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In July 2016, David Anderson Hooker joined the faculty of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, an integral unit of the University of Notre Dame's **Keough School of Global Affairs (KSGA)**. At Kroc, Hooker, a **Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding**, teaches courses at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral levels focused on practices of conflict analysis and transformation, trauma healing, and strategic peacebuilding. He also continues to pursue his practice and scholarship in the areas of narrative methodologies, peacebuilding, conflict transformation, and healing historical harms.

From 2010 to 2015, Dr. Hooker served as a Senior Fellow for Community Engagement Strategies for the J W Fanning Institute for Leadership Development at the University of Georgia. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Community Building for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Atlanta Civic Site. In both settings, he worked with multiple individuals and organizations to craft large community visions, build the networks needed to pursue those visions and to coach individuals to assume leadership roles in the work.

For more than 30 years, Hooker has assisted individuals, groups, organizations, communities, and local and national governments in conducting important conversations on difficult subjects. He has been a mediator and facilitator since 1982 and has practiced law since 1994. Before becoming a mediator and lawyer, he was a community psychologist working in an urban adult outpatient setting providing family, group, and individual counseling.

As a lawyer, Hooker served the State of Georgia as Assistant Attorney General representing the Departments of Juvenile Justice and Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services. After leaving the State Law Department, he continued to serve as Special Assistant Attorney General in his private law practice. In this capacity, Hooker investigated numerous claims of civil rights violations and discrimination based on race, gender, age, religious practice, and sexual orientation. He also represented plaintiffs in civil rights claims for denial of special education and prisoners' rights.

As a mediator and facilitator, Dr. Hooker has worked with families, communities, congregations, local and state governments, federal agencies, international non-governmental organizations, and civil society groups in structuring and implementing community dialogue around issues of post-conflict community building, environmental justice, post-riot community reconciliation, prejudice reduction, community visioning, health care policy, regulatory negotiation and a number of other issues of public policy and social concern.

Hooker has also served as Director of Research and Training for Coming to the TABLE (Taking America Beyond the Legacy of Enslavement) where he developed both a theory and practical approach for dialogue between descendants of former enslaved, descendants of former traders /human traffickers, and descendants of former enslavers. Coming to the TABLE was subsequently established as a non-profit (501(c)3) civil society group that continues to flourish with nine active chapters through the U.S. applying the theoretical and practical foundations established during the pilot. Hooker's theory and practice are presented in *Transforming Historical Harms* (Hooker & Potter-Czajkowski, 2012). Dr. Hooker is also the author of *The Little Book of Transformative Community Conferences* (Hooker, 2016) and other chapters and articles related to narrative approaches to conflict transformation, multigenerational trauma healing, and restorative justice.

BRIEF HISTORY OF OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CounterStories Consulting, LLC, Atlanta, GA

Founder and President, 2014- present

CounterStories provides executive and organizational coaching and accompaniment in the midst of conflict for individuals, organizations, and communities who seek to live in alignment with their preferred narratives. Living in alignment with preferred narratives gives individuals the clarity, agency, and momentum needed to live on purpose, achieve goals and stretch beyond imagined limits.

J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development - University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Sr. Fellow for Community Engagement Strategies, 2010- 2015

Support the Institute in fulfilling its public service and outreach mission as one of two Land-Grant Universities in the State of Georgia. Provide consultation and training in leadership development, conflict transformation, public engagement, and community building for communities, non-governmental and civil society organizations, state agencies, and local governments units including school boards, mental health, and public safety groups.

Annie E. Casey Foundation – Atlanta Civic Site/ The Center for Working Families, Inc., Atlanta, GA

Vice President Community Building – 2007- 2010

Supervised a staff of community organizers, resident engagement specialists, and project associates and an additional 20 volunteers working in communities of marginalized residents in to help them define, lead, own, benefit from, and sustain the transformation that they sought for their rapidly changing communities. Conceptualized and implemented Community Economic Development Academy; managed Social Innovation Small Grants fund (CIC); designed and initiated the community involvement strategy for the development of 31+ acres in the community.

