Time, Movement, and Space: Genocide Studies and Indigenous Peoples

International Association of Genocide Scholars

July 16-19, 2014

University of Manitoba, Winnipeg- Canada

Conference Papers - Abstracts
Wednesday July 16, 2014

7:30 am  **Turtle Lodge Excursion**- Depart from the Fort Garry Hotel or University of Manitoba (in front of University Centre) to the Turtle Lodge in Sagkeeng First Nation  
- Lunch will be provided at Turtle Lodge

3:00 pm  Depart from Turtle Lodge/Sagkeeng First Nation (return to hotels at approximately 4:30)

5:30 pm  Bus departs from Fort Garry Hotel for University of Manitoba

6:00 pm  **Opening Reception in Marshall McLuhan room, University of Manitoba**  
- Reception (complimentary food, cash bar)

7:00 pm  **Opening Keynote Event,** Marshall McLuhan room, University of Manitoba (5 minutes)  
- University welcome (5 minutes)  
- IAGS welcome and thanks (5 minutes)  
- Felix Cardenas Aguilar- Opening keynote address from Vice-Minister of Decolonization, Bolivia (40 minutes)  
- Ned Blackhawk (40 minutes)  
- Q & A (30 minutes)

9:15 pm  Return Bus from University of Manitoba to downtown

**Ongoing Events**

**Throughout the conference, please visit the University of Manitoba School of Art Gallery to see:**

*Photrocity: Mass Violence and Its Aftermaths in the Sovfoto Archive*
Thursday July 17, 2014

7:30 and 8:30 am  Buses depart from the Fort Gary Hotel to the University of Manitoba campus

8:00 am  Registration opens

9:00 – 10:30 am  concurrent sessions

*Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – Genocide’s Space, Genocide’s Natures
Moderator: Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

1. Andrew Woolford, University of Manitoba, “Strange Agents: Non-Human Allies and Settler Colonial Genocide”
2. Lyndsey Amott, Legal Aid, Winnipeg, “Germs and Genocide: Did the British use Smallpox-Infected Blankets to Exterminate the Indians?”
3. Tasha Hubbard, University of Saskatchewan, “‘Kill, skin and sell’: Buffalo Genocide”
4. Natalia Ilyniak, University of Manitoba, “Understanding One Micro-Instance of Colonial Genocide: A Practice in Decolonizing Self and Research”

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Rwanda and the Space of Peace Building and Reconciliation
Moderator: Borislava Manojlovic, Steton Hall University

1. Jobb Arnold, Queen’s University, “Rwandan Student Genocide Survivors: Space for Alternatives?”
3. Tim Gallimore, Independent Researcher, “Judicial/Legal Narrative as Reconciliation Space in Rebuilding Post-Genocide Rwanda”
4. Regine Uwibereyeho King, University of Manitoba, “‘If you knew who you were and who I was, you would not have killed me.’ Meanings and Identities of genocide memorial sites in Rwanda explored.”

*Room 224a (St. Anne) – Genocide Anxieties and Spheres of Responsibility
Moderator: Peter Karari, University of Manitoba

2. Emmanuel Nkurunziza, York University, “Amnestied or Wanted? The Burundian Suspects in the Rwanda Tutsi Genocide”
3. Rory Pilossof, Waterloo University; Wilfrid Laurier University and Yehonatan Alseh, University of the Free State, “Genocidal Anxieties among White Farmers in South Africa”

Room UC 217 (GSA Lounge) – ARTS
Artist: Osman Ahmed, Ministry of Culture and Youth, Kurdistan Regional Government
10:30 – 11:00 am  
**Coffee break**

11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
**Concurrent sessions**

*Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – Genocide and American Indians, 1640-1890*

**Moderator:** Ned Blackhawk, Yale University

1. Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg, “Frontier War or Genocide? Kieft’s War in New Northwest Ordinance of 1781”
2. Jeffrey Ostler, University of Oregon, “Just War on Genocidal War in the (U.S) Northwest Ordinance of 1781”
4. Discussant: Ned Blackhawk, Yale University

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Ecologies and Spaces of Genocidal Destruction*

**Moderator:** Daniel Feierstein, National Scientific and Technical Research Council CONICET; National University of Tres de Febrero (UNTREF)

1. Louise Wise, King’s University; KCL War Crimes Research Group, “Colonial Dimensions of Genocide in Sudan”
4. Paula I. Smith and Stephen L. Egbert, University of Kansas, “An Unwelcome Landscape: Impacts of Indian Land Allotment and the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas as Revealed in Contemporaneous Map Patterns”

