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PUBLIC SERVICE

United Nations

Committee Against Torture, Independent Expert, 2000-present.

- Vice Chair, 2009-present, 2004-2006; Rapporteur, 2006-2008.
- Rapporteur on Follow-up on Country Conclusions, 2003-2014.
- Rapporteur on Gender, 2001-2006.

United States

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (independent bipartisan Federal Commission), 2001-2012.

- Commissioner, 2001-2012.
- Chair, 2002-2003, 2006-2007, 2008-2009; Vice Chair, 2003-2006.

United States Delegations to

- UN Commission on Human Rights: Public Member, 1994-1999.
- United Nations World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna: Public Member, June 1993.
- UN World Conference on Women, Beijing: Public Advisor, September 1995.
- Preparatory Conference, World Conference on Human Settlements: Public Member, February 1996.

US National Commission to UNESCO, Commissioner, 2012-present.

Human Rights Activities

Chair, Leo Nevas Task Force on Human Rights, United Nations Association of the USA, 2011-present.

Human Rights Watch, Advisory Committee, Europe and Central Asia, 1996-present.

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, Board of Directors, 2001-2004; Board of Governors, 2004-present.

Eleanor Roosevelt Center at Val-Kill, Board of Directors, 2004-2009.

The Carter Center, Emory University, International Human Rights Council, 1994-2003.

International Friends of the Chilean Human Rights Commission, President, 1985-1990.

International League for Human Rights, Board of Governors, 1991-2005.

National Coalition for the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Chair, Steering Committee, 1997-1999.

Testimony before numerous US Congressional committees on International Relations, Human Rights, Justice, and Tom Lantos Commission.

Other

National Award on Religious Freedom, The First Freedom Center, 2010.

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member, 1976-1981; Life Member, 1991-present.

Alumnae Achievement Award, Wellesley College, 1995.

EDUCATION

Wellesley College, A.B. with Distinction, 1968 (Honors).
Columbia University, M.A., 1971.
Columbia University, Master of Philosophy, 1973.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES <i>Regents Professor, Department of History</i>
1993-present	JACOB BLAUSTEIN INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE <i>Director</i>
1991-92	UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S.A. <i>Executive Director, European Programs</i>
1982-91	INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS <i>Executive Director</i>
1974-81	THE FORD FOUNDATION <i>Program Officer, International Division; International Organizations</i>

PUBLICATIONS

Book, Journal Articles and Book Chapters (selected)

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: Conscience for the World (Felice D. Gaer and C. Broecker, eds. (2014).

“Rehabilitation in Article 14 of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,” with N. Sveaass and C. Grossman, in T. Gray, L. McGregor and C. Sandoval, eds., *Rehabilitation and Transitional Justice*, University of Essex (forthcoming).

“Effectiveness of the UN Human Rights Protection Machinery: The High Commissioner for Human Rights,” *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting*, American Society of International Law (April 2014), pp. 281-285.

Keynote Address, United Nations Development Programme Seminar for National Human Rights Institutions: “20th Anniversary of the Paris Principles,” 12 July 2013.

“Implementing Treaty Body Recommendations: Establishing Better Follow-up Procedures,” in M.C. Bassiouni, ed., *New Challenges for the UN Human Rights Machinery*, Cambridge: Intersentia (2011), pp. 107-22.