Coming to the Table (CTTT) - Healing Historic Harms - Eastern Mennonite Univ., Harrisonburg, VA

Director of Research and Training, 2007 - 2010

CTTT was a three-year pilot program funded by the Fetzer Institute (Kalamazoo, MI) and the Kellogg Foundation (Battle Creek, MI) to develop theoretical and practical approaches to healing the legacy of multigenerational trauma associated with the US institution of slavery. (Grant ended in March 2012. The program has since become a self-sustaining 501©3 organization.)

Georgia Law Department, Atlanta, GA

Assistant Attorney General, Special Assistant Attorney General, 1994- 1996, 1996- 2000

Represented departments of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Substance Abuse Services, Juvenile Justice, Medical Assistance, and the State Health Planning Agency at all levels from administrative hearings to State and Federal Court. Represented State in Federal class-action lawsuits regarding prison conditions in juvenile detention centers.

National Institute for Dispute Resolution (NIDR), Washington, D.C.

Sr. Program Officer, 1987- 1991

Managed the grant-making portfolios for Mediation in Health Care, Innovations in Dispute Resolution, and Public Policy Dispute Resolution. Worked closely with representatives in several states to establish and expand statewide offices for systematic resolution of statewide and local public policy disputes.

Teaching Experience

Professor of the Practice of Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding. Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana. (July 2016 – continuing) Teach courses in peacebuilding, conflict analysis and transformation, trauma-informed strategic peacebuilding, community building, and specialized seminars at the undergraduate, masters, and doctoral level; Supervise M.A. and undergraduate thesis and honors research; conduct conflict transformation leadership training and practice both in and outside of the US; current research program focuses on the theoretical and practical aspects of community reconciliation and the role of narrative in the mitigation of historical harms.

Adjunct Professor. Pacifica Graduate Institute, Carpinteria, CA. (2014 – present) Teach doctoral level courses in Conflict Transformation, Trauma Healing, Reconciliation, and Restorative Justice in the Community, Liberation, and Ecopsychology program.

Adjunct Professor, Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. 2002 – 2015 Provided graduate level instruction in negotiation, mediation, conflict transformation, trauma healing, and narrative practices. Presented “Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience” (STAR) workshops in New York City (two separate 9/11 remembrances); Louisiana (to pastors and spouses that lost churches in Katrina/ Rita); Northern Uganda, Southern Sudan (before and since independence), Myanmar, Oakland, Greensboro and in many other community and academic settings.

Brief History of International Practice

Morning Star /Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience/ Leadership In Peacebuilding – South Sudan travel throughout Southern Sudan delivering extended leadership training and coaching in peacebuilding programs focusing on conflict transformation, principles of leadership, trauma healing, and restorative justice.

Institute for Conflict Resolution, University of Hargeisa (UoH), Somaliland (East Africa). Part of a three-person team of faculty consultants to work with the University of Hargeisa to establish a degree program (bachelor’s and post-grad- certificate) in Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation; for three years, worked with UoH faculty in curriculum development, pedagogy, and research.

Myanmar/Burma – February 2008 – August 2010, traveled to both Myanmar and Thailand to work with NGOs representing the seven major ethnic constituencies of Myanmar, operating both in and out of the country to implement a leadership in peacebuilding curriculum based on the STAR model.

Africa University Institute for Peace, Leadership, and Governance (IPLG) under a grant for the National Peace Foundation – Mutare, Zimbabwe served as a Visiting Fellow at the IPLG. Conducted a curriculum and faculty assessment of the IPLG for the University Vice-Chancellor and conducted a grant evaluation for the NPF. Delivered a university-wide lecture series entitled: “*Liberating Liberation Struggles from the Myth of Redemptive Violence.*” Provided ongoing advice and counsel to master’s degree and post-baccalaureate certificate students in the development of research proposals and design of data gathering strategies.

U.S. League of Women Voters (U.S. State Department) Democratization in Africa. As part of a three-year grant given by the U.S. Department of State, served as instructor/consultant in areas of peacebuilding, community building, conflict resolution, and democratization in Sub Saharan Africa (primarily in Nigeria, Togo, and Benin)

U.S. League of Women Voters (U.S. State Department) Bosnia-Herzegovina/Croatia – From August - September 1998, while serving as part of a four-person delegation developed and delivered training modules on public policy and multi-party conflict transformation and consulted with

leadership of several NGOs and government officials to strengthen administration of democratic institutions and the creation of local centers to mediate land disputes created by displacement and conflict.