*Room 224a (St. Anne) – Heroic Movements: Survivors, Rescuers and Resilience*

**Moderator:** Peter Karari, University of Manitoba

1. Sarah E. Brown, Clark University, “Women Rescuers During the Rwandan Genocide”
2. Bruna Fonseca, Uppsala University, and Andrew Basso, University of Calgary, “Complex Heroes: Social Memory and Contrasting traits of Specific Individuals in Genocide”

*Room 224b (Souris) – Canadian Settler Colonialism and Memory Spaces*

**Moderator:** Tricia Logan, University of London
1. Menachem Freedman, Montreal Holocaust Museum Centre, “A Place where Words Fail: Commemoration and Memorial as an Integral Part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement”


3. Charlene Bearhead, Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA), Trina Cooper-Bolam, Aboriginal Healing Foundation; Carleton University, “Healing and/or Reconciliation: Rethinking Commemoration of Canada’s Indian Residential School System”

4. Stacey Jessiman, Stanford Archaeology Center; University of British Columbia, “Cultural Heritage Repatriation as a Means of Restorative Justice, Affirmation and Cultural Revival for Aboriginal Peoples in Canada”

*Room 224c (Steinbach) – Workshop: Community-Based Approaches to Atrocity Prevention

Moderator: David Simon, Yale University

Workshop Leaders:

1. Saghar Birjandian, George Mason University and SCAR’s Genocide Prevention Program, “Entry points for prevention through community-based approaches to justice, healing, and reconciliation – Uganda”

2. Borislava Manojlovic, Seton Hall University, “Individual responsibility and atrocities prevention”


4. Tetsushi Ogata, George Mason University and SCAR’s Genocide Prevention Program, “Atrocity Prevention Translated at the Community Level”

12:30 – 2:00 pm Lunch

Marshall McLuhan Hall: Complimentary Lunch and Genocide Studies and Prevention Journal presentation

2:00 – 3:30 pm concurrent sessions

Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – Genocide Studies and the Continuing Challenge of Genocide Conceptualization

Moderator: Chris Powell, Ryerson University


2. Daniel Feierstein, National Scientific and Technical Research Council CONICET; National University of Tres de Febrero (UNTREF), “Indigenous and national Identities: The Risk of a new Racism as Opposed to Assuming Multiple Identities”

3. Adam Jones, University of British Columbia, “Israel and genocide”

4. Adam Muller, University of Manitoba, “Genocide, International Law, and the Return to Raphael Lemkin”

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Denial
**Moderator:** Jack Susan Porter, The Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Harvard University

1. Gregory D. Boese, Simon Fraser University, Katherine B. Starzyk, University of Manitoba, and Stephen C. Wright, Simon Fraser University, “A Dark Spot in History and the Mind: Towards a Psychological Understanding of Genocide Denial”
3. Miguel Salgueiro Meiro, Universidade do Minho; Portuguese Bar Association, “Criminalizing Genocide Denial: A necessary means to prevent genocide or an unnecessary attack on freedom of expression?”
4. Ruth Linn, University of Haifa, Israel, “Genocide heroes never die – They are just ignored: What do you know about the escape from Auschwitz?”

*Room 224a (St. Anne) – Representations as/of Genocide*

**Moderator:** Amy Fagin, Independent Scholar and Artist

2. Amy J. Freier, Western University, “Skin and Bones: Photography as Flesh in the Aftermath of Genocide”
3. Arthur Anyaduba, University of Manitoba, “The Uses and Abuses of the Dead: Mass Graves in Boubacar Boris Diop’s Murambi Book of Bones”

**Room 224b (Souris) – Finding Peace in Local and International Space**

**Moderator:** Kimberley Ducey, University of Winnipeg

1. Vahram Ayvazyan, Independent Scholar, “Globalization and ‘Humane’ Culture”
2. Peter Karari, University of Manitoba, "The Role of the 4Cs in de-THEMification and Genocide Prevention: The Kenyan Case Study”
4. Gulstan Abuzeyit, University of Waterloo, “Turning a Blind Eye to the Kurdish Genocide”

**3:35 – 4:35 pm Special Guest Presentation**

**Room 210 (Killarney):** The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Commissioners Marie Wilson and Wilton Littlechild

**4:40 – 6:10 pm Keynote Lecture**

**Room 210 (Killarney):** Amy Lonetree, *Decolonizing Museums and Addressing the Hard Truths of Colonization*

**6:15 and 7:15 pm** Buses depart from University of Manitoba for downtown
**Friday July 18, 2014**

**7:30 and 8:30 am**  
Buses departs from the Fort Garry Hotel for the University of Manitoba campus

**8:00 am**  
Registration opens

**9:00 to 10:30 am**  
*concurrent sessions*

*Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – Workshop: Speech, Violence Prevention: Genocide and the Politics of Denial*