- “If not now, when?: Jewish Advocacy for Freedom of Religion,” *Review of Faith and International Affairs*, Vol. 10(3) (Fall 2012), pp. 73-79.
- “Protecting Religions from Defamation: A Threat to Universal Human Rights Standards,” with L. Leo and E. Cassidy, *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, Vol. 34(2) (Spring 2011), pp. 769-84.
- “From Words to Reality: Implementing the Convention against Torture – Strengthening the Prohibition against Torture: The Evolution of the UN Committee against Torture,” *Human Rights Brief*, Ctr. for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Vol. 17 (Spring 2010), pp. 15-19.
- “Sustaining Scrutiny: Lessons from Treaty Body Follow up Procedures,” in W. Benedek et al., *Global Standards – Local Action: 15 Years Vienna World Conference on Human Rights*, Vienna: Intersentia (2009), pp. 459-64.
- “Women, international law and international institutions: The case of the United Nations,” in *Women’s Studies International Forum*, Vol. 32 (2009), pp. 60-66.
- “General Comment No. 2,” in *Preventing Torture: Implications of General Comment 2: A Symposium*, *New York City Law Review*, Vol. 11(2) (Summer 2008), pp. 187-200.
- “Echoes of the Future? Religious Freedom and Human Rights,” in W. Schulz, ed., *The Future of Human Rights: US Policy for a New Era*, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press (2008), pp. 193-14, 306-7.
- “A Voice not an Echo: Universal Periodic Review and the UN Treaty Body System,” *Human Rights Law Review*, Vol. 7(1) (2007), pp. 109-39.
- “Foreword,” in H. Carey and O. Richmond, eds., *Subcontracting Peace: The Challenges of NGO Peacebuilding*, Hampshire, UK: Ashgate (2005).
- “Implementing International Human Rights Norms: UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies and Non-governmental Organizations,” *Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. 2(3) (Sept. 2003), pp. 339-57.
- “Human Rights NGOs in UN Peace Operations,” *International Peacekeeping J.*, Vol. 10(1) (2003), pp. 73-89. Reprinted in *Mitigating Conflict: The Role of NGOs*, UK: H. Cass (2003).
- “Mainstreaming a Concern for the Human Rights of Women: Beyond Theory,” in M. Agosin, ed., *Women, Gender and Human Rights*, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press (2001), pp. 98-122.
- “Effective Indignation? Building Global Awareness, NGOs, and the Enforcement of Norms,” in A. Schnabel and R. Thakur, eds., *Kosovo and the Challenge of Humanitarian Intervention: Selective Indignation, Collective Action, and International Citizenship*, New York: United Nations University Press (2000), pp. 385-402.
- “And Never the Twain Shall Meet? The Struggle to Establish Women’s Rights as International Human Rights,” in *The International Human Rights of Women: Instruments of Change*, American Bar Association (1998), pp. 1-89.
- “UN-Anonymous: Reflections on *Human Rights in Peacekeeping*,” *Human Rights Quarterly*, Vol. 19 (February 1997), pp. 1-8.
- “Reality Check: Human Rights Nongovernmental organizations confront governments at the United Nations,” *Third World Quarterly*, Vol. 16(3) (1995), pp. 389-404. Reprinted in T.G. Weiss and L. Gordenker, *NGOs, the UN and Global Governance*, Colorado: Lynne Reiner.

- “The United Nations and the CSCE: Cooperation, Competition, or Confusion?” in M. Lucas, ed., *The CSCE in the 1990s: Constructing European Security and Cooperation*. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft (1993), pp. 161-206.
- “Human Rights at the U.N.: The End of the Beginning,” with Tom Farer, in A. Roberts and B. Kingsbury, eds., *United Nations: Divided World; The UN’s Roles in International Relations*, 2nd ed. Oxford University Press (1993), pp. 240-96.
- “First Fruits: Reporting by States under the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights,” *Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights*, Vol. 10(1) (1992), pp. 29-42.
- “The Committee on the Rights of the Child – Who Pays?” with Roger Clark, *New York Law School Journal of Human Rights*, Vol. VII(1) (Fall 1989), pp. 123-41. (Earlier version appeared in Independent Commentary Project on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Defence for Children International, 1988.)

Chapters on Human Rights Developments in the UN

- “Human Rights,” in D. Ayton-Shenker and J. Tessitore, eds., *A Global Agenda: Issues Before the 56th General Assembly of the United Nations*, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield (2001), pp. 151-89.
- “Human Rights” and “The Advancement of Women,” in J. Tessitore and S. Woolfson, eds., *A Global Agenda: Issues Before the 54th General Assembly of the United Nations*, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield (1999), pp. 153-90, 190-205.
- “Human Rights” and “The Advancement of Women,” in J. Tessitore and S. Woolfson, eds., *A Global Agenda: Issues Before the 53rd General Assembly of the United Nations*, Lanham, Maryland: Rowman and Littlefield (1998), pp. 159-99, 199-215.
- “Human Rights,” in *A Global Agenda: Issues before the 50th General Assembly*, 1995, pp. 176-203.
- “Human Rights,” in *A Global Agenda*, University Press of America, 1992, pp. 217-56.
- “Human Rights,” in *A Global Agenda*, University Press of America, 1991, pp. 171-200.
- “Human Rights,” in *A Global Agenda*, University Press of America, 1990, pp. 119-59.
- “Human Rights,” in *A Global Agenda*, Lexington Books, 1989, pp. 136-67.
- “Human Rights,” in *A Global Agenda*, Lexington Books, 1988, pp. 129-49.

Encyclopedia Entries

- “Religious Freedom” in *Encyclopedia of Human Rights*, Vol. 4, Oxford University Press (2009), pp. 323-29.
- “Eleanor Roosevelt and the American Association of the United Nations,” in M. Beasley, H. Schulman and H. Beasley, eds., *Eleanor Roosevelt Encyclopedia*, Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press (2001), pp. 5-8.