

6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Genocide  
**DIMENSIONS OF GENOCIDE**  
Persistence, Denial, Resistance and Justice

November 14–16, 2024

University Union  
California State University, Sacramento





## FROM PRESIDENT WOOD

*Dr. Luke Wood, President*

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It is my privilege to welcome you to the Sixth International Conference on Genocide at Sacramento State. The conference is one of the most important events held on our campus, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us at the conference.

It is extremely important that we hold international meetings and academic conferences on Genocide to discuss and critically examine these difficult issues. We must do all we can to prevent Genocide.

As you attend the sessions, be mindful that the speakers are presenting for your critical analysis and evaluation of their ideas and their arguments. The views expressed by the participants should not be taken to represent the ideas and values of the Sacramento State President's Office or those held by the Sacramento State community.

Sacramento State upholds academic freedom and the pursuit of truth as core values, and we strive to be a university community that courageously asks and seeks answers to the difficult questions. But these values are measured against our fundamental commitment to love and kindness: Sacramento State condemns antisemitism, islamophobia, and all forms of hate, and we urge all conference participants to work together in a spirit of compassion and respect.

This year marks the 30th Kwibuka, a 100-day period of remembering the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. 76 Years ago the United Nations General Assembly unanimously adopted the 1948 Genocide Convention, and this year's theme is "Dimensions of Genocide: Persistence, Denial, Resistance and Justice." The conference is a call for a collective meditation and action on the myriad contemporary and historical realities of Genocide, and the possibilities to end their pernicious influence and persistence on current world events, politics, and social relations.

I commend the broad collaboration of the organizers in creating a conference that is truly international and inclusive. I also would like to recognize the contributions of Professor Alexandre Kimenyi who brought the first International Genocide Conference to Sacramento State in 1998. Without his vision and pioneering spirit, we may not be here today studying these important issues.

Sacramento State is committed to fostering a sense of inclusiveness by providing equal access to educational opportunities and a welcoming environment at this conference. We believe that diversity and inclusion enrich our experiences inside and outside the classroom. We encourage open dialogue in our academic discourse and promote social justice.

Social justice includes equity and fairness, works to eradicate oppression, and creates opportunities for restorative justice. We encourage all attendees to challenge their assumptions about each other; recognizing that each of us has a complex identity.

I hope you find your time at Sacramento State enjoyable and that your experience at the conference is of great value. Thank you for your commitment to studying and critically assessing the complex dimensions of genocide, and for the time many of you took to travel from great distances, and for helping make this world a safer place for all.



**Dr. Luke Wood, President**  
*California State University, Sacramento*

## FROM PROVOST

Dr. Carlos Nevarez, *Interim Provost*

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I am honored to welcome you to the Sixth International Conference on Genocide. Through rigorous research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and evidence-based discourse on this vital topic, we advance both our theoretical understanding and practical approaches to preventing genocidal practices. As President Wood emphasized, these scholarly gatherings are crucial for developing deeper analytical frameworks to understand the mechanisms of genocide, their historical contexts, and effective prevention strategies.


The 6th International Conference on Genocide at Sacramento State convenes leading researchers, scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to advance the critical study of historical atrocities and contemporary manifestations of genocide. This scholarly forum aims to bridge theoretical insights with practical applications, fostering innovative research methodologies and evidence-based strategies for prevention, healing, and transformation.

Sacramento State's faculty and staff have demonstrated exceptional academic leadership in organizing this conference, upholding our institution's commitment to advancing genocide studies and community-engaged scholarship. Their careful curation of research presentations, methodological discussions, and theoretical frameworks has created a robust platform for scholarly exchange.

Special recognition goes to the Department of Ethnic Studies for their leadership, building upon Professor Alexandre Kimenyi's groundbreaking research legacy in genocide studies since establishing our first International Genocide Conference in 1998. This collaborative academic endeavor reflects our campus-wide commitment to advancing this critical field of study.

Your presence here - distinguished scholars, researchers, practitioners, and advocates from diverse academic disciplines - strengthens our scholarly community and advances the field of genocide studies. Together, we will explore new research methodologies, theoretical frameworks, and evidence-based approaches that deepen our academic understanding and inform practical prevention strategies. I look forward to the scholarly insights and research collaborations that will emerge from this important academic gathering.

Sincerely,



**Carlos Nevarez, Ph.D.**

*Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (Interim)*



## MESSAGE FROM THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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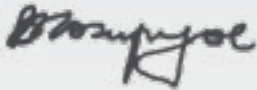
The Executive Committee for the 6th International Conference on Genocide, welcomes you to California State University, Sacramento.

As we gather over these three days to examine the “Dimensions of Genocide: Persistence, Denial, Resistance and Justice” we keep salient the need to create an inclusive world that is void of violence and killings; we seek solutions to resolve conflicts and reconcile our differences through dialogue and negotiations; we reject violence; and we make creating a culture of peace our business. As we continuously work to realize Dr. Alexandre Kimenyi’s desire to ensure that the brutality of genocide is arrested we also renew the collective pledge of “Never Again.” During this conference, we look forward to presentations on a wide range of topics that include ethnic, racial, class, religious, gender and sexual violence.

This conference is a collective effort. We particularly recognize the time and hard work dedicated by the Department of Women’s & Gender Studies, and the Black Honors College for putting together this conference. We also acknowledge the contributions of members of the conference Planning Committee.

### WE WILL CONTINUE TO CREATE A CULTURE OF PEACE

On behalf of the members of the Executive Committee



**Dr. Boatamo “Ati” Mosupyoe**

**Dr. Mark Wheeler**

**Dr. Sujatha Moni,**

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## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

### Statement of Commitment

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California State University, Sacramento stands resolutely in its commitment to honor the memory of the victims of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. We join with our global community to remember, to reflect on the past, and to ensure that such atrocities never happen again.

The loss of over one million innocent lives in Rwanda remains a stark reminder of the tragic depths to which humanity can descend. With unwavering resolve, we reject and condemn Genocide and all forms of Genocide denial, distortion, and ideology, knowing that the only path to a peaceful future is through recognition, remembrance, and education.

Education is a crucial component of efforts to prevent Genocide and to respond to Genocide distortion and denial. We will make substantial efforts toward developing and encouraging the widespread use of educational curricula that accurately recount the facts of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda and other Genocides and atrocious crimes against humanity. We pledge to engage and equip our students and educators to recognize and reject denial and distortion of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in all its forms, including online.

In solidarity with survivors of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, we affirm our commitment to a world free from Genocide and the seeds of violence that give rise to it.

May this statement serve as a lasting reminder of our shared duty to stand against hatred and uphold the dignity and humanity of all people.

