

## **ALLIDA M. BLACK, Ph.D.**

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**Senior Historian, Project Manager, and Strategic Advisor.** Three decades of experience teaching, writing, and designing history and human rights curricula; advising domestic and international civil society organizations; creating sustainable research projects and archives; curating exhibits; and presenting project work to stakeholders, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the general public.

### **EXPERIENCE:**

**Co-Director, Hillary Rodham Clinton Oral History Project, Distinguished Visiting Scholar, The Miller Center for the Study of the Presidency, The University of Virginia, Jun 2020 - present.**

**Managing Director, The Allenswood Group, LLC, 2013-present**

- Advise high-profile clients on civic engagement, historical research, and archival initiatives
- Conceptualize and execute exhibits for museums and non-profit organizations
- Conceptualize and execute national advocacy campaigns
- Conceptualize and execute international human rights education initiatives
- Provide tools historical associations, non-governmental organizations, and national and international grassroots coalitions need to envision and implement their action plans, including fieldwork strategy and monetary and funding sources
- Develop curricula and program guides for educators and civic leaders at the national and international level that brings the lessons of the past to today's challenges

**Research Professor of History and International Affairs, The George Washington University, Washington DC, June 2000-present**

**Senior Fellow, Women's Research and Education Institute, 2014-2016**

**Executive Editor, *fdr4freedoms* Digital Initiative, the Four Freedoms Park Conservancy, June 2011-June 2013**

- Designed, wrote, and conceptualized digital modules to promote the application and teaching of the Roosevelt Era and the Four Freedoms: freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech and freedom of worship
- Coordinated United Nations and United States' educational outreach initiatives and Apple Computer's promotional and digital programming
- Managed video and digital production, and
- Launched educational division of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park

**Program Manager, Women's Political Participation Team, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, January 2011-June 2011**

Managed publication of in-depth analyses, case studies, fact sheets, training manuals designed for use by NDI in-country staff in 42 post-conflict nations; presented and defended proposals to funders; trained parliamentarians and civil society leaders in caucus building, public speaking, constituency building, and messaging; liaised with Department of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, UNWomen, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and major non-governmental organizations; and facilitated joint global programming.

**Editor Emeritus and Chair, Editorial Advisory Board, January 2011-present; Founder, Executive Editor and Principal Investigator, The Eleanor Roosevelt Project, The George Washington**

**University, June 2000-January 2011.**

- ***Edited critically acclaimed, multi-media publications on ER, the UDHR, and human rights*** designed for scholarly, legislative, and popular use and published in both print and electronic formats
- ***Managed a project of 20 that documents the construction of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the covenants and the proposed enforcement mechanisms*** and provided a blueprint for action
- ***Applied this research to contemporary human rights policy and diplomacy*** by briefing elected officials, congressional staff, and a wide range of corporate managers and international activists on the historical underpinnings of human rights policy and current US human rights policy; mentoring women engaged in crafting human rights materials for use in their countries; working with international visitors and exchange program participants; training teachers at home and around the world to use the Project's material in disparate venues; and promoting the project worldwide by assisting curators and filmmakers and delivering approximately 20 public lectures annually at home and around the world
- ***Assisted the State Department's public outreach on human rights, women's global issues and democracy*** by working with the US Mission to the UN in Geneva, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the women's division of the Commission on Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO) to facilitate workshops on the UDHR and its relevance to contemporary women's human rights issues; and participating in web-chats and co-developing exhibits on the UDHR
- ***Developed critically acclaimed education programs for primary and secondary students and their teachers*** and worked with the Department of Education's Teaching American History grantees, Facing History and Ourselves, and the Organization of American Historians to create vigorous and engaging curricula in thousands of classrooms across the nation.
- ***Raised all public and private funds to support the project***

**Conference Organizer, "The Courage to Lead," a Global Summit for Women Human Rights Leaders, Geneva, Switzerland, December 7-10, 2009.**

- Designed a unique format to foster mentoring relationships for 100 women from post-conflict 45 countries that generated three bi-lateral and ten in-country programs, and increased participation in international exchange programs
- Provided post-summit support in grant-writing, networking, and program development

**Previous Employment:**

*The George Washington University* Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of Political Management 2001; Director, Women's (Political) Leadership Program, May 1999-June 2000, Adjunct history faculty, 1991-1999  
*Franklin and Marshall College*, Visiting Assistant Professor of American Studies, July 1998-July 1999  
*Pre-1998*: six years of postdoctoral fellowships; eighteen years in management of non-profit organizations;

**RELATED PUBLICATIONS:**

"How Fear and Hope Shaped the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," in *The Cambridge Handbook of Psychology and Human Rights*, Neal Rubin, editor (Cambridge University Press, 2019). Co-authored with Michael D Cooper.

"Eleanor Roosevelt and the Battle for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University, 2018.

"Codifying the Four Freedoms: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," in *Reimagining the Four Freedoms* (the Norman Rockwell Museum, 2018)

*Discover the Legacy: The Life, Times and Vision of Franklin D Roosevelt*. (New York: fdr4freedoms.org, 2105)  
*Tomorrow Is Now*, by Eleanor Roosevelt (Penguin Classics, 2012) with a foreword by President Bill Clinton and an extensive introduction by Allida Black.

