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## MOST RECENT PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2007 - 2017            Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service, American University, Washington, DC.

1999 - 2007            Academic Director and Assistant Professor, Washington Semester Program in Peace and Conflict Resolution, American University, Washington, DC.

## PUBLICATIONS

January 2012            “Victimhood, Truth Recovery, and Public Forgiveness in Northern Ireland – Some Interdisciplinary Reflections,” in *Public Forgiveness in Post Conflict Contexts*, edited by Bas van Stokkom, Neelke Doorn and Paul van Tongeren. Cambridge: Intersentia, 2012.

January 2009            Contributing author to a collaborative history of the wars of the 1990s in former Yugoslavia, *Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies: A Scholar’s Initiative* Charles Ingrao and Thomas Emmert, Eds. Purdue Indiana: Purdue University Press.

June 2008                “Education and Post-Conflict Recovery.” Book chapter for Barry Hart, ed., *Peacebuilding in Traumatized Societies*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, May 2008.

February 2007            “Historical Memory, Ethnonationalism and Peacebuilding in a Divided Society: The Teaching of History and Group Identity in Northern Ireland,” in *Recent Research on Teaching History in Northern Ireland: Informing Curriculum Change*, Alan McCully, Ed. Coleraine, Northern Ireland: University of Ulster UNESCO Centre.

January 2005            *Reckoning with the Past: Teaching History in Northern Ireland*. Lanham, Md.: Lexington Books.

- June 2003            Book Review of *People, Peace and Power* by Diana Francis in *Peace Review* 15, 2 (June 2003).
- December 2001      Book Review of *Between Eden to Armageddon: The Future of World Religions, Violence and Peacemaking* by Marc Gopin in *Peace Review* 13, 4 (December 2001).

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Feb 2021            Panel participant for a discussion on the topic “Abuses of power in spiritual and cultural organizations,” organized by Harvard Divinity School’s Program for the Evolution of Spirituality.
- Jan 2021-            Mentor of an eight-week dialogue project with El Salvadorian-Americans – “Identity & Experiences of the Subsequent Generations: A Salvadorian-American Conversation.”
- 2018 –2019        Designed, prepared, and directed an eight-week dialogue project with Cambodian Americans entitled “Experiences of the Second Generation.”
- July 2015            Public lecture at a conference entitled *Addressing Europe’s Unfinished Business*, Caux, Switzerland: “Integrating the Past, Engaging the Present: Leveraging History and Memory in the Task of Building a Just and Inclusive Europe.”
- July 2015            “Truth Recovery in Northern Ireland” delivered at a conference on “Testimony,” organized by Interdisciplinary.net at Mansfield College, Oxford.
- April 2015            Chair for the panel “Memory, Legacy and Social Change,” at a conference on “Healing History: Memory, Legacy and Social Change” organized by the University of Richmond and Initiatives of Change, Inc., and folded into celebrations of the sesquicentennial of the end of the American Civil War.
- 2014 – 2015        Participant in a by-invitation monthly seminar on Religion and the Practice of Peace, Harvard Divinity School. Continue to be a faculty advisor for this seminar series.
- 2013                Designed, assembled and managed, along with others, a conference entitled “Healing History: Overcoming Racism, Seeking Equity, Building Community” for Initiatives of Change, Inc., which took place in Caux, Switzerland July 2013.
- 2010                Facilitated a workshop for history teachers in Bosnia to discuss how to teach about the wars of the 1990s. This project was part of the work with The Scholars’ Initiative (see below).
- 2009 -2013        Chair, Washington Leadership Group for The Scholars’ Initiative, which involved getting the word out about this project to people in Washington and abroad who have involvement in ongoing peacebuilding in the West Balkans.

