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## EMERGING SCHOLARS: TRAVEL SEMINAR TO RWANDA AND ETHIOPIA MEMORIALS, MUSEUMS, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEMORY AND MEMORIALIZATION

**RUTGERS** Center for the Study of Genocide and Human Rights Summer Session Aug 5-20, 2014

**THIS SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL SEMINAR** to Rwanda and Ethiopia is designed for emerging scholars in the fields of Comparative Genocide Studies, Memory Studies, Museum Studies, Media Studies, Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, History and cognate fields. This 16-day travel experience and professional / academic course will prepare the emerging scholar to gain knowledge and professional skills through study, observation and direct experience, dialogue with experts and implementation of critical analytical skills in understanding the history of genocide, post conflict challenges and the role of museums, memorials and civil society in remembrance, commemoration, reconciliation and reconstructions in these two nations.



Red Terror Memorial Statue: Addis Ababa



Eastern Province: Rwanda

## COURSE AND TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Participants will prepare for the course with preliminary scholarly readings and three webinars in July prior to travel. Each of the first two webinars will focus on the history of the individual countries and the organizations we will be visiting. The third webinar will cover travel orientation and safety matters for each country.

\* In New York we will begin our travel experience with the *Program Director of the African Sites of Conscience from the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience*

\* After arrival in Kigali we will explore the *Kigali Memorial Centre* for a comprehensive overview of the genocide and meet with KMC employees as well as the *Country Director for the Aegis Society and African Union Human Rights Memorial (AUHRM) consultant*.

\*Visits to the *Belgian Memorial, Ntarama Memorial, Nyamata Memorial, Nyange Memorial, Bisesero Memorial* as well as discussions with guides, curators and directors will be interspersed with hikes and visits to beautiful *Lake Kivu* and the *Akagera National Park*.

\*Travel to Addis Ababa will include visits and consultation with directors / curators of the *Red Terror Martyrs Memorial Museum, the Ethnological Museum, The Monument of the Martyrs* and the *African Union Headquarters* where we will learn about the *AUHRM* process.

\* We will travel by air to Bahir Dar where we will explore the history of the *Martyrs Memorial Monument* as well as the spectacular history of the region. A trek to Gondar and the *Simien Mountains* will conclude the travel portion of the seminar.

Co-facilitators: Amy Fagin, independent scholar, museum professional and visual artist and Dr. Amanda Grzyb, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of Information and Media Studies at Western University (Canada) will provide course instruction and guide this extraordinary learning experience that will afford a transformational global perspective for the emerging scholar.

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## Emerging Genocide Scholars Travel Seminar: Memorials, Museums, National and International Memory and Memorialization in Ethiopia and Rwanda

### Seminar Overview:

This special travel seminar is designed for emerging scholars who are working in the fields of Comparative Genocide Studies, History, Memory Studies, and Museum Studies. How are post-conflict societies grappling with the memory of genocide and mass killing? How are “official” and “unofficial” forms of public memory communicated through memorials and museums that are meant to mark particular narratives of atrocity? How were these sites originally conceived and how are they supported? How do the architecture, design and exhibits convey local histories, shape collective memory, and create spaces for both hegemonic and counter-hegemonic discourses about human rights and genocide? What challenges do these sites / institutions face? How are they evolving over time, how do they impact local economies, and how do they construct international imperatives for education, remembrance, and genocide prevention? What functions can the international museum community or genocide scholars have in supporting and integrating knowledge or experience at these sites? Using an experiential education framework, the seminar will explore these questions during two-weeks of intensive study in Rwanda and Ethiopia, including: educational tours of memorials, museums, and other state institutions; meetings with local experts and survivors; instruction by local educators; meetings with representatives from government commissions, civil society organizations, and survivor advocacy groups; and access to historical archives.

Participants will prepare for the course with scholarly readings and three webinars: one focused on Ethiopia, one focused on Rwanda, and a third on travel preparations, safety, and a general orientation. Upon arrival, students will participate in an initial orientation day, where we will review course objectives and sequent reflection and set the tone for sub-discussion sessions.



