

# Tricia Marie Redeker Hepner

## curriculum vitae

Arizona State University  
School of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences  
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### INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE

Forced migration and displacement (refugees and asylum seekers); borders and migration regimes; human rights; transitional justice; militarism and anti-militarism; conflict and peace; anthropology of forensics and forensic humanitarianism; ethnography; political and legal anthropology; Uganda; Eritrea; European Union

### EMPLOYMENT

08/2023 – present	Professor of Anthropology Arizona State University Senior Associate Director, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
08/2020 – 7/2023	Associate Professor of Anthropology Arizona State University Director, M.A. Program in Social Justice and Human Rights
08/2011 – 07/2020	Associate Professor of Anthropology University of Tennessee
08/2011 – 07/2014	Vice Chair, Africana Studies Program University of Tennessee
08/2006 – 07/2011	Assistant Professor of Anthropology University of Tennessee
08/2005 – 07/2006	Visiting Scholar, International Institute University of California, Los Angeles
01/2005 – 04/2005	Lecturer (winter quarter), University of California, Irvine

### EDUCATION

2004	Michigan State University Ph.D. Anthropology
2000	Michigan State University M.A. Anthropology
1996	Barnard College, Columbia University B.A. Anthropology

### ACADEMIC AWARDS/HONORS/FELLOWSHIPS

2025-6	Dean's Innovation Fellow, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University
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- 2023 Winner, Trailblazing Leadership Award, MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2021 Nominee, Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2021 Nominee, Outstanding Service Award, New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2021 Winner, Outstanding Role Model Award, MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2020 Presidential Certificate of Appreciation for serving as the first chair of the Members' Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee, American Anthropological Association
- 2020 Sun Award for exemplary service, leadership, and student support, New College, Arizona State University
- 2020 Center for Advanced Studies, Summer Research Fellowship, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany
- 2019 Winner, National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Tennessee
- 2019 Global Security Faculty Fellow, Baker Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee
- 2017 Senior Research and Teaching Fellowship, Fulbright IIE-Fulbright Commission of Germany
- 2017 President's Award (ranked), American Anthropological Association
- 2016 Chancellor's Honors Finalist, Excellence in Advising, University of Tennessee
- 2012 Winner, College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Tennessee
- 2011 Winner, Chancellor's Honors Award, Extraordinary Contribution to the Ready for the World Initiative, University of Tennessee
- 2010 Nominee, Junior Teaching Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee
- 2009 Nominee, Junior Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Tennessee
- 2009 Meritorious Medal for Outstanding Service, Eritrean Community for Human Rights and Refugee Protection
- 2008 NEH Summer Stipend Campus Nominee, University of Tennessee
- 2008 Certificate of Recognition, Amnesty International USA
- 2006 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, University of California Los Angeles
- 2005 Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined), Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany
- 2000 Distinguished Doctoral Fellowship, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, three-year doctoral fellowship supported field research and dissertation completion
- 1999 Winner, Moreau Maxwell Scholar Award, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University
- 1999 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, US Department of Education, Title VI, Tigrinya language training, Michigan State University
- 1999 Samuel S. Fels Fellowship, Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies/Philadelphia Historical Society
- Field research fellowship to conduct 10 weeks of outreach and documentation with African immigrant community organizations and businesses in inner-city Philadelphia, summer
- 1998 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), US Department of

- 1997 Education, Title VI, Tigrinya language training, Michigan State University  
Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 1997 Three-year fellowship funded doctoral training at Michigan State University  
Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), US Department of  
Education, Title VI, Tigrinya language training, Michigan State University

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025 Kim, Jaymelee J. and Tricia Redeker Hepner. "Spirits and Bones: Social Ecology, Justice, and Forensic Intervention." American Anthropologist. Early view online, 17 December 2025. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aman.70050>
- 2025 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Magnus Treiber. Introducing the Anti-Refugee Machine. Introduction to Special Edition: "The Anti-Refugee Machine: Interpreting Global Migration Control," Tricia Redeker Hepner and Magnus Treiber, eds. Migration & Society. Vol. 8, no.1, pp.1-22. Online First: <https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/migration-and-society/aop/arms.2025.0801OF1/arms.2025.0801OF1.xml>
- 2022 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Daniel Rezene Mekonnen, Justice Futures: Forensic Investigation and the Potential for Transformation in Eritrea. Special Edition, "Eritrea's Uneasy Future," Modern Africa: Politics, History, and Society. Vol. 10, issue 1, pp. 117-144
- 2022 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Heather Smith-Cannoy, Introduction to Special Issue: Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of Human Rights Law and Practice, Journal of Human Rights, guest co-edited by Heather Smith-Cannoy and Tricia Redeker Hepner. Vol 21, no. 2, pp. 118-122.
- 2021 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Magnus Treiber. The Anti-Refugee Machine: A Framework for Migration Studies. Sociologus: Journal for Empirical Social Anthropology. Vol 71, 2, pp. 175-190 [2022]
- 2021 Treiber, Magnus and Tricia Redeker Hepner, The Immediate, the Exceptional, and the Historical: Migration from Eritrea and Research Since the 1960s. Canadian Journal of African Studies, vol. 55, no. 3, pp. 563-583.
- 2020 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, At the Boundaries of Life and Death: Notes on Eritrea and Northern Uganda. African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, vol. 10, no. 1, pp. 127-142.
- 2019 Kim, Jaymelee and Tricia Redeker Hepner, Of Justice and the Grave: The Role of the Dead in Post-Conflict Uganda. International Criminal Law Review, vol. 19, no. 5, pp. 1-26.
- 2019 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Pragmatic Solidarity and Asylum Expert Witnessing. Journal of Human Rights, vol. 18, no. 2, pp. 266-274.
- 2015 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Generation Nationalism and Generation Asylum: Eritrean Migrants, the Global Diaspora, and the Transnational Nation-State, Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies, vol. 18, no. 1-2, pp. 184-207. *Publication backdated to 2009.*
- 2014 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Religion, Repression and Human Rights in Eritrea and the Diaspora. Journal of Religion in Africa, vol. 44, no. 2, pp. 151-188.
- 2013 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Samia Tecele, New Refugees, Development-Forced Displacement, and Transnational Governance in Eritrea and Exile. Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development, vol. 42, no. 3-4, pp. 377-410.
- 2008 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Transnational Governance and the Centralization of State Power in Eritrea and Exile. Ethnic and Racial Studies, vol. 31, no. 3, pp.

