

# Yolanda Weima

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

- PhD Human Geography, York University, Canada, 2022  
Graduate Diploma in Refugee and Migration Studies, Centre for Refugee Studies  
Dissertation: *Enduring displacement, enduring violence: Burundian refugees' experiences of encampment, closure, and refuge after return*  
Supervisor: Jennifer Hyndman
- MA Geography, Queen's University, Canada, 2015  
Thesis: *Villagisation for our time: Neoliberal governmentality and the experiences of villagised Burundian returnees*  
Supervisor: Beverly Mullings
- BAH Geography, Queen's University, Canada, 2009

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-present Research Fellow, ERC Advanced Grant "TheGame," Department of University of History and Cultures, University of Bologna, Italy

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Guest Editor/Special Section Organization

- 2022 Brankamp, H. (Guest ed.) and **Weima, Y.** (Co-organizer). Camp Methodologies. [special section] *Area*. 54(3).
- 2021 **Weima, Y.** and Brankamp, H. (Guest eds.) Humanizing Refugee Research? [special section] *Refuge: Canada's journal on refugees*. 37(2).  
<https://refuge.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/refuge/issue/view/2326>

#### Refereed Journal Articles

- 2022 Ethically (un)bounding camp research: Life histories within and beyond camp boundaries. *Area*. 54(3). <https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12787>

2021 'Is it commerce?' Dehumanization in the framing of refugees as resources. *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*. 37(2). <https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.40796>

2021 **Weima, Y.** and Minca, C. Closing Camps. *Progress in Human Geography*. 46(2) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0309132521101873>

### Book Chapter

2019 **Weima, Y.** and Hyndman, J. Managing Displacement: negotiating transnationalism, encampment, and return. *Handbook on Critical Geographies of Migration*. Eds: K. Mitchell, R. Jones and J. Fluri. Edward Elgar: London, pp 30-44.

### Book Review

2017 Review of *Real Queer? Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Refugees in the Canadian Refugee Apparatus* by David A. B. Murray, Rowman & Littlefield International Ltd., London and New York, 2016. In *The Canadian Geographer / Le Géographe Canadien*. 61(3), pp. 45-46. doi:10.1111/cag.12374

### Editor Reviewed Publications

2022 **Weima, Y.** and Brankamp, H. Special Section: Camp Methodologies: The 'How' of Studying Camps. *Area*. 54(3). <https://doi.org/10.1111/area.12787>

2022 Brankamp, H. and **Weima, Y.** Humanizing Refugee Research? [special section introduction] *Refuge: Canada's journal on refugees*. 37(2). <https://doi.org/10.25071/1920-7336.40958>

2017 Refugee repatriation and ongoing transnationalisms. *Transnational Social Review*. 7(1), pp. 113-117. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21931674.2016.1277857>

2016 Gendered limits to the returnee village programme in Burundi. *Forced Migration Review*, [Issue theme: Displacement, Transitions, Solutions] 52, pp. 61-62. <http://www.fmreview.org/solutions/weima.html> [translated to French, Arabic and Spanish)

### In Preparation

Haunting Mtabila: Afterlives and specters of camp closure. To be submitted to *Political Geography*

**Weima, Y.**, Sherrell, K. & Hyndman, J. Language, work, safety, or... nothing?: Syrian newcomers' own perspectives on their successes in Canada over three years following Operation Syrian Refugee. To be submitted to *Journal of International Migration and Integration*

## Reports

- 2023 **Weima, Y.,** Sherrell, K., Hyndman, H., & Syria.lth.\* *Sustaining Welcome: Longitudinal Research on Integration with Resettled Syrian Refugees*. Vancouver, Canada: Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia.  
<https://issbc.org/sustaining-welcome-longitudinal-research-on-integration-with-resettled-syrian-refugees/>

