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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Duke University

2018- Associate Professor of the Practice in International Comparative Studies (reappointed Spring 2022)
2022-2023 Interim Chair, International Comparative Studies
2021-2022 Director of Undergraduate Studies, International Comparative Studies

Haverford College

2015-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor in Peace, Justice, and Human Rights
2016-2017 Interim Director, Peace, Justice, and Human Rights

Champlain College

2011-2015 Assistant Dean for Global Engagement
Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Core Division

EDUCATION

Stanford University

2011 Ph.D., Modern Thought and Literature
Ph.D. Minor, Political Science

Dissertation: *Last Rights: Forensic Science, Human Rights, and the Victims of Atrocity*

Advisor: Joshua Cohen, Marta Sutton Weeks Professor of Ethics in Society and Professor of Philosophy and of Law (now Emeritus)

2007 M.A., Modern Thought and Literature

Yale University

2000 B.A., Literature
Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Distinction in the Literature Major

PUBLICATIONS

In Preparation:

Rosenblatt, Adam. *Cemetery Citizens: Reclaiming Buried Pasts to Revise the Present*. Stanford University Press (under review).

Rosenblatt, Adam. "Engraved: A Family Forensics." *Writing with Light* magazine on photography, ethnography, and design. Review essay for Issue 1, "Photography and Forensics."

In Press:

Kim, Jaymelee and Adam Rosenblatt. "Whose Humanitarianism, Whose Forensic Anthropology?" (invited contribution turned in for review December 2021). Eds: Douglas Ubelaker and Roberto Parra. *The Anthropology of Violent Death: Theoretical Foundations for Forensic Humanitarian Action*. Wiley.

Rosenblatt, Adam, Erin Hollaway Palmer, and Brian Palmer. "Permanent Reconstruction in Richmond's Black Cemeteries." Eds: Kami Fletcher and Ashley Towle. *Grave History: Death & Race in Southern Cemeteries from the Antebellum to the Post-Civil Rights Era*. University of Georgia Press.

Books:

2019 Rosenblatt, Adam. *En busca de los desaparecidos: Ciencia forense después de atrocidades* (Spanish translation of *Digging for the Disappeared*). Editorial Miño y Dávila, Buenos Aires.

2015 Rosenblatt, Adam. *Digging for the Disappeared: Forensic Science after Atrocity*. Stanford University Press.

Winner of the 2016 Outstanding Academic Title award sponsored by *Choice Reviews*
Reviewed in *Human Rights Quarterly*, *Journal of Human Rights*, *Human Rights Review*,
Society & Space, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences*,
Human Remains and Violence, *Choice Reviews*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

2019 Rosenblatt, Adam. "The Danger of a Single Story about Forensic Humanitarianism." *Journal of Forensic and Legal Medicine* 61: 75-77. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jflm.2018.11.007>

2018 Rosenblatt, Adam. "Autism, Advocacy Organizations, and Past Injustice." *Disability Studies Quarterly* 38:4. <http://dsq-sds.org/article/view/6222>

2017 Rosenblatt, Adam. "Civic Engagement with the Dead: Notes on Theory and Practice in a Forensic Key." *The Applied Anthropologist* 37:1-2, 4-7.

2015 Rosenblatt, Adam. "On Beauty and Classroom Teaching." *Hybrid Pedagogy*, November 24. <http://www.hybridpedagogy.com/journal/on-beauty-and-classroom-teaching/>

2010 Rosenblatt, Adam. "International Forensic Investigations and the Human Rights of the Dead." *Human Rights Quarterly* 32:4, 921-950.

Book Chapters:

2021 Rosenblatt, Adam. "En contra de la gobernanza de la no verdad: los cuidados y la política de las fosas clandestinas." De las fosas clandestinas a la tumba vacía: Narrativas de dignidad y esperanza en tiempos de horror. Eds: Carlos de Mendoza Álvarez, Pablo Reyna Estevez, and Carolina Robledo Silvestre. Universidad Iberoamericana A.C., Mexico, 2021.

