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- CITIZENSHIP:** U.S. Citizen; (Ethiopian by birth)
- EDUCATION:** Ph.D. in Political Economy and Policy Analysis, Portland State University, (1983)
- MS in Political Science, Portland State University (1978)
- BA in Political Science, Colorado College (1975)
- SPECIALIZATIONS:** Poverty eradication strategy planning; Local Economic Development strategy; rights-based programming; urban management and regional planning; rural development; policy reform and institution building, development management, project planning and evaluation.

Current and Past External Service:

- Member of the *UN Secretary-General's Advisory Panel on Mobilizing International Support for the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) (2004-6)*. As a distinguished member of the Panel, advise the Secretary-General on ways to engage the international community in mobilizing the necessary resources to support the programs of the New Partnership for African Development. The 1st report of the panel is entitled, "*From rhetoric to action: mobilizing international support to unleash Africa's potential*"
- Convenor of the Global Economy Track, *Helsinki Process on Globalization and Democracy, Helsinki, Finland (2003-2005)*: a joint initiative of the Governments of Finland and Tanzania as a follow-up to the ILO Commission on the Social Dimensions of Globalization. (see www.helsinkiprocess.fi). Co-editor, *Millennium Development Goals: Raising the Resources to Tackle World Poverty*, ZED Books (London:2005).

- **UN Special Rapporteur on Foreign Debt and Structural Adjustment Programs, Commission on Human Rights (1998-2001)**. Undertook numerous missions to Africa and Latin America on behalf of the Human Rights Commission; submitted annual reports on how to integrate human rights norms in the formulation of macroeconomic and trade policies; promoted innovative proposals on debt relief and social investment, with a particular focus on HIV/AIDS and post-conflict reconstruction; and developed strategies on how to integrate human rights principles in the *Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP)* process.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- ***Professor of African and Development Studies, American University, Washington, DC. (1984-2007)***: As the senior member of the core faculty of the International Development Program, I taught graduate level courses in development management, African and global political economy, urban and regional planning, and poverty reduction strategies, and globalization and human rights, among others.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- 2005** **Millennium Development Goals: Raising the Resources to Tackle World Poverty**, (co-edited) with Colin Bradford, Helsinki Process and ZED Press (London: 2005)
- 2001** **African Renaissance: Roadmaps to the Challenge of Globalization**, (Zed Press: London).
- 1990** **Ethiopia: Options for Rural Development**, with Stefan Brüne, Siegfried Pausewang and Eshetu Chole, (Zed Press: London).
- 1989** **The Silent Revolution in Africa: Debt, Development, and Democracy**, (Zed Press: London and New Jersey)
- 1987** **Dependence, Underdevelopment, and Unemployment in Kenya: School Leavers in a Peripheral Capitalist Political Economy**, the University Press of America (London and Lanham).
- 1985** **From Debt to Development: Alternatives to the International Debt Crisis**, with Cavanagh et al. (IPS: Washington, D.C)

Journal Articles:

- 2006** “Building and Supporting PRSPs in Africa: What has worked well so far? What needs changing?” *Third World Quarterly*, Vol.27, No.2
- 2003** “Debt, Adjustment and the Politics of Effective Response to HIV/AIDS in Africa”, *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 23, No.2.
- 2002** “Overcoming Apartheid’s Legacy: The Ascendancy of Neo-liberalism in South Africa’s Anti-poverty Strategy”, *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 22, No.4.
- “African Renaissance: Roadmaps to the Challenge of Globalisation”, *Journal of Black Renaissance*, Vol.4, No.1.
- 2001** “The Politics of Poverty and Debt in Africa’s AIDS Crisis”, *International Affairs*, Vol. 15, No.6.
- 2000** “Transforming Our Common Future: Local Dimensions of Global Reform”, *Review of International Political Economy*, 7:2, summer 2000
- “Debt Relief and Social Investment: Linking the HIPC Initiative to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Africa – The Case of Zambia”, *Review of African Political Economy*, No. 86 (December 2000).
- 1996** "The World Bank and Structural Adjustment in Africa: A Critical View of 'Adjustment in Africa: Reforms, Results and the Road Ahead", *Africa Insight*, Vol.25, No.4, 1996
- 1994** "The Prospects for Trade and Investment between Kenya and South Africa", *the South African Journal of International Affairs*, Vol.1, 1, (April 1994).
- 1992** "Structural Adjustment, Primary Resource Trade and Sustainable Development in Sub-Saharan Africa", *World Development*, Vol. 20, No.4, (April 1992).
- 1991** "Who’s Development, Whose Problem? Expanding the Development Debate at the Grassroots," *Food Monitor*, No.7, (Spring 1991).
- 1988** "Development, Debt and Dependency", *Multinational Monitor*,

Volume 10, Nos.7 & 8 (July-August, 1988).