**Bahir Dar War Memorial**

## Course Objectives:

The instructors will provide a basic overview, contextualizing the history of genocide and mass atrocities in Rwanda and Ethiopia. This will include the course of events that led each country into a pattern of mass atrocity crimes, and a discussion of the social, economic and political factors that led to a polarization of perpetrator and victim groups.

- \*post-conflict reconstruction judicial, governmental and civil society processes
- \*the conception and evolution of official and unofficial forms of memory, including survivor groups influence, commemoration events, development of memorial sites, and museums, government commissions and international influence
- \*overview of the construction of official sites and their organization; exhibition and program design; staff and personnel organization; visitor-ship and outreach to national and international visitors
- \*the political-economic structures that shape the role of national memorials and museums
- \*the processes of documentation, testimony, and archiving in each country
- \*critical and comparative analysis of the paths and problems associated with each of these history narratives within the museum and memorial structure
- \*the processes of memorialization and curating, as well as future plans and challenges
- \*a deeper understanding of how survivors and perpetrators live in the shadows of memorials and institutions that form the discourses of official genocide memory
- \*critical analysis and comparisons of the political and ethical questions that arise as a result of the influence of these sites in country and in a global context

## Participation and Assignments (for those who want course credit):

- \*two 1500 word response papers based on the pre-travel readings and webinars (15% each)
- \*travel journal (30%)
- \*final 5000-word paper (40%)

One 5000-6000-word scholarly research paper based on one of the key themes in the course. The course instructors must provide approval for the selected topic.

**Day 1:** Rendezvous in New York City: Our first gathering will focus on an orientation for travel, agenda and protocol for the seminar. We will begin our educational experience with the *Program Director* Ereshnee Naidu of the *African Sites of Conscience* from the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience for a seminar which will explore the ICSC organization its leaders and their responsibilities, member institutions, mission and programs world- wide. We will take an evening flight from NYC to Kigali.

**Day 2:** We will arrive at noon in Kigali, drop our luggage at the hotel, and take an afternoon tour of the Kigali Memorial Centre (KMC). Opened in 2004 under the auspices of AEGIS Trust, the KMC provides a comprehensive overview of the genocide. It is surrounded by memorial gardens and houses the largest mass grave in the country, where more than 250,000 victims now rest. At the end of our self-guided tour, we will meet with KMC employees and visit the archives.

**Day 3:** In the morning, we will visit the Belgian memorial, then drive 30-minutes outside of Kigali to Ntarama Memorial and Nyamata Memorial, two churches in the Eastern province where the *Interahamwe* massacred 5,000 and 10,000 Tutsi respectively. Survivor-guides will lead us through the sites – which include human remains, victims’ belongings, and perpetrator weapons – and speak to us about preservation concerns. We will also visit the papyrus swamps near Ntarama, where many local survivors hid for a month during the genocide.

**Day 4:** We will drive approximately three-hours west to Kibuye, which is situated on beautiful Lake Kivu bordering the Congo. On the way, we will visit Nyange memorial, where the parish priest bulldozed his church onto 1,500 Tutsi parishioners who had taken refuge inside during the genocide. We will also visit Ndaba waterfall and take a short hike in the hills. In the afternoon, we will take a boat ride to Amahoro Island and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

**Day 5:** We will drive approximately 2-hours into the Western hills to remote Bisesero memorial, which honors 50,000 Tutsi victims killed over a three-month period while they resisted the *Interahamwe* militia. We will consider the important history of resistance marked by this site, and also speak to guides and survivors about the challenges of repairing damaged mass graves, the stalled construction of the modest museum exhibits, and the deteriorating artifacts. In the evening, we will have a formal reflection session at the hotel.

**Day 6:** We will drive to Butare (Huye) in the morning, and spend the afternoon at the National Museum of Rwanda, the National Ethnographic Museum, and visit the Prisoner Craft Shop at Butare Prison. The national museums will provide the group with additional perspectives about the construction of post-genocide history and Rwandan identity, and the relationship of official history to Rwanda’s divisionism laws..