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019, 2018 Glen Frankfurter Award, Department of Geography, York University  
2018 York Fieldwork Cost Fund  
2018 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS)  
2018 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Storyteller  
2015-8 SSHRC Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarship to Honour Nelson Mandela  
2015 York Graduate Entrance Award  
2014 SSHRC Joseph Armand Bombardier Master's Canada Graduate Scholarship  
2014 SSHRC Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement  
2013 Queen's Graduate Award  
2013 Dwight Moody Wiebe Scholarship

## INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Enduring Displacement, Enduring Violence: Camps, Closure, and Exile In/After Return, Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS) Seminar Series, York University (Online), 17 February  
2021 Refuge after return: Multiple displacements and diverse trajectories of Burundian Refugees in Tanzania, Seminars on African Displacement, Africa Research Group, German Network for Forced Migration Studies (Online), 25 March  
2019 Displacements and Immobilities: Life history research with Burundian Refugees, Department of Geography Seminar Series, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 25 June  
2018 Persistent Perceptions: High modern techniques, neoliberal governmentalities, and enduring subjects, African History and Politics Seminar, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, 12 February

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

### (Co-)Organized

- 2023 TheGame Workshop #1: Thinking Like a Route. University of Trieste, 18-19 December

- 2018 Humanizing Refugee Research. School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, 9 November
- 2016 The Production of Forced Migration. Centre for Refugee Studies Student Conference, York University, 23-24 September

### **Sessions/Panels (Co-)Organized**

- 2022 Times of Displacement. Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) Annual Conference, Toronto Metropolitan University/Online, 30 May-3 June
- 2021 Narratives and Imagination in Forced Migration. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), Accra, Ghana/Online, 26-30 July
- 2019 Camps, Checkpoints and Border Fortifications: Critical Geographies of Containment, (Im)Mobility and Security (I&II). Discussants: Reece Jones and Claudio Minca. American Association of Geographers Annual Conference (AAG), Washington, DC, 3-7 April
- 2019 Chair, Camp Methodologies: The 'How' of studying camps, w/ Hanno Brankamp. Discussant: Patricia Daley. AAG, Washington, DC, 3-7 April
- 2018 Chair, Camps, Control, and Crime: Critical geographies of (in)security and encampment, w/ Hanno Brankamp. Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG), Cardiff, Wales, 28-31 August

### **Papers Presented**

- 2023 w/Claudio Minca. The biopolitics of camp closures along the Balkan Route. Royal Geographical Society-Institute of British Geographers, London, UK, 28 August-1 September
- 2022 Times of Displacement. Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) Annual Conference, Toronto Metropolitan University/Online, 30 May-3 June
- 2021 Refugees' geopolitical imagination after recurrent and extended displacement. International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Biannual Conference, University of Ghana, Accra/Online, 26-30 July
- 2019 Camps after camps: Life-history methods and extended trajectories of displacement. Canadian Association of Geographers-Ontario Division, University of Guelph, 25-26 October
- 2019 Haunting closures: Sovereign power, camp closures, and fear. AAG Meeting, Washington, DC, 3-7 April
- 2018 A Multiplicity of Trajectories and "the myth of the return": Discomfort Feminisms and presenting life-history research with Burundian refugees. Royal Geographical Society- Institute of British Geographers, Cardiff, Wales, 28-31 August

- 2017 Peace on the move: Productive possibilities of geographies of peace in the study of forced displacement. World on the Move conference, University of Manchester, 30 October-1 November
- 2016 Still not home: The villagised resettlement of Burundian former refugees. AAG Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 29 March – 2 April
- 2015 Gender and the Village. Canadian Association of Geographers-Ontario Division, Carleton University, 23-24 October
- 2015 Village creation for resettlement in Burundi: Neoliberal Governmentality and Barriers to renewed Citizenship. Centre for Refugee Studies Student Conference, York University, 25-26 September
- 2015 Limits in Liminality: Villagised Returnees’ Transnationalisms. AAG Meeting, Chicago, IL, 21-25 April