"The Garden of Eden Revisited: Why Has African Development gone wrong?" *Food Monitor*, Spring/Summer, 1988.

1987 "Debt and Famine in Africa: The Year of Living Dangerously", in *Africa and The World*, Vol. 1, No. 1.

1986 "Development Deferred: The African Debt Crisis", *The Multinational Monitor*, July

"The Politics of Desperation: Mozambique and the Nkomti Accord, *The TransAfrica Forum*, Spring.

"Sudan: The Deepening Crisis", *Howard Law Journal* Vol. 30, No.2, pp.455-460

1985 "The U.S. and South Africa: The Case for Constructive Disengagement", *Africa Sun*, (May-June 1985).

1984 "Bitter Harvest for U.S. Banks: The Making of a Debtors Cartel", *The Corporate Examiner*, Vol. 10, No.5 (October 1985).

Book Chapters:

2006 "Aid and Trade Policies: Shifting the Debate" in Donald Rothchild and Edmond J. Keller (eds), *Africa-US Relations: Strategic Encounters*, Lynn Rienner, Boulder, Colorado), pp.217-244

"Playing Games with African Lives: The G-7 Debt Relief Strategy and the Politics of Indifference", in Chris Jochnick and Frazer A. Preston (eds.), *Sovereign Debt at The Crossroads: Challenges and Proposals for Resolving the Third World Debt Crisis*, Oxford University Press (Oxford and New York), pp.35-54

"The Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative: Old Wine in a New Bottle?", in Anthony McGrew and Nana Poku (eds.), *Globalization and the Developing World*, Polity Press, (London)

2000 "South Africa's National Anti-Poverty Plan", in UNDP, *Overcoming Extreme Poverty*, UNDP (New York: 2000).

1999 "The Local Dimensions of Global Reform", in Jan Nederveen

Pieterse (ed.), *Global Futures: Shaping Globalization*, (London: Zed Press, 2000).

1997

"The Silent Revolution and the weapon of the weak: transformation and innovation from below", in S. Gill and James Mittelman (ed.), *Innovation and Transformation in International Studies*, (Cambridge University Press).

"Civil Society and Political Economy in Southern Africa", in S. Gill (ed.), *Globalisation, Democratisation and Multilateralism*, Macmillan (London: 1997).

"Structural Adjustment and the G-7: limits and Contradictions", with S. Gill in *Globalisation, Democratisation and Multilateralism*

"Global Apartheid and the Challenge to Civil Society: Africa in the Transformation of World Order", in Robert Cox (ed.), *The New Realism: Perspective on Multilateralism and World Order*, (London: Macmillan, 1997).

1996

"New Social Movements and Globalisation: Democratic Struggles and Human Rights", in Jim Mittelman, ed. *Globalisation: Challenges and Opportunities*, Vol. 9, International Political Economy Yearbook, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers).

"Africa and the New World Order: Rethinking Development Planning in an Age of Globalisation", in Adebayo Adedeji (ed.), *South Africa and Africa*, (Zed Book, London)

"Is the Asian NICs approach relevant for Sub-Saharan Africa?" UNCTAD, *Globalisation and Liberalisation: Effects of International Economic Relations on Poverty*, (United Nations: Geneva).

1995

"Structural Adjustment, Poverty Alleviation and Democratisation: Conflicting Objectives", *Democracy in Africa: On Whose Terms?* Swedish International Development Association (SIDA), 1995.

"Designing a Structural Adjustment Programme: Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Long-term Transformation" in Abebe Zegeye and S. Pausewang (eds.), *Ethiopia in Change: Peasantry, Nationalism and Democracy*, (British Academic Press, London: 1994).