**California State University, Sacramento.**



## REMEMBERING DR. KIMENYI



***“He Saw pain and tried to heal it.  
He saw wrong and tried to right it.”***

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# SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

## DAY 1

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Sacramento State, University Union

8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Registration

Lobby Suite

9:00 am – Noon | Opening Ceremony

Union Ballrooms I & II

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Concurrent Panels

### 7 Concurrent Panel Topics:

1. *Gendering Narratives in Genocide*
2. *Reclaiming Objects & Sites of History*
3. *Contemporary Legacies of Genocide*
4. *Truth, Healing and Reconciliation: Reconciling the Historical Trauma of Native People in Canada and California*
5. *Colonial Occupations & The Failure to Protect*
6. *Children in/of Genocide*
7. *Criminalization of Denialism & Beyond*

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm | Plenary Session

4:30 pm – 5:45 pm | Plenary Panel

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Dinner

Union Ballrooms I & II

## DAY 2

Friday, November 15, 2024

Sacramento State, University Union

8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Registration

Lobby Suite

9:00 am – 10:15 am | Concurrent Sessions

### 6 Concurrent Panel Topics:

1. *Gendered Violence Against Targeted Populations*
2. *Overcoming Silence and Denial of Mass Killings: The Case of Palestine*
3. *Reconciliation and the Path Forward in Rwanda*
4. *Forms of Genocide Against Native Americans*
5. *Exploring Disability & Mental Health in Genocide Studies*
6. *Erasing the Past: Confronting Genocide Denial and the Battle for Collective Memory*

10:30 am – 11:45 am | Keynote Speaker

Noon – 1:15 pm | Lunch Session

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Concurrent Sessions

### 7 Concurrent Panel Topics:

1. *Onward Journeys: Narratives of Violence*
2. *Journeying Home Together: Communal Healing Initiative*
3. *Genocide Prevention Education, and Resettlement*
4. *Examining Silence, Speeches and Other Narratives of Nigeria's Civil Wars*
5. *From Ideology to Action: Confronting Genocide Across Continents*
6. *Memory, Trauma, and Resilience: Exploring Historical Violence and Commemoration Across Cultures*
7. *Remembering Armenian Genocide*

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Plenary Session

Cottonwood Suite III

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Dinner

Union Ballrooms I & II

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## DAY 3

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Sacramento State, University Union

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8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Registration  
*Lobby Suite*

9:00 am – 10:15 am | Invited Talk  
*Hinde Auditorium*

9:00 am – 11:45 am | Special Session  
*Forest Suite*

10:30 am – 11:45 am | Concurrent Sessions

### 4 Concurrent Panel Topics:

1. *Healing, Resilience and Recovery in Post-Genocidal African Contexts*
2. *Rwanda: The Role of Self-Sacrificing Love in Resistance to Genocide*
3. *The Law and Social Justice*
4. *Western Influence, Interference and Responsibility*

Noon – 2:00pm | Lunch and Plenary Presentation  
*Union Ballrooms I & II*

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Dance Performance

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm | Concurrent Sessions

### 7 Concurrent Panel Topics:

1. *Intergenerational Conversations on Resilience*
2. *International Laws & Human Rights*
3. *Intergenerational Trauma and Healing in Rwanda*
4. *Genocide Prevention Through Intervention*
5. *Political, Religious & Ethnic Violence & Displacements in Asia*
6. *Power Politics and Governance in West & Central Africa*
7. *The Politics and Possibilities of Genocide Memorials in Africa and Asia*

Closing Ceremony – *Ballrooms I & II*

6:00 pm – 11:00 pm | Gala  
*Union Ballrooms I & II*

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## STAGES OF GENOCIDE

### CLASSIFICATION

All cultures have categories to distinguish people into “us and them” by ethnicity, race, religion, or nationality: German and Jew, Hutu and Tutsi. Bipolar societies that lack mixed categories, such as Rwanda and Burundi, are the most likely to have Genocide. The main preventive measure at this early stage is to develop universalistic institutions that transcend ethnic or racial divisions, that actively promote tolerance and understanding, and that promote classifications that transcend the divisions. The Catholic Church could have played this role in Rwanda, had it not been riven by the same ethnic cleavages as Rwandan society. Promotion of a common language in countries like Tanzania has also promoted transcendent national identity. This search for common ground is vital to early prevention of Genocide.



### SYMBOLIZATION

We give names or other symbols to the classifications. We name people “Jews” or “Gypsies”, or distinguish them by colors or dress; and apply the symbols to members of groups. Classification and symbolization are universally human and do not necessarily result in Genocide unless they lead to the next stage, dehumanization. When combined with hatred, symbols may be forced upon unwilling members of pariah groups: the yellow star for Jews under Nazi rule, the blue scarf for people from the Eastern Zone in Khmer Rouge Cambodia. To combat symbolization, hate symbols can be legally forbidden (swastikas) as can hate speech. Group marking like gang clothing or tribal scarring can be outlawed, as well. The problem is that legal limitations will fail if unsupported by popular cultural enforcement. Though Hutu and Tutsi were forbidden words in Burundi until the 1980’s, code-words replaced them. If widely supported, however, denial of symbolization can be powerful, as it was in Bulgaria, where the government refused to supply enough yellow badges and at least eighty percent of Jews did not wear them, depriving the yellow star of its significance as a Nazi symbol for Jews.



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California State University, Sacramento.

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### ALICE WAIRIMU NDERITU

#### *Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide*

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Alice Wairimu Nderitu of Kenya is Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide. Ms Nderitu is a recognized voice in the field of peacebuilding and atrocity crimes prevention. As mediator of armed conflicts, she served as a member of the African Unions Network of African Women in Conflict Prevention and Mediation (Fem-Wise), the Women Waging Peace Network and Global Alliance of Women Mediators. She contributed to defining the role of women mediators, as one of the few women who are signatories to peace agreements as a mediator.

She notably, led several processes as mediator, including as the only woman in a 16-month peace process involving 100 elders and 3 mediators, resulting in the Nakuru County Peace Accord signed by 10 ethnic communities in Nakuru, Kenya. Ms. Nderitu then became the lead mediator in a peace process in Kaduna State, Nigeria leading to the Kafanchan Peace Declaration, signed by 29 ethnic communities. She was also the lead mediator in a process in Plateau State in Nigeria, leading to the Southern Plateau Inter-Communal Peace Declaration signed by 56 ethnic communities. She also led the founding of Community Voices for Peace and Pluralism, a network of African women professionals preventing, transforming, violent, ethnic, racial, and religious conflicts worldwide.

She previously served as Commissioner of the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) in Kenya, established to respond to the 2008 post-election crisis, mediate religious, ethnic and race related conflicts, counter and address hate speech and promote peaceful and harmonious coexistence. In this role, she also co-founded and was the first Co-Chair of the Uwiano Platform for Peace, pioneering, in 2010, the use of mobile technology in reporting indicators of violence, including hate speech, therefore linking early warning to early response. She previously also supported several countries globally in setting up mechanisms linking early warnings to early response at all levels, including at the community and national levels.

She also served as Director, Education for Social Justice at Fahamu, headed the human rights education department of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights and was a Commonwealth Exchange Fellow at the South African Human Rights Commission. She was also a member of the Concerned Citizens for Peace, a group of Elders facilitating peace confidentially between African leaders at the highest levels.

She is an Aspen Leadership scholarship recipient, a Transitional Justice Fellow, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, South Africa, and Global Raphael Lemkin course alumni. She also served as Summer Course faculty at SIT Graduate School, Vermont, Brattleboro, USA and lecturer for the Socio-Economic Rights course at Pretoria University's Centre for Human Rights, South Africa. She was a facilitator of the Senior Mission Leaders Course at the International Peace Support Training Center, Kenya and the Rwanda Military Academy, Rwanda.