Workshop leaders:
1. Gregory S. Gordon, UND Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies
2. Gregory H. Stanton, Genocide Watch; George Mason University
3. David J. Simon, Yale University

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Spaces of Dispossession and Displacement I*

Moderator: Tricia Logan, University of London

1. Suren Manukyan, Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute, "Newcomers and Indigenous: Homogenization of Armenian Homeland as Nation and State Building Project in the Late Ottoman Empire"
2. Carroll P. Kakel, Johns Hopkins University Center for Liberal Arts, “Hitler’s ‘Indian Wars’ in the ‘Wild East’: The Holocaust as Colonial Genocide”
3. Sharon Venne, Cree Lawyer and Scholar, and Irene Watson, University of South Australia, “Comparative Stories of Genocide: About the Settler Colonial States of Canada and Australia”

*Room 224a (St. Anne) – Indian Residential School Records: Creation, Acquisition and Use*

Moderator: Kristin Burnett, Lakehead University

1. Brenda Elias, University of Manitoba, “The challenge of counting the missing when the missing were not counted”
2. Ry Moran, University of Manitoba, “Indian Residential School Records: What has been collected?”
4. Camille Callison, University of Manitoba, “Honouring Indian Residential School Archives”

*Room 224b (Souris) – Gendering Genocide Across Time and Space*

Moderator: Kimberley Ducey, University of Winnipeg

1. Azra Rashid, Independent Scholar/Filmmaker, “Gender, Nationalism and Genocide”
2. Emily Sample, Holocaust Museum Houston, “Lysistrata Rising: Women Peace builders in Post-conflict Uganda”
4. Myriam J.A. Chancy, PMLA; Fetzer Institute, “On the Edge of Silence: (l’in)-imaginable and (gendered) representations of the Rwandan Genocide in photography and Raoul Peck’s Sometimes in April.”

*Room UC 217 (GSA Lounge) – ARTS

Artist: Sonya de Laat, “Memories Witness: Photographs of unrepresentable suffering after genocide”

10:30 – 11:00 am coffee break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm concurrent sessions

*Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – Workshop: An Optional Protocol to the Genocide Convention: A Proposal

Moderator: Gregory Gordon, UND Center for Human Rights and Genocide Studies

Workshop Leaders:

1. Gregory Stanton, Genocide Watch; George Mason University
2. Jean-François Bussière-Wallot, Genocide Watch; University of Québec

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Genocide Memory: Time, Space and Movement I

Moderator: Adam Muller, University of Manitoba

2. Karen Frostig, Lesley University; Brandeis University, “The Vienna Project: History, Memory and Participatory Processes”
3. Alexander Hinton, Rutgers University, “Darkness into Light: Art, Politics, and Memory at the Tuol Sleng Museum of Genocide in Cambodia”

Room 224a (St. Anne) – The Construction of Rwandan Identity through Time and Space

Moderator: Timothy Gallimore

1. Rangira Béa Gallimore, University of Missouri, “Beyond Ethnicity: Cultural and National Identity in Post-genocide Rwanda through Space and Time”

*Room 224b (Souris) – Genocide in and through the Media

Moderator: Stefan Wolejszo, Government of Canada
1. Maria Paula Kugler, University of Buenos Aires, “News media in the Reorganizing genocides”
2. Joel Hughes, Concordia University, “‘Not a single Indian’: Tracing Assimilationist Ideology in Contemporary Canadian News Media”
3. Jane Griffith, York University, “Time and Space in the Newspapers of Indian Residential School”
4. Jeff Benvenuto, Rutgers University, “The Rhetoric of Genocide: A Discourse Analysis of the IRS System in Major Canadian Newspapers”

*Room 224c (Steinbach) – The Space for Truth, the Time for Reconciliation

**Moderator:** David Macdonald, University of Guelph

2. Bennett Collins, University of St. Andrews, Scotland; University of Oxford, UK and Alison Watson, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, “‘The silence is not working for us’: Deconstructing the Maine Wabanaki-State TRC and the Canadian TRC within the Context of the Wabanaki Confederacy”
4. Denis Bikesha, Rwanda National University, “Contribution of Restorative Justice to Memory and Memorization in Post-Genocide Rwanda”

