

# CV for Dr. Tristen Robert Spencer Taylor

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## Personal Details

Date of Birth: 17 June 1976

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Drivers Licence: Yes

Languages: English, Spanish, German (basic)

Equity: Disability (epilepsy)

## Employment

*Current:* National Geographic Explorer. Freelance journalist. Columnist at South Africa's largest newspaper (Sunday Times). Seasonal lecturer at the University of Pretoria, Department of Philosophy. Director of the NGO, Humanity NPC, <https://humanitynpc.org/>

*2016-2018:* Research fellow, Department of Philosophy, Stellenbosch University.

*2008-2016:* Project Coordinator (Director) at Earthlife Africa Jhb. Duties include research, education, advocacy, administration, official spokesperson, sub-granting, finance, human resources, fund-raising, campaigning and overall management.

*2012-2013:* Temporary Lecturer in Business Ethics & Citizenship at the University of Johannesburg, Department of Philosophy. Part-time, night-course.

*2006-2008: Energy Policy Officer at Earthlife Africa Jhb. Duties included campaigning, research, advocacy and education.*

*2005-2006: Apartheid Debt and Reparations Coordinator for Jubilee South Africa. Responsible for campaigning, social mobilisation, advocacy, research, media and overall coordination of a campaign to eradicate Third World Debt.*

*2003-2005: Partnership Officer for an international NGO (Humana People to People).*

*1997-2002: A variety of jobs in the service industry.*

*1995-1996: Salesperson for Blok Leaks Automotive Products.*

## **Education**

*2008-2013: University of Johannesburg—PhD in Philosophy.*

*2005-2007: University of the Witwatersrand—MA in Philosophy.*

*1999: University of the Witwatersrand—BA Honours in Philosophy.*

*1996-1998: University of the Witwatersrand—BA in Philosophy & Archaeology.*

*1995: Allanby Campus, Johannesburg—Diploma in Press Journalism (part-time).*

*1993-1994: Saint Stithians College, Johannesburg—Matric.*

*Pre-1993: Secondary education in the USA.*

## **Professional Membership**

Professional Journalists' Association of South Africa

Academic and Non-Fiction Authors' Association of South Africa

## **Select Publishing History**

### Articles & Op-eds

"Forget the market or the state, we'll save ourselves from this ruin", Sunday Times, 05 January 2020

"Centuries before the colonisers came, Christianity and Islam seeded a rich and ancient lineage in Africa", Sunday Times, 22 December 2019

"A society addled by political delusions, from white power to washing clean the ANC", Sunday Times, 10 November 2019

"Fascism, the barbarous undercurrent of our time, finds the ground ripe for a re-emergence", Sunday Times, 27 October 2019

"If we don't become the masters of our future, we'll be doomed to the salt mines of 2060", Sunday Times, 13 October 2019

"Instead of politics we have endless attempts to manipulate political reality", Sunday Times, 18 August 2019

"Mogoeng's 'sifting mechanism' is not appropriate for a democratic country", Sunday Times, 14th of July 2019

"Drought drives Karoo to collapse", Business Times, 16 June 2019 (with Delme Cupido)

“Stepping back in time to look at life in last outpost of the USSR”, Business Day, 23 August 2018

“ANC sells hope to the voters and ignores reality of its incompetence”, Business Day, 17 July 2018

“White SA: It’s the Progressive Forces vs Conservatives”, Business Day, 24 April 2018

“Amid a Fog of Deception, what if Malema is Not Lying?”, Business Day, 23 March 2018

“A Case of Mixing up the Profit Motive”, Business Day, 5 March 2018

“There is Only One Truly Democratic Solution to Zuma”, Business Day, 9th of February 2018

“Capitalist Leninism Gives Citizens the Defects of Both”, Business Day, 14 December 2017

“Somaliland Ticks Boxes of Statehood”, Business Day, 21 November 2017

“SA — Where Hating is Easier than Thinking”, Business Day, 13 October 2017

“Leninism Looms Large over ANC’s Self-destruction”, Business Day, 4th of September 2017

“A False Dilemma: Trump and the Paris Deal”, The Star, 10 June 2017

“Why We Cannot Brush Off Display of Nazi-like Posters”, Business Day, 17 May 2017

“Stick to the Facts on Fracking”, The Saturday Star, 9 April 2017

“Everyday Screams Silenced by Chug of Failed System”, Business Day, 4 April 2017

“A Loaded Gun of Economic Failure”, Business Day, 23 March 2017

"We Should All Be Ashamed of Poverty and Inequality", Daily Maverick, 27 October 2016

"Pollution Postponements Give Industry a License to Kill", Business Day, 5 March 2015