Widely published, Ms. Nderitu is also the recipient of several global awards recognizing her commitment to peaceful conflict transformation and her innovative approach to mediation. Ms. Nderitu holds an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Keene State College, a Master's Degree in Armed Conflict and Peace Studies and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Literature and Philosophy from the University of Nairobi.



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## STAGES OF GENOCIDE



### DEHUMANIZATION

One group denies the humanity of the other group. Members of it are equated with animals, vermin, insects or diseases.

Dehumanization overcomes the normal human revulsion against murder. At this stage, hate propaganda in print and on hate radios is used to vilify the victim group. In combating this dehumanization, incitement to Genocide should not be confused with protected speech. Genocidal societies lack constitutional protection for countervailing speech, and should be treated differently than democracies. Local and international leaders should condemn the use of hate speech and make it culturally unacceptable. Leaders who incite genocide should be banned from international travel and have their foreign finances frozen. Hate radio stations should be shut down, and hate propaganda banned. Hate crimes and atrocities should be promptly punished.

### ORGANIZATION

Genocide is always organized, usually by the state, often using militias to provide deniability of state responsibility (the Janjaweed in Darfur.) Sometimes organization is informal (Hindu mobs led by local RSS militants) or decentralized (terrorist groups.) Special army units or militias are often trained and armed. Plans are made for genocidal killings. To combat this stage, membership in these militias should be outlawed. Their leaders should be denied visas for foreign travel. The U.N. should impose arms embargoes on governments and citizens of countries involved in genocidal massacres, and create commissions to investigate violations, as was done in post-Genocide Rwanda.



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## DAY 1 | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

*Sacramento State, University Union*

- 8:00 am – 3:00 pm**      **Conference Registration – Lobby Suite**
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am**      **Coffee & Light Refreshments – Lobby Suite**
- 9:00 am – Noon**      **Opening Ceremony – University Ballroom I & II**  
**Introduction by Program Directors: Dean of Students and Chief Administration Officer Black Honors College, Dr. Boatamo Ati Mosupyoe and Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist to President Wood, Dr. Mark Wheeler**  
**Blessings by Elder & Chairwoman Emerita Mary Tarango, Wilton Rancheria**  
**Land Acknowledgement by Vice President for Student Affairs, Aniesha Mitchell**  
**Welcome Remarks by Dr. Caroline Gibbs, Chair, Faculty Senate, California State University, Sacramento**  
**“Rwanda-30 years of Hope.” by President of American University in Bulgaria, Dr. Margee Ensign**  
**Keynote Address by His Excellency President Paul Kagame of Rwanda**

- Noon – 1:15 pm**      **Lunch Session – Ballroom III**  
**Poster Session by Graduate Students in the Department of History**

- 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm**      **Seven Concurrent Panels**

### **Panel 1: Gendering Narratives in Genocide – Cottonwood Suite I & II**

Dr. Mary Senyonga, Women’s & Gender Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Annie Pohlman, University of Queensland, “Comparing State-Sponsored Sexual and Gender-Based Violence During Indonesian Genocide of 1956-1966 and the Successionist Conflict of 1976-2005 in Aceh.”
2. Brandon Moore, California State University, San Marcos, Nicole Fox, CSU Sacramento, and Hollie Nzitatira, Ohio State University, “Gendered Differences in Sexual Violence During the Darfur Genocide and its Impact on Gendered Identities.”
3. Juliette Bour, EHESS, “Gendered Defense Strategies: Historical and Political Issues.”
4. Bhaswati Bhattacharjee (Online), Dr. Harisingh Gour Central University, “‘Of Bodies and the Race’: Looking Back on Genocide Against Tutsi in Rwanda from a Biopolitical Perspective.”

### **Panel 2: Reclaiming Objects & Sites of History – Orchard Suite**

Chair: Dr. Jean-Damascene Gasanabo, United Nations Office of the Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, United Nations

1. Lauren Booth, American River College, “Restitution in the Wake of the Holocaust.”
2. Patricia Mhoja Bandora, Architectural Pioneering Consultants, “Architectures of Memory.”
3. Kanika Singh (Online), Ashoka University, “Sikh Memorials for Atrocities: Remembering 1984 in India.”
4. Somnath Waghmare, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, “Dalit Memories of Bhima Koregaon Battle and 2018 Caste Violence: An Alternative Narrative for the ‘Other.’”

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### His Excellency President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono

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Commonly referred to by his initials SBY, President Yudhoyono served as the sixth President of Indonesia from 2004 to 2014. He is a leading figure in establishing civilian democracy in Indonesia. He served as an officer in the Indonesia army from 1973 to 2000, retiring as a general. President SBY studied at Indonesian Military Academy and the United States Army Command and General Staff College. He earned a Master's degree in business management from Webster University in 1991 and subsequently earned a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Bogor Agricultural University. During SBY's tenure as president, Indonesia participated in many world peace missions, both at the national and international levels. While he was deployed during Indonesia's controversial occupation of East Timor, as President he worked with his Timorese colleagues to establish a post-conflict reconciliation. During his presidency he proactively responded to the December 26, 2004, earthquake and tsunami which devastated Aceh province. As President he successfully negotiated a peace accord in 2005 that ended 29 years of insurgency in Aceh. As a result, he was given the title "Father of Peace."

## Panel 3: Contemporary Legacies of Genocide – *Forest Suite*

Chair: Dr. Clarence George III, Ethnic Studies/Pan African Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Ishya Alain, University of Rwanda, “Combating Genocide Denial in the Digital Age: Lessons from the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda.”
2. Kerri J. Malloy, San Jose State University, “Artificial Intelligence’s Innovation of the Absence of Genocidal Intent.”
3. Yvonne Breitwieser-Faria (Online), Curtin University, “The Application of Artificial Intelligence in the Prevention of Genocide: Legal and Ethical Dimension.”
4. Geoffrey Kabagame, University of Kigali, “Rebuilding in the Face of Adversity: Highlighting the Perils Faced by Rwanda and the Survivors of the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi.”

## Film Screening: *Where Will I Go? The Rohingya Crisis – Hinde Auditorium*

1. 18-minute film by Mohamad Khalid Rahman
1. Film Screening: The Battle of Bhima Koregaon: An Unending Journey by Somnath Waghmare.

## Panel 4: Truth, Healing and Reconciliation: Reconciling the Historical Trauma of Native People in Canada and California – *Foothill Suite*

Chair: Dr. Brian Baker, Ethnic Studies/Native American Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Keri Cheechoo, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Response/Ability: The Truth (Does Not) Always End Every Story.”
2. Kristin Kozar, University of British Columbia, “First Nations Data Sovereignty: Aspirations, Broken Promises, Rigid Colonial Systems, and Making Paths Forward.”
3. Christina Snider-Ashtari, Tribal Affairs Secretary, and Loretta Miranda, Deputy Tribal Affairs Secretary & Special Counsel, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, “California Truth & Healing Council: Addressing the California Native American Genocide.”

## Panel 5: Colonial Occupations & The Failure to Protect- *Pacific Suite III*

Chair: Dr. Hanadi Shatar, Faculty, Teaching Credentials, California State University, Sacramento

1. Kalaniakea Wilson, Ke Kula ‘O ‘Ehunuikaimalino Secondary School, “Genocide in the Hawaiian Kingdom.”
2. Dan McCoy, Northern Illinois University, “Invasion or Reasons of State: The Pretexts, Motives, and Circumstances of the 1978 Vietnamese Dislodgement of the Khmer Rouge and Its Aftermath.”
3. Zachary Kaufman, University of Florida, “The Case for Upstander Prizes: Accountability for Past Rights, Not Just Wrongs.”
4. Philibert Gakwenzire, University of Rwanda, “The End of Belgian Trusteeship in Rwanda: A Historical Perspective Reading of Souvenir-Books of Administrative Executives.”