Room UC 217 (GSA Lounge) – Genocide’s Present and Future

**Moderator:** Andrew Woolford, University of Manitoba

1. Christopher Powell, Ryerson University, “Genocide and Global Human Society: Past Connections and an Undecided Future”
2. Margaret Urban Walker, Marquette University, “Radical Hope and the Aftermath of Genocide”
3. Maria Krause, Queen’s University, “Institutionalizing Ethnic Identity in Rwanda”
4. Stephanie Wolfe, Weber State University, “Rwanda’s ‘Coming to Terms with the Past’”

12:30 – 2:00 pm  
**Lunch**

**Marshall McLuhan Hall:** Complimentary Lunch and IAGS Business Meeting

2:00 – 3:00 pm  
**Special Panel Presentation**

*Room 210 (Killarney):* A Presentation from the Canadian Museum for Human Rights

3:05 – 4:35 pm  
**concurrent sessions**

*Room UC214 (Neepawa) – Genocide: Prevention, Rescue, and Silence

**Moderator:** Gregory Stanton, Genocide Watch; George Mason University

1. Rhiannon Sian Iris Neilsen, University of Queensland, “‘Toxification’ as a more Indicative Early Warning Sign for genocide”
4. Janja Bec-Neumann, Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies, Novi Sad University, “Zones of Silence”

**Room UC 220 (Russell) – Spaces of Dispossession and Displacement II**

**Moderator:** Rochelle Johnston, University of Toronto

1. Jeremy Patzer, Carleton University “Dispossession and Disempowerment: Walking the Road to Residential School”
2. Stephen L. Egbert, University of Kansas; Haskell Indian Nations University, “A Tyranny Sincerely Exercised for the Good of its Victims: Indian Allotment in the U.S. and the Assimilationist Geographical Imagination”

**Room 224 (St. Anne) – The Fraught Spaces of Genocide Law and Memory**

**Moderator:** Karen Busby, University of Manitoba

4. Prosper Baseka wa Baseka, Reinwardt Academy, “Rwanda Memorial Museums: The Impact of Displaying Human Remains”

**Room 224b (Souris) – Genocide and the Time of Childhood**

**Moderator:** Leslie Thielen-Wilson, Nipissing University

3. Diem Lafortune, Singer/songwriter; activist, “Behind the 60’s Scoop – Reproductive Privacy and the Privatization of Genocide”

**Room UC 2177 (GSA Lounge) – ARTS**

Sarah Jewett, West Chester University, “Exploring Discrimination in Humanity through Art”
4:40 - 5:30 pm  Room 210 (Killarney): Genocide Commemoration: Rwanda: 20 Years

1. Images from Rafiki Ubaldo’s Temples of Memory (http://templesofmemory.zenfolio.com/iagswinnipeg2014)
2. Residential School Survivor Ted Fontaine reads Rafiki Ubaldo’s “The Bullet”
3. Regine Uwibereyeho King on Remembering

5:30-7:00 pm  Keynote Address

Room 210 (Killarney): Tony Barta, La Trobe University, “Liberating Genocide”

7:00 pm  Dinner

Marshall McLuhan Hall: Complimentary Dinner

8:30 and 9:30 pm  Buses depart from University of Manitoba for downtown
**Saturday July 19, 2014**

7:30 and 8:30 am  
Buses depart from the Fort Garry Hotel for the University of Manitoba campus

8:30 am  
Registration opens

9:00 to 10:30 am  
*concurrent sessions*

*Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – The Temporality of Settler Colonial Genocide in Canada*

**Moderator:** Andrew Woolford, University of Manitoba

1. David B. MacDonald, University of Guelph, “Canada’s Indian Residential Schools: Genocide, Collective Memory, and Reconciliation”
2. Leslie Thielen-Wilson, Nipissing University, “Genocide Ongoing: Indian Residential School Case Law, Intergenerational impact, and the Settler Collective Across Time”
3. Tricia E. Logan, University of London, “Métis peoples and Canada: Illegitimate breeding and perceptions of the ‘half-caste’”
4. Julia Peristerakis, University of Manitoba, “‘We must separate them from their families’: Canadian policies of child apprehension and relocation from Indigenous communities”

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Genocide Memory: Time, Space and Movement II*

**Moderator:** Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

1. Margo Tamez, University of British Columbia, “In the Shadow of the Wall: Indigenous Memory and Truth Confronting Killing Societies in the Texas-Mexico Region”
2. Jeremy Garsha, University of Cambridge, “‘Reclamation Road’: Contention and Reconciliation in Indigenous Genocide Memorials”
3. Rochelle N. Johnston, University of Toronto, “Reflections and perspectives on an Indigenist approach to research on genocide”
4. Seema Ahluwalia, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, ”Practicing Silence, while Resisting Silencing and Complicity: A Settler-witness account of Lakota support for Teaching and Learning about Genocide"

