

August 2009

Author Biographies

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarcommons.usf.edu/gsp>

Recommended Citation

(2009) "Author Biographies," *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal*: Vol. 4: Iss. 2: Article 15.

Available at: <https://scholarcommons.usf.edu/gsp/vol4/iss2/15>

This Front Matter is brought to you for free and open access by the Open Access Journals at Scholar Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal* by an authorized editor of Scholar Commons. For more information, please contact scholarcommons@usf.edu.

Contributors

Daniel Feierstein holds a PhD in Social Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires, where he directs the Genocide Chair that he himself created in 2001. He is also Researcher at CONICET (Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas) and Director of the Center of Genocide Studies at the Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero, Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as Second Vice President of the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS), 2009–2011. The concepts in his latest book influenced the Argentinean courts in 2006 and 2007 in ruling that genocide had indeed been committed in Argentina between 1976 and 1983. Dr. Feierstein is the author of, among others, *El genocidio como práctica social* (Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2007); *Seis Estudios Sobre Genocidio*, 3rd ed. (Editores del Puerto, 2008); and *Hasta que la Muerte nos Separe. Poder y Prácticas Sociales Genocidas en América Latina* (Ediciones al Margen, 2004), and co-author of *State Violence and Genocide in Latin America* (Routledge, forthcoming 2009). He has also contributed many articles on genocide in Spanish, English, and Hebrew to the *Journal of Genocide Research*, *Yad Vashem Studies*, *Shofar*, and *Diaporías*, among many others.

Fred Grünfeld is Professor in the Causes of Gross Human Rights Violations (PIOOM-Chair) at the Centre for Conflict Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, as well as Associate Professor in International Relations, Department of International and European Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University; Maastricht Centre for Human Rights; and University College Maastricht, The Netherlands. His inaugural lecture at Utrecht University in 2003 was on early action of bystanders to prevent wars and gross human-rights violations. Within the framework of his comparative research project on the prevention of genocide by bystanders, he has recently published *The Failure to Prevent Genocide in Rwanda; The Role of Bystanders* (Brill/Nijhoff, 2007); *The Role of Bystanders in Rwanda and Srebrenica: Lessons Learned* (Intersentia, 2008); and *Humanitarian Intervention: Policymaking* (Oxford University Press, 2009). Articles in journals such as *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights* and *Human Rights Quarterly* are forthcoming in 2009.

Herb Hirsch, a co-editor of *Genocide Studies and Prevention* since 2001, is Professor of Political Science at Virginia Commonwealth University, where he teaches courses on American politics and the politics of war, violence, and genocide.

Kirsten Juhl holds a BA in Greek Archaeology from the University of Southern Denmark (then the University of Odense); an MA in Nordic and European Prehistory from Aarhus University, Denmark; and an MSc in Risk Management and Societal Safety from the University of Stavanger, Norway. Her MSc thesis was titled “The Contribution by (Forensic) Archaeologists to Human Rights Investigations of Mass Graves.” From 1989 to 2004 she was employed as a curator at the Archaeological Museum of Stavanger, Norway, the regional authority in Rogaland County of the Norwegian Cultural Heritage Act; her research during this time was entirely on prehistoric subjects. In 2005, via NORDEM and the Norwegian Refugee Council, she was seconded to work for three months as an archaeologist with the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Since 2006, she has been a research fellow of the University of Stavanger, pursuing a PhD in Risk

Management and Societal Safety; her dissertation is tentatively titled “Crisis Management, Mass Graves Investigations and Societal Safety in Post-Conflict Societies” and will use Bosnia-Herzegovina as a case study.

Alan J. Kuperman is Associate Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and Senior Fellow of the Robert Strauss Center for International Security and Law, University of Texas at Austin. He is author of *The Limits of Humanitarian Intervention: Genocide in Rwanda* (Brookings, 2001) and co-editor of *Gambling on Humanitarian Intervention: Moral Hazard, Rebellion and Civil War* (Routledge, 2006). His latest publication is “Rethinking the Responsibility to Protect” (*Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy and International Relations*, 2009). Prior to his academic career, he worked as legislative director to Congressman Charles Schumer and legislative assistant to Thomas Foley, speaker of the US House of Representatives. In 2009/2010 he will be a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC.