## Panel 6: Children in/of Genocide – *Summit Room*

Chair: Dr. Nancy Huante-Tzintzun, Ethnic Studies/Chicanx Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Cajetan Nneji Amadi, University of Port Harcourt, and Luke Amadi, Center for Educational Support & Development Initiative for the Less Privileged, “Racialized Starvation of Children and Systematic Genocide: Analysis of Kwashiorkor in Nigerian Civil War (1968-1970).”
2. Sayan Lodh (Online), University of Kolkata, India, “Innocence Shattered: Experiences of Children during 1971 Bangladesh Genocide.”
3. Georgia Parsisson, Stanley Burton Centre and University of Leicester, “Rwanda’s Youth: A look into the Impact of the Habyarimana Regime on the Preconditioning of Youth Perpetration.”

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# SCHEDULE

## **Panel 7: Criminalization of Denialism & Beyond – Cottonwood Suite III**

Chair: Dr. David Flores, Ethnic Studies/Chicanx Studies, California State University, Sacramento  
1. Alek Barovic, University of Padova, “Political Denialism: The Srebrenica Genocide in the Area of Power and Politics.”

1. Alek Barovic, University of Padova, “Political Denialism: The Srebrenica Genocide in the Area of Power and Politics.”
2. Amelie Faucheux, Université Libre de Bruxelles, “Nor Crime, Nor Criminal: Genocide Thinkers and Denial Discourse.”
3. Oreste Rutasihana, University of Rwanda, “Beyond Denial: Lessons from 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda and Building a Future from Hate.”
4. Bill Pruitt, Austin Peay State University, “Criminalizing Genocide Denial”

**3:00 pm – 4:15 pm      Plenary Session – Hinde Auditorium**

## **The 30th Commemoration of Genocide Against Tutsi: High Level Delegation from Rwanda Dr. Margee Ensign, President, American University of Bulgaria**

Ugirashebuza Emmanuel, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Republic of Rwanda  
Lionel Rawlins, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Zachary Kaufman, Levin College of Law

**4:30 pm – 5:45 pm      Plenary Panel – Cottonwood Suites I & II**

## **California Indian Voices, Experiences & History**

Chair: Joaquin Tarano, Advisor to the President of Sacramento State for Tribal Community Relations & Native Student Success.

1. Annette Reed, California State University, Sacramento, “Genocide in Northern California: Our Ancestors are Why We’re Here Today.”
2. Anthony Burris, California State University, Sacramento, “Humanizing California Indians through the Advocacy of Truth Telling.”
3. Rose Soza War Soldier, California State University, “A Stealth Weapon’: Visual Mission Mythology and California Indian Survivance.”

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# DAY 2 | FRIDAY

**8:00 am – 3:00 pm      Conference Registration – Lobby Suite**

**8:00 am – 10:00 am      Coffee & Light Refreshments – Lobby Suite**

**9:00 am – 10:15 am      Five Concurrent Sessions**

## **Panel 8: Gendered Violence Against Targeted Populations - Cottonwood Suites I & II**

Chair: Ántonia K. Peigahi, English, Communication Studies, and Child Development Librarian, California State University, Sacramento

1. Henry Navils, University of Port Harcourt, “Gendered Genocide, Targeted Starvation and the Plight of Wartime Nursing Mothers in Eastern Nigeria: Evidence from the Nigeria/Biafra War.”
2. Jacob Evoy, University of Western Ontario and University of Northern British Columbia, “The Reproductive Imperative and Queer Survival: LGBTQ+ Children of Holocaust Survivors and the Pressures of Creating the Third Generation.”
3. Dimitrie Sissi Mukanyirigira, Author, “Femicide plan during the Genocide perpetrated against Tutsi in Rwanda, April 07 – July 04, 1994.”
4. Pradip R. Kar, Rockefeller University, “Rape of Bengali Women in a Systematic Campaign of Genocidal Rape: Children Born of these Deliberates Rapes used as a Weapon of War.”

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## **Panel 9: Overcoming Silence and Denial of Mass Killings: The Case of Palestine – Cottonwood Suite III**

Chair: Dr. Sahar Razavi, Political Science & Iranian & Middle Eastern Studies Center, California State University, Sacramento

1. Hanieh Molana, California State University, Sacramento, "Critical analysis of Western Media Coverage and Censorship of Palestine."
2. Hanadi Shatara, California State University, Sacramento, "Teaching Palestine: Confronting Genocide and Exploring Possibilities in Education."
3. Jennifer Mogannam, University of California, Santa Cruz, "Genocide on Palestine: Race, Humanity and the Logics of Zionism."
4. Hatem Bazian, University of California, Berkeley, "Gaza's Genocide: Between Denial and Complicity."

## **Panel 10: Reconciliation and the Path Forward in Rwanda – Forest Suite**

Chair: Dr. Ayanna Yanemura, Black Honors College, Ethnic Studies & Sociology, California State University, Sacramento

1. Rugaragu Innocent, University of Rwanda, "A Path to Healing After Genocide."
2. Aggée Mugabe Shyaka & John Gasasira Gazana, University of Rwanda, "Reconciliation in post-genocide Rwanda: the Intergenerational Dialogue in Perspective."
3. Immaculée Mukashema, University of Rwanda, "The Role of Local Associations of Survivors and Ex-detainees in the Process of Reconciliation in Rwanda: The Case of Amatabay'Abunzubumwe."
4. Abijuru Nadia (Online), Ishari Company, "Dimension of Rwanda Genocide."

## **Panel 11: Forms of Genocide Against Native Americans – Foothill Suite**

Chair: Dr. Wendi Yamashita, Ethnic Studies/Asian American Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Amber Bill, California State University, Sacramento, "Cultural Genocide Disguised as Education: Examining the Impacts of Indian Boarding Schools in the United States."
2. Nia Gregory, San Joaquin Delta College, "The Role of American Law and Policy in Native American Genocide."
3. Erika Salinas, California State University, Sacramento, "Indian Removal is Genocide."
4. Marc Dadigan, University of California, Davis, "'Tell them Who We Are' – A Winnemem Wintu History of Genocidal Resurgence and Resistance."