- 476-502.
- 2007 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Lynn Fredriksson, Regional Politics, Human Rights, and U.S. Policy in the Horn of Africa. Africa Policy Journal of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, vol. 3, pp. 22-48.
- 2005 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Bettina Conrad, Eritrea Abroad: An Introduction. Eritrean Studies Review, vol. 4, no. 2, pp. v-xvii.
- 2005 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Transnational *Tegadelti*: Eritreans for Liberation in North America and the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. Eritrean Studies Review, vol. 4, no. 2, pp. 37-83.
- 2003 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Religion, Nationalism, and Transnational Civil Society in the Eritrean Diaspora. Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power, vol. 10, no. 3, pp. 269-293.
- 2000 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Pride, Prejudice, and the Ethnicization of the Eritrean Nation. Ufahamu: Journal of the African Activist Association vol. 28, no. 2-3, pp. 87-103.
- 2000 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Collective Memories and Embodied Events: Eritrean 'Nation History.' Journal of Imperial and Postcolonial Historical Studies, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 41-69.

#### PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL SPECIAL EDITIONS

- 2025 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Magnus Treiber, eds. Special Issue: The Anti-Refugee Machine: Interpreting Global Migration Control. Migration & Society, Vol. 8. Online First: <https://www.berghahnjournals.com/view/journals/migration-and-society/aop/issue.xml>
- 2022 Smith-Cannoy, Heather and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds. Special Issue: Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of Human Rights Law and Practice, Journal of Human Rights, Vol 21, no. 2.
- 2005 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Bettina Conrad, eds. Eritrea Abroad: Critical Perspectives on the Global Diaspora. Eritrean Studies Review Special Edition vol. 4, no 2, Lawrenceville, NJ: The Red Sea Press, Inc.

#### PEER REVIEWED BOOKS

- 2026 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Magnus Treiber. The Anti-Refugee Machine: Interpreting Global Migration Control. New York: Berghahn Books. *Under contract February 7, 2024; manuscript accepted and in production August 28, 2025. In press.*
- 2023 Smith-Cannoy, Heather and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds. Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of Human Rights Law and Practice. London: Routledge.
- 2015 Berger, Iris, Tricia Redeker Hepner, Benjamin Lawrence, Joanna Tague and Meredith Terretta, eds., African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- Reviewed in: *African Studies Review, Africa, African Studies Quarterly, Journal of Modern African Studies*
- 2013 Omeje, Kenneth and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- Reviewed in: *International Journal of African Historical Studies*
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker. Soldiers, Martyrs, Traitors and Exiles: Political Conflict in Eritrea and the Diaspora. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- Reviewed in: *Northeast African Studies, Journal of Modern African Studies, CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, Anthropological Quarterly, Nations and Nationalism, Journal of*

- Ethnic and Migration Studies, African Studies Review*
- 2009 O’Kane, David and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. New York and Oxford: Berghahn Books.
- Reviewed in: *Anthropos, Northeast African Studies, Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Review of African Political Economy*

PEER REVIEWED CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- 2025 Hepner, Tricia Redeker. Afterword: Changing Migration Regimes and Challenges to Migrants’ Moral Economies. Transnationalities of Migrant Moral Economies in a Transforming World. Vytis Ciubrinskas and Nina Glick Schiller, eds. Berghahn Books. Pp. 266-270.
- 2024 Berhane, Fiori S. and Tricia Redeker Hepner. The Eritrean Diaspora in the United States and Italy: Securitization, Ethnoreligious Differences, and Political Divisions. In Takeyuki Tsuda, ed., Handbook of Migration, Ethnicity, and Diversity. Edward Elgar. Pp. 248-262.
- 2023 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Bedeviling Binaries: An Integrated and Dialectical Approach to Forensic Anthropology in Northern Uganda. In Roberto C. Parra and Douglas H. Ubelaker, eds. Anthropology of Violent Death: Theoretical Foundations for Forensic Humanitarian Action. West Sussex, UK: Wiley & Sons, Limited.
- 2019 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, The End of Refugees? Forced Migration and the New World Disorder. In Keri Vacanti Brondo, ed., Cultural Anthropology: Contemporary, Public and Critical Readings. Second Edition, pp. 212-219, Oxford, Oxford University Press.
- 2018 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, and Julia R. Hanebrink, Sowing the Dead: Massacres and the Missing in Northern Uganda, Cheryl P. Anderson and Debra L. Martin, eds. Massacres: Bioarchaeological Interpretations of the Human Past: Local, Regional, and Global Perspectives, Pp. 136-154, Gainesville, University Press of Florida.
- 2015 Berger, Iris, Tricia Redeker Hepner, Benjamin Lawrence, JoAnn Tague and Meredith Terretta, Asylum, Expertise, and Protean Ideas about African Migrants, in Iris Berger et al. eds. African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights. Pp. 1-37, Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- 2015 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, The ‘Asylum-Advocacy Nexus’ in Anthropological Perspective: Agency, Activism, and the Construction of Eritrean Political Identities, Iris Berger et al., eds. African Asylum at a Crossroads: Activism, Expert Testimony and Refugee Rights. Pp. 225-246, Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.
- 2013 Tricia Redeker Hepner, Emergent Eritrean Human Rights Movements: Politics, Law and Culture in Transnational Perspective, William Derman, Anne Hellum, and Kristen Bergtora Sandvik, eds., Worlds of Human Rights: Ambiguities of Rights Claiming in Africa, Pp. 277-302, Leiden, Brill Publishers.
- 2013 Omeje, Kenneth and Tricia Redeker Hepner, Introduction: Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region, Kenneth Omeje and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region, Pp. 1-24, Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 2013 Opiyo, Lindsay McClain\*\* and Tricia Redeker Hepner, Youth in Transition: The Arts and Cultural Resonance in Post-Conflict Northern Uganda, Kenneth Omeje and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., Conflict and Peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region, Pp. 179-196, Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

- 2012 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Militarization, Generational Conflict, and the Eritrean Refugee Crisis, Marisa O. Ensor, ed., [African Childhoods: Peacebuilding, Education, and Development in the Youngest Continent](#), Pp. 152-175, New York: Palgrave MacMillan.
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and David O’Kane, Introduction: Biopolitics, Militarism and Development in Contemporary Eritrea, David O’Kane and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., [Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#), Pp. ix-xxxvii, New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Seeking Asylum in a Transnational Social Field: Struggles for Autonomy and Human Rights, David O’Kane and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., [Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#), Pp. 115-133, New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2009 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and David O’Kane, Conclusion: Biopolitics and Dilemmas of Development in Eritrea and Elsewhere, David O’Kane and Tricia Redeker Hepner, eds., [Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#). Pp. 159-170. New York: Berghahn Books.
- 2000 Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Randal L. Hepner, Gender, Community and Change among the Rastafari of New York, Tony Carnes and Anna Karpathakis, eds., [New York Glory: Religions in the City](#), Pp. 333-353, New York: NYU Press.

#### NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, [Faultlines of Religion and Violence in Eritrea and Ethiopia](#), Berkley Forum for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University. (Invited essay)
- 2018 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, MPAAC, Sexual Harassment, and Immigration, [Anthropology News](#), vol. 51, no. 1.
- 2017 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Human Rights in an Age of Immorality and Unreason., [American Anthropological Association AAA Blog](#) [archived]. December 10.
- 2017 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Human Rights Monitor: Democracy in Turkey (but not for Kurds), [Anthropology News](#), January/February [online content](#).
- 2012 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Open Letter to Israel: Eritreans are Not Economic Refugees, [Translated/published in Hebrew] [Maariv](#), June 6
- 2011 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Eritrean Immigrants. Ron Bayor, ed. [Encyclopedia of Multicultural America](#), vol. 2, pp. 617-655, Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
- 2011 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Human Tsunamis: Refugees and the Failure of Forced Migration Policy, [Counterpunch](#), April 24-26  
<http://www.counterpunch.org/hepner04222011.html>
- 2011 Bah, Abu Bakarr, Mark Davidheiser, Niklas Hultin, and Tricia Redeker Hepner, Introduction to *ACPR: African Conflict in Global Perspective*, [African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review](#), vol. 1, no. 1, Pp. 1-7.
- 2007 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Transnational Political and Legal Dimensions of Emergent Eritrean Human Rights Movements. [Migration Studies Working Papers Series](#), No. 36, Forced Migration Studies Programme, University of the Witwatersrand.
- 2003 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Eritreans, James R. Grossman, Ann Durkin Keating, and Janice L. Reiff, eds., [Encyclopedia of Chicago](#), Chicago: University of Chicago Press, Pp. 433.
- 2000 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, [African Immigrants’ Directory: A Guide to Community Resources in the Greater Philadelphia Area](#). Philadelphia: Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies/Philadelphia Historical Society.

- 1998 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Making Local Fictions International Facts, Los Angeles Times, Op-Ed, June 23. Reprinted in Eritrea Profile, July 1998. Translated and published in Italian, Spring 1999: “Transformare le storie locali in eventi internazionali.” Africhi E Orienti: rivisti di studi ai confini tra africa mediterraneo e medio oriente.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

### JOURNALS/BOOKS

Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Dawnie Wolf Steadman, Jaymelee J. Kim, Julia R. Hanebrink, Hugh H. Tuller, and Adam Rosenblatt. Restless Spirits and Human Remains: Transitional Justice and Forensic Sciences in Postwar Northern Uganda (Multi-authored book manuscript, in prep)

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Understanding Eritrea: Inside Africa’s Most Repressive State, by Martin Plaut. International Journal of African Historical Studies, vol. 50, no. I-B, pp. 26-27.
- 2016 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, “This Side of Silence: Human Rights, Torture, and the Recognition of Cruelty, by Tobias Kelly.” Political and Legal Anthropology Review, September 2016.  
<https://polarjournal.org/2016/09/18/tobias-kellys-this-side-of-silence-human-rights-torture-and-the-recognition-of-cruelty/>
- 2013 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Frontiers of Violence: Genealogies of Conflict in Northeast Africa, by Richard Reid. American Historical Review, vol. 118, no. 3, pp. 973-974.
- 2011 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Eritrea: Africa in Focus, by Mussie Tesfagiorgis. Northeast African Studies, vol. 12, no. 1, pp. 324-6.
- 2010 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Transforming Displaced Women in Sudan: Politics and the Body in a Squatter Settlement by Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf. American Ethnologist, vol. 37, no. 4, pp. 851-852.
- 2010 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, Catherine Besteman and the Somali Bantu Experience: Collaborative Anthropology Comes to Life. American Anthropologist, Public Anthropology Reviews, vol. 113, no. 2, pp. 344-346.
- 2003 Hepner, Tricia Redeker, From Guerrillas to Government: the Eritrean People’s Liberation Front, by David Pool. African Studies Review, vol. 46, no. 2, pp. 177-179.
- 1998 Hepner, Tricia Redeker. The Pillage of Sustainability in Eritrea: Rural Communities and the Creeping Shadows of Hegemony, 1600s-1990s, By Niaz Murtaza. Northeast African Studies, vol 5, no. 3, pp. 117-120.

## PUBLISHED OR TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Since 2004, I have authored approximately 400 expert reports for asylum/refugee cases filed in the United States, Canada, Ethiopia, Uganda, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, and Israel by Eritrean/Ethiopian applicants and/or non-profit refugee rights organizations on applicants’ behalf. Each report is approximately 12 pages long and based on original and current research. I have delivered oral testimony in approximately 15% of these cases. My reports have been cited in US federal circuit court decisions and in other major precedent-setting rulings elsewhere, including the State of Israel.
- I served as lead author on the 2015 Concept Note and subsequent 2020 Draft

Statement on Anthropology and Human Rights for the American Anthropological Association. This was the third statement on human rights issued by the AAA (following the 1947 and 1999 Statements). [The 2020 Statement was adopted in July 2020.](#)