- 1994 "Renewing and Restoring Democracy in Africa", in E. Beukes, S. Coetzee and B. Turok (eds.), *Development and Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa*, Institute for African Alternatives (IFAA), Johannesburg & London: 1993.
- "Civil Society, Democracy and Development in Africa: Rural and urban Dilemmas", in Andre Zaaiman, B. Kante and B. Bretenbach (eds.), *Civil Society and Democracy: International and African Perspectives*, Goree Institute and IDASA (Dakar & Johannesburg).
- 1992 "Debt Crisis, National Agricultural Policies and Sustainable Development in the Sahel", in Lykke, Tybirk & Jorgensen (eds.), *Sustainable Development in the Sahel*, AAU Report 29, Aarhus University (Denmark: 1992), pp.13-22.
- 1990 "The International Context of Agricultural Development", in Pausewang, Cheru, Brune and Chole (eds.), *Ethiopia: Options for Rural Development*, (Zed Books, London: 1990).
- 1989 "The Role of the IMF and World Bank in the Agrarian Crisis of Sudan and Tanzania: Sovereignty vs. Control", in Bade Onimode (ed.), *The IMF, the World Bank and the African Debt: The Social and Political Impact*, (Zed Books, London: 1989)
- "Gorbachev, Perestroika and Economic Reform in Revolutionary Ethiopia", in the *Proceedings of the Fourth Ethiopian Studies Conference* (CUNY: May 1989)
- 1987 "Food Security and Institutional Development in Southern Africa: The Case of SADCC", in Carolie Bryant (Eds), *Poverty, Policy, and Food Security in Southern Africa*, Lynne Rienner Publishers (1988)

Monographs and Official Documents

- 2002 UN Economic Commission for Africa, *Uganda's Experience with the PRSP Process: What are the Secrets of its Success?* Report Prepared for the African Learning Group on Poverty Reduction Strategies, Economic Commission for Africa, (Addis Ababa: November, 7, 2001).
- UN Economic Commission for Africa, *The PRSP Process in Mozambique: What impact will weak state capacity have on implementation and monitoring outcome?* (Addis Ababa: November

7, 2001).

- 2001** UN Economic Commission for Africa, *The PRSP Process in Sierra Leone*, Report Prepared for the 2nd Joint SPA/ECA Meeting on the PRSP Process, Brussels, (November 21, 2002)
- UN Economic Commission for Africa, *The PRSP Process in Ghana*, Report Prepared for the 2nd Joint SPA/ECA Meeting on the PRSP Process, Brussels (November 21, 2002).
- United Nations, *The PRSP Process in Nine African Countries: A Human Rights Assessment*, Economic and Social Council, 57th Session of the Commission on Human Rights,
- 2000** United Nations, *Debt Relief and Social Investment: Linking the HIPC Initiative to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Africa, Post-Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction in Honduras and Nicaragua, and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention of the ILO*, Economic and Social Council, 56th Session of the Commission on Human Rights, E/CN.4/2000/51, (14th January 2000).
- 1999** United Nations, *Effects of Structural Adjustment Policies on the Full Enjoyment of Human Rights*, Economic and Social Council, 55th session of the Commission on Human Rights, E/CN.4/1999/50 (24th February 1999)
- 1992** *The Not So Brave New World! Rethinking Regional Integration in Post-Apartheid Southern Africa*, Bradlow Occasional Paper Series, South African Institute of International Affairs (Johannesburg).
- Christian Michelsen Institute, *Economic Reconstruction and the Peasants in Ethiopia*, with Siegfried Pausewang, DERAP Working Paper, D-1992-3, (Bergen, Norway). ISSN 0800-2045.
- Christian Michelsen Institute, *Constraints for Conservation Based Agricultural Policy in Ethiopia*; DERAP Working Paper, D-1992-7, (Bergen, Norway). ISSN 0800-2045.
- 1984** *The Financial Implications of Divesting from South Africa: A Review of the Evidence*, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, (New York: 1984).
- What the Banks Say on South Africa*, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (New York)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