## **Panel 12: Exploring Disability & Mental Health in Genocide Studies - Orchard Suite**

Chair: Dr. Tristan Josephson, Women's & Gender Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Brianna Rachel Taylor, George Mason University, "Beyond Victimhood: Exploring the Intersections of Disability and Genocide Studies."
2. Fortunee Nyirandamusta, University of Rwanda, "The Mental Health Prognosis Among People Born from Rape Committed During the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda."
3. Sid Wolinsky, Disability Rights Advocates, "The Nazi Holocaust and People with Disabilities: History and Lessons Learned."
4. Hiba El Khatib, Palestinian Public Health, "The Ongoing Public Health Catastrophe in Palestine: A focus on Disability in the Context of Occupation and Genocide"

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## **Panel 13: Erasing the Past: Confronting Genocide Denial and the Battle for Collective Memory – Pacific Suite I & II**

Chair: Jessica Thompson, Black Honors College, California State University, Sacramento

1. Ehilmana Memisevic, University of Sarajevo, "Metaphorical Murder of Historical Truth and Collective Memory: Denial and the Glorification of Genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina."
2. Justin Murwanashyaka, University of Rwanda, "Denial Process during Genocide Preparation in Rwanda from 1990 to 1994. The Case of Murambi Commune in the Eastern Region."
3. Calin Dragos, Bucharest Court of Appeals & Romanian Judges' Forum, "Minimizing Holocaust Denial in Romania: The Timidity of the Courts Amid the Increase in the Scale of Extremist Manifestations."
4. Grace Kagoyire, University of Stellenbosch, "Narratives of Denial Among Post-Genocide Youth in Rwanda: Experiences from Descendants of Genocide Survivors and Perpetrator Descendants."

### **10:30 am – 11:45 am Keynote Speaker – Union Ballrooms I & II**

Program Director: Dr. Raghu Trichur, Anthropology, Black Honors College, California State University, Sacramento

Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Criminal Justice, California State University, Sacramento

Dr. Aneisha Mitchell, Vice President for Student Affairs, California State University, Sacramento.

### **Preventing Genocide: Imperatives and Dilemmas, Keynote Address by Her Excellency Alice Wairimu Nderitu, UN Under-Secretary for the Prevention of Genocide**

### **Noon – 1:15 pm Lunch Session – Ballroom III California Truth and Reparations – Conversation with Senator Steven Bradford, Representative for the 35th District, California**

Moderator: Dr. Martin Boston, Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento

Lunch for Registered Participants and Dignitaries

### **1:30 pm – 2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions**

#### **Panel 14: Onward Journeys: Narratives of Violence – Orchard Suite**

Chair: Dr. Mark Wheeler, Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist to President Wood, California State University, Sacramento

1. Harvey Stark, California State University, Sacramento, "In the Loss of Memory and in the Shadows of Denial: The Holocaust and the Power of Personal Narrative."
2. Dady de Maximo Mwicira Mitali, Independent Scholar, Rwanda, "Rwanda, an Impossible Mourning – Erasure in Traces."
3. John Sherman, Mesa Verde Press, Indiana, "Personal Narrative of Violence in Nigeria."

#### **Panel 15: Journeying Home Together: Communal Healing Initiative – Forest Suite Community workshop by Kafenia Peace Collective:**

1. Mary Jane Moutsana
2. Maggie Silverman
3. Julie Wolk

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### Joy Ngozi Ezeilo

#### *Law Professor and Senior Advocate of Nigeria*

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Joy Ngozi Ezeilo (Nigeria) is a distinguished Law Professor and Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) with over 30 years of professional experience and expertise in international law, human rights, criminal law, comparative constitution, gender and governance. Prof. Ezeilo holds a PhD (Nig.), LLM (London), LL.B. (Nig.), BL, and Diploma in Peace & Conflict Resolution (Uppsala). She is Emerita Dean of Law at the University of Nigeria. Between 2008 and 2014, she served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons. She has received numerous national and international accolades, including the Nigerian Government's Officer of the Order of Niger (2006) and a place on the BBC's 2022 listing of 100 women of impact in the world. The United Nations Human Rights Council appointed Prof. Ezeilo in December 2023 as one of the three Expert Members of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan.

Prof. Ezeilo is a visiting professor at several universities, including a fellow-in-residence at the University of California, Irvine (1999) and a regent Professor at the University of California, Riverside (2001). She has served as a Member of the United Nations Civil Society Advisory Board on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (Feb 2019 to Feb 2021) and a Board Member of the UN Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking (2013-2016).

She is the founder of Women Aid Collective (WACOL) and Tamar SARC, which collectively have provided in the last 26 years over 60,000 free legal aid to women and children in difficult circumstances, including victims/survivors of sexual and gender-based violence. Prof. Ezeilo has served as a consultant/trainer to many international and national organisations, including the UNDP UN Women, UNICEF, UNFPA, MacArthur Foundation, ILO, British Council, DFID/UKAid, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption (RoLAC)/EU, IDEA, Federal Ministry of Justice, National Assembly on Constitutional and Electoral Reforms and the National Judicial Institute (NJI).

Prof. Ezeilo is the 2019 winner of the National Human Rights Award bestowed by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the 2022 Civil Society Award of Excellence jointly awarded by the UNDP, United Nations Women in collaboration with the Embassies of the United States of America, Germany, France, EU Delegation and the British High Commission. Professor Ezeilo is also the recipient of the British Chevening Scholarship (1995), John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation's Funds for Leadership Development (1998) and the Hon. Justice Taslim Elias Award (2019). She was recognised in 2013 as one of the 125 women of impact in the world for her work to end human trafficking by Newsweek/Daily Beast New York, USA. She is a high Chief in Igboland and is fondly called 'triple Chief, Ochendo, Ada ejejemba Ndi Igbo, and Nzebunachi.



## **Panel 16: Genocide Prevention Education, and Resettlement – Foothill Suite**

Chair: Dr. Booker Cook, Black Honors College & Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Hasingizwe Thérèse, News Anchor/Reporter & Operations Manager, "Addressing the Teaching History of Genocide Against the Tutsi: Challenges to Fight Genocidal Denial for Future Generations."
2. Eric Jones, Northern Illinois University, "Conflict Education: Youth Leadership Training insights from Myanmar/Burma and Mindanao, Philippines."
3. Lori King, Agnes Scott College & Emory University, "Genocide Education as Transformative Justice: A Mainstream Case Study."
4. Colette Harris Mathews, Harris Mathews Consulting, Sacramento, "An Education Practitioner's Way Forward Through Rwandan Lived Experiences in Persistence and Justice."

## **Panel 17: Examining Silence, Speeches and Other Narratives of Nigeria's Civil Wars – Pacific Suites I & II**

Chair: Dr. Theresa Aba, Gerontology, California State University, Sacramento

1. Odigwa Nwaokocha, University of Benin, Nigeria, "Ethnic Identity as Social Stigma: Interrogating the 1966 Mass Killings of the Igbo in Nigeria."
2. Ijeoma Nwajiaku, Federal Polytechnic, "Re-Imaging Genocide in the Nigeria-Biafra War: Reading Selected War Fiction by Nigerian Female Writers."
3. Moses Dujuri, Covenant University, "Criminalization of Biafran Agitation and Continuing Genocide against the Igbo in Nigeria."
4. Uchenna David Uwakwe, Federal University of Technology, "Nigeria Biafra War/ Igbo Genocide."

## **Panel 18: From Ideology to Action: Confronting Genocide Across Continents – Pacific Suite III**

Chair: Dr. Melina Juarez, Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Gregory Townsend (Online), Formerly UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, "SGBV in the Genocide Case Law of the UN Rwanda Tribunal."
2. Mohammed Erekat, San Diego State University, "Student Role in Addressing Genocide Denial."
3. Athanase Karayenga, Independent Journalist, "The Making of Genocide Ideology in the African Great Lakes Region."
4. Joanna Nawakouska-Malusecka, University of Silesia, "Gender-based Crimes in Armed Conflicts. Lessons from Rwanda to Ukraine."