## EXTERNAL FUNDED PROPOSALS

- 2022 The Anti-Refugee Machine: A Framework for Refugee and Migration Studies. Co-PIs: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Ph.D., Magnus Treiber, Ph.D., and Nathalie Peutz, Ph.D.  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Conference/Workshop Grants (Gr. CONF-885)  
\$19,435.00
- 2021 National Science Foundation  
SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, “Anthropological Investigation of Social Determinants of Knowledge”  
PI: Jessica Katzenstein; Co-PIs Tricia Redeker Hepner, Heather Smith-Cannoy
- 2020 Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice.  
PI: Heather Smith-Cannoy, Co-PIs: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Magda Hinojosa, Audrey Comstock, Kendall Funk  
National Science Foundation Conference Grants  
\$33,160.00
- 2019 Restless Spirits and Human Remains: Life, Death and Justice in Post-War Northern Uganda  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman  
School of Advanced Research, National Science Foundation Research Team Seminar Program  
(Seminar held in September 2021, postponed from 2020 due to Covid-19)  
\$60,969.00 (estimated)
- 2015 The Agency of the Dead and Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Post-Ph.D. Research Grant  
\$20,000.00
- 2015 Transitional Justice in Nepal: Endemic Violence and Marginalized Perspectives  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Krista Billingsley (PhD student)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant  
\$8,995.00
- 2015 Transitional Justice in Nepal: Endemic Violence and Marginalized Perspectives.  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Krista Billingsley (PhD student)  
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad Grant  
\$37,792.00
- 2013 Transitional Justice in a Canadian Colonial Context: A Critical Analysis of Transitional Justice Method and Theory.  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Jaymelee J. Kim (PhD student)  
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (DDRIG)  
\$7329.00

- 2012 Transitional Justice in a Non-Transitioning Society: Perceived Efficacy of Canada's Justice and Reconciliation Efforts.  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Jaymelee J. Kim (PhD student)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant  
\$20,000.00
- 2010 Generation Asylum: New Eritrean Refugees, Human Rights, and the Politics of Forced Migration  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Post-Ph.D. Research Grant  
\$24,600.00 (Grant # 8194)
- 2008 Hanna Grunwald Relief Funds, Amnesty International USA  
Applicant: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
Funds to support the family of deceased Eritrean journalist Fessehaye Joshua Yohannes while seeking refugee resettlement from Uganda.  
\$5000.00
- 2007 Special Initiative Funds, Amnesty International USA  
Applicant: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
Awarded to hold a one-day workshop at the University of Tennessee on the crisis of human rights in Eritrea.  
\$2900.00
- 2005 Postdoctoral Fellowship  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany  
Two-year residential postdoctoral fellowship awarded for data collection on Eritrean communities in Germany and for writing of journal articles and book manuscript. Declined.
- 2005 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship  
Co-PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
University of California, Los Angeles  
Postdoctoral research position under PI Dr. Kenneth Sokoloff (deceased), Center for Entrepreneurial Activity in Economic History and Development; Visiting Scholar, International Institute.
- 2001 International Dissertation Research Fellowship  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI Laurie K. Medina (adviser)  
Social Science Research Council  
Funded dissertation field research in Eritrea and data analysis
- 2001 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Fieldwork  
PI: Laurie K. Medina (adviser), Co-PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner

## **INTERNAL FUNDED PROPOSALS**

### Arizona State University

- 2025 Principled Innovation Grant (Barrett Honors College, Kern Family Foundation), awarded to support "Advocating for the Living, the Dead, and the Missing in Arizona and Beyond: A Conference, Workshop, and Resource Fair."  
\$12,000

## University of Tennessee

- 2019 Haines-Morris Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, awarded to support third biennial Conference on Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights.  
\$5100.00
- 2018 College of Arts of Sciences, Conference Funding Award to support second biennial Conference in Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights  
\$10750.00
- 2017 Student-Faculty Research Award (summer fieldwork in Uganda)  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PIs: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Wilfred Komakech (MA student), Lucia Norstrom Elgerud (PhD student)  
\$4900.00
- 2015 Haines-Morris Endowment Grant, University of Tennessee awarded for second conference in Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights (DDHR). With Eliza Guyol-Meinrath, Tyler Howe, Vivian Y. Choi, and Jaymelee Kim.  
\$2500.00
- 2013 Professional Development Award (summer preliminary research for project: Reburials, Psychosocial Recovery, and Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda)  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman  
\$5000.00
- 2010 Center for International Education – Program Development Grant provided by CIE, Anthropology, and College of Arts and Sciences to travel to Northern Uganda for the purposes of creating a formal study and service abroad program at Gulu University.  
\$2500.00
- 2009 UT Chancellor’s Grant for Faculty Research  
Awarded a one-course buyout for fall 2009 to enable research development.
- 2008 SARIF-GRA Summer Research Award (Master’s research in Shimelba Refugee Camp, Ethiopia)  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Elizabeth Harmon-Gross (MA student)  
\$3600.00
- 2008 UT-EPPE Award (subvention funds for book cover artwork)  
\$500.00
- 2007 Professional Development Award (summer preliminary research for project Eritrean Transnational Human Rights Initiatives in the United States, Germany, and South Africa)  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
\$5000.00
- 2007 UT Ready for the World Initiative Grant (panel discussion on Human Rights in the Horn of Africa)  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Johanna Stiebert  
\$3500.00

## **EXTERNAL UNFUNDED PROPOSALS**

- 2025 Visiting Fellows Programme 2026, University of Jyväskylä (Finland)
- 2021 Reinvigorating the Interdisciplinary Health Humanities Certificate  
PI: Pamela Marshall, Stephen Toth; Co-PIs: Miriam Mara, Annika Mann, Katelyn Bolhofner, Tricia Redeker Hepner, and Heather Smith-Cannoy  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
Curriculum planning grant  
\$34,932.00

- 2021 The Anti-Refugee Machine: A New Framework for Refugee and Migration Studies. Co-PIs: Tricia Redeker Hepner and Magnus Treiber  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Conference/Workshop Grants  
\$19,227.00
- 2021 The Anti-Refugee Machine: A New Framework for Refugee and Migration Studies.  
Co-PIs: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Ph.D. and Magnus Treiber, Ph.D.  
Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Germany), Conference/Workshop Grants  
€14,563.00
- 2021 Consortium to Build an East African Forensic Anthropology Team. Response to RSOI – Global Transitional Justice and Forensic Anthropology Programs, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, US Department of State.  
Co-PIs: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Ph.D., D-ABFA and Tricia Redeker-Hepner. Ph.D.  
Full proposal invited from DRL but not submitted  
\$700,000.00
- 2018 Forensic Anthropology Capacity Building in Uganda and Burundi, East Africa  
PI: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Co-PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner  
US Department of State, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor  
\$300,000.00
- 2017 Development, Violence, and Canada's New Transnational Jurisprudence  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Eliza Guyol-Meinrath Echeverry (PhD student)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant  
\$8,189.00
- 2016 Spirits of the Dead and Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, co-PI: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman  
National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology  
\$96,801.00
- 2015 The Agency of the Dead and Transitional Justice in Northern Uganda  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Dawnie Wolfe Steadman  
National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science  
\$131,040.00
- 2014 Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights: Bridging the Collaborative Gap  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PIs: Amanda Reinke (PhD student), Jaymelee Kim (PhD student), and Giovanna Vidoli (faculty)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Conference and Workshop Grants  
\$20,000.00
- 2014 Seeing Like a Refugee: Rethinking Mobility and Globalization (resubmitted)  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Catherine Besteman School for Advanced Research, Advanced Seminar Program Dollar amount n/a
- 2013 Seeing Like a Refugee: Rethinking Mobility and Globalization  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Catherine Besteman School for Advanced Research, Advanced Seminar Program
- 2013 Utopian Entrepreneurialism: Artisanal Politics, Sustainability, and the Solidarity Economies of Alternative Food-Related Businesses  
PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Tony Van Winkle (PhD student)  
Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

