Rwandan President Paul Kagame to Speak at Pacific

The Pacific community will have the opportunity to hear from a world leader on Thursday, April 14. His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, will visit University of the Pacific's Stockton campus to speak about conditions in his country, receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, and announce a student exchange program. He is the first seated head-of-state to visit Pacific since December 5, 1957, when King Mohammed V of Morocco visited the COP campus.

President Kagame’s speech will take place at 6 pm on April 14 at the Alex G. Spanos Center. The event is free and open to the public, and it is sponsored by Pacific's School of International Studies Gerber Lecture Series. Although there is no charge to attend the speech, tickets are required and can be obtained in advance (www.tix.com) or at the door.

Rwanda’s first lady, Madame Jeannette Kagame, will also be on campus to appear at a fundraiser to benefit AIDS widows and orphans in Rwanda. The event, which has been organized by students from the School of International Studies and St. Mary’s High School, will take place on April 14 at 7:45 pm in Grace Covell Hall. Tickets are $25 for students and $75 for the general public.

The story of genocide in Rwanda has received increased attention since the release of the Oscar-winning film Hotel Rwanda earlier this year. (See “Upcoming,” at left.)

On July 4, 1994, under Kagame’s leadership, military forces of the Rwandan Patriotic Front put an end to the genocide that claimed one million lives in the central African nation. Kagame, who was elected president in August 2003, has since focused on rebuilding the country.

President Kagame will touch on the progress made in his country since the genocide during his address entitled “Rwanda: Hope from Despair.” He will also discuss his recent visit to Sudan, where the international community is once again faced with the problem of mass violence.

“Paul Kagame is widely regarded as the leader of a new generation of African presidents dedicated to poverty reduction, human development, and female empowerment,” said Dr. Margee Ensign, Dean of University of the Pacific’s School of International Studies and an advisor to many development efforts in central Africa. Ensign invited Kagame to Pacific after she met him in Rwanda last year.

Tickets for both events can be obtained through the Pacific Box Office. Call 209.946.2474 or visit www.tix.com and enter “Kagame” in the search window.
noteworthy...

Dr. Cathy Peterson, Physical Therapy, published the article, “Medical gross anatomy as a predictor of performance on the USMLE step 1” in The Anatomical Record.

Dr. Jianhua Ren, Chemistry, presented research (done with undergraduate Chirag Patel) on “Determination of the Gas-Phase Acidity and Deprotonation Free Energy of Methylthioacetic Acid Using the Extended Kinetic Method” at the Gordon Research Conference on Gaseous Ions: Structures, Energetics and Reactions.

Dr. Francois Rose, Conservatory of Music, delivered a presentation entitled “Spectral Analysis as a Resource for Contemporary Orchestration Technique” at the Conference on Interdisciplinary Musicology in Montreal. The presentation featured the computerized orchestration tool that Dr. Rose developed in collaboration with Dr. James Hetrick from the Physics Department.

Dr. Sandy Mahoney, Student Academic Support, Retention Services, and Dr. Jon Schamber, Communication, published an article entitled, “Exploring the Application of a Developmental Model of Intercultural Sensitivity to a General Education Curriculum on Diversity” in the Journal of General Education.

Dennis O. Flynn, Economics, presented “The Birth of Globalization: An Interdisciplinary Necessity” at Whittier College’s new Global Studies Program. The lecture was based on ongoing research with Arturo Giraldez, of Modern Languages and Literature and the School of International Studies.

David Schmidt, Director of International Programs and Services, presented a paper entitled “Global Education Across the Curriculum” at the Northern California Association of Global Education’s Annual Forum at San Jose State University. Schmidt was also elected to the NCAGE Board of Directors.

Leigh Anderson, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and Roshanak Rahimian, Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, have been awarded a three-year, $183,000 NIH grant to study “Blood Flow and Salivary Gland Function in Diabetes.”

Dr. Paul H. Gross, Chemistry, Emeritus, presented a poster entitled “Selective Reductions of C-(4,6-O-Benzylidene-b-D-Glucopyranosyl) nitromethane” at the 229th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society. The project was carried out in collaboration with research groups at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, and the Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia.

Dr. Andreas H. Franz, Chemistry, and undergraduate co-authors Thuy-Trang M. Nguyen, Laura Jordan, and Joshua Pwu, published a paper entitled “Synthesis and Conformational Study of Per-O-Acetylated 1-Cyano-1-Deoxy Derivatives from L-Fucose and D-Galactose” in the Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research.