"Are Women 'Human?' The UN and the Struggle to Recognize Women's Rights as Human Rights" in *The Human Rights Revolution: An International History*, edited by Akira Iriye and Pedra Goodie (Oxford University Press, 2011)

*The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: The United Nations Years, 1949-1952, Volume II* (University of Virginia Press, 2011)  
*The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers: The United Nations Years, 1945-1948, Volume I* (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2008.)

paperback edition, University of Virginia, 2010)  
*First Ladies of the United States* (The White House Historical Association, 2001, 2005, 2005, 2013, 2017) with a foreword by Michelle Obama. Thoroughly revised edition to be published, January 2016.  
Editor, "Human Rights," *Magazine of History* (Organization of American Historians, April 2008)  
Co-editor, "First Ladies," *Magazine of History* (Organization of American Historians, Spring 2001)  
*Courage in a Dangerous World: The Political Writings of Eleanor Roosevelt*. (Columbia University Press, March 1999)  
*CASTING HER OWN SHADOW: Eleanor Roosevelt and the Shaping of Postwar Liberalism, 1945-1962*. (Columbia University Press, February 1996); submitted by CUP to Pulitzer Prize Committee for History

**Work in Process:**

"Women and Modern Political Parties in the United States," in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of the United States* (Oxford University Press, 2020).  
In the Shadow of 9/11: The Bipartisan Negotiations to Rebuild and Restore Lower Manhattan: A Case Study for the American University Program in Legislative Negotiations.  
"Women's Voices, Women's Votes, Women's Rights," an exhibit for the Clinton Presidential Center

**Web Sites:**

The fdr4freedom digital resource, [www.fdr4freedom.org](http://www.fdr4freedom.org)  
"The Eleanor Roosevelt Papers," [www.gwu.edu/~erpapers](http://www.gwu.edu/~erpapers)

**GRANTS AWARDED (more available upon request):**

Hewlett/Harvard Understanding Legislation Negotiation Grant, American University, 2020  
Institute for Museum and Library Services, 2003-2005, 2005-2007  
National Endowment for the Humanities: Collaborative Research Division, 2002-2007; Preservation and Access Division, 2004-2007; Scholarly Editions Division, 2007-2011; 2012-2014  
National Historical Publications and Records Commission, 2000-2011

**RELATED CONSULTATIONS:**

Consultant, World Bank, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Center, 2018.  
Curriculum Consultant, Albert Shanker Institute, American Federation of Teachers, 2015.  
Member, Scholarly Advisory Committee, Franklin D Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park, 2009-present; chair, 2011 to 2013  
Curator, Permanent Exhibit, The Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site, 2009-2010.  
Consultant, Exhibit on the UDHR at 60, the United Nations Organization in Geneva, 2008-present  
Member, Permanent Exhibit Design Team, Franklin D Roosevelt Library and Museum, 2007- present  
Curator, Eleanor Roosevelt UDHR Exhibition, Beijing Plus Five Conference, The United Nations, 2000  
Consultant, American Association for the United Nations and the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1997

**SELECTED BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Board Member, The Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Presidential Foundation, 2018-present  
Board of Visitors, University of Mary Washington, 2018-present  
Board Member, Women's Campaign School at Yale, 2016-present  
Co-Founder and Chair, Ready for Hillary, 2013-2015.  
Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, June 2015-present  
Board Member, Kilimanjaro Community Clinic for Ophthalmology, 2012-present  
Board Member, Educator's Institute for Human Rights, 2011-2019  
Board Member, The Academy for Human Rights (the former Summer Institute for the Study of Human Rights and Genocide), 2007-present  
Chair, Human Rights Task Force, No Limits Foundation, January 2009-2011  
Trustee, Liberian Education Trust, 2006-2017  
Board Member, Academic Advisory Committee, Sewall-Belmont House, 2008-2014  
Board Member, National History Day, June 2009-2011  
Board Member, National Coalition for History, January 2008-2013  
Board Member, Honoring Eleanor Roosevelt: Save America's Treasures Val-Kill Restoration Project, 1999-present

Board Member, Roosevelt Institute, 2000-2011; Board of Governors, 2011 - 2013

**RECENT HONORS (more available upon request)**

Best in Class in Education and Government, Interactive Media Council, 2013

(for [www.fdr4freedoms.org](http://www.fdr4freedoms.org)) Silver Medal, IPPY Award in U.S. History, 2013.

Finalist, INDIE Award for Non-Fiction, 2010. University Medal, Roosevelt University, June 2006

Doctor of Humane Letters, DePaul University, June 2001

Person of Vision Award, Arlington County, Virginia Commission of the Status of Women, March 2001

Millennium Medalist, The George Washington University, September 2000

**EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., The George Washington University, History, 1993

BA, Emory University, Political Science, June 1974

Certificate, International Humanitarian Law, U.S. Institute of Peace, 2013