	\$19,200.00
2009	<i>Los Nuevos Desaparecidos: A New Generation of the Disappeared</i> PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, co-PI: Lorena Villao Sadlauer (PhD student) Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
	\$13,205.00
2009	Between Persecution and Policy: New Eritrean Refugees and Human Rights PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Fellowship for Experienced Researchers
	Dollar amount n/a
2008	Between Persecution and Policy: New Eritrean Refugees and Human Rights PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Bettina Conrad Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, International Collaborative Grants
	\$25,000.00
2008	Between Persecution and Policy: New Eritrean Refugees and Human Rights PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend
	\$6000.00
2007	Radio Free Eritrea: Transnational Alternative Media for a Democratic Public Sphere. PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Victoria Bernal Social Science Research Council - Large Collaborative Grants in Media and Communications
	\$30,000.00

## INTERNAL UNFUNDED PROPOSALS

### Arizona State University:

2021	Global Human Rights Policy Engagement Program PIs: Heather Smith-Cannoy and Tricia Redeker Hepner; Co-PIs: Audrey Comstock, Kendall Funk, Malay Firoz ASU Foundation, Women in Philanthropy Grant
	\$49,672.00
2021	President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program. Co-PIs: Stephen Toth (SHaRCS), Matthew Simonton (SHaRCS), Tricia Redeker Hepner (SBS), and Heather Smith-Cannoy (SBS). Request for funded postdoctoral fellow in History or Sociology to contribute expertise in race/racialization in the Americas.

### University of Tennessee:

2019	Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Grant (for preliminary doctoral research project, United States Counterinsurgency Operations in Africa: A Preliminary Ethnographic Study) PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Lauren Ziegler (MA student)
	\$5000.00
2019	Faculty-Student Collaborative Summer Research Grant (for preliminary doctoral research project, Migrant Domestic Laborers in the United Arab Emirates: A Preliminary Study) PI: Tricia Redeker Hepner, Co-PI: Raja Swamy (faculty), Idil Muhamed Issak

(MA student)  
\$3086.00

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, POSTERS, & INVITED LECTURES

\* denotes international event

- 2025 Invited Panelist: The Anti-Refugee Machine: Interpreting Global Migration Control. Special journal issue virtual launch, *Migration & Society*, October 8.
- 2025 Invited Panelist: Moralities and Anti-Moralities of Migration, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, New School University, New York, October 9.
- 2025 Organizer and Chair. The Anti-Refugee Machine: Interpreting Global Migration Control. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 19-23. *Panel accepted.*
- 2025 Presenter: Introducing the Anti-Refugee Machine. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 19-23. *Paper accepted.*
- 2024 Co-Presenter (with Jaymelee J. Kim). Theorizing Heritage Forensics and Forensic Human Rights. Unearthing, Unseeing: Archaeology, Heritage, and Forensics in Shadow of State Violence Conference, Cornell University, November 1-2.
- 2024 Co-organizer (with Roberto Barrios). Migration Justice: Praxis and human mobility in the era of neoliberal authoritarianism (double panel session). American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, November 20-23.
- 2023 Discussant: Taxonomies of Difference: Deployments of Race and Antiracism in Humanitarian Praxis. American Anthropological Association/Canadian Association of Sociocultural Anthropology Annual Meeting, Toronto, November 16-20
- 2023 Roundtable Presenter: On the Matter of Rights: Determinants and Indeterminacies. American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting, Princeton, March 23-25.
- 2022 Roundtable Organizer and Presenter: The Anti-Refugee Machine: A Framework for Migration Studies. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, November 9-14.
- 2022 Poster Co-Author: Cultural Relativity and the Bounds of Forensic Interventions: A Case Study in Uganda. American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting, Seattle, February 21-25
- 2022 Presenter: Ethnographic Evidence: Material and Ghostly Remains in Postwar Northern Uganda, Scientific Sessions Roundtable, Recovered from Erasure: Reconstructed Human Lives, Graves, and Families, American Academy for the Advancement of Science annual meeting, Philadelphia, February 17-20
- 2021 Invited Panelist: Crisis in Tigray: A Critical Dialogue Virtual Symposium. African Studies Center, Howard University, November 12
- 2021 Paper: The Anti-Refugee Machine: How the EU and Eritrea Exacerbate Migration and Undermine Asylum (with Magnus Treiber), American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Baltimore, November 17-21
- 2021 Co-Organizer and Co-PI: NSF Funded Conference on Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice, Global Human Rights Hub, Arizona State University, April 29-30
- 2021 Paper: Law as Resistance: Transnational Battles for Human and Refugee Rights in the Eritrean Diaspora, Conference on Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice, Global Human Rights Hub, Arizona State University, April 29-30
- 2021 Paper: Law as Resistance: Transnational Battles for Human and Refugee Rights in the Eritrean Diaspora, International Studies Association annual meeting, April 7
- 2021 Lead Presenter, Restless Spirits and Human Remains: Life, Death and Justice in Postwar Uganda, Justice Briefing, MA Program in Social Justice and Human Rights, Arizona State University, March 26