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The Pacific community recognizes the following faculty members who will retire at the end of the academic year:

- Michael H. Ballot, Eberhardt School of Business
- Robert Cox, College of the Pacific/English
- Mamie R. Darlington, College of the Pacific/Sociology
- Alex Granik, College of the Pacific/Physics
- J. Curtis Kramer, College of the Pacific/Geosciences
- B. Jean Longmire, Gladys L. Benerd School of Education
- Claude D. Rohwer, McGeorge School of Law
- Paul A. Tatsch, Eberhardt School of Business
- George W. Schroeder, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- Richard H. Turpin, School of Engineering and Computer Science
- Harvey R. Williams, College of the Pacific/Sociology

“The retiring faculty members comprise a talented group of people who have made great contributions to the University during their tenures. They will be deeply missed by their colleagues, their students, and the entire University community,” said Provost Philip Gilbertson. “The University wishes them the best of luck in their post-retirement endeavors.”

Would your department like to recognize a new faculty or staff member, or announce a promotion or departure? Send announcements to bulletin@pacific.edu and we’ll be happy to include them in this section.
**English Club Holds 5th Annual Read-A-Thon**

Beginning at noon on Tuesday, April 19, Pacific’s English Club will hold the 5th Annual Read-A-Thon. This event features students and members of the Pacific community reading aloud in 10-minute intervals from Laura Esquivel’s novel, *Like Water for Chocolate*. Donations will be collected to raise money for the Transitional Learning Center (TLC), a school for homeless children in downtown Stockton. In addition to English Club members, celebrity readers will take the stage in the McCaffrey Center every hour to read as well.

*Like Water for Chocolate* is a best-selling love story set in Mexico that centers around a family kitchen. *The San Francisco Chronicle* called *Like Water for Chocolate* “a tall-tale, fairy-tale, soap-opera romance, Mexican cookbook, and home-remedy handbook all rolled into one.”

For more information about the Read-A-Thon or to make a donation to TLC, contact English Club sponsor Dr. Amy E. Smith at 209.946.2612 or asmith@pacific.edu.

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**“How to Create Your Recipe for a Happier Life in Retirement” Presentation Offered**

On Thursday, April 14 from noon to 1 pm in the Pine Room, former chef and CEC of Coachlyon, Richard A. Lyon, is presenting a workshop entitled “How to Create Your Recipe for a Happier Life in Retirement.”

This brown-bag presentation, sponsored by the Career Resource Center and the Department of Human Resources, is open to the entire Pacific community, and will offer valuable information for those nearing retirement, and their families.

Richard Lyon, the “Pre-Retirement Coach,” will speak on the hidden and unspoken issues that come with retirement, including loss of personal identity, loss of daily routine, loss of social circle, and loss of creative and productive outlets. There will also be a chocolate sauce cooking demonstration and free samples.

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**Faculty Years of Service Recognition**

Pacific would like to recognize the following faculty members for their years of service.

**35 Years**
- Kenneth Beauchamp . . . . COP Psychology
- William Ford . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Engineering and Computer Science

**30 Years**
- Pat Jones . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Chemistry
- Roger Katz . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Psychology
- Curt Kramer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Geosciences
- Richard Tenaza . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Biological Sciences

**25 Years**
- Dennis O.Flynn . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Economics
- Paul Fogle . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Speech-Language Pathology
- Paul Richmond . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Biological Sciences
- Francis Michael Sharp . . . . . . . . . COP Modern Languages & Literature

**20 Years**
- Martha Bowsky . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Classics
- Daniel Kasser . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Visual Arts
- Richard Turpin . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Engineering and Computer Science

**15 Years**
- Robert Benedetti . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Jacoby Center
- Thomas Brierton . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Business
- Susan Eskridge . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Education
- Linda Koehler . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Sport Science

**10 Years**
- Kenneth Albala . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP History / Social Sciences
- Harriett Arnold . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Education
- Edward Cetto . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Conservatory of Music
- Katherine Golsan . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Modern Languages & Literature
- Rachelle Hackett . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Education
- Joel Herche . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Business
- Sand Kakuda . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Visual Arts
- Lena Kang-Birken . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Pharmacy
- John Livesey . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Pharmacy
- Camille Norton . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP English
- Cynthia Ostberg . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Political Science
- Craig Vierra . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Biological Sciences

**5 Years**
- Brett DeBoer . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Visual Arts
- Gesine Gerhard . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP History
- James Haffner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Conservatory
- Julie Kenrow . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Engineering and Computer Science
- Desmond Maxwell . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Biological Sciences
- Stefanie Naumann . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Business
- Gerald Post . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Business
- Susan Sample . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . International Studies
- Camilla Saviz . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . COP English
- John Mark Van Ness . . . . . . . . . . . . COP Sport Science
- Jeannene Ward-Lonergan . . . . . . . Speech-Language Pathology
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