2017 Wagner, Sarah and Adam Rosenblatt. "Known Unknowns: Forensic Science, the Nation-State, and the Iconic Dead." *Studies in Forensic Biohistory: Anthropological Perspectives*. Eds: Christopher Stojanowski and William Duncan. Cambridge University Press: 237-266.

- 2012 Rosenblatt, Adam. "Sacred Graves and Human Rights." *Human Rights at the Crossroads*. Ed: Mark Goodale. Oxford University Press: 122-139.

Book Reviews:

- 2016 Rosenblatt, Adam. Review of *Missing Persons: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the Disappeared*. Ed: Derek Congram. Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press. *Human Rights Quarterly* 39:3, 758-763.

Public Scholarship:

Quoted in Lepore, Jill. "When Black History Is Unearthed, Who Gets to Speak for the Dead?" *The New Yorker*, Oct. 2021.

Consulted for a report on mass graves by the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions on mass graves, presented to the United Nations October 27, 2021 (A/75/47919).

Consulted for the Academic Commentary to the Bournemouth Protocol on Mass Grave Protection and Investigation, Melanie Klinker and Ellie Smith, eds., published September 2021.

Quoted in Svrluga, Susan. "Colleges Are Ditching Letter Grades This Spring, but Not All Students Are on Board with 'Ungrading'" *Washington Post*, 6 Apr. 2020.

Rosenblatt, Adam. "Cemetery Credibility and What it Means to be a Descendant." *Collective for Radical Death Studies* (blog), June 14, 2021.

Rosenblatt, Adam. "Forensic Science, Mass Graves, and the Call to Care." *The Academic Minute* (WAMC Radio and the American Association of Colleges and Universities), Nov. 8, 2017.

Rosenblatt, Adam. "Galaxies of Memory in the Americas: What Mysterious Deaths and Memory Struggles in Chile can Teach the U.S." *Stanford University Press Blog*. Nov. 17, 2015.

Rosenblatt, Adam. "Groundwork: Interpreting Human Rights Among the Dead and Disappeared." *Stanford University Press Blog*. March 19, 2015.

Rosenblatt, Adam. "Exhuming Equality: The Forensics of Human Rights." *Boston Review*. Dec. 2, 2013. Also appearing in Arabic translation in *The Journal of al-Thaqafah al-'Alamiyah* (World Culture).

SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2021 | "Reckoning with the Dead: The Durham Black Burial Grounds Collaboratory" grant from the Duke Endowment, funding a cross-university team for research and teaching in African American cemeteries in Durham (\$31,515/three years) |
| 2019-2020 | Recognized as one of the top 5% of undergraduate instructors at Trinity College, based on course evaluations from Fall 2020 semester |
| | Bacca Faculty Fellow in the Language, Arts, and Media Program, Duke University |

- Duke Office of Service-Learning funding for local community engagement in “Death, Burial, and Justice in the Americas” course
- 2017 Mellon Philadelphia Area Creative Collaboratives (PACC) seed grant for collaborations between autism/neurodiversity course and local art studio for intellectually disabled artists
- Haverford College Center for Peace and Global Citizenship faculty travel grant for research on African American cemeteries in Richmond, VA
- 2016 Latin American Studies Association Travel Grant
- Wenner-Gren Foundation support to attend “The Gift of Death” workshop
- 2011-13 Member of the research team, “Ethics of Post-Conflict and Post-Disaster DNA Identification,” U.S. National Institutes of Health (funded to conduct interviews and research in Chile).
- 2010-11 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 2008-10 Ric Weiland Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University
- 2005-2006 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies

RECENT LECTURES & CONFERENCES

Invited Talks:

