Conference Speakers

Lt. Col. Mark Daubney
Lieutenant Colonel,
Royal Engineers (UK)
British Embassy, Washington

Lt Col Mark Daubney is a former Merchant Navy Officer having served with Canadian Pacific Steamships as an engineering officer between 1979-1984. He joined the British Army in 1984 and has been posted mainly in UK and Germany. He has seen active service in Northern Ireland, Afghanistan, Kosovo, Macedonia and Iraq. He is also a qualified Bomb Disposal officer.

His most recent appointment was a posting to the British Peace Support Team-East Africa (BPST-EA) based in Nairobi, Kenya (2006-9). He was Commandant of the International Mine Action Training School (IMATC) and had responsibility for delivering humanitarian demining training to East African military as well as the AU and UN.

He also oversaw the transition of IMATC to the Humanitarian Peace Support School (HPSS) and completed the BPTS-EA tour as SO1 HOA acting as the military adviser to Comd EASBRIG based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This was followed by an operational tour in Iraq with US forces (May –Dec 2009).


Chris DeCorse
Professor and Chair,
Department of Anthropology,
Syracuse University

Chris DeCorse, Ph.D., is a professor and chair of the anthropology department at Syracuse University. Professor DeCorse’s teaching and research interests include Archaeology, Cultural Anthropology, African Diaspora, Ethnohistory, and Culture Contact and Change.

Formerly, Professor DeCorse directed fieldwork on Stone Age, Iron Age and Historic Period sites in Sierra Leone and Ghana. Professor DeCorse also has field experience on sites in Gambia, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali and Senegal.

Mark Drumbl
Professor of Law,
Washington & Lee University

Mark Drumbl, J.S.D., is the Class of 1975 Alumni Professor of Law and the Director of the Transnational Institute at Washington & Lee University School of Law. Professor Drumbl's research and teaching interests include public international law, global environmental governance, international criminal law, post-conflict justice, transnational legal process, and contracts.

His current research examines issues of responsibility and agency in the case of child soldiers and mass atrocity. His project, entitled Not so Simple: Child Soldiers, Justice, and the International Legal Imagination, is under contract with Oxford University Press (2011).
| **Herb Frazier**  
Author, *Behind God’s Back*;  
Public Relations and Marketing Manager, Magnolia Plantation, Charleston, SC | Herb Frazier is the public relations and marketing manager for Magnolia Plantation and Gardens near Charleston, S.C. He has edited and reported for five daily newspapers in the South, including his hometown paper, The Post and Courier. In 1990, the South Carolina Press Association named him Journalist of the Year.

Frazier studied journalism at the University of South Carolina and taught newswriting as a visiting lecturer at Rhodes University in South Africa. He is a former Michigan Journalism Fellow at the University of Michigan. He is also the author of the manuscript, *Behind God's Back*, a collection of stories from Gullah communities near Charleston. As a journalist, he has traveled to Sierra Leone six times to report on the connection between South Carolina and Sierra Leone. |
| **Erika George**  
Professor of Law, University of Utah | Erika George, J.D., is a professor of law at the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law. Professor George’s teaching and research interests include International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Environmental Law, Human Security, Globalization, Women’s and Children’s Rights, Gender Violence and Gender Equality, Africa, Constitutional Law, and Interdisciplinary Legal Studies.

Formerly, Professor George worked for the Human Rights Watch in various capacities where she conducted on-site investigations of human rights developments in women’s rights, children’s rights and the right to education, drafted reports on human rights conditions and engaged in media advocacy efforts aimed at publicizing and curtailing violations of human rights and international law. |
| **Jim Hodes**  
Attorney, The Cochran Law Firm & Former Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone | Jim Hodes, J.D., is a trial attorney at the Cochran Law Firm in Atlanta, Ga. Prior to joining the Cochran Law Firm, Mr. Hodes was the lead trial attorney at the Special Court for Sierra Leone in the prosecution of the Government v. the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) and subsequently was a legal expert aiding the Egyptian government in the creation of a national public defender system. |
| **Daniel Hoffman**  
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Washington | Daniel Hoffman, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Washington. His teaching and research interests include visual anthropology, violence and militarism, experimental ethnography, and West Africa.

He has conducted field research in Sierra Leone and has written extensively on the use of children as tools of war in Sierra Leone and on humanitarian targets in the war there. |
**Kevin Lowther**  
Author, The African American Odyssey of John Kizell

Kevin G. Lowther is author of *The African American Odyssey of John Kizell*, to be published in May by the University of South Carolina Press. In 1792, Kizell returned to his Sierra Leone homeland from enslavement in South Carolina and fought the slave trade for several decades. Lowther taught secondary school history in Sierra Leone, as a Peace Corps volunteer in 1963-65, and has sustained a long-standing interest in the country’s development and its past.