Education

Ph.D.,	Tilburg University, Tilburg, Netherlands (2014)
M. Div.	Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, GA (2004)
J. D.	Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA (1994)
M.P. A.	University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA – Health Policy (1987)
M.P.H	University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA – Public Health Finance and Administration (1987)
A. M.	Washington University, St. Louis, MO – Minority Mental Health (1983)
BS	Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA -- Psychology & Biology (1981)

Published Scholarship:

Hooker, David A. (in process) *A Story of a Journey – Resolution to Transformation in Good Work in Troubled Times: Mending the Social Fabric* Terry, Susanne (Ed.)

Hooker, David A. (in progress) *Introduction to Transformative Community Conferencing* chapter in Sage Handbook of Constructionist Practices, Sage Publications forthcoming

Schiff, Mara, and Hooker, David A. (Fall 2019) *Neither Boat nor Barbeque: In search of new language to advance the causes and consequences of restorative justice. Contemporary Justice Review* .

Hooker, D. A., Corrie, E, and Toure, I., “Justice Seeking is Joy Seeking: Establishing a critical consciousness in youth to promote adolescent flourishing” for *Joy and Theology of the Good Life Volume I, Miroslav Volf, Ed.* (scheduled for publication 2019).

Hooker, D. A. (2017). “Legacy and Aftermath: The mechanisms of power in the multigenerational transmission of trauma” in, Pinderhughes, E., Jackson, V., and Romney P.A. Understanding Power: An Imperative for Human Services. Washington, DC: NASW Press.

Hooker, D.A. (2016). The Little Book of Transformative Community Conferencing. Intercourse, PA: Good Books/ SkyHorse Publishing.

Hooker, D.A. and Potter Czajkowski, Amy (2012). Transforming Historical Harms: A Guidebook for Community Engagement. Harrisonburg, VA: Eastern Mennonite University.

Hooker, D.A. “Grandma’s Table was Communion: Community ritual as a model for conflict resolution” in Porter, T.A. (2006), Conflict and Communion: Reconciliation and Restorative Justice at Christ’s Table. Boston: Boston University Press.

Public Scholarship

National Council of Churches – Christian Unity Gathering – Hyattsville, MD October 2018
Keynote Speaker – **Hard Truths in Beloved Community**
Workshop Facilitator – **Transformative Community Conferencing as Methodology to Counter Systemic Racism**

Yale Divinity School Public Forum on The theology of Joy and the Good Life
Public Lecture: ***Justice Seeking is Joy Seeking: Establishing a critical consciousness in youth to promote adolescent flourishing*** (March 2019)

Jeju Forum for Peace and Prosperity, Jeju Island, South Korea, June 2018
Panel Moderator: ***Towards a Sustainable Peace: Restorative Justice and Peace Education***

Conference on Equality and Equity, Ostepenko Center for Ethics, Niagara University, May 2018
Keynote Lecture: ***University, Government, and Community Partnerships for Racial Equity: Reconciliation as a Prelude to Systems Change***

American Friends of the Episcopal Church in the Sudans 12th National Gathering Denver CO, June 2018
Keynote Lecture: ***A Primer on Trauma Healing: The Diasporas role in Healing the Nation***

World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, Kent District Library, Grand Rapids Michigan, April 2018
Lecture: ***Searching for a Reconfigured “We the People”: embracing Counternarratives for a Just and Civil Discourse***

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart IN, Feb 2018
Lecture: ***Transformative Community Conferencing***

Duke Divinity School, Program on Black Church Studies Center for Reconciliation Joint Lecture Series, Durham, NC Jan 2018
Lecture: ***In Search of a Reconfigured “We”: Preferred Narratives for a Vision of a Preferred Future***

Michiana Area Martin Luther King Jr. Community Coalition, Annual Holiday Breakfast, South Bend IN, Jan 2018
Keynote Lecture: ***Beyond the Dream: Today’s Satyagraha***

Initiatives of Change, Caux Switzerland, July 2017
Scholar-in-Residence: Workshop: ***Transformative Community Conferencing***

National Assn of Community and Restorative Justice Bi-Annual Conference, Oakland CA June 2017
Panel presentation: ***Truth and Reconciliation for Racial Violence in the US: Envisioning a Restorative Approach***
Paper Presentation: ***Creating a New Ontology for Restorative Justice: Linguistic Abstractions, Conversational Domains, and Phenomena for a New Movement***

Intercollegiate Fellowship Conference Bethel College, North Newton Kansas

Keynote Lecture: ***“Uniting for Social Change: Intersections of Race, Environment and LGBTQIA Identities”***

Public Scholarship (cont.)

