November 17, 2011.

“Rwanda’s Role in Perpetuating Violence in the DRC and its Impact on Everyday Life and Livelihoods.” Informed Activism: Armed Conflict, Scarce Resources and Congo Conference, Strassler Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Clark University, Worcester, MA, September 24, 2011.

“Peasant Perspectives on Contemporary Rwanda: Notes for the Ambassador” briefing for the incoming US Ambassador to Rwanda, Don Koran, co-sponsored by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the US Department of State, and the National Intelligence Council. Washington, DC, August 19, 2011.

“Evaluating Research in Violently Divided Societies: The Researcher-Recipient Perspective.” IDRC-INCORE authors’ workshop: Extreme Research: Evaluating Research in & on Violently Divided Societies. University of Ulster, Belfast Campus, Northern Ireland, May 18, 2011.

“Rwanda. Could it happen again?” Moderator. 2010 Achebe Colloquium on Africa. Brown University, Providence, RI, December 3, 2010.

“Challenges for Justice in Central Africa.” Keynote address. Human Rights in Perspective: A Tribute to Alison Des Forges. University of Buffalo, November 15, 2010.

“Re-education for reconciliation: Participant Observations on Ingando.” Research presentation. Great Lakes Conference: People and Power in Transition. University of Antwerp, September 18, 2010.

“Reflections on transitional justice in Rwanda and Burundi.” Panel discussant. Great Lakes Conference: People and Power in Transition. University of Antwerp, September 17, 2010.

“The Politics of Identity: The Role of *Gacaca* Courts in enforcing “Rwandan-ness” since the 1994 Genocide.” Research presentation. Canadian Political Science Association, Concordia University, Montreal, June 1, 2010.

“Taming the Volcano: Elite Projections of ‘Benevolent Leadership’ in Pre- and Post-Genocide Rwanda.” Research presentation. Canadian Association of African Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, May 7, 2010.

“Studying Everyday Life in Highly Politicized Research Settings.” Research presentation. Workshop on Social Research Methods for Non-Permissive Environments, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, March 26, 2010.

“La politique d’unité et de réconciliation nationale au Rwanda: figures imposées et résistance au quotidien.” Research presentation. International Conference on Africa’s Struggles, Université de Paris-Sorbonne, January 22, 2010.

“The Ethical Challenges of Field Research in Post-Conflict Environments.” Keynote address. Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards, Ontario Branch Annual Conference, Toronto, ON, November 27, 2009.

“Everyday Acts of Resistance to the Policy of National Unity and Reconciliation.” Research presentation. African Studies Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 21, 2009.

“The Politics and Ethics of Conducting Research in Highly-Politicised Environments.” Invited talk. Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, September 16, 2009.

“Peasant Politics and Power Dynamics: Blind Spots in the Transitional Justice Paradigm.” Research presentation. European Conference on African Studies, Leipzig, Germany, June 7, 2009.

“Preserving Power: Elite Claims of Historical Unity in Post-Genocide Rwanda.” Research presentation. Remaking Rwanda: Power, History and Human Rights, Madison, WI, May 19, 2009.

“One Rwanda for All Rwandans? The Reconfiguration of Social and Political Power in Post-Genocide Rwanda.” Research presentation. African Studies Association, Chicago, IL, November 13, 2008.

“Situating Ordinary Rwandans in Post-Genocide Rwanda: A Methodological Approach to Fieldwork.” Research presentation. American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 1, 2007.

“Partnership or Power? Deconstructing Mrs. Kagame's Partnership for HIV/AIDS.” Research presentation. Gender, HIV/AIDS and Human Security Conference, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, August 10, 2007.

“Profiling the Impacts of North-South Research Collaboration for Development.” Research presentation. Canadian Association for the Study of International Development Meeting, Saskatoon, SK, June 1, 2007.

“Voices from the South: Ordinary Rwandans Speak. Preliminary Reflections.” Invited talk. UK Department for International Development, Rwanda Field Office, Kigali, Rwanda, August 25, 2006.

WORKSHOPS AND PANELS ORGANISED

Panel. “The New Rwanda: Paradoxes of Politics and Policy.” Co-organised with Catharine Newbury. African Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 19, 2011.

Special Great Lakes Policy Forum. “The “New” Rwanda: Paradoxes of Politics and Policy.” The Search for Common Ground, Washington, DC, November 19, 2011.

Public Lecture by Joseph Sebarenzi. “Individual Trauma and National Forgiveness in Rwanda: Healing After Genocide and Mass Violence.” Co-organised with Catharine Newbury, Campus Center, Smith College, Northampton, MA, November 5, 2011.

Documentary Screening. “Reconciliation in Rwanda? An evening with Adam Mazo, Director of *Co-exist*, and Alice Gatebuke, Survivor of the Rwandan genocide.” Franklin Patterson Hall, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA, March 2, 2011. <http://www.coexistdocumentary.org>

Public Lecture. "Genocide and its Aftermath in Rwanda: Survivor Alice Gatebuke Speaks." Co-organised with Catharine Newbury. Neilson Library, Smith College, Northampton, MA, March 1, 2011.

Double Panel. "Reconstructing Rwanda: Historical Lineages and Contemporary Challenge". Co-organised with Lyndsay MacLean Hilker and Lars Waldorf. African Studies Association, San Francisco, November 18, 2010.