- 2021 “Places of Mourning at the Beginning and the End of Human Rights” (lecture) and “Mapping Stakes and Participants in a More-Than-Human World” (workshop for faculty and graduate students). Chico Forensic Conference, Chico State University.
- 2020 “What We Neglect, What Remains,” with Sarah Wagner. *In Their Presence: Debates on the Dignity, Display, and Ownership of Human Remains*. Tisch College Program for Public Humanities and World Peace foundation, Tufts University.
- “Found in Cemeteries: Holistic Inquiry in Places of the Dead.” *Holistic Inquiry: Writing Poems to Listen, Ask, & Learn* workshop at John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute, Duke University.
- 2018 “Family, Care, Humanitarianism: Troubled Categories for Corpses.” *Thinking with the Corpse* conference, Duke University.
- 2017 “Complexity is not the Enemy: Tools for Understanding the Ethical-Political Landscape of Clandestine Graves.” Colloquium on Clandestine Graves, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.
- “Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Enforced Disappearance: Translating Science into Politics and Morality.” Expert Meeting on The Search for Victims of Enforced Disappearance sponsored by the U.N. Committee on Enforced Disappearances. Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin.

- 2016 “Human Rights in Practice.” University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice, Philadelphia.
- “Forensic Science after Atrocity: The Politics of Life in Spaces of Death.” Rutgers University Department of Anthropology, New Brunswick.
- “Forensic Science and Human Rights: History, Politics, Ethics.” Drexel University College of Medicine Medical Humanities Program, Philadelphia.
- 2015 “Success Inscribed in Failure: Measurement and Evidence in Mass Grave Investigations.” George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 “Humanitarians for the Dead.” University of South Africa, Pretoria and Middlebury College, Vermont.

Conference Activity & Participation:

- 2022 Organizer, “Universities and African American Cemeteries: Partnerships for Preservation, Research, and Teaching.” Two-day workshop in Durham, NC for the Durham Black Burial Grounds Collaboratory and East End Cemetery Collaboratory.
- 2021 Discussant for Francisco Ferrándiz’s paper, “Beyond the Relic: The Contemporary Unmaking of the Crypts in the Valley of the Fallen (Spain).” Relics and Continuities in Europe: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, Seeger Center for Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
- Invited participant, “Restless Spirits and Human Remains: Life, Death, and Justice in Post-War Northern Uganda.” School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 2020 “Geer Cemetery: Reclaim, Restore, Respect,” with Debra Taylor Gonzalez-Garcia and Charles Johnson. Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Annual Meeting (virtual).
- Participant, “Mourning on the Margins” workshop, Nottingham Trent University Centre for Public History, Heritage and Memory, UK.
- “Assembling a Forensics of Structural Violence.” American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Anaheim.
- Commentator, “Diversity and Inclusion Symposium—Humanitarian Concerns in Migration: Conflict, Climate, and Ethics.” Sponsored by the Anthropology Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.
- 2019 Attendee, 6th Global Service-Learning Summit, Clemson, South Carolina.
- “Reclaiming Cemeteries: Carework for the Marginalized Dead.” Global Carework Summit, Toronto, Canada.
- 2018 “Permanent Reconstruction in Richmond’s Black Cemeteries.” Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Organizer, panel on “Forensic ‘Technologies of Truth’ from Latin American Origins to Global Diffusion.” Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain.