- March 2009 Contributed material to Chapter 11, “Living Together or Hating Each Other,” in Charles Ingrao and Thomas Emmert, eds., *The Scholars’ Initiative: Confronting the Yugoslav Controversies*, Purdue University Press, 2009, a collaborative effort of over 300 scholars to write a history of the wars in the Balkans in the 1990s.
- March 2010 Paper Presentation, “Victimhood, Truth Recovery, and Public Forgiveness in Northern Ireland – Some Interdisciplinary Reflections,” at a conference on Public Forgiveness at Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands, March 5-6, 2010.
- June 2009 Interviewed Imam Mohammad Ashafa and Pastor James Wuye for their DVD “An African Answer,” which focuses on a conflict resolution project that these two Nigerian peacemakers did in Kenya in 2008.
- 2008 – 2012 Mentor for graduate student facilitators in campus dialogue project – The Dialogue Development Group – at American University.
- March 2008 Paper Presentation, “Forgiveness and Empowerment,” at Interdisciplinary.net conference on Forgiveness in Salzburg, Austria, March 7-9, 2008.
- Feb 2007 Paper Presentation, “Trauma and Forgetting,” at a conference at the University of Denver, February 22-24, 2007, entitled Peacebuilding and Trauma Recovery: Integrated Strategies in Post-War Reconstruction.
- July 2006 Taught in a week-long seminar, entitled *Tools for Change*, on the subject of “Healing History,” organized by Initiatives of Change, Switzerland.
- January 2006 Chaired a panel at the American Historical Association annual meeting, where the work of The Scholars’ Initiative was presented.
- Nov 2005 Participated in a “by-invitation” three-day conference entitled “Unite or Divide? The Challenges of Teaching History in Societies Emerging from Violent Conflict,” organized by the United States Institute for Peace. The conference was attended by twenty-eight people from all parts of the world who are specialists in this field. My book, *Reckoning with the Past*, is cited in the bibliography for the US Institute of Peace’s Special Report of the conference.
- June 2004 Addressed the Board of the Tredegar Civil War Museum, Richmond, Virginia, on “History and Reconciliation.”
- March 2004 Paper Presentation, “The Tenacious Hold of Historical Memories.” Presented at the International Studies Association annual conference, Montreal.
- January 2004 Addressed the Connecting Communities Fellowship Program, Richmond, Virginia, on “Healing History.”
- 2004 – 2005 Alliance for Conflict Prevention and Resolution - Served on the sub-committees for Professionalization and Institutionalization

- 2003 – 2004 Member of the US Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict, formed to organize the US participation in a global conference on Civil Society and Conflict Prevention in cooperation with the United Nations in 2005
- July 9, 2003 Paper Presentation, “Decommissioning of Mindsets: History Teaching in a Post Conflict Society.” Presented at the International Society for Political Psychology meeting in Boston. Also chaired the panel.
- July 9, 2003 Participation in a Roundtable evaluation of the ten-year history of the Program on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Harvard, at the International Society for Political Psychology meeting in Boston.
- July 12, 2003 Participation in a Panel on *Religion, Conflict and Peacemaking* for the students receiving scholarships from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.
- 1999 – 2002 Consultant, Workable Peace, Cambridge, Mass., providing historical background for the creation of a teaching tool for high schools based on the conflict in Northern Ireland.
- March 2002 Gave a talk on “History as a Social Science Discipline” in a panel on the social sciences at George Mason University’s Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.
- April 17, 2000 Paper presentation at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Seminar On International Conflict Analysis and Resolution on “History, Teaching, and Conflict Resolution: The Case of Northern Ireland.”
- July 1998 Participation in a Panel Discussion on Interactive Problemsolving at the International Society for Political Psychology meeting in Montreal.

### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2001 – 2004 Recipient of summer research grants from the Washington Semester Program, American University.
- 1997 -1999 Annual research grants to associates at the Program on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution, Harvard University, from the Hewlett Foundation.
- May 1997 Research Grant, British Council, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- May 1997 Research Grant, William Donner Foundation’s grant to the Security Studies Program at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

## **EDUCATION**

- 2018 *Lesley University*  
Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- 1999 *The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University*  
Ph.D. "Historical Memory, Ethnonationalism and Peacebuilding in a Divided Society: The Teaching of History and Group Identity in Northern Ireland."  
Areas of specialization: Intergroup relations, Nationalism, European and American foreign policy, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, International Organization, Human Rights and Self-Determination.
- 1995-2003 *Harvard University*  
Associate, Program on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution
- 1998-1999 *Harvard University*  
Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
- 1994 *Harvard University*  
Certificate in Dispute Resolution, Program on Negotiation
- 1993 *The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University*  
Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy
- 1989 *Boston University*  
M.A. European Intellectual History
- 1987 *Boston University*  
B.A. History (Magna Cum Laude)
- 1984 *Georgetown University*  
Diploma in Editing and Publications

