

Peter E. Tarlow



Peter E. Tarlow was the director and rabbi of Texas A&M Hillel for thirty years until 2013, when he became its Rabbi Emeritus. Tarlow came to Texas A&M Hillel from Santiago, Chile. Upon retirement he assumed the leadership of the Center for Latino–Jewish Relations, a not-for-profit organization in Texas that works to find ways in which the Latino and Jewish communities can collaborate and that advocates for Israel with Latino communities throughout both North and Latin America. The CLJR also assists those who need adequate housing by providing affordable housing to those who need it. The following link is a video produced by JLTV on the CLJR and Rabbi Tarlow: <https://youtu.be/EbVTM42eVEU>.

Tarlow has been a chaplain for the College Station, Texas Police Department since 1988. Tarlow also worked with the Bryan, Texas Federal Prison Camp as the Jewish chaplain from 1987 until the COVID pandemic in 2020.

In 2016, Texas Governor Gregg Abbot named Tarlow the Chairman of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. Tarlow finished his term as Chairman in 2019.

In April 2013, Tarlow served as the Special Envoy for the Office of Chancellor of the Texas A&M system, John Sharp, and represented the Texas A&M system around the world.

Tarlow writes a weekly bilingual social religious commentary that is read throughout the United States and Latin American, and a monthly Jewish philosophy column for his hometown newspaper The Eagle.

Tarlow helps emerging Jewish communities throughout the Spanish-speaking world, and he is currently working with Jewish communities in Bolivia, Mexico, and Peru. He is an expert on Sephardic and Crypto-Jewish history and lectures on Sephardic history and culture, and Crypto-Jewish studies in conjunction with universities, and Jewish and Latino organizations throughout the Southwestern United States . He also lectures on the impact of the Spanish and Portuguese Inquisitions on both European and American Jewry.

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Tarlow has appeared on national televised programs such as Dateline: NBC and on CNBC and is a regular guest on radio stations around the U.S. He appeared in Jillian Glantz' documentary *Remember My Soul* (2019). The documentary tells the story of Jewish life in the Rio Grande Valley.

He speaks at conferences all over the world in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Tarlow was ordained as a Reform rabbi at the Hebrew Union College. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from Texas A&M University. He also holds degrees in History, Spanish and Hebrew Literatures, and Psychotherapy.

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As differentiated from **Rabbi Peter E. Tarlow**

Peter Tarlow, PH.D.,

Dr. Peter E. Tarlow is a world-renowned speaker and expert specializing in the impact of crime and terrorism on the tourism industry, event and tourism risk management, and tourism and economic development. Since 1990, Tarlow has been aiding the tourism business community with issues such as travel safety and security, economic development, creative marketing, and thought.

Tarlow earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Texas A&M University. He also holds degrees in History, Spanish and Hebrew literatures, and Psychotherapy.

Tarlow is a founder and president of Tourism & More Inc. (T&M). He is also the president of the World Tourism Network, based in Honolulu, Hawaii, with members in over 130 nations. Tarlow is a past president of the Texas Chapter of the Travel and Tourism Research Association (TTRA). Tarlow has been a member of various international editorial boards for academic tourism around the world, such as: *Tourism* (Zagreb, Croatia) and *Sustainability* (Switzerland).

Tourism Security

Tarlow has worked with numerous U.S. government agencies including:

- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation,
- U.S. Custom Service,
- FBI,
- U.S. Park Service,
- U.S. Department of Justice,
- Speakers Bureau of the U.S. Department of State,
- Center for Disease Control (CDC),
- U.S. Supreme Court police, and
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

He has also worked with such U.S. iconic locations as the Statue of Liberty, Philadelphia's Independence Hall and Liberty Bell, the Empire State Building, the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, and the Smithsonian Institution's

Office of Protection Services in Washington, D.C. He is currently working with Gannett Fleming Engineering on security for U.S. government buildings in Washington, D.C.

In 2018, the government of Jamaica appointed him to become a member of the *Jamaican National Tourism Security Audit Team*.

In 2019, Tarlow became the team's head and was also tasked with the job of developing a national tourism security program.

In 2019, Tarlow was appointed the security expert for the African Tourism Board and as an advisor to Mexico City's new tourism police unit.

In 2021, Tarlow became an advisory member of the United States Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigation Training Assistance (ICITAP) team.

In 2023, Tarlow was asked to lead an international team to develop a comprehensive security plan for the city of Quito, Ecuador and the Manpanor (Mancomunidad) provinces of northwestern Ecuador. He is currently also working on issues of international human and sex trafficking and chaired the panels at the World Police Summit in Dubai on this subject. He is also currently working with the GSA on U.S. government building security in Washington, D.C.

National and International Speaker

Tarlow has been a keynote speaker for United States governors' tourism conferences around the nation including those for Florida, Georgia, Illinois, New Jersey, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington State and Wyoming.