Smith Mountain Lake (VA) 1st Annual Peace Festival April 30, 2016

Keynote Lecture: ***“Can Education Provide a Pathway to Peace?”***

Guilford College, Greensboro, NC – April 19, 2016

Department of Peace and Conflict Studies Fleming Lecture Series

Lecture: ***“When Inequity is Pervasive, Can We Go On Together? Transforming Conflict, Choosing Community.”***

Harvard Divinity School, Religion, and Public Policy Program – March 24, 2016

Lecture: ***“Transforming Historical Harms: Performing Historical and Spiritual Narratives to Transform Race, Privilege, Fear, and Faith.”***

Duke Divinity School Center for Reconciliation -- 10th Anniversary Lecture Series February 2016

Lecture: ***“Discovering and Embracing Narratives of Reconciliation.”***

American Friends of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan 10th National

Gathering Alexandria VA – Oct 25, 2016

Paper: ***“Understanding Challenges and Dynamics of Peacemaking and Partnerships.”***

International Leadership Association Annual Summit Barcelona, Spain October 16, 2016

Panel: ***“Greensboro Counter Stories Project.”***

International Leadership Association Annual Summit San Diego California 2014

Panel Moderator: ***“Do African American and South African Communities need new methods, models, messages, or just new (wo)men for today’s leadership challenges?”***

Kwibuka20 – The 20th Annual Commemoration of the Rwandan Genocide, May 2014

Events sponsored and hosted at Palo Alto University and Stanford University

Workshop: ***Transforming Historical Harms*** hosted by Palo Alto University

Panel Moderator: ***“Arts-based Approaches to Community Building, Development, and Reconciliation.”*** Hosted by Stanford Center for International Conflict Resolution

Law and Society Annual Meeting. 2013 Boston, MA

Panel presentation: ***“Role of Restorative Justice in Community Racial Reconciliation: The Greensboro (NC) Story.”***

Clarence Jordan Symposium (Commemorating 100th Anniversary) 2013 Americus, GA

Lecture: ***“Narrative Methods of Cotton Patch Gospels as a Model for Transforming Historical Harms.”***

Georgia State University 2012 Annual Conflict Resolution Symposium – Atlanta, GA

Keynote Lecture: ***“Values-Based Negotiation: Essential Skills for Leadership Success.”***

Annual Mario G. Olmos Lecture University of California, Berkeley 2011 Thelton J.

Henderson Center for Social Justice,

Keynote Lecture: ***“Role of Restorative Justice in Dismantling Structural Racism.”***

Youth Uprising Community Speakers Series, April 2012, Oakland, CA

Lecture: ***“What I Learned in South Sudan that Would Be Good To Know in ‘Deep East’ Oakland.”***

Association of Human Relations Commissioners 2011 Annual Conference – Owensboro, KY

Keynote Lecture: *“Tell Me a Story, listen for the ‘Sound of the Genuine’: A Community Building Model.”*

University of Hargeisa 2008 Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Hargeisa, Somaliland

Inaugural Institute Lecture: *“Multi-party Conflict Resolution in a Multi-ethnic World”*

Africa University Institute for Peace, Leadership and Governance Mutare, Zimbabwe,

University-wide public lecture series (3 parts) sponsored by the National (US) Peace Foundation

Title: *“Liberating Liberation Struggles from the Myth of Redemptive Violence” Feb.-March 2004.*

Current Civic and Community Activities

Chicago Torture Justice Center, Board Member

United Church of Christ (UCC) National JustPeace Round Table

City of South Bend, Mayor/ Chief of Police/ Community Relations Roundtable

St. Joseph County Judicial Nominating Commission (South Bend Mayor’s Appointee)

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.