## **TEACHING**

- 2017-2018 Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, School of International Service, American University  
Courses: Conflict Analysis and Resolution  
Conflict, Memory, and Peacebuilding
- 2007- 2014 Scholar-in-Residence, School of International Service, American University  
Courses: Confronting our Differences, Discovering our Similarities  
Peace Paradigms  
Conflict, Memory and Peacebuilding  
Policies for Constructive Intergroup Relations  
Conflict Analysis and Resolution

- 1999-2007 Assistant Professor, International Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution, American University, Washington, D.C., and Academic Director, Washington Semester Program in Peace and Conflict Resolution, American University, Washington, DC.
- Courses: History of the conflict in the Balkans in the 1990s  
 Post conflict reconstruction in the Balkans  
 History of the conflict in Northern Ireland  
 Post conflict issues in Northern Ireland  
 History of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict  
 Introduction to peacemaking and conflict resolution
- 1998-1999 Instructor in Conflict Resolution and tutor to students writing papers on the conflict in Northern Ireland, Center for Interdisciplinary and Special Studies, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass.
- 1992-1993 Instructor, Political Science Department, Tufts University.
- 1991-1993 Instructor, History Department, University of Massachusetts in Boston.
- 1989 Instructor, History Department, Mount Ida College, Boston

### **FACILITATION EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-2014 Mentor to facilitators for American University's campus dialogue program
- November 2004 Facilitator for the "National Interfaith Dialogue Gathering," organized by Communities Working Together, Washington, D.C.
- September 2003 Developed a training session for The World Sindhi Institute on the basics of conflict resolution
- June 2002 – pres. Pro bono facilitation for Initiatives of Change, Inc., addressing internal conflict and changes of governance structures, working closely with Executive Director and Chairman of the Board.
- 1997-1999 With others at the Program on International Conflict Analysis and Resolution at Harvard, organized role plays for the Fellows at the Center for International Affairs, to give instruction in the methodology of Interactive Problem Solving.

### **WRITING and EDITING**

- 1990-1991 Editor-in-chief, *The Fletcher Forum of World Affairs*, the scholarly journal produced at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

- 1989-1990 Copy editing of Aleksa Djilas's *The Contested Country: Yugoslav Unity and Communist Revolution 1919-1953*, Harvard University Press, 1991.
- 1988-1989 Research Assistant, Harvard University's Program in Ethics and the Professions.
- 1987-1988 Wrote articles for *For a Change* magazine, London.
- 1987 Wrote excerpts for *North Carolina*, published by Prentice Hall.
- 1985-1986 The Middlesex News, Framingham, Massachusetts.
- 1979-1984 Newsletter editor, Initiatives of Change, Inc. (an international non-profit specializing in conflict resolution and team building).

### **MANAGEMENT**

- 1999 – 2007 Academic Director. Created and ran three-week overseas trips for students every semester at the Washington Semester Program, American University.
- 1980 Office Manager. Organized the installation of Initiative of Change's corporate offices in Washington, D.C.
- 1976-1979 Conference coordinator. Initiatives of Change, Inc., organizing seminars to promote cooperation in the areas of family, race and community, industrial and international relations in the U.S., England, France, Switzerland, Australia and India.
- 1972-1975 Program Coordinator, Initiatives of Change, Inc. Devised and implemented activities for women in Papua New Guinea to help them deal with the social changes in the transition to independence.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

International Society for Political Psychology  
International Studies Association

### **OTHER**

Co-Chair, Fletcher School Alumni Association of Washington, D.C., 2001 – 2002.

Chair of Common Areas Committee of co-op building at 3000 Tilden Street NW, Washington, DC, 2011-present.

Sing in Polyhymnia Chamber Chorus, Washington, DC.

Languages: French at functional native-speaker level; German and Neo-Melanesian (Pidgin) at basic level.