"Eskom Cannot Continue to Ignore Reality", Business Day, 12 December 2014. Co-author: Bobby Peek

"This giant must be forced to comply", Saturday Star & Cape Times, 12 July 2014

"C40: where only the rich and powerful gather", Saturday Star, 1 February 2014

"The Parasites of Nuclear Power", The Star, Cape Times, & Mercury, 5 March 2012

"Nuclear Power: Open Letter to Treasury", Mail & Guardian, 17 February 2012

"COP17 vs the Grim Realities of South Africa's Emissions", SABC News, 23rd November 2011

"Our Worst Polluters Hide Behind Concerned Facade", Saturday Star, 21 October 2011

"Power Plan with Little Regard for the Country's Basic Realities of the Poor", Cape Times, 29 November 2010

"Sasol & CDM: The Developed World Pays Sasol to Increase its Carbon Emissions", Climate Chronicle, 9 December 2009

"Climate Justice: Reversing the Marginalisation of South African Grassroots Communities", Hendrich Boll Stiftung, 12 November 2009

"The Energy Mess: Good, Bad and Ugly", Transformer Vol. 14 No. 5, October/November 2009

"Carbon and South Africa's Moral Obligation", The Sunday Independent, 1 March 2009

“A Government Deluded: Alcan’s Continued Threat to South Africa’s Energy Security”,  
Enviropedia, 28 February 2008

“Tutu's invitation to speak a victory for free speech - just”, Cape Times, 12 October 2007

“Petroleum Murder: Peak Oil, Militarisation, and America’s Proxy War in Somalia”, Earthlife  
Africa Johannesburg, 10 October 2007

“Political Economy of Power (Pt. 1 & 2)”, Pambazuka News, 7 of March 2007

“South Africa's Gathering Act: Intrinsic Rights Alienated?”, Pambazuka News, 4 July 2005

“The Case for Corporate Reparations”, Pambazuka News, 19 May 2005

## Photography

Sowetan, 17 September 2019, <https://www.sowetanlive.co.za/news/south-africa/2019-09-17-man-who-lied-about-job-to-karoo-youngsters-is-convicted/>

Insig, March 2019

Business Day, 23 August 2018, <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/life/2018-08-23-stepping-back-in-time-to-look-at-life-in-last-outpost-of-the-ussr/>

Business Day, 21 November 2018, <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/life/2017-11-21-somaliland-ticks-boxes-of-statehood/>

## Book Chapters

*Washing FIFA Green: The World Cup and Global Warming.* In: Eddie Cottle (ed), *South Africa's World Cup* (Pietermaritzburg: UKZN Press, 2011)

*Case Study: Synthetic Petroleum, Sasol's Carbon Expansion within the CDM System.* In: Trusha Reddy (ed), *Carbon Trading in Africa* (Cape Town: Institute for Security Studies, 2011)

## Research Papers

*Earthlife Africa Johannesburg's Victory against Russian Nuclear Power*, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, November 2017

*Land, Race and the Environment: Fracking in South Africa*, Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, March 2017

## Journal Articles

"Eradicating Poverty and Resource Allocation", *International Journal of Applied Philosophy*, June 2016

"Alex Boraine's A Country Unmasked", *Jewish Affairs*, April 2001

## External Reviewer

*African Journal of Business Ethics*, November 2016

*South African Journal on Human Rights*, December 2012

## Edited Publications

David Hallowes, Trusha Reddy, and Oscar Reyes, *COPin, COPout, COP17* (Johannesburg: Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2012)

Lydia Kroll, Yann Louvel, Regine Richter, and Heffa Schücking, *Bankrolling Climate Change* (Berlin: urgewald, 2011). Note: Reviewed rather than edited.

Jocelyn Newmarch, *Second Class Citizens: Gender, Energy, and Climate Change in South Africa* (Johannesburg: Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2011)

Ferrial Adam, *Sasol: Profits from Poison* (Johannesburg: Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2010)

Ferrial Adam, *Free Basic Electricity for All* (Johannesburg: Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2010)

Ferrial Adam, Rehana Dada, and Leonie Joubert, *Climate Change, Development, and Energy Problems in South Africa: Another World is Possible* (Oxfam: Oxfam International & Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2009)

Yaw Afrane-Okese, Douglas Banks, Dieter Holm, Jason Schäffler, and Richard Worthington, "Potential of Renewable Energy to contribute to National Electricity Emergency Response and Sustainable Development", TIPS, August 2008

David Hallowes, *Capital Meltdown, Kyoto and Civil Society* (Johannesburg: Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2008)

David Hallowes, *A Critique of the LTMS* (Johannesburg: Earthlife Africa Jhb, 2008)