Following Peace Corps service, he helped to found Africare, a humanitarian organization, and managed its programs in Southern Africa for 30 years before retiring in 2007. He resides in Springfield, Virginia.

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**Jenny Moore**  
Professor of Law, University of New Mexico

Jennifer Moore, J.D., is a professor of law at the University of New Mexico School of Law. Professor Moore’s teaching and research interests include Human Rights, Immigration Law, International Law, Legislative and Administrative Processes, and Refugee Law. Professor Moore formerly worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees as an Associate Protection Officer responsible for promoting the rights of Liberian and Sierra Leonean refugees in the Republic of Guinea.

She has recently completed a manuscript to be published by Oxford University Press exploring transitional justice in Sierra Leone, Uganda and Burundi.

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**Noah Novogrodsky**  
Associate Professor of Law, University of Wyoming

Noah Novogrodsky, J.D., is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming. Professor Novogrodsky teaches International Human Rights, Immigration Law and Civil Procedure. Formerly, Professor Novogrodsky served as law clerk to the Honorable Nancy Gertner of the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts; as a Robert L. Bernstein Fellow in International Human Rights in Asmara, Eritrea, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Cape Town, South Africa; as a litigation associate at the firm of Howard, Rice, Nemerovski, Canady, Falk & Rabkin in San Francisco; and as the founding director of the International Human Rights Clinic at the University of Toronto Faculty of Law. Professor Novogrodsky has also been a Visiting Professor at Georgetown University Law Center and the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Professor Novogrodsky authored an amicus brief to the Special Court for Sierra Leone in a case involving child soldiers and has written about the child soldier cases before that Court. His scholarship is focused on the global HIV/AIDS pandemic and international criminal justice.

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**Valerie Oosterveld**  
Professor of Law, University of Western Ontario

Valerie Oosterveld, J.D., LLM, J.S.D., is a professor at the University of Western Ontario School of Law. Prior to joining Western Law, Professor Oosterveld served in the Legal Affairs Bureau of Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. In that role, she provided legal advice on international criminal accountability for
genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, especially with respect to the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, the Sierra Leone Special Court, and other transitional justice mechanisms such as truth and reconciliation commissions.

She was a member of the Canadian delegation to the International Criminal Court negotiations and subsequent Assembly of States Parties. She teaches International Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law and Public International Law. Her research and writing focus on gender issues within international criminal justice.

**Joseph Opala**
Coordinator,
Bunce Island Project

Joseph Opala is the historian who identified the "Sierra Leone -- Gullah Connection," the long historical thread that links Sierra Leoneans to the Gullah people in coastal South Carolina and Georgia. His research resulted in a visit by Sierra Leone's President Joseph Momoh to a Gullah community in South Carolina in 1988, and three historic "Gullah Homecomings" to Sierra Leone in 1989, 1997, and 2005. These historic encounters resulted in the documentary films “Family Across the Sea” and “The Language You Cry In,” and in exhibits at the New-York Historical Society and the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago. Professor Opala lived in Sierra Leone for a total of 17 years. He taught African Studies at Fourah Bay College from 1985 to 1991. He later taught in the History Department at James Madison University in Virginia from 1999 to 2010. He is now serving as the Coordinator of the Bunce Island project, a $5 million dollar effort to preserve the British slave castle in Sierra Leone that sent thousands of African captives to South Carolina and Georgia in the 18th century and to build a museum on the Atlantic slave trade in Sierra Leone’s capital city of Freetown.

Although he is best known for his research on the Atlantic slave trade, Mr. Opala was also active in the civil society movement during Sierra Leone’s civil war. In 1995 he co-founded the Campaign for Good Governance – still the country’s largest pro-democracy NGO -- with Mrs. Zainab Bangura and Dr. Julius Spencer.

**Amb. June Carter Perry**
Former U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone; Howard University Diplomat-in-Residence;
Member of AFRICARE Board of Directors.

Amb. June Carter Perry, is a member of the Board of Directors of AFRICARE. Amb. Perry served as the ambassador to Sierra Leone from August 2007 to December 2009. As Ambassador, she negotiated the bilateral agreement of the Peace Corps' return to Sierra Leone with a 2010 arrival date. She also held several other senior posts in the United States Department of State, including as Ambassador to the Kingdom of Lesotho. In addition, as Deputy Director of Policy and Planning in the State Department's Political-Military Affairs Bureau, she coordinated the first U.S./South Africa bilateral defense mission and drafted the initial U.S./SADC agreement as a member of former Vice-President Gore's U.S.-South Africa Bilateral Commission (1995).
She has also served in the State Department as Director of the Office of Social and Humanitarian Affairs in the International Organizations (IO) Bureau with responsibility for policy matters within the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on the Status of Women. She served as a Visiting Scholar of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation (Princeton) and taught African-American and Renaissance History at the University of Maryland, College Park. She currently serves on the State/Woodrow Wilson Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship panel.

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