

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**HIS 9831A**

***'Killing Fields': A Global History of Mass Violence***

Fall Term 2014: Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30  
Room: Lawson 2270C

Professor Frank Schumacher



*The Holocaust Memorial in Berlin.* Photograph by Sean Gallup/Getty Images,  
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## **1. Contact Details**

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## **2. Course Description**

This seminar comprehensively explores the causes, cases, contours, and consequences of mass violence in modern history. It examines forms of collective destructiveness against non-combatants due to political, social, religious, and cultural causes. The course draws on theoretical perspectives from a number of disciplines such as anthropology, history, sociology, law, political science, social psychology, and philosophy to develop a coherent analytical matrix for understanding mass violence.

We will discuss conceptual frameworks and apply to them a number of cases studies, including the Armenian genocide, the Holocaust, and genocides in Cambodia and Rwanda. We will explore the sources and dynamics of mass violence, study victims and perpetrators, analyze the role of gender, examine, rescue, resistance, intervention and prevention, and discuss the multiple functions of social memory to post-conflict justice.

## **3. Readings**

### a) Required (available at UWO Bookstore)

AKCAM, Taner, *The Young Turks' Crime against Humanity: the Armenian Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013, paperback version)

BLOXHAM, Donald, A. Dirk Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011 paperback edition).

BLOXHAM, Donald, *The Final Solution: A Genocide* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).

HATZFELD, Jean, *Machete Season. The Killers in Rwanda Speak* (New York: Picador, 2003).

JONES, Adam, *Genocide. A Comprehensive Introduction. Second Edition* (London: Routledge, 2011).

LOWER, Wendy, *Hitler's Furies: German Women in the Nazi-Killing Fields* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Hartcourt, 2013).

### b) Course Readings

All journal articles are available in digital format through Weldon's databases; most edited volumes and monographs are on course reserve at Weldon Library.

### c) Further Reading and Quick Orientation

- ALVAREZ, Alex, *Genocidal Crimes* (New York: Routledge, 2010).
- CHARNY, Israel W. (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Genocide* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 1999).
- JONES, Adam (ed.), *New Directions in Genocide Research* (New York: Routledge, 2011).
- MOSES, Dirk A. (ed.), *Genocide. Critical Concepts in Historical Studies, 6 volumes* (New York: Routledge, 2010).
- ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MASS VIOLENCE, <http://www.massviolence.org/>
- SHELTON, Dina L. (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes against Humanity* (Detroit: Macmillan Reference, 2005).
- TOTTEN, Samuel, Paul A. Bartrop (eds.), *Dictionary of Genocide* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007).

## **4. Evaluation**

The final grade for this course is based on the accumulated results of one co-moderation, a research paper, and your participation.

Research Paper:	50%
Co-moderation:	25%
Participation:	25%

### 1. Research Paper

Your research essay will be based on primary sources. The paper should be 20-25pp in length and conform to scholarly conventions. It should contain citations and a research bibliography. Detail will be discussed in the seminar. The paper is due on the last day of class.

### 2. Co-Moderation

You will serve as co-moderator for one seminar session. This assignment requires a thorough understanding of your week's required and recommended readings. For this role you will need to prepare a handout for the seminar which includes key themes, summaries of the reading, a bibliography, and key terms. You will also develop an outline with a set of questions to structure the seminar discussion.

### 3. Participation

Your informed participation in the seminar is key to a successful course. This is a reading intensive class and you are expected to complete all the readings, come prepared to class, complete assignments on time, and actively participate in our discussions.

## 5. Seminar Schedule

### Part One – Concepts and Perspectives

**September 10**                    **“A Never-Ending Nightmare: Mass Violence in Modern History – Course Introduction”**

**September 17**                    **Introduction to Research Resources at Weldon Library**

Elisabeth Mantz, Department Head Archives, Services, and Collection and Subject Librarian for History, Reference, and Microforms at Weldon Library  
Meet in Main Lobby of Weldon at the Entrance

**September 24**                    **Concepts and Perspectives I**

#### Required Readings

GERLACH, Christian, “Extremely Violent Societies: An Alternative to the Concept of Genocide”, in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 8:4 (December 2006), 458-465.

JONES, Adam, *Genocide. A Comprehensive Introduction: Second Edition* (London: Routledge, 2011), chapter 1, 1-63.

KUEHNE, Thomas, “Colonialism and the Holocaust: Continuities, Causations, and Complexities”, in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 15:3 (September 2013), 339-362.

MOSES, A. Dirk, “Raphael Lemkin, Culture, and the Concept of Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

MOSES, Dirk A., “Genocide”, in: *Australian Humanities Review* 55 (2013): 23-44, at: [http://www.australianhumanitiesreview.org/archive/Issue-November-2013/AHR55\\_2\\_Moses.pdf](http://www.australianhumanitiesreview.org/archive/Issue-November-2013/AHR55_2_Moses.pdf)

WEISS-WENDT, Anton, “The State and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

#### Recommended Readings

SCHALLER, Dominik J., Juergen Zimmerer (eds.), *The Origins of Genocide. Raphael Lemkin as a Historian of Mass Violence* (London: Routledge, 2009).