## **Panel 19: Memory, Trauma, and Resilience: Exploring Historical Violence and Commemoration Across Cultures – Green & Gold Room**

Chair: Dr. Data Barata, Anthropology, California State University, Sacramento

1. Jean-Damascene Gasanabo, United Nations Office of the Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, "Commemoration in a Time of Restriction: Rwanda's Memorialization Process During a Global Pandemic."
2. Olisa Iweze, University of Benin, "Untold Story of Mass Killings in Ishiagu and Ogwuashi-Uku in Western Igboland During the Nigerian Civil War, 1967-1970."
3. Mary Romney-Schaab, University of Connecticut, "An Afro-Caribbean in the Nazi Era: Oral History, Justice, and Healing."
4. Sandrine M. Irankunda, Johns Hopkins University, "Beyond Physical Erasure: Familial Memoricide and Memory Reconstruction in Rwanda."

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



### ELIZABETH MEHREN

*Portland-based writer, editor and educator*

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ELIZABETH MEHREN is a Portland-based writer, editor and educator. After working at The Washington Post, she became a national correspondent for the Los Angeles Times. Mehren, who earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at UC-Berkeley, spent a decade on the faculty at Boston University. She has written for national magazines, appeared on television and radio and received awards for teaching and journalism. “I Lived To

Tell the World” is her fifth book. Mehren and her husband, Fox Butterfield, share their home with a loquacious Labrador retriever.

## Panel 20: Remembering Armenian Genocide – Cottonwood Suites I & II

Chair: Dr. Barlow DerMugrdechian, Armenian Studies Program, California State University, Fresno

1. Barlow DerMugrdechian, California State University, Fresno, "The Armenian Genocide: Remembrance and Denial."
2. Simon Maghakyan, University of Oxford, Non-Existing Sites Cannot Be Destroyed': Understanding Cultural Genocide Through Power Legitimation."
3. Tehmine Martoyan, Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute Foundation, "Continuation of a Genocidal Policy: Annihilation of the Greeks and the Armenians in Smyrna According to the Documents of the National Archives of Armenia."
4. Diana Hayrapetyan, Clark University, "Returning 'Home': Case Study of Armenian Returnees."

## 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm Plenary Session – Cottonwood Suite III

### A Joint Search for a Way Forward: From Conflict to Conciliation

Moderator: Senator Bill Monning, California State Senate Majority Leader Emeritus

1. Hillel Schenker, Co-Editor *Palestine-Israel Journal*
2. Ziad AbuZayyad: Co-Editor *Palestine-Israel Journal*
3. Paul Arthur: Professor of Politics, Emeritus, University of Ulster Director of the Graduate Program in Peace and Conflict Studies, and INCORE (International Conflict Research Institute)

## 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Dinner – Ballrooms I & II

California Indian Dance Group

# DAY 3 | SATURDAY

## 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Registration – Lobby Suite

## 8:00 am – 10:00 am Coffee & Light Refreshments – Lobby Suite

## 9:00 am – 10.15 am Invited Talk – Hinde Auditorium

Program Directors: Dean of Students and Chief Administration Officer, Black Honors College, Dr. Boatamo Ati Mosupyoe & Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist to President Wood, Dr. Mark Wheeler

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Sujatha Moni, Women's & Gender Studies, California State University, Sacramento

**Sudan: A Case Study on the Imperative for Collective Action against Genocide by Prof. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, Public Law, University of Nigeria and Expert Member, UN International Fact-Finding Mission on Sudan (Dec 2023 to Nov 2024).**

## 9 am – 1145 am Special Session – Forest Suite

### Panel 21: Remembering 1984: Voices from the Diasporic Sikh Community

Chair: Dr. Gurinder Grewal, M.D

1. Dr. Amrik Singh, California State University, Sacramento, "Smaller Holocaust (1746) and Bigger Holocaust (1762)"
2. Dr. Gurinder Grewal, "1984 Genocide"
3. Colonel Dr. G. B. Singh, "1984 and After: Why No Justice".

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## 10:30 am – 11:45 am Concurrent Sessions

### Panel 22: Healing, Resilience and Recovery in Post-Genocidal African Contexts – *Green & Gold*

Chair: Dr. Jaime Jackson, Political Science, California State University, Sacramento

1. Mutesi Eugenie, Prison Fellowship, Rwanda, "Promoting Resilience Among Genocide Survivors and Perpetrators: Experience from Post-Genocide Rwanda."
2. William Froming, Palo Alto University, Maryke Van Zyle, San Francisco Veterans Health Administration, Karen Froming, Palo Alto University, Vicki Bouche, Palo Alto University and Sita G. Patel, Palo Alto University, "Reducing Post-Conflict Negative Emotions in the Central African Republic."
3. Vincent Sezibera, University of Rwanda, "30 Years after the Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda: A Journey of Trauma Healing and Resilience."
4. Hilly Moodrick-Even Khen, Ariel University, "Breaking Through the Silos: How Peace Education Can Solidify the Prevention Agenda and the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine."

### Panel 23: Rwanda: The Role of Self-Sacrificing Love in Resistance to Genocide – *Orchard Suite*

Chair: Dr. Nicole Fox, Criminal Justice, California State University, Sacramento

1. Thracisse Seminege, Independent Researcher & Genocide Survivor, "From Faculty to Fugitive: Resistance to Genocide and Its Antecedents in Butare."
2. Valens Nkurikiyinka, Independent Researcher, "Nonviolence and its Consequences: Documenting Jehovah's Witnesses' Resistance During a Period of Ban and the Genocide."
3. Donna Couper, Independent Researcher, "The Dangers of Resistance: Research Findings on Helping Behaviors During the Genocide Against the Tutsi"
4. Jolene Chu, World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witness, "Re-formation and Transformation: Convicted of Genocide Crimes and Acquiring Convictions of Peace."

### Panel 24: The Law and Social Justice – *Foothill Suite*

Chair: Dr. Aime Muyoboke Karimunda, President, Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD), Rwanda

1. Habyarimana Heli, UNICAF University, "30 Years After the Genocide Against the Tutsi: A Critical Look at the Contribution of Restorative Justice to Rwandans' Reconciliation."
2. Fernanda Cristina Cuevas Gallegos, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, "Between the Legal and the Real: Unraveling the Definition and Scope of Genocide Under the Law and Sociology."
3. Jacob Caponi, University of Michigan, "Social Cohesion Governance: Legal Aid Strategies in Post-Genocide Rwanda."
4. Sibo Yves Gahizi, Institute of Legal Practice and Development, "Genocide in Rwanda and Instrumentalization of the Justice."

### Panel 25: Western Influence, Interference and Responsibility – *Cottonwood Suites I & II*

Chair: Lionel Rawlins, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis

1. Lea Kerst, Radboud University, "The Trauma of Srebrenica': On the Production of a Dutch Victimhood Discourse and Epistemic Injustice."
2. Anne-Laura Chaumette, Université Paris Nanterre, "The Responsibility of the French State and its Agents in the Genocide Perpetrated Against the Tutsis in Rwanda: A Legal Reading of the Duclert and Muse Reports."
3. Tetiana Boriak, Vilnius University, "Soviet Genocidal Policy Toward Ukraine: The Reasons, the Scale, and the Consequences."
4. David Simon, Yale University, "Making Atrocity Prevention Robust: From Post-Rwanda Failures to a Viable International Regime."