- 2021 \*Invited Presenter: 'Justice Futures': The Potential for Forensic Investigation in Eritrea (with Daniel R. Mekonnen), Towards Peaceful Transition in Eritrea: A Web-based Conference, Felsberg Institute (Germany), March 5
- 2021 \*Invited Lecture: The Anti-Refugee Machine: How the EU and Eritrea Exacerbate Migration and Undermine Asylum, University of Arizona, Africana Studies Africa Table Speaker Series, February 19
- 2021 Poster Co-Author: Multisector Collaborations for Transitional Justice in Uganda. Hanebrink, Julia, Jaymelee J. Kim, Hugh Tuller, Tricia Redeker Hepner, Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, and Paul Emanovsky. American Academy of Forensic Sciences Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (Poster Symposium). February 15-19
- 2021 Invited Roundtable Presenter: The Nuts and Bolts of Serving as an Expert Witness, Expert Witness Workshops, Series I, Latin American Studies Association, January 14.
- 2020 Organizer, Convener, and Presenter, Workshop on the Anti-Refugee Machine: A Framework for Migration Studies, Arizona State University, December 10
- 2020 \*Invited Presenter: The Anti-Refugee Machine: How the EU and Eritrea Exacerbate Migration and Undermine Asylum. Center for Advanced Studies, Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich, Germany, June 20
- 2019 Roundtable Presenter: Anthropology and Human Rights: A New Statement. American Anthropological Association 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, November 20-24
- 2019 Roundtable Presenter: Tackling the Refugee Crisis: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue. Georgia State College and University, Milledgeville, GA, February 12
- 2019 Co-author on Presentation: After Atrocity: Why Not to Investigate. Steadman, Dawnie Wolfe, Tricia Redeker Hepner, Jaymelee J. Kim, Julia Hanebrink and Hugh Tuller. American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting, Baltimore, February 18-23
- 2019 Co-author on Presentation: Applying Anthropology in Uganda: How to Combine Forensic Anthropology with Ethnographic Methods. Kim, Jaymelee J., Dawnie Wolfe Steadman, Tricia Redeker Hepner, Hugh Tuller, and Julia Hanebrink. Society for Urban, National, and Transnational Anthropology Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 1-3
- 2019 Roundtable Presenter: Practices and Ethics of Anthropologists as Expert Witnesses in Asylum Cases. Roundtable Presenter. American Anthropological Association 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA, November 14-18
- 2018 Invited Keynote: The Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program: From Margins to Center. Southern Anthropological Society Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, TN, April 20-21
- 2018 Roundtable Presenter: The Agency of the Dead in Northern Uganda. Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program Conference, Knoxville, TN, February 9-11
- 2017 Paper: Transnational Neoliberal Collusion in the Creation of a Post-Refugee World, Or, Do Eritrean Refugees Still Exist? (with Magnus Treiber). American Anthropological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 28-December 3
- 2017 \*Invited Lecture: Pillars of Salt: Captivity and Resistance in the Eritrean Refugee Experience. Institute for Ethnology, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München. November 6
- 2017 \*Invited Lecture: Transnational Political Histories and Contemporary Refugee Claims: Eritrea and Its Diasporas. Gordon F. Henderson Speaker Series in Refugee History, University of Ottawa, April 6
- 2017 Keynote: Refugees and Resettlement Today. Refugees, Displacement, and Resettlement: a UT Conference and Workshop. University of Tennessee, Knoxville. February 24

- 2016 Poster Co-Author: Sowing the Dead: Massacres and the Missing in Northern Uganda. Hepner, Tricia Redeker and Dawnie Wolfe Steadman. American Association of Physical Anthropologists 85th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 12-16
- 2016 \*Paper: Legal Battles in Eritrean Transnational Communities, (with Daniel Rezene Mekonnen). Eritrea Silver Jubilee Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, May 20
- 2016 Paper: On the Boundary of Life and Death: Notes from Eritrea and Northern Uganda. American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20
- 2016 Panel Co-Organizer: Life and Death, American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20
- 2016 Roundtable Presenter: Human Rights, the Academy, and Beyond: How Anthropologists Engage, American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, November 16-20
- 2016 Roundtable Chair and Moderator: Africa, Africans, and the Global Migration 'Crisis.' African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, December 1-4.
- 2016 Roundtable Presenter: Publish That Article! African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, December 1-4
- 2015 Roundtable Presenter: Voluntourism, Service Learning and Alternative Breaks, American Anthropological Association 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Denver, November 18-22
- 2015 Roundtable Presenter: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Advocating for Vulnerable Immigrants, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, May 28-31.
- 2015 \*Invited Presenter: Eritrea, Introduction to Conflict, Workshop on Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration, Hamburg Institute for Social Research (Germany), April 27-29
- 2013 Paper: Massacres, Mass Graves, and Mollified Spirits: Reburial and Reconciliation in Northern Uganda (with Dawnie Wolfe Steadman), American Anthropological Association 113th Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 20-24
- 2013 Invited Lecture: Anthropology as a Tool for Improving the Human Condition, Pre-Game Showcase, University of Tennessee, April 12
- 2013 Paper: Massacres, Mass Graves, and the Measure of Reconciliation in Uganda. Association for Political and Legal Anthropology/American Ethnological Society (APLA/AES) Spring Meeting, Chicago, April 11-14
- 2012 \*Paper: New Refugees, Development Forced Displacement, and Transnational Governance in Eritrea and Exile. With Samia Teclé. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 29-December 1
- 2012 Panel Co-Organizer: (En)Countering Authoritarianism in Eritrea and Exile: New Frontiers of 'Freedom'? African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 29-December 1
- 2011 \*Invited Lecture: Transnational Governance in Eritrea and Exile, United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, March 10
- 2011 Paper: The 'Asylum-Advocacy Nexus' in Anthropological Perspective: Agency, Activism, and the Construction of Eritrean Political Identities. Conable Conference in International Studies, Rochester Institute of Technology: Refugees, Asylum Law, and Expert Testimony: The Construction of Africa & the Global South in Comparative Perspective. April 12-14
- 2011 Paper: Militarization, Generational Conflict and the Eritrean Refugee Crisis. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 30-December 2.
- 2011 Roundtable Presenter: Retheorizing Refugees. Roundtable. American Ethnological Society Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 14-17
- 2010 Paper: Granting Protection, Denying Belonging: The 'Terrorism Bars' and Refugee Citizenship. Invited Session, Committee on Refugees and Immigrants (CORI): Safe Haven in America: Thirty Years After The Refugee Act of 1980. American