**October 1**                            **Concepts and Perspectives II**

#### Required Readings

JONES, Adam, *Genocide*, chapters 10, 11, 12, pp. 381-463.

O’NEILL, Kevin Lewis, “Anthropology and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

ROTH, Paul A., “Social Psychology and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

SCHABAS, William A., “The Law and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

SHAW, Martin, “Sociology and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

SHUSTER, Martin, “Philosophy and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

STRAUS, Scott, “Political Science and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

## Part Two – Case Studies

### October 8                      Case Study I: The Ottoman Empire

#### Required Readings

AKCAM, Taner, *The Young Turks’ Crime against Humanity: the Armenian Genocide and Ethnic Cleansing in the Ottoman Empire* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2013, paperback version)

JONES, Adam, *Genocide*, chapter 4, 149-187.

#### Required Readings

SUNY, Ronald Grigor, “Explaining Genocide: The Fate of the Armenians in the Late Ottoman Empire”, in: Richard Bessel, Claudia B. Haake (eds.), *Removing Peoples. Forced Removal in the Modern World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009), 209-254.

### October 15                      Case Study II: The Shoa

#### Required Readings

BLOXHAM, Donald, *The Final Solution: A Genocide* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).

#### Recommended Readings

BAUER, Yehuda, *Rethinking the Holocaust* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2001), 1-118.

MATTHAEUS, Juergen, Martin Shaw, Omer Bartov, Doris Bergen, Donald Bloxham, “Review Forum: Bloxham, The Final Solution”, in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 13:1-2 (March/June 2011), 107-152.

## **October 22                    Case Study III: From Cambodia to Rwanda**

### Required Readings

CAMBODIAN Genocide Program, Yale University. Please explore this website, in particular the section “Resources”, at: <http://www.yale.edu/cgp/index.html>

JONES, Adam, *Genocide*, chapters 7 + 9, 283-316; 346-380.

### Recommended Readings

DALLAIRE, Romeo, *Shake Hands with the Devil* (Toronto: Vintage Canada, 2003).

KIERNAN, Ben, *Blood and Soil: A World History of Genocide and Extermination from Sparta to Dafur* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2009), 539-569.

SHORT, Philip, *Pol Pot: Anatomy of a Nightmare* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2004), 215-265.

## **Part Three – Contours**

### **October 29                    Contours I: Perpetrators**

#### Required Readings

ARENDDT, Hannah, *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil* (New York: Penguin Books), 135-150.

AUSCHWITZ through the Lens of the SS: Photos of Nazi Leadership at the Camp, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Please explore this album and watch the short documentary, online at: <http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/ssalbum/>

BROWNING, Christopher R., *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland* (New York: Harper Collins, 1992), preface, 55-71 and 159-189.

HATZFELD, Jean, *Machete Season: the Killers in Rwanda Speak* (New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005).

#### Recommended Readings

CLARK, Janine Natalya, “Genocide, War Crimes and the Conflict in Bosnia: Understanding the Perpetrators”, in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 11:4 (2009), 421-445.

LOYLE, Cyanne E., “Why Men Participate: A Review of Perpetrator Research on the Rwandan Genocide”, in: *Journal of African Conflicts and Peace Studies* 1:2 (September 2009), 26-42.

## **November 5 Contours II: Victims**

### Required Readings

DADRIAN, Vahakn N., “Children as Victims of Genocide: the Armenian Case”, in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 5:3 (September 2003), 421-437.

HATZFELD, Jean, *Life Laid Bare: The Survivors in Rwanda Speak* (New York: Other Press, 2006), 3-29 and 59-73.

MARLOWE, Jen, Aisha Bain, Adam Shapiro, *Dafur Diaries: Stories of Survival* (New York: Nation Books, 2006), 30-58 and 74-100.

THE Auschwitz Album, Yad Vashem. Please explore this album. Go to the multimedia section first, then read the introduction and view the album, online at: [http://www1.yadvashem.org/exhibitions/album\\_auschwitz/index.html](http://www1.yadvashem.org/exhibitions/album_auschwitz/index.html)

TOTTEN, Samuel, “The Darfur Genocide: The Mass Rape of Black African Girls and Women”, in: Samuel Totten (ed.), *Plight and Fate of Women during and following Genocide* (New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2009), 133-167.

### Recommended Readings

HATZFELD, Jean, *Life Laid Bare: The Survivors in Rwanda Speak* (New York: Other Press, 2006), 133-148 and 207-235.

