Post Genocide Rwanda
Achievements and Challenges

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Welcome to the Post-Genocide Rwanda Conference
November 2\textsuperscript{nd} - 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2007
California State University, Sacramento

The Pan African Studies Program, Ethnic Studies Department, College of Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies at California State University Sacramento, the School International Studies (SIS) at the University of the Pacific, and the Friends of Rwanda Association (FORA) are pleased to welcome you to the Post-Genocide Rwanda Conference. California State University, Sacramento has hosted two international conferences on Genocide: The first International Conference held at California State University, Sacramento took place in October 1998, and the second in October 2004. This conference, which focuses on Post-Genocide Rwanda, is a continuation of that tradition.

In 1994, more than one million Tutsi were massacred in Rwanda. This senseless slaughter of innocent civilians hacked to death by machetes and other weapons, was broadcast live in our living rooms on our TV screens. The world watched, but no one, including countries with military might, did anything to stop these killings. The people involved in these killings also destroyed much of the infrastructure of the country.

Thirteen years later the country is making progress. Against all odds, it has been able to rebuild itself from the ashes.

This conference has been convened to learn how Rwanda rebuilt after the genocide, to examine challenges that lie ahead, and to examine appropriate responses. We are grateful to all participants who responded to our call and agreed to come and share their thoughts.

We sincerely thank you for your participation.
Post-Genocide Rwanda: Achievements and Challenges

Venue: November 2-3, 2007 at California State University, Sacramento, University Union.

Organizers:

- Pan-African Studies and Ethnic Studies Department at California State University, Sacramento
- The University of the Pacific, School of International Studies, In collaboration with:
- FORA (Friends of Rwanda Association).

Conference Planning Committee:

Mathilde Mukantabana, Professor of History, Cosumnes River College and FORA’s President.

Margee Ensign, Dean and Associate Provost, School of International Studies, the University of the Pacific, Stockton.

Dr. Boatamo Mosupyo, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies and Director of Pan-African Studies and the Cooper-Woodson College, California State University, Sacramento.

Dr. Ricky Green, Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento.

Ms. Anne Thomas, Administrative Coordinator, Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento.

Alexandre Kimenyi, Professor of Linguistics, Ethnic Studies and African Languages, California State University, Sacramento.
Conference MC:

Lionel VonFrederick Rawlins, North Central University and VonFrederick Group, CEO

Thursday: November 1, 2007

5:00 PM-7:00 PM: Wine and Cheese Reception.
8391 Red Fox Way Elk Grove. Tel. 916-683-3356

Friday November 2, 2007

MORNING

8:00-8:30 Registration and Coffee: Lobby Suite, 1st Floor

Hinde Auditorium, 1st Floor
8:40 Welcome by Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe, Director of Pan African Studies and Dr. David León, Chair, Ethnic Studies Department.

8:45: President Message from California State University Sacramento, President, Dr. Alexander Gonzalez.

8:50: Welcome by Dr. Otis Scott, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies

9:00-10:30 Keynote Speech: Hinde Auditorium
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jessie Gaston
Genocide Negation: Its impact on National Unity and Reconciliation by Honorable James Kimonyo, Rwandan Ambassador to the United States

10:45 AM-12:45. Concurrent sessions

Session 1: Law and Justice: California Suite, 3rd Floor
Chair: Dr. Julie Figueroa

Timothy Gallimore, ICTR (Arusha, Tanzania): ‘The Legacy of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and its Contributions
to Justice and Reconciliation in Rwanda’

Linda F. Carter, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law: Post-Genocide Responses: The Interrelationship of International and National Judicial Proceeding.

Benjamin Hjelle, Monterey Institute of International Studies: ‘From Arusha to the Hague: Constructing International Crime Justice Regime’

Susan Thomson, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia and Rosemary Nagy, Nipissing University: ‘Power, Justice, and Reconciliation in Post-Genocide Rwanda’

Jens Meierhenrich, Harvard: ‘The Invention of Gacaca’

Adrian Traylor, Monterey Institute of International Studies: ‘Why we failed: an Interest Based Analysis of the Negotiation Before and During the 1994 Rwandan genocide’

Max Rettig, Stanford University: ‘Gacaca: Result from a Multimodel Study’

Session 2: Revisionism, National Unity and Reconciliation
Summit Room, 2nd Floor. Chair: Dr. Brian Baker


Mathilde Mukantabana, Cosumnes River College: ‘American Genocide Negationists’

Elisee Rutagambwa, Boston College: ‘International Inaction in Rwanda: a Departing Point from a Postcolonial African Inquiry’

Anastase Shyaka, National University of Rwanda ‘Genocide, Identity Questions, Government and Democracy in Rwanda’, UNR.


Jean Marie Vianney Kagenza. Kigali, Rwanda: ‘Negative Effects on Unity and Reconciliation of Rwandans in the Former Prefecture of Byumba’

Willis Shalita, California Bar Association: Rwanda Genocide: The fallacy of the movie Hotel Rwanda.

LUNCH 12:45-1:55 PM

AFTERNOON

2:00 PM-2:50 PM

**Keynote Speech: Orchid II and III, 2nd Floor**
**Introduction of Key Note Speaker: Dr. Timothy Fong**

Rwanda : History and Hope by **Dr. Margee Ensign**, Dean and Associate Provost, School of International Studies, the University of Pacific, Stockton.