### **Panelist**

- 2022 ‘A constant state of flux’: Ethnography, qualitative methods, and migration research in the post-Covid era. Border Criminologies Workshop. Centre for Criminology, University of Oxford/Online. 21 June
- 2019 Critical Geographies of Migration Panel. AAG Meeting, Washington, DC, 3-7 April

### **Rapporteur**

- 2022 Pushing Boundaries: International Feminist Geography Conference. University of Colorado at Boulder/Online, 15-17 June

### **TEACHING**

#### **University of Bologna**

*Co-instructor*

Critical Geopolitics (Winter 2024)

#### **York University**

*Instructor*

Geographies of Power, Violence, and Conflict (Winter 2020)

*Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to World Geography (Fall 2018-Winter 2019; Online: Fall 2020-Winter 2021)

The End of the Earth as We Know it: Global Environmental Change (Blended) (Fall 2019)

Historical Geography (Fall 2016)

Empire, State, and Power (Winter 2016)

**Queen's University**

*Teaching Assistant*

Space, Place, Culture, and Social Life (Winter 2014)

Introduction to Human Geography (Fall 2013)

**ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2022 Research Assistant to Prof. Jennifer Hyndman and Dr. Bronwyn Bragg (SSHRC Partnership Engagement Grant)

2020-1 Research Assistant to Prof. Jennifer Hyndman

2014 Research Assistant to Prof. Beverly Mullings (Archival document transcription)

2008-9 Ontario Archives and Algonquin Provincial Park Archives

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC VISITS**

2017-8 Visiting Graduate Student, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford

2017-8 Host Supervision of Research, Department of Geography, University of Dar es Salaam

2014 Host Supervision of Research, Département de Géographie, Université du Burundi

**DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

**Peer Review**

Palgrave Macmillan (Book Manuscript Proposal Review)

*ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies*

*African Geographical Review*

*EPC: Politics of Space*

*Geoforum*

*Political Geography*

*Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**University of Bologna**

TheGame Reading Group Convenor, 2023-present

**York University**

Faculty Council, Faculty of Graduate Studies, 2019-21

Geography Graduate Student Association, 2019-21  
Volunteer, Centre for Refugee Studies Student Caucus Conference, 2017; 2019  
Centre for Refugee Studies Director Search Committee, 2018-9  
Organizer, Brown Bag Series, Centre for Refugee Studies Student Caucus, 2016  
Intern, Centre for Refugee Studies Summer Course, 2016  
Co-Chair, Student Caucus, Centre for Refugee Studies, 2015-6  
Student Representative, Executive Committee, Centre for Refugee Studies, 2015-6

### **Queen's University**

Convener, David Harvey Reading Group, 2014-5  
Reviewer, Unit Research Ethics Board, Department of Geography, 2014-5  
Visiting Research Seminar Series Committee, Department of Geography, 2013-5

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

#### **Certificates**

2021 Knowledge Mobilization; Innovation York, York University  
2020 Respect, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion; Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion, York University  
2018-9 University Teaching; Educational Developers Caucus & Staff and Educational Developments Association, Teaching Commons, York University

#### **Other**

2009, 2012 Great Lakes Peacebuilding Institute, Gitega, Burundi  
2009 Restorative Justice Programme, School of Religion, Queen's University

### **RELEVANT NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

2022-3 Consultant, Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (Remote)  
2010-13 Chargée de Renforcement de Capacités, Union Chrétienne pour la Paix et le Développement (Christian Union for Peace and Development), Gitega, Burundi  
2009-10 Peace and Capacity Building Secondment, Mennonite Central Committee, Bujumbura, Burundi

### **RELATED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

2011-3 Participant & French-English workshop interpreter and rapporteur, Great Lakes Initiative Leadership Institute, Center for Reconciliation, Duke University, Kampala, Uganda

2010 Participant & French-English workshop interpreter and rapporteur, Great Lakes Initiative Gathering, Center for Reconciliation, Duke University, Bujumbura, Burundi

**LANGUAGES**

French (Professional Fluency); Kirundi (Intermediate); Swahili (Intermediate); Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian (Beginner)