MARLOWE, Jen, Aisha Bain, Adam Shapiro, *Dafur Diaries: Stories of Survival* (New York: Nation Books, 2006), 79-86 and 149-151.

RURANGWA, Reverien, *Genocide: My Stolen Rwanda* (London: Reportage Press, 2009), 27-78 and 102-131.

## **November 12 Contours III: Gender**

### Required Readings

JOEDEN-FORGEY, Elisa von, “Gender and Genocide”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

JONES, Adam, *Genocide*, chapter 13, 464-498.

LOWER, Wendy, *Hitler’s Furies: German Women in the Nazi-Killing Fields* (New York: Houghton Mifflin Hartcourt, 2013).



### Recommended Readings

BJORNLUND, Matthias, “‘A Fate Worse than Dying’: Sexual Violence during the Armenian Genocide”, in: Dagmar Herzog (ed.), *Brutality and Desire: War and Sexuality in Europe’s Twentieth Century* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009), 16-58.

JONES, Adam (ed.), *Gendercide and Genocide* (Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press, 2004).

## **Part Three - Consequences**

### **November 19                      Consequences I: Rescue and Resistance**

#### Required Readings

FUJII, Lee Ann, “Rescuers and Killer-Rescuers during the Rwandan Genocide: Rethinking Standard Categories of Analysis”, in: Jacques Semelin, Claire Andrieu, Sarah Gensburger (eds.), *Resisting Genocide. The Multiple Forms of Rescue* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011), 145-158.

SEMELIN, Jacques, “Introduction: From Help to Rescue”, in: Jacques Semelin, Claire Andrieu, Sarah Gensburger (eds.), *Resisting Genocide. The Multiple Forms of Rescue* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011), 1-14.

TEC, Nechama, “Who Dared to Rescue Jews and Why?” in: Jacques Semelin, Claire Andrieu, Sarah Gensburger (eds.), *Resisting Genocide. The Multiple Forms of Rescue* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011), 101-112.

TEVOSYAN, Hasmik, “Rescue Practices during the Armenian Genocide”, in: Jacques Semelin, Claire Andrieu, Sarah Gensburger (eds.), *Resisting Genocide. The Multiple Forms of Rescue* (New York: Columbia University Press, 2011), 163-182.

### **November 26                      Consequences II: Social Memory, Education, and Justice**

#### Required Readings

BLOXHAM, Donald, Devin O. Pendas, “Punishment as Prevention? The Politics of Prosecuting *Genocidaires*”, in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

JONES, Adam, *Genocide*, chapters 14 + 15, 501-566.

MOSES, Dirk A., “Genocide and the Terror of History”, in: *parallax* 17:4 (2011), 90-108.



MOSES, Dirk A., "The Canadian Museum for Human Rights: The 'Uniqueness of the Holocaust' and the Question of Genocide", in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 14:2 (May 2012), 215-238.

### Recommended Readings

MOSES, Dirk A., "Does the Holocaust Reveal or Conceal Other Genocides? The Canadian Museum for Human Rights and Grievable Suffering", in: Alexander Laban Hinton, Thomas La Pointe, Douglas Irvin-Erickson, *Hidden Genocides. Power, Knowledge, Memory* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2014, 21-51).

SCHLUND-VIALS, Cathy J., "A Transnational Hip Hop Nation: praCh, Cambodia, and Memorialising the Killing Fields", *Life Writing* 5:1 (April 2008), 11-27.

SMITH, Adam M., *After Genocide: Bringing the Devil to Justice* (Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2009).

ZUCKER, Eve Monique, "Matters of Morality: The Case of a Former Khmer Rouge Village Chief", in: *Anthropology and Humanism* 34:1 (2009), 31-40.

## **December 3                      Consequences III: Intervention and Prevention**

### **-Research Paper Due-**

### Required Readings

BELLAMY, Alex J., "Military Intervention", in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

CUSHMAN, Thomas, "Is Genocide Preventable? Some Theoretical Considerations", in: *Journal of Genocide Research* 5:4 (December 2003), 523-542.

GOLDSMITH, Katherine, "The Issue of Intent in the Genocide Convention and Its Effect on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide: Toward a Knowledge-Based Approach", in: *Genocide Studies and Prevention* 5:3 (Winter 2010): 238-257.

HANKEL, Gerd, "The United Nations, the Cold War, and its Legacy", in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

LEVENE, Mark, "From Past to Future: Prospects for Genocide and its Avoidance in the Twenty-First Century", in: Bloxham/Moses (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Genocide Studies*.

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To help you learn more about mental health, Western has developed an interactive mental health learning module found at: [http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental\\_health/module.html](http://www.health.uwo.ca/mental_health/module.html). This module is 30 minutes in length and provides participants with a basic understanding of mental health issues and of available campus and community resources. Topics include stress, anxiety, depression, suicide and eating disorders. After successful completion of the module, participants receive a certificate confirming their participation.