- 2005** **UNDP-ETHIOPIA and the Development Assistant Group (DAG)**
- In the context of continued engagement by the Development Assistant Group (DAC) in support of the Ethiopian Poverty Reduction Strategy Plan, I was hired by UNDP and the DAG to prepare a comprehensive policy note that would serve as a basis for government-donors dialogue during the preparation of the revised Ethiopian Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (March-April).
- 2002** **UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa**
- Advisor for ECA’s PRSP African Learning Group meeting as well as external evaluator of the PRSP process in Sierra Leone and Ghana. Rapporteur for the Joint ECA/SPA group meeting on the PRSP (Brussels, November 18-21). Documents available at (www.uneca.org/prsp).
- 2002** **United Nations Development Programme, Africa Bureau**
- Team Leader for the evaluation of the Norwegian-funded “*Support for Governance in Africa*” project. The mission conducted extensive investigation of the effectiveness of the governance programme in Mozambique, Angola, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Mali, Guinea and Senegal. The result of the evaluation was a critical component in the formulation of the Global Governance Trust Fund programme.
- 2001** **UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa**
- Presenter and resource person on the PRSP process in Africa at the conference, “African Dialogue with IDA Deputies” organized by the UNECA. A paper on the experience of PRSP in 9 African countries was prepared as a discussion note.
- 2001** **UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa**
- Undertook a mission to Uganda and Mozambique to prepare reports on country experiences with the PRSP process. Final report submitted to ECA for the first Africa PRSP Learning Group conference, which was held in Addis Ababa between November 5-8.

2000/2001

United Nations Development Programme, Office of Evaluations

Malawi- Country Level Impact Assessment of the Democracy Consolidation Programme, the Local Government and Decentralization Programme, and the Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Livelihood Programme. Through a participatory evaluation process, using structured surveys and field visits, the evaluation tried to capture impact perceptions of UNDP's interventions in Malawi from various stakeholders, which included Central Government institutions, Local Authorities and District Assemblies, Civil Society Organizations, and government-supported implementing institutions.

2000

Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)

Team leader for the joint SIDA/SAREC evaluation of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). The evaluation, which covered the period 1973-2000, assessed the appropriateness of CODESRIA's administrative and management mechanism and its organisational structure; the relevance of CODESRIA's activities to its mandate; and the quality of research produced by the institution, its output and relevance. Final report entitled, "*The Beginning of a Long Conversation: Evaluating CODESRIA in the Year 2000*", (March 15, 2000)

1999

United Nations Development Programme, Social Equity and Poverty Elimination Division (SEPED): Principal Investigator and author "*Assessment of South Africa's Anti-Poverty Strategy*", contribution to the 1999 UNDP Global Poverty Report on Poverty, "*Ending Extreme Poverty*".

UNDP Country Office - South Africa, Team leader for the Joint UNDP/UNICEF/UNFPA Mid-term Review of the contribution of their respective programmes to the national anti-poverty strategy.

UNDP Country Office - Botswana, Principal author of the National Poverty Strategy Framework, and facilitator of the National Consultation on Poverty Strategy. Following the national consultation, I will be co-ordinating the formulation of the National Plan of Action, which will be undertaken by the Botswana Institute for Development Research.

1997

Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA): Associate

team leader of the assessment mission fielded by the governments of Denmark, the Netherlands, South Africa and Uganda to reorganise the work program and management structure of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) as mandated by the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, (Habitat II). (January-March 1997).

- 1996 **United Nations Development Programme**, Africa Bureau, Policy & Regional Programme Division
Advisory service to integrate two regional projects (*RAF/95/009: Civil Society Empowerment for Poverty Reduction & RAF/97/013: Knowledge Network Facility*) into one umbrella project: Empowering Civil Society and Creating a Knowledge Network Facility, Proposed Implementation Strategy.
- 1996 **United Nations Development Programme**, Office of Evaluation and Strategic Planning, NY (February-October, 1996).
Associate Team Leader for the Evaluation of the Impact of UNDP's Regional, Inter-Regional and Global Programmes in Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and CIS with the goal of reorienting Inter-Country Programmes to fit UNDP's Sustainable Human Development (SHD) priorities. Field investigation in Africa (Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa) and overall management and co-ordination of the work activities of consultants covering the other world regions.
- 1993/94 **African Development Foundation** (ADF), Washington, D.C.
Co-team leader for the 10-year comprehensive assessment of the operations of the African Development Foundation and a review of the performance of some 300 projects funded by the Foundation. The task also included training of field evaluators for a week in Abidjan. Final Report to be submitted to the U.S. Congress and the Office of Management and Budget.
- 1994 **United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)**, Nairobi (February 21-27, 1992).
Team leader and Rapporteur for the special expert group meeting assembled for developing a strategic plan for Africa's submission to the preparatory process of the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II).
- 1991 **African Development Foundation** (ADF), Washington, D.C. (June/July 1991)
Team leader for the assessment of grassroots development issues

relevant to the African Development Foundation's plans to initiate funding operations in Burkina Faso. Prepared country economic report.