*Room 224a (St. Anne) -- Genocide Education*

**Moderator:** Kimberley Ducey, University of Winnipeg

1. Noreen Barlas, University College of the North, “Cross-cultural perceptions, actions and results in a post-genocide Rwanda institution”
2. Susan Henderson, University of the West – Scotland, “‘But we saw birds at Birkenau’ – some salient findings from a socio-material study of learning at Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum.”
3. Jessica Herdman, University of California, Berkley, “‘I speak to those who understand’: Teaching Music and Conflict”
4. Lisa K. Taylor, Bishop’s University, “Disrupting colonial futurist logics and intimate publics: Dilemmas in reparative and restitutive pedagogies with preservice teachers”

*Room 224b (Souris) – Genocide’s Spaces of Memory and Justice*

**Moderator:** Karen Busby, University of Manitoba
2. Hollie Nyseth Brehm, University of Minnesota; Christopher Uggen, University of Minnesota; and Jean-Damascène Gasanabo, University of Geneva, “Genocide, Justice, and Rwanda’s Gacaca Courts”
3. Michelle Renae Dragoo, California State University, “‘We Are All Rwandans!’ Identity, Genocide and Transitional Justice Systems”
4. Mohammed Ayub Khan, McMaster University, “Hyderabad 1948: Reviving the Memory of a Forgotten Genocide”

Room 224c (Steinback) – From Counterfactual and Real Time to Contemporary Manifestations of Genocide

**Moderator:** Adam Muller, University of Manitoba

1. Noah Osher, University of Western Ontario; Tamar Pileggi, Open University and Elihu D. Richer, Hebrew University, “Using Epidemiologic Timelines and Wat-if Counterfactuals to Test Choices in Intervention Against Genocide”
2. Elihu D. Richer, Hebrew University, “Defeating Boycott-Divest-Sanctions at APHA: A Case Study”
3. Tamar Pileggi, Open University, Yoram Finklestein, Elihu D. Richter, Hebrew University, Shaaray Zedek, Jerusalem Centre for Genocide Prevention, “A Century of Gassing Children: From Turkish to Nazi Physicians to Bashir Assad”

*Room UC 217 (GSA Lounge) – ARTS

Amy Fagin, Independent scholar, “Beyond Genocide: Power Point Presentation”

10:30 – 11:30 am  
**Indian Residential School Survivor Testimony**

Room 210 (Killarney) – Ted Fontaine, Discussion and Reading from *Broken Circle: The Dark Legacy of Indian Residential Schools*

11:30 am – 12:00 pm  
**coffee break**

12:00 – 1:30 pm  
**concurrent sessions**

*Room UC 214 (Neepawa) – Cultural Genocide

**Moderator:** Mark Meuwese, University of Winnipeg

1. Miriam Borenstein, Wayne State University, “‘The Flag My Dad Died For’: Cultural genocide in Northern Ireland”
3. Elcin Haskollar, Defiance College, “Understanding Ontological Destruction: The Case of Kurds in Iraq and Turkey”

*Room UC 220 (Russell) – Genocide in Canada: Special Issue of the *Journal of Genocide Research*
**Moderators:** Jeff Benvenuto, Rutgers University, and Andrew Woolford, University of Manitoba

1. Jennifer Huseman, University of London, "Resource Colonialism: A New Frontier in the Ongoing Genocide of Native North Americans"
2. Kristin Burnett, Lakehead University and Travis Hay, York University, “Government Policy, Food, and Indigenous People in Northern Canada in the Post WWII Period”
3. Nicholle Dragone, Black hills State University, “Exploring the Gendered Dimensions of Canada’s Genocidal Indian Status Act through the Personal Narrative of Yvonne Dion-Buffalo”

*Room 224a (St. Anne) – Explaining and Understanding Genocide*

**Moderator:** Adam Muller, University of Manitoba

2. Timothy Williams, University of Marburg and Free University Berlin, “The simple complexity of perpetrator motivations – an innovative and multifaceted model of why people participate in genocide”

**Room 224b (Souris) – Genocide’s Mutations Across Time and Space**

**Moderator:** Regine King, University of Manitoba

1. Alexandra Olshefsky, Mcgill University, “Containing Aboriginal Bodies: A Critique of the Safe Streets and Communities Act”

1:45 and 2:45 pm Buses depart from the University of Manitoba campus for downtown