- “Forensic Science and the Concepts of Human Rights and Humanitarianism.” Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2017 Organizer, “Rights at the Edge” Symposium, Haverford College, featuring panels on human rights pedagogy, refugee rights and representations, human rights across the life cycle, disability and species, and the right to mourn. <http://hav.to/rightsattheedge>
- “Aparición con Vida: Disappearance and the Politics of the Counterfactual, from Argentina to Ayotzinapa.” Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru.
- Participant, Workshop on “Caring for the Missing: Humanitarian, Judicial, and Forensic Responses to the Disappearance of Persons.” Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru.
- 2016 “Open Graves, Open Archives: Notes from a Cross-Field Dialogue on Techno-Practices of Knowledge Production,” with Brie Gettleson. American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis.
- “Autism and Transitional Justice.” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia.
- Organizer, “Ethics and the Ethicist: Perspectives on Peter Singer” panel, Haverford College.
- Invited participant, “The Gift of Death” Wenner-Gren Foundation workshop, Washington, D.C.
- Co-organizer, “Open Graves/Open Archives: Ethics and Evidence” symposium, Haverford College.
- “Family Opposition to Human Rights Exhumations: The Need for Interdisciplinary Research on a Question of Science, Politics, and Consent.” American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Las Vegas.
- 2015 Chair, “Bodies, Victims, and Hierarchies of Value” panel. Disaster, Displacement, and Human Rights conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- “Forensic Investigation, the Nation-State, and the Iconic Dead” (co-authored with Sarah Wagner). Disaster, Displacement, and Human Rights conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- 2013 “Global Engagement or Curricular Integration?: The Unexpected Uses of a Social Network Site.” American Association of Colleges and Universities Global Learning Conference, Providence.
- “The Exhuming State: Identifying the Disappeared in Democratic Chile.” Disaster, Displacement, and Human Rights conference, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- 2012 “Humanitarianism and Human Rights in the Context of Post-Conflict Forensic Investigations.” American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Atlanta.
- 2011 “Caring for the Dead: A Global Project.” International Studies Association Northeast, Providence.
- 2010 “Forensics of the Sacred: Mass Graves, Human Rights, and Religious Prohibitions.” Association for Political Theory, Reed College, Portland.
- “The Language of Rights and the Crime of Disappearance: Truth, Knowledge, Mourning, and Identity as Human Rights.” The Question of Rights conference, San Francisco State University.
- “Roundtable: The Rights of the Dead.” International Congress of Historical Sciences, Amsterdam.

- “Torture and Economic Rights.” Western Political Science Association, San Francisco.
- 2009 “Dead to Rights: Dead Bodies, Ethics, and Human Rights Practice.” Western Political Science Association, Vancouver.
- 2008 “International Forensic Investigation and the Claims of the Dead.” American Political Science Association, Boston.

Recent Campus and Community Events:

- 2021 “Degraded Landscapes, Archives of Love.” Duke University Ethics and Global Citizenship house course, October 20.
- “Mourning and Resistance in Black Music and Black Cemeteries,” with Deonte Harris. Duke University Family Weekend, October 15.
- “Cemetery, Community, Classroom: Collaborations between Duke & the Friends of Geer Cemetery” with Debra Taylor Gonzalez-Garcia and Nyrobi Manuel. Duke Community-Engaged Scholarship Collaborative Lunch and Learn, September 10.
- 2019 Co-organizer and moderator, “African American Cemeteries: Remembering, Reclaiming, Resisting.” Co-sponsored by the Duke University Forum for Scholars and Publics, the Duke Human Rights Center, and International Comparative Studies. November 16.
- Moderator and speaker, panel on “Disability, Law, and Human Rights.” Disability in the Disciplines conference, Duke University, April 26.

CURRENT ACADEMIC SERVICE

Interim Director, International Comparative Studies, Duke University

Member, Faculty Advisory Board, Duke Human Rights Center

Co-Founder, Durham Black Burial Grounds Collaboratory

Member, Advisory Board, Hungry River Collective

Peer Referee: *Cultural Anthropology*, *Review of International Studies*, *American Ethnologist*, *American Anthropologist*, *Southern Anthropologist*, *American Journal of Bioethics*, *Journal of Social Archaeology*, *Review of Critical Studies*, *Abya-yala: Revista sobre Acceso a la Justicia y Derechos en las Américas* (Journal on Access to Justice and Rights in the Americas), Routledge (book proposal), Leverhulme Trust research grants

SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY

2018-2022 Board Member, Friends of Geer Cemetery, Durham, NC

LANGUAGES

English:	Native fluency
Spanish:	Fluent