He has addressed large scale U.S. government meetings for such agencies as:

- The Bureau of Reclamation
- The United States Center for Disease Control
- The United States Park Service,

- The International Olympic Committee

On the international scene he speaks at conferences in English, Portuguese, and Spanish. Among the international and foreign organizations that he has addressed are:

- The Organization of American States (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Panama City, Panama),
- The Latin American Hotel Association (Quito Ecuador, San Salvador, El Salvador and Puebla, Mexico),
- The Caribbean Chiefs of Police Association (Barbados),
- The International Organization for Security and Intelligence (IOSI) (Vancouver, Canada),
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa
- The French Hotel Association CNI-SYNHORCAT (Paris)

Additionally, Tarlow has been a featured speaker at numerous U.S. embassies and with foreign tourism ministries around the world. For example, in his role as an expert in tourism security he has worked with:

- Vancouver's Justice Institute (2010 Olympic games)
- Police departments of the state of Rio de Janeiro (2014 World Cup Games)
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
- The United Nation's World Tourism Organization (WTO),
- The Panama Canal Authority,
- Police forces in Aruba, Bolivia, Brazil, Curaçao, Colombia, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, Portugal, Serbia, and Trinidad & Tobago
- The U.S. Attorney's Office
- National Tourism Security Team: Jamaica
- World Police Summit, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Training Tourism Professionals

Tarlow lectures and trains tourism professionals and security personnel in multiple languages on a wide range of current and future trends in the tourism industry, rural tourism economic development, the gaming industry, issues of crime and terrorism, the role of police departments in urban

economic development, and international trade. Some of the other topics about which he speaks are the sociology of terrorism, its impact on tourism security and risk management, the U.S. government's role in post terrorism recovery, and how communities and businesses must face a major paradigm shift in the way they do business.

Other work experience

In 2013, the Chancellor of the Texas A&M system named Dr. Tarlow as his Special Envoy. In 2015 the Faculty of Medicine of Texas A&M University asked Tarlow to “translate” his tourism skills into practical courses for new physicians. As such he taught courses in customer service, creative thinking, and medical ethics at the Texas A&M School of Medicine.

In 2016, the international engineering firm Gannet-Fleming appointed Tarlow as its Senior Security and Safety Specialist.

Tarlow organizes tourism security conferences around the world, including the International Tourism Safety Conference in Las Vegas. He has also worked with or played a critical role in the organization of conferences in St. Kitts, Charleston (South Carolina), Bogota, Colombia, Panama City, Croatia, and Curaçao.

Publications and Expert Witness

Tarlow publishes extensively in these areas and writes numerous professional reports for government agencies and for businesses throughout the world. He has been asked to be an expert witness in courts throughout the United States on matters concerning tourism security and safety, and issues of risk management.

As a well-known author in the field of tourism security, Tarlow has authored numerous books and scholarly articles and has also been a contributing author to multiple books on tourism security. His scholarly articles have appeared in publications such as: *The Futurist*, *The Journal of Travel Research* and *Security Management*. Tarlow has published articles on such topics as:

- Crime and terrorism,
- Cruise security,
- Dark tourism,

- Economic development through tourism,
- Tourism ethics.

Tarlow writes and publishes the popular on-line tourism newsletter *Tourism Tidbits*. Thousands of tourism and travel professionals around the world read *Tourism Tidbits* in its English, Spanish, and Portuguese language editions.

Among the many books and articles that Tarlow has authored or co-authored are:

Challenges to U.S. and Mexican Police and Tourism Security (2023)

Tourism Safety and Security for the Caribbean (co-authored) (2021)

Personal Resilience in a Time of Pandemics (co-authored) (2021)

“O Turismo do Fracasso ao Sucesso? “(2020: In Portuguese; Turismo 2020: Anuário de Tendências)

The 2020 Election: A Survivor’s Guide (2020)

Tourism-Oriented Policing and Protection Services (2019)

Personal Reconstruction: A Psychological, Spiritual, Financial, and Legal Course in the Art of Preventing Personal Crises and Recovering from Them (co-authored) (2018)

Gazing at Death: Tourism and Dark Tourism (2017)

Sports Travel Security (2017)

Cruise Safety and Security in a Violent World (2016)

A Segurança: Um desafio para os setores de lazer, viagens e turismo, (2016 published in Portuguese) and republished in English as Cruise Security (2016)

Abordagem Multidisciplinar dos Cruzeiros Turísticos (2014, in Portuguese)

Tourism Security: Strategies for Effective Managing Travel Risk and Safety (2014)

Twenty Years of Tourism Tidbits: The Book (2011)

Event Risk Management and Safety (2002)

He is currently writing a book on the relationship between the tourism industry and human and sex trafficking.

Tarlow has appeared on national televised programs such as Dateline: NBC and on CNBC and is a regular guest on radio stations around the U.S.

National and International Recognition

In 2019, Tarlow received the International Chiefs of Police highest civilian honor in recognition for his work in tourism security. In 2021, The United States Public Health Service awarded him its highest civilian medal, *United States Public Health Service COVID-19 Pandemic Civilian Service Medal* for his service in the fight against Covid-19 through tourism safety and security.

Examples of videos from around the world

Below is a selection of programs in which Tarlow has appeared around the world and in multiple languages:

In English:

Multiple YouTube videos can be found at [livestream.travel](https://www.livestream.travel)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WAF1rkqKv6M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKQG-WliKCo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5EWAjnIVnU>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Od8s_79le28

In Papiamentu

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Sid-UReZU>

In Portuguese

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xMDEanF4roM>

In Spanish:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DIVZ95HbLWk&t=17s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nRLt0K1mZsQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kObr82OUXyE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjJLXOtt270>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJlwsbcQyWs>

University lectures

Tarlow lectures on security issues, life safety issues, and event risk management at universities around the world. These universities include institutions in the United States, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East.

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