Armen T. Marsoobian is Professor and Chair of Philosophy at Southern Connecticut State University and editor-in-chief of *Metaphilosophy*. He has co-edited *Genocide’s Aftermath: Responsibility and Repair* (with Claudia Card, 2007); *The Philosophical Challenge of September 11* (2004); *The Blackwell Guide to American Philosophy* (2004; Russian translation 2008); *Nature’s Perspectives: Prospects for Ordinal Metaphysics* (1991); and Justus Buchler’s *Metaphysics of Natural Complexes* (1990). He has published articles in aesthetics, moral philosophy, and American philosophy. His current work deals with philosophical issues arising from genocide and crimes against humanity.

Martin Mennecke is currently the Robert S. Griffith ‘52 Visiting Professor at Washington and Lee University in Virginia. Back home in Copenhagen, Denmark, he is lecturer in international law at the Royal Danish Defence College, as well as teaching comparative genocide studies at the University of Copenhagen. In addition, he is academic legal adviser to the Danish Foreign Ministry on issues concerning the International Criminal Court.

William A. Schabas is Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway, where he also holds the professorship in human-rights law; he is also a Global Legal Scholar at the University of Warwick School of Law. Professor Schabas holds post-graduate degrees in both history and law from universities in Canada. The author of eighteen monographs and more than 250 articles dealing with international human-rights law and international criminal law, Professor Schabas was a member of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and a Member of the Royal Irish Academy; holds honorary doctorates from Dalhousie University, Halifax, and Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland; and is the president of the International Association of Genocide Scholars.

Jacques Sémelin is Professor of Political Science, Centre d’études et de recherches internationales (CERI), Sciences Po Paris, France. He is the author of *Purify and Destroy: The Political Uses of Massacre and Genocide* (Columbia University Press/Hurst, 2007) and founder and editor-in-chief of the online *Encyclopedia of Mass Violence* (Sciences Po, 2008, <http://www.massviolence.org>).

Scott Straus is Associate Professor of Political Science and Faculty Coordinator of the Human Rights Initiative at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He is the author of *The Order of Genocide: Race, Power, and War in Rwanda* (Cornell University Press, 2006) and, with Robert Lyons, of *Intimate Enemy: Images and Voices of the Rwandan Genocide* (MIT/Zone Books, 2006). He is currently working on a project examining the dynamics of genocidal violence in comparative perspective.

Henry C. Theriault is Associate Professor of Philosophy at Worcester State College in Massachusetts, where he served as coordinator of the Center for the Study of Human Rights from 1999 to 2007. Since 2007 he has served as a co-editor of *Genocide Studies and Prevention* and on the Advisory Council of the International Association of Genocide Scholars. His research focuses on philosophical approaches to genocide issues, especially genocide denial, long-term justice, ethical analyses of perpetrator motivations, and the role of violence against women in genocide. His publications include “Rethinking Dehumanization in Genocide” in *The Armenian Genocide: Cultural and Ethical Legacies*, ed. Richard Hovannisian (Transaction Press, 2007); “Post-Genocide Imperial Domination” (*Armenian Weekly*, 24 April 2007); “An Analytical Typology of Arguments Denying Genocides and Related Mass Human Rights Violations” (*Comparative Genocide Studies*, 2004); “Free Speech and Denial: The Armenian Case” in *Facing Backward, Moving Forward: Confronting the Armenian Genocide*, ed. Richard Hovannisian (Transaction Press, 2003); and “Universal Social Theory and Genocide Denial” (*Journal of Genocide Research*, 2001).

Wessel Vermeulen, MSc, worked as a research assistant on the comparative genocide studies project, and particularly the case of Darfur, at the Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, The Netherlands. His research was financially supported by the Horstman Foundation. He is currently a doctoral student in economics in the Cellule de Recherche en Économie Appliquée, Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance, University of Luxembourg.