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## Noon – 2:00 pm      Lunch and Plenary Presentation – *Union Ballrooms I & II*

Welcome Remarks: Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Aniesha Mitchell,  
 J.D. Introduction of Guest Speaker: Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe  
 Facilitators: Dr. Eric Jones, Northern Illinois University and Dr. Michael Vann, California State University, Sacramento

## How to Build Trust and Reconciliation in the Aftermath of East Timor Crisis: A Candid Conversation with Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono (2004 - 2014)

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm: *The Red (Green) Leaves*, Dance Performance by Dr. Rachmi Diyah Larasati, University of Minnesota – *Ballrooms I & II*

## 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm:      Concurrent Sessions

### Panel 26: Intergenerational Conversations on Resilience – *Cottonwood Suite III*

Chair: Dr. Joanna Nunez, Women's & Gender Studies, California State University, Sacramento.

1. Sandrine Uwamwezi, Community-based Sociotherapy, "Family and Schools: Identity Formation, Peer Relationships, and the Contribution of Sociotherapy in Preventing the Cycle of Violence."
2. Liberata Gahongayire and Valens Bimenyimana, University of Rwanda, "Resilience in the Face of Adversity: Testimonies of Elderly Genocide Survivors in Rwanda."
3. Theoneste Rutayisire, Ministry of National Unity and Civic Engagement, Rwanda, "Exploring Community Resilience in Rwanda Three Decades after the 1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi."
4. Yvonne Muhindakazi, Fojo Media Institute, Kigali, "Intergenerational Legacies of Genocide on the Lives of Young Couples in Mixed Marriages: Experience from Rwanda."

### Panel 27: International Laws & Human Rights – *Forest Suite*

Chair: Prof. Denis Bikeshu, Law School, University of Rwanda

1. Jean Bosco Mutangana, Mutangana & Partners Law Offices, Kigali, "Post-Genocide Prosecution of International Crimes: Perspectives and Challenges from Rwanda and the Ad Hoc International Tribunals."
2. Francisco Felix Bustos, Diego Portales University, "The Struggle for Truth and Justice in Chile: Social Activism, Strategic Litigation, Against Impunity and Denial."
3. Timothée Brunet-Lefèvre, EHESS-CESPRA, France, "The Judgement of Rwanda Perpetrators of Genocide in France: Trials of History."
4. Aime Muyoboke Karimunda, Institute of Legal Practice and Development, "Trials of the Genocide Against the Tutsi Before Foreign Courts: The Unfulfilled Promises of Universal Jurisdiction."

### Panel 28: Intergenerational Trauma and Healing in Rwanda – *Foothill Suite*

Chair: Dr. Jean-Damascene Gasanabo, United Nations Office of the Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, United Nations

1. Eugene Ndagijimana, Kigali, "Dimensions of Genocide: Persistence, Denial, Resistance and Justice with Examples of Rwanda."
2. Pauline Atete, University of Rwanda/Ghent University, "Intergenerational Trauma and Neurocognitive Alterations in Rwanda's Post-Genocide Generation."
3. Kirrily Pells, University College London and Gisele Sandrine Irakoze, Ndabaga Impact, Rwanda, "Translating and Transforming Intergenerational Trauma: Understandings, Experiences, and Meaning Making Among 'Second Generation' Survivors in Rwanda."
4. Hirwa Aubaine, Ishyo Arts Center, "A Minute of Silence"

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## **Panel 29: Genocide Prevention Through Intervention – Cottonwood Suites I & II**

Chair: Dr. Zachary Kaufman, Levin College of Law, University of Florida

1. Ayanna Yonemura, California State University, Sacramento, "Totalitarianism and Genocide: Feminist Reflections on a World Heritage Site."
2. Abebe Zegeye, Bhar Dar University, "Rethinking Rwandan Genocide."
3. Duclert Vincent, EHESS-CESPRA, France "Thinking the Prevention of the Crime of Genocide. The Abandonment of Historical, Judicial and Moral Resources Related to the 1990-1994 Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda."
4. Diogene Bideri, National Public Prosecution Authority, Kigali, "The International Legal Framework Governing the Punishment of Acts of Rape Constituting the Crime of Genocide."

## **Panel 30: Political, Religious & Ethnic Violence & Displacements in Asia – Cottonwood Suite III**

Chair: Dr. Sujatha Moni, Women's and Gender Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Sayanwita Roychowdhury, Presidency University, Kolkata, "A Case of State's Complicity: Silencing Descent & Ethnic Conflict in Manipur, India."
2. Md. Khalid Rahman, Strassler Center – Clark University, "Causes of Rohingya Genocide in Myanmar and the Thoughts on Repatriation: Evidence from the Rohingya Refugee Camps in Bangladesh."
3. Teng Zhang, Southern Methodist University, "Unsafe Space: Spatial Analysis of the Indonesian Mass Killings of 1965-1966 in East Java."
4. Nitika Sharma, California State University, Sacramento, "Displacement and Finding Home: The Lhotsampa Story."

## **Panel 31: Power Politics and Governance in West & Central Africa – Pacific Suites I & II**

Chair: Dr. David Simon, Genocide Program, Yale University

1. Liberata Gahongayire, University of Rwanda, "Unveiling the Legacy of Rwanda's First Female Prime Minister."
2. Denis Bikeshu, University of Rwanda, "Rwanda's Essentials of Constitutional Democracy: Pathways to Reconstruction and Prosperity in the Aftermath of the Genocide Against the Tutsi."
3. Louis Laurent, EHESS-CESPRA, France, "Somewhere Bodies Were Dumped . . . Concealing, Exhuming and Sanctuarizing the Bodies of the Tutsis Exterminated in the City of Kigali (1994-2022)."

## **Panel 32: The Politics and Possibilities of Genocide Memorials in Africa and Asia – Pacific Suite III**

Chair: Dr. William Gow, Ethnic Studies/Asian American Studies, California State University, Sacramento

1. Omar Ndizeye, SUNY Oneonta, "The 1994 Genocide Against Tutsi in Rwanda: Language and Crafting Mourning Rituals in a Post Genocide Society."
2. Nicole Fox, Sacramento State, "A Home for the Dead': The Role of Memorials and Memorialization in the Lives of Genocide Survivors in Contemporary Rwanda."
3. Eve Zucker, Yale University, "Picture This: The Tuol Sleng Photographs and the Perils and Possibilities of the Digital Realm."
4. Michael Vann, Sacramento State, "Remember 6, not 600,000: The Asymmetric Politics of Memorializing Indonesia, 1965."

## **Closing Ceremony – Ballrooms I & II**

Dr. Raghu Trichur, Black Honors College & Anthropology, California State University, Sacramento

Dabke Performance by Students at California State University, Sacramento

## **6:00 pm to 11:00 pm Gala – Ballrooms I & II**

(Ticketed event hosted by The Friends of Rwanda Association)

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# STAGES OF GENOCIDE

## POLARIZATION

Extremists drive the groups apart. Hate groups broadcast polarizing propaganda. Laws may forbid intermarriage or social interaction. Extremist terrorism targets moderates, intimidating and silencing the center. Moderates from the perpetrators' own group are most able to stop Genocide, so are the first to be arrested and killed. Prevention may mean security protection for moderate leaders or assistance to human rights groups. Assets of extremists may be seized, and visas for international travel denied to them. Coups d'état by extremists should be opposed by international sanctions.