3:00-5 PM: Concurrent sessions

**Session 3: Economic Development, California Suite, 3rd Floor**
**Chair: Smiley Dube**

Scott Wagner, Rwanda Mayaga Coffee LTD: ‘Progress and challenges in Post-Genocide Rwanda’ :


Katherine Carelock, USAID: ‘The Impact of Women in Rebuilding the Country.”

Alexandre Kimenyi, California State University, Sacramento: Imidugudu : A Solution for a Better Living in Rwanda.
Anastase Shyaka, National University of Rwanda, Butare: ‘Local Governments and National Development: a Comparative Analysis of from Nyamagabe and Nyagatare Districts’

Euthalie Nyirabega, NUR, Butare: Environmental and Water Resources management: Challenges for Rwanda.

Constance Mukankiranuye, Rwanda: ‘Popular Banks Contribute to Small Business Promotion in Rwanda’

**Session 4: Challenges Facing Genocide Survivors: From their own mouths. Summit Room, 3rd Floor**

*Chair: Dr James Sobredo*

Ellen Yamshow, Artist/Mediator: Rwandan Art Exhibit

Jean Baptiste Ganza, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley: ‘Months before the blowup’

Manasse Shingiro, Kigali, Rwanda: My ordeal in the 1994 Tutsi genocide

Tharcisse Seminega, University of Alberta: ‘How I survived’

Philibert Muzima, Universite du Quebec en Outaouais and member of Humura Association: ‘How I survived and why I left Rwanda for Canada’

Alphonsine Izere, AERG Representative: Social Conditions of Orphaned children of the 1994 Tutsi Genocide in Families of Adoption

**RECEPTION Rwanda Rising: Lobby Suite, 1st Floor**

Film: *Rwanda Rising* by *Quincy Jones*: 6:00-8:00 PM. *Hinde Auditorium*

**Saturday November 3rd 2007**

MORNING
8:00-8:40. Registration and Coffee: Forest Suite, 1st Floor

**Orchid II and III, 2nd Floor**
8:40-8:50: Welcome by Dr. Boatamo Mosupyo, Pan-African Studies Program Director.
8:50-9:00: Welcome Speech: Dr. Joseph Sheley, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, California State University, Sacramento

9:00-9:50 AM.

**Keynote Speech: Orchid II and III, 2nd Floor**
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. David León

10:00-12:00 Concurrent Sessions:

**Session 1: Literature and Memory, Delta Suite, 3rd Floor**
Chair: Dr. Ricky Green


Naomi Benaron, Poet and Novelist: ‘Writing Across the Borders: the Rights and Responsibilities of Writing about a Culture Which is not Your Own’.

Alexandre Dauge-Roth, Bates University: ‘Testimonies and Literary Accounts of Tutsi Genocide’.

Ellen Yamshon and Rubert Barambanza: ‘The Prospect of Sustainable Peace Through Comics Media and Graphic Novels’.

Jeanne d’Arc Byaje, Professor of French, Toronto, Canada: ‘Crossing Boundaries’

Barbara Lasch McCaffry, Myrna Goodman, Elaine Leeder and David Salm: ‘The Memory Grove and the Program of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Sonoma State University’,

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Session 2: University Curriculum, Foothill Room, 3rd Floor
Chair: Fundi Kiburi

Mathilde Mukantabana, Cosumnes River College: ‘Social work in Post-Genocide Rwanda: Building a Case for the Essential Role of Social Workers in the New Socio-Economic and Political Developments in Rwanda’.


Bill Froming and Karen Froming, Pacific Graduate School of Psychology: ‘Building Clinical Psychology Infrastructure in Developing Countries’

LUNCH 12-1PM

AFTERNOON

1:00 PM-1:50 PM

Keynote Speech Redwood Room, 1st Floor
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Ms. Pat Holmes
William Bertrand, Wisner Professor of Public Health and Founder: Payson Center for International Development and Technology Transfer, Tulane University. Progress and Challenges in Health Care and Information Technology in Rwanda.

2:00 PM-3:30 PM

Session 3: Technology, California Suite, 3rd Floor
Chair: Dr. Marlyn Jones

Carol Shulin, California State University, Northridge: ‘The Birth and Growth of KIST’


Philip Giovanni, Eco-Fuel Global: Biofuel Development in Rwanda.

Anne Peterson, Tara Shuster, Shannon Holme, Katie Koel and Mary Wagner: ‘Solar Cookers and WAPIs in Rwanda’

Euthalie Nyirabega, National University of Rwanda: Women’s Small Business in the Development of Rwanda

3:45 -5:00 PM

Plenary Session: Redwood Room, 1st Floor

Chair: Eric Vega

Open Panel Discussion: Questions, Answers and Comments by all conference participants.

Panelists:
Ambassador Joseph Kimonyo; Ambassador Joseph Nsengimana; Dean Margee Ensign; Prof. William Bertrand; Antoine Bigirimana, E-tools CEO and THWF Managing Director; Prof. Elaine Leeder, Sonoma State University; and Dr. Timothy Gallimore, ICTR.

EVENING

7:00 PM-12:00 AM

Rwandan Cultural Fundraising event organized by FORA.
Keynote Speech: Orphans of Genocide Coping with Today’s Realities’ by Euthalie NYIRABEGA, National University of Rwanda at Butare and President of A.S.O.G.M (Association de Soutien pour les Orphelins de Genocide du Mayaga)

Entertainment: VANGINANGA and DJ Wendell FISHMAN

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General Public : $30
Students : $20

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