- 1990 **United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO):** Duty Station: Addis Ababa, Debre Birhan and Nazareth. May 9-June 6, 1990
Team Leader for the joint UNSO/DANIDA/ Government terminal evaluation mission for the Debre Birhan and Nazareth Fuelwood Plantations.
- 1989 **United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (UNSO)** Duty station: Ogden region, Eastern Ethiopia, August 3- September 9, 1989
As the socio-economist on the formulation mission, conducted a comprehensive socio-economic baseline survey and formulated a project document for implementation of an "Integrated Landuse and Rural Development Project". UNSO/ETH/86/X01.
- 1987 **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)** Duty Station: Debre Berhan & Nazareth, Ethiopia. As a member of an evaluation mission, I prepared a socio-economic impact assessment of two fuelwood plantations: "Socio-economic Impact of Fuelwood Plantations in Debre Berhan and Nazareth Regions of Ethiopia", Contract No. UNSO/ETH/85/X01 and ETH/82/X01.
- 1986 **Republic of Mozambique, Department for the Prevention of Calamidades (DPCCN)**, Duty Station: Maputo.
Assist DPCCN in the development of appropriate guidelines and institutional development for the delivery of services to famine victims and displaced persons from RENAMO activities.
- 1986 **ODC/USAID SADCC Agricultural Policy Study**
Duty station: Zambia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Mozambique and Botswana.
Spent two months in Southern Africa examining SADCC's food security and institutional development problems. Also conducted extensive investigations on rural agricultural co-operatives in Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- The American Political Science Association
- The African Studies Association

- Ethiopian Economic Association
- African Studies Association of South Africa
- International Studies Association

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS:

- Senior Research Fellow, (1993-95), The *Africa Institute of South Africa*, Pretoria.
- Recipient of the 8th Bradlow Fellowship, *The South African Institute of International Affairs*, Johannesburg (1992).
- Recipient of the Institute of Social and Economic Research Fellowship, *Rhodes University*, Grahamstown, South Africa (1992).
- Recipient of the 1992 Research Fellowship, the *Institute of Southern African Studies*, National University of Lesotho, Roma, Lesotho. (Declined in favour of Rhodes University fellowship).
- Recipient of Research Fellowship, Department of Social Sciences and Development, *Chr. Michelsen Institute*, Bergen, Norway (December 1991).

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY:

- "How to Ease the African Debt Crisis", a testimony given before the Subcommittee on International Development Institutions and Finance, of the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, of the House of Representative, One-Hundredth Congress, (March 4, 1987), H.R.3
- "Why Economic Sanctions Will Not Work in Ethiopia", a testimony given before the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organisations, International Economic Policy and Trade, and on Africa, of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, U.S. House of Representative, One-Hundredth Congress, (October 21, 1987).

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND AWARDS:

- Winner of the 1990 World Hunger Year Media Awards for the best book on world hunger, **The Silent Revolution in Africa: Debt, Development and Democracy.**
- Recipient of the Judges Award in the 1990 World Hunger Media Awards for Periodicals with Food and the Future, with Mark Duffield, Gayle Smith, Martha Wenger and Joe Stork of Middle East Report, September/October 1990.

- SIS Award for Outstanding Teaching in General Education, 1997-98 Academic Year

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP:

- Editorial Board, *The South African Journal of International Affairs*, South African Institute of International Affairs, Jan Smut House, (Johannesburg).
- Editorial Board, *Africa Insight*, The Africa Institute, (Pretoria, South Africa).
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Peace and Development*, American University.
- Editorial Board, *Globalization* (University of New Castle)

FIELD WORK IN: Tanzania, Kenya, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Angola, Sudan, Botswana; Zambia, Ethiopia, Uganda, Senegal, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Namibia, South Africa, Sierra Leone, Malawi, Honduras and Nicaragua.