- 2010 Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 16-21  
 Paper: A Double-Edged Sword: Adjustment of Status and the Terrorism Bars (with Karla M. McKanders), Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 27-30
- 2010 Panel Co-Organizer and Chair: The Material Support Bar and Security Inadmissibility: Coordinating Analysis and Advocacy in the United States and Canada. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 27-30
- 2009 Paper: The Persecuted as Persecutor: *Negusie v. Holder* and the Persecutor Bar in US Asylum Law. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2-6
- 2009 Panel Organizer: Safe Haven? Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and the Law. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2-6
- 2009 \*Paper: Seeking asylum, autonomy, and human rights: Eritreans in Germany and the United States. Seeking Refuge Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies London, April 15-16
- 2009 Paper: Displaced and Unsettled in Diaspora: Eritreans in Germany and the United States. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, March 19-22
- 2008 Paper: Between Policy and Persecution: Eritrean Asylum Seekers in Africa, Europe, and the United States. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 13-26
- 2008 \*\*Paper: Cell Phones in Unlikely Places: The Strengths and Lengths of Transnational Communication Among Eritrean Activists and Refugees (with Lily Harmon-Gross), NEXUS Conference, University of Tennessee, March 28-29
- 2007 Paper: What Freedom Is This? Eritrean Transnational Human Rights Initiatives, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 31- December 4
- 2007 Paper: Transnational Political and Legal Dimensions of Emergent Eritrean Human Rights Initiatives. Presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, October 17-21
- 2007 Panel organizer and chair: Ethnography, Policy and Law: (En)Countering Human Rights in the Horn of Africa. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New York, October 17-21
- 2007 Paper: Nationalism and Human Rights in Eritrea: Confronting Exclusion and Abuse. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Tampa, March 27-31
- 2006 Paper: Biopolitics, Militarism and Development in Eritrea: Some Introductory Remarks. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, November 13-19
- 2006 Panel organizer and chair: Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, November 13-19
- 2006 \*Paper: Rights and Rumors: Transnationalism and Human Rights in Eritrea and the Diaspora. African Studies Association –UK meeting, London, September 11-14
- 2006 \*Paper: Religion, Conflict, and State Repression in Eritrea. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, New Religiosity and Intergenerational Conflict in Northeast Africa Workshop, Halle/Saale, Germany, April 26-28
- 2005 Paper: The Politics of Transnationalism: Coercion and Resistance in Eritrea and Exile, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 30-December 4
- 2005 Panel co-organizer and chair: Anthropological Perspectives on Governance in the African Context: Lessons from Chad, Eritrea, Nigeria, Sudan, and Tanzania. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 30-December 4
- 2004 Invited Lecture: Eritrea, Exile, and the State of Transnational Diaspora, James S.

- 2004 Coleman African Studies Center, University of California, Los Angeles, December 9  
 Paper: Transnational *Tegadelti*: Eritreans for Liberation in North America and the Eritrean People's Liberation Front. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 11-14
- 2004 Double panel co-organizer and chair, 'Community,' Politics and the Dilemmas of Diaspora: Eritrea Past and Present. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 11-14
- 2004 \*Invited Lecture: Eritrea and Exile: Transnational Political Struggle in the United States and Eritrea, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany, July 20
- 2003 Paper: Expert Witnessing: Anthropology and Eritrean Asylum Seekers in the US, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 19-23.
- 2003 Double panel co-organizer and chair, Ethnography In/Of Unstable Worlds: Activism and Structural Constraints Across Disciplines. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 19-23
- 2003 Invited Lecture: Eritrea and Exile: The Culture of Trans/National Political Struggle, Culture, Resources, and Power Forum, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, April 14
- 2003 Invited Lecture: A Tale of Two Fronts: Divergent Nationalisms in the Eritrean Trans/Nationalist Movement, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, February 26
- 2002 Invited Lecture: Faith in the Nation: Christianity and Community Among Eritreans in Chicago, presentation to Chicago Area Group for the Study of Religious Communities (CAGSRC), Loyola University Chicago, October 26
- 2001 Paper: Eritrean Transnational Activism and Political Identity in the United States, Independent Eritrea: Lessons and Prospects International Conference, Asmara, Eritrea, July 22-26
- 2001 Paper: Backward Glances and American Chances: Eritreans in Chicago Since 1965. 6th Annual Midwest Graduate Students' Conference in African Studies, Northwestern University, March 31- April 2
- 2001 Paper: Doing Ethnography Among Eritrean Refugees and Immigrants in Chicago. Chicago Conference on Ethnography, Loyola University Chicago, February 23
- 2000 Invited Lecture: Understanding the Ethio-Eritrean Border War, Swords into Plowshares Peace Center, Detroit, MI, February 16
- 1999 Paper: Contested Terrain and Transnational Borders. African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 11-14
- 1999 Paper: Pride, Prejudice, and the Ethnicization of the Eritrean Nation. 4th Annual Midwest Graduate Students Conference in African Studies, Michigan State University, September 10-12
- 1999 Paper: 'Take These Shackles Away, Lord:' Gender, Community and Change Among the Rastafari of New York. With Dr. Randal L. Hepner. West Indian Migration to New York: Historical, Contemporary and Transnational Perspectives Conference, Research Institute for the Study of Man, New York, April 16-17
- 1999 Paper: Collective Memories and Embodied Events: Eritrean Nation-History. Conference on Imperial and Postcolonial Historical Studies, Michigan State University, February 13-15

## **EDITORIAL REVIEW BOARDS**

African Studies Review, 2018-2020

African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review, Co-Founder and Associate Editor, 2012-2018

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Arizona State University:

*Undergraduate:*

Introduction to Human Rights (online) (JHR 100; new online course build)  
Death and Dying in Cross-Cultural Perspective (ASB/SOC 353; in-person)  
Human Rights in the Global South (JHR 494; new online course build)

*Graduate:*

Foundations of Social Justice and Human Rights (JHR 502; new online course build and in-person)  
Critical Methodologies in Social Justice and Human Rights [formerly Action Research] (JHR 525; in-person)  
Capstone in Social Justice and Human Rights (new online course build) (JHR 549)  
Practicum (JHR 580)  
Independent Research (JHR 592)

University of Tennessee:

*Lower Division:*

First Year Studies: Anthropology Lite? Reading National Geographic  
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Introduction to Globalization  
Topics in African Ethnography  
Conflict and Peacebuilding in Northern Uganda (Gulu Study and Service Abroad Program)