**Day 7:** In the morning, we will visit the genocide memorial at the National University of Rwanda, and then drive approximately 40-minutes to Murambi Memorial, a former technical school where more than 40,000 Tutsi were massacred. At Murambi, we will visit a small AEGIS-funded museum exhibit, as well as classrooms that hold the remains of 848 victims, now preserved with lime. We will have dinner with the director of Murambi Memorial, who will share his personal story of survival in Nyamata. After dinner, we will drive back to Kigali.

**Day 8:** In Kigali, we will meet with representatives from the National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide, including Jean-Damascène Gasanabo, Director of the CNLG’s Genocide Research and Documentation Centre. We will discuss the government’s memorialization and research efforts, as well as the CNLG’s efforts to digitize 60-million documents from the gacaca files. In the afternoon, we will meet with representatives from genocide survivor’s organizations and visit the Kigali markets.

**Day 9:** We will spend our final day in Rwanda at beautiful Akagera National Park in the Eastern Province, where we will have an opportunity to see zebras, giraffes, elephants, hippos, baboons, monkeys, and other forms of

native wildlife. We will have a final dinner in Kigali with our local guide, share reflections, and prepare for an early morning flight.

**Day 10:** Arrive early morning in Addis Ababa, rest and late morning orientation meeting at conference room at hotel. After lunch we will visit the Ethnological Museum in down town Addis. This superb museum, located on the campus of Addis Ababa University, displays artifacts from the people of Ethiopia and are based upon the life cycle, rites of passage and traditional tales; religious art and the history of music and musical instruments, all set within Haile Selassies' former palace. This orientation will provide a framework of identity of the Ethiopian people and their cultural history.

**Day 11:** In the morning we will tour the Red Terror Martyrs Memorial Museum. This important memorial museum, initiated and supported through private funds, has experienced a controversial and challenging directive since its opening in 2010. Discussion with docents and director will assist the group with developing critical analysis and problem solving as well as appreciation for the perspective regarding history of the Red Terror era at this location. We will travel on to visit the Monument of the Martyrs: this bas relief obelisk, inaugurated on February 1942 in memory of the citizens of Addis Ababa killed in the Italian Fascist Massacre of February 1937. After lunch we will tour the Holy Trinity Cathedral finished after the Italian occupation in 1942 which was originally dedicated to the occupation resistance. 2 tombs filled with the bodies of people massacred during the occupation play a role in this commemoration experience. An adjacent monument commemorates the 60 government officials massacred when the Derg (Communists) came to power in 1974.

**Day 12:** We will be guest visitors at the African Union Headquarters with an introduction to the processes of the African Union Human Rights Memorial by Takwa Zebulun Suifon, Head of Post Conflict Reconstruction and Peacebuilding of the African Union Commission (or a representative in his stead). We will have a luncheon roundtable with members of the Red Terror Survivors Group led by Tamarat Kebede. After lunch we will meet with the deputy director of the Red Terror Documentation Centre to learn about the conception, mission and challenges of this organization. We will rest in the afternoon and end our trip to the capital city of Ethiopia with a celebration dinner at the famed Yod Abyssinia, an extraordinary and contemporary cultural dining and entertainment facility.

**Day 13:** We will leave for Bahir Dar. "On the doorsteps of Lake Tana's mystical monasteries" Bahir Dar is the capital of the Amhara region, founded in the 17<sup>th</sup> century around a Jesuit settlement. The morning will focus on a visit to and discussion about the Martyrs Memorial Monument, "dedicated to those who died fighting the Derg" we will explore the concept, construction and real-politik of the monument with interns from the Inter-Africa-Group / Bahir Dar University. In the afternoon we will tour the historic monasteries on the Lake Tana Islands and if time permits a stop to the Blue Nile Falls.

**Day 14.** The trip from Bahir Dar to Gondar is roughly 2.5 hours. The historic city of Gondar "City of the Castles" is home to The Gondar Castle, Fasilides Castle, built in 1640 and the walled city of Fasil Ghebbi, Church of Gebre Berhan Selassie and the historic Jewish Falasha Village. This day we will explore and enjoy the cultural riches of Ethiopia.

**Day 15:** We will leave for the Simian Mountains early in the morning. The Simian National Park covers 179 sq.km. of highland area and are home to Ibex, Semien Red Fox and Gelada Baboon. Hiking this Unesco World Heritage site concludes our excursion and exploration into the histories of Rwanda and Ethiopia trysts with genocide and efforts at public memory, commemoration and reconciliation.