Double Panel. "Subjectivity, Agency, and Governance in post-genocide Rwanda I and II." Co-organised with An Ansoms and Jennie E. Burnet. African Politics Conference Group sponsored panel. African Studies Association, New Orleans, November 20, 2009.

Double Panel. "Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda I and II." Co-organised with Jennie E. Burnet. African Studies Association, Chicago, November 13, 2008.

Panel. "Political Science in Post-Conflict Societies: Novel Approaches to Old Issues in Post-Genocide Rwanda." American Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, September 1, 2007.

Workshop. "Implementing the Freedom from Fear Agenda: Government Rhetoric and Civilian Reality in Africa." Halifax, Dalhousie University, November 20-21, 2004.

Panel. "Remembering Rwanda: The 10th Anniversary of the 1994 Genocide." Halifax, Dalhousie University, March 11, 2004. .

SERVICE TO THE INSTITUTION

Advisor, Projects for Peace Program, Colgate University, September 2012 – February 2013.

Member of judging committee for the Core Communities and Identities Prize for Excellence in Student Research, Colgate University, August–September 2012.

Representative of the School of Critical Social Inquiry to Hampshire's Institutional Review Board, January 2011 to June 2012.

Hampshire's campus-wide representative to the Five Colleges 'Africa Day' Planning Committee, July 2010 to June 2012.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Journal article referee for *Africa Today*, *African Studies Review*, *Field Methods*, *Development & Change*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *International Security*, *Journal of Intervention and State-building*, *Journal of International Women's Studies*, *Memory Studies*, *Nationalities* and *Women's Studies International Forum*.

Manuscript referee for Cambridge University and Wilfred Laurier University Presses.

Book referee, Grawemeyer World Order Award, May 2011.

<http://www.grawemeyer.org/worldorder/>

Member of the "Best Article on African Politics" award of the African Politics Conference Group (2010).

Moderator for the Field Research and Ethics Online Resource of the States and Security Program, City University of New York (<http://www.statesandsecurity.org/FieldResearch>) (2009-present).

PUBLIC SERVICE

Rwanda and Burundi Country Specialist for Amnesty International – USA Section (2011-present).

Lead author for the Rwanda chapter of the World Conflict Report, July 2012.

Technical Advisor to Save the Congo UK for its “FDLR: A briefing paper”, July 2011.

Technical Advisor to the Rafto Prize for Human Rights, June 2011.

Technical Advisor to Freedom House International, Rwanda chapter, “Countries at the Crossroads” Report, April 2011.

Technical Advisor to Oxfam UK for its 2011 country report on the Democratic Republic of the Congo, November 2010 - March 2011.

External reviewer for the Rwanda chapter of the 2009 and 2011 Global Integrity *Report on Governance and Corruption*, <http://report.globalintegrity.org>

Expert Witness for cases concerning Rwandan nationals before the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Supreme Court of Canada, and 35 appearances before courts in the US and Canada, including the ground-breaking cases of Lazare Kabagoya (summer 2010) and Beatrice Munyenezi (winter 2011) (2007 – present).

MEDIA APPEARANCES

France 24 with Laura Baines, *Focus: The Mixed Legacy of Rwanda’s Gacaca Courts*, June 19, 2012 (on the closure of the gacaca courts)

Swiss National Public Radio, *In Focus: Democracy in Rwanda*, November 19, 2011 (on the imprisonment of opposition politicians in Rwanda).

Aljazeera English Listening Post, *Global Village Voices*, June 26, 2011 (on freedom of expression in Rwanda).

National Public Radio, *World News*, June 24, 2011 (on the impact of the ICTR conviction of Pauline Nyiramasuhuko on domestic judicial processes in Rwanda).

Voice of America, *Upfront Africa* and *In Focus*, June 1, 2011 (interpreting the acquittal of Lazar Kobagaya and its impact on Africans seeking asylum in the US).

British Broadcasting Corporation, *Africa Today*, October 3, 2010 (interpreting the UN’s report alleging genocide and crimes against humanity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by the Rwandan military before and after 1994 genocide).

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, *As It Happens*, August 10, 2010 (on the impact of President Paul Kagame’s re-election on stability in the Great Lakes Region of Africa)

National Public Radio New Hampshire, *Word of Mouth*, July 8, 2010 (on the federal charges of lying on her immigration form facing New Hampshire resident Beatrice Munyenyezi)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 1998 – December 2000: Resident Co-ordinator, Anglophone Lecturers in Law Project, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Law Project, Faculté de Droit, National University of Rwanda, Butare, Rwanda.

September 1997 – July 1998: Human Rights Programme Officer, Justice Sector, United Nations Human Rights Field Operation in Rwanda, United Nations High Commission on Human Rights, Gitarama/Kibuye Sub-Office, Rwanda.

September 1994 – August 1997: Associate Programme Officer, Best Practices and Local Leadership Programme, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, Nairobi, Kenya.

August 1993 – September 1994: Researcher, Women in Human Settlements Development Programme, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, Nairobi, Kenya.

AFFILIATIONS

Africa Power and Politics Programme, Overseas Development Institute, London (UK); Surviving War Programme, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University; States and Security Network, City University of New York.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

African Studies Association; African Politics Conference Group; American Political Science Association; Association of Concerned Africa Scholars; Canadian Association for African Studies; International Studies Association.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), French (fluent), Kiswahili (functional), Kinyarwanda (functional).

REFERENCES

Available on request.