*Upper Division/Graduate:*

Political Anthropology  
Anthropology of Human Rights  
Refugees and Displaced People  
Anthropology of Warfare, Violence, and Peace  
Forms of Social Inequality  
Anthropology of Policy and Law  
Method and Theory in Cultural Anthropology  
Research Design and Proposal Writing  
Ethnographic Writing

Ludwig Maximilians University (University of Munich)

Human Rights, Refugees, and Displaced People

**PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS OR CERTIFICATIONS**

2009 Certificate, Refugee Studies and Forced Migration Issues  
York University, Centre for Refugee Studies, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**SERVICE**

Disciplinary and Professional

*Association Leadership:*

- Chair, American Anthropological Association, Members' Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee (MPAAC), 2016-2020
- Chair, American Anthropological Association, Committee for Human Rights, 2015-2017
- Elected member, American Anthropological Association, Committee for Human Rights, 2013-2017
- Eritrean Studies Association
  - Treasurer, 2004-2019
  - Secretary, 1999-2002
  - Secretary-Treasurer, 1998-1999

*Journal Editorship:*

- African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (Founding Co-Editor)

*Journal Editorial Board Member:*

- African Studies Review (2017-2020)
- African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review (Associate Editor, Book and Film Review Editor, 2012-2017)

*Peer Reviews (Recent)*

*Journals:*

Annals of Anthropological Practice; Africa Spectrum; Africa Today; African Studies Review; Africa Peace and Conflict Network; American Anthropologist; American Ethnologist; Diaspora; Ethnic and Racial Studies; Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power; International Migration Review; Journal of Eastern African Studies; Journal of Modern African Studies; Journal of Refugee Studies; Northeast African Studies; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; Urban Anthropology; Journal of Religion in Africa; African Diasporas; Nations and Nationalism; Africa Rivista

*Presses:*

Africa World Press; Berghahn Books; Ohio University Press; Palgrave MacMillan; University of Pennsylvania Press; Stanford University Press; University of Toronto Press

*Funding Agencies:*

Israel Science Foundation; Swiss National Science Foundation; Italian National Research Council; Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council

*Promotion and Tenure External Reviewer*

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; University of Oxford; Duke University

External/Applied Volunteer

- President of the Board, Sanctuary (non-profit supporting LGBTQ+, non-binary, and gender variant asylum seekers and refugees)
- Country Specialist, Eritrea, Amnesty International USA, 2005-2014
- Country of Origin Information expert, Eritrea and Ethiopia, International Refugee Rights in Exile Network, 2010-present
- International Commission for Eritrean Refugees, elected member, 2011-2015
- Expert witness and consultancy work, asylum and immigration cases nationally and internationally (approximately 375 cases since 2004)

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (ASU)

- Senior Associate Director, Fall 2023-present

- Area Lead, Social Sciences, Spring 2022-Summer 2025
- Personnel Committee, Fall 2024-present
- Committee for Inclusive Excellence, Fall 2023-present
- Graduate Program Director, Social Justice and Human Rights MA (Campus and Online Immersion), Fall 2020-Fall 2023
- Peer Tenure Review Committee for Dr. Sangmi Lee (Chair), Fall 2023
- Probationary Review Committee for Dr. Malay Firoz (Chair), Fall 2023
- Probationary Review Committee for Dr. Nisa Goksel (member), Fall 2022
- Probationary Review Committee for Dr. Sangmi Lee (Chair), Fall 2021
- Probationary Review Committee for Dr. Audrey Comstock (member), Fall 2021
- Faculty mentor: Dr. Jennifer Keahey, Dr. Sangmi Lee, Dr. Malay Firoz, Fall 2020-present

#### New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (ASU)

- School of Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - Personnel Committee (member, 2024-2027)
  - Search Committee, School Director (member, 2022-23)
  - Search Committee, Teaching Assistant Professor in SJHR (chair, 2022-2023)
- School of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)
  - Search Committee, Clinical Assistant Professor, Forensic Science (member, 2021-22)
  - Search Committee, Lecturer, Forensic Science (member, 2021-2022)
- School of Interdisciplinary Forensics
  - Tenure and Promotion Peer Committee for Dr. Katleyn Bolhofner (member), Fall 2025
  - Peer Evaluation Committee for Dr. Jake Harris (member), Fall 2025
- Member, New College Council for Advancing Communities and Responsibilities
- Global Human Rights Hub, Interim Associate Director, Fall 2025
- Global Human Rights Hub, Executive Committee (member), Fall 2020-present
- Global Human Rights Hub, Migration Working Group (chair), Fall 2020-Spring 2023
- Global Human Rights Hub, Migration Working Group (member), Fall 2020-present
- Global Human Rights Hub, Graduate Fellows Program (mentor), Fall 2020-Spring 2023
- Arizona Transfer Credit Solutions (ACETS)
  - New College representative, Anthropology minor, Fall 2020-present
  - New College representative, Sociology, Political Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Anthropology minor, Spring 2022-Spring 2025

#### University (ASU)

- Governance Grievance Committee, Fall 2022-Spring 2026
- Fulbright Fellowship Review Committee, 2021-2022
- Faculty Adviser, Social Justice Club, 2020-2022

#### Department of Anthropology (U of Tennessee)

- Budget Committee, 2019-2020
- Graduate Committee, member, 2017-2020
- Curriculum Committee, member, 2015-2020
- Curriculum Committee, chair, 2017-2018
- Director, Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Program, 2013-2020
- Director, Graduate Admissions, 2013-2014

- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2010-2014
- Ad-hoc Standing Committee on Graduate Program Restructuring, 2013-2020

College of Arts and Sciences (U of Tennessee)

- Africana Studies Advisory Board, 2014-2020
- Department of Geography, Mid-Cycle Internal Review Team Member, Fall 2019
- Mentoring Matrix Program, Group Coordinator, 2016-2017
- Department of Geography, 10-Year Internal Review Team Member, Fall 2016
- Center for the Study of Social Justice, Head, Migration and Refugee Studies Division, 2013-2020
- Africana Studies Executive Faculty, 2011-2014
- Co-Founder and Co-Director, Gulu Study and Service Abroad program (GSSAP), 2011
- Women's March Coalition UTK Student Chapter, Faculty Adviser, 2017-2019
- Amnesty International UTK Student Chapter, Faculty Adviser, 2008-2016
- Faculty Senator, 2011-2014
  - Chair, Social Science Caucus, Faculty Senate, 2013-2014
  - Member, UT Systems Relations Committee, 2011-2014

**\*PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST\***