**Day 16:** We will conclude our hiking in the morning and return to Bahir Dar for final meetings and departures.

## Seminar and Trip Costs: \$3200.00

**Seminar cost includes:** Three webinar sessions and assignments prior to travel; course credit as arranged through Rutgers. University

**Trip cost includes:** Airport services to and from hotels within Rwanda and Ethiopia; hotel accommodations; two to three meals per day; ground transportation in both countries; gratuities for local staff; entrance fees; services of local guides and all activities included in the daily itinerary.

**Trip cost excludes:** Travel insurance; international airfare from New York City and travel costs from your city of departure to and from NYC to Kigali, Addis Ababa, Bahir Dar and return to NYC; travel insurance; meals taken during travel or apart from the travel group; alcoholic beverages; personal expenses such as laundry, telephone/fax charges; excess baggage fees and visa fees.

**Registration timeline:** A \$500 deposit toward cost is required to reserve a space in the class. Registration deposits will be accepted until the seminar reaches maximum capacity. Registration deadline is April 15th, 2014. Refunds and waiting list reservations will be held until the deadline. After April 15th, 2014 deposits are non refundable. Balance is due at the registration deadline of April 15th, 2014.

**Cancellations:** Cancellations must be received in writing to Beyond Genocide Centre for Prevention through Education no later that April 15th, 2014.

**Insurance:** Purchase of trip insurance is required. Group insurance will be available through Global Underwriters and will be arranged by facilitators.

**International Airfare:** Will be organized by facilitators and paid separately. Passport numbers will be required at the time of airline ticket purchase.

**Single supplement:** The supplement for a single room during the trip is \$300. If you will be sharing a room with another participant this charge does not apply. Room shares will be arranged for same-sex.



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**Understandings and Responsibilities:** Rutgers University and Beyond Genocide Centre for Prevention through Education reserve the right to make changes in the published itinerary when conditions warrant, and to cancel the trip at any point before May 1st, 2014 with full refunds for all trip registration fees and deposits made. Rutgers University and Beyond Genocide Centre for Prevention through Education also reserves the right to decline or accept any person as a member of the seminar at any time, if such action is determined to be in the best interests of the welfare of the seminar group or the individual participant. Under such circumstances, no refund will be made. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. Dates, schedules and program details are subject to change and revision.

**Waiver of Liability:** I have read the itinerary and other information in the accompanying brochure for Emerging Scholars: Travel Seminar to Rwanda and Ethiopia Memorials Museums National and International Memory and Memorialization partnered by Rutgers University and Beyond Genocide Centre for Prevention through Education, and I recognize and accept all risks thereof. I understand and agree on behalf of myself, my dependents, heirs, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth under "Understandings and Responsibilities" on this registration form, and to release and hold harmless Rutgers University and Beyond Genocide Centre for Prevention through Education and any of their officers, employees, agents, licensees, or representatives. From any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death, or for the loss of property in relation to the program: Emerging Scholars Travel Seminar to Rwanda and Ethiopia, August 5—20th, 2014.

By signing this, I also certify that I do not have any mental or physical condition that would create a hazard for myself or other participants in the program.

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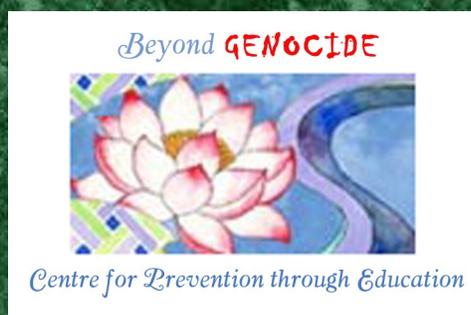
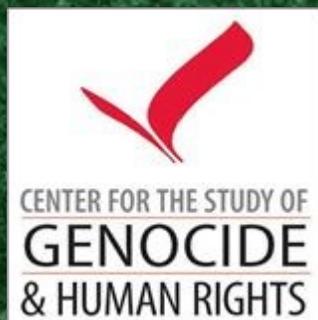
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