

Comments:

The committee was uniformly impressed with the clear organization and depth of information presented in the thesis, especially the thoroughness of the treatment of the Rwandan genocide.

The committee was also pleased with the engaging, coherent, and well-organized presentation, and with the candidate's ability to knowledgeably answer questions.

The committee would like to congratulate the candidate on a strong thesis and an excellent presentation.

Suggestions/required changes to thesis:

The draft of the thesis presented to committee readers contained numerous grammatical, stylistic, typographical, and in some cases, factual, errors. A very thorough re-editing of the thesis is required, with particular attention to eliminating grammatical errors such as problems with tenses, plurals, word choice, subject-verb agreement, and so forth. The section numbering also needs to be rectified.

The committee would also like to see the comparative analysis section of the thesis expanded. At present, that section of the thesis is a brief summary of elements common to both genocides extracted from the preceding discussions in the thesis with little analysis of those elements with regard to development of an understanding of a common framework within which to understand the causes of the two genocides. The committee would like to see a more extensive comparative *analysis*, with critical application of sociological concepts such as the roles of modernization, economic factors, dependency theory, and especially, a critical look at the legacy of colonialism as an underlying cause of the genocides. (This is very well developed in the case of Rwanda, but less so for Darfur.)

The committee wishes to emphasize that it is not asking the candidate to engage in further research, but rather, to apply knowledge she already possesses to the thorough background already developed in the thesis.