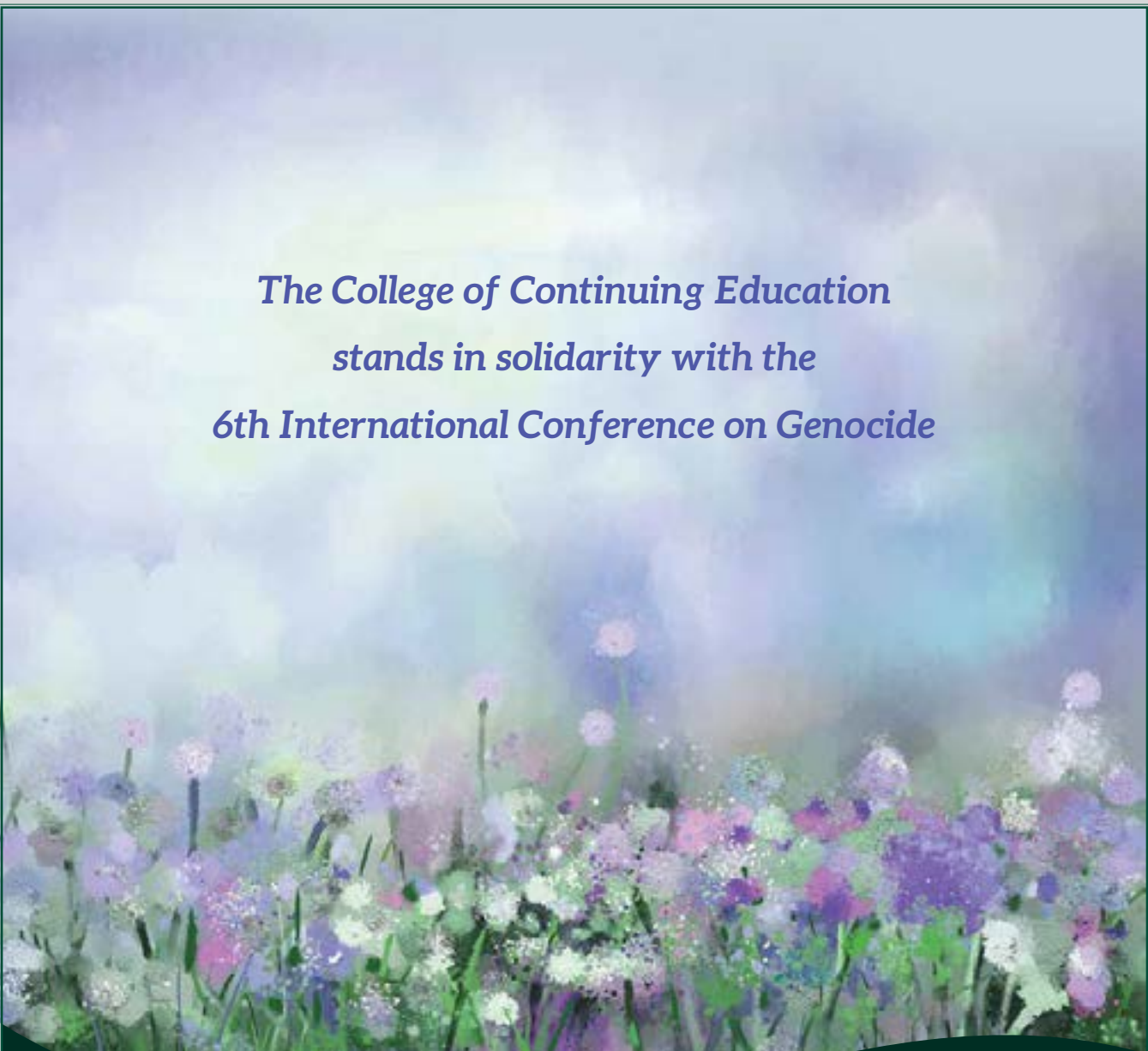


## PREPARATION

Victims are identified and separated out because of their ethnic or religious identity. Death lists are drawn up. Members of victim groups are forced to wear identifying symbols. Their property is expropriated. They are often segregated into ghettos, deported into concentration camps, or confined to a famine-struck region and starved. At this stage, a Genocide Emergency must be declared. If the political will of the great powers, regional alliances, or the U.N. Security Council can be mobilized, armed international intervention should be prepared, or heavy assistance provided to the victim group to prepare for its self-defense. Otherwise, at least humanitarian assistance should be organized by the U.N. and private relief groups for the inevitable tide of refugees to come.

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**EXTERMINATION** begins, and quickly becomes the mass killing legally called “Genocide.” It is “extermination” to the killers because they do not believe their victims to be fully human. When it is sponsored by the state, the armed forces often work with militias to do the killing. Sometimes the Genocide results in revenge killings by groups against each other, creating the downward whirlpool-like cycle of bilateral genocide (as in Burundi). Real safe areas or refugee escape corridors should be established with heavily armed international protection. (An unsafe “safe” area is worse than none at all.) The U.N. Standing High Readiness Brigade, EU Rapid Response Force, or regional forces -- should be authorized to act by the U.N. Security Council if the genocide is small. For larger interventions, a multilateral force authorized by the U.N. should intervene. If the U.N. is paralyzed, regional alliances must act. It is time to recognize that the international responsibility to protect transcends the narrow interests of individual nation states

**DENIAL** is the eighth stage that always follows a genocide.

It is among the surest indicators of further genocidal massacres. The perpetrators of genocide dig up the mass graves, burn the bodies, try to cover up the evidence and intimidate the witnesses. They deny that they committed any crimes, and often blame what happened on the victims. They block investigations of the crimes, and continue to govern until driven from power by force, when they flee into exile. There they remain with impunity, like Pol Pot or Idi Amin, unless they are captured and a tribunal is established to try them. The response to denial is punishment by an international tribunal or national courts. There the evidence can be heard, and the perpetrators punished. Tribunals like the Yugoslav or Rwanda Tribunals, or an international tribunal to try the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, or an International Criminal Court may not deter the worst genocidal killers. But with the political will to arrest and prosecute them, some may be brought to justice.



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## THE UNIVERSITY UNION



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- |                          |    |                                  |    |
|--------------------------|----|----------------------------------|----|
| Eco Grounds              | 12 | Police Service Center            | 10 |
| Epicure Catering         | 4  | Redwood Room                     | 9  |
| Epicure Restaurant       | 5  | Round Table Pizza at the Hive    | 7  |
| Hinde Auditorium         | 2  | The Store                        | 11 |
| Hornet's Nest Food Court | 14 | University Union Ballroom        | 1  |
| Jamba Juice              | 8  | Vending Machines (food)          | 13 |
| Lobby Suite              | 3  | Women's Resource & PRIDE Centers | 6  |
| a Cypress Room           |    |                                  |    |
| b Sequoia Room           |    |                                  |    |

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- ASI Hot Spot, KSSU Radio Station, & Saferides
- ASI Student Engagement & Outreach
- The Buzz
- Games Room
- State Hornet Newspaper
- Mother's Lounge
- Wellness Hub

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## 02



- Club Mailboxes 8
- Fireplace Lounge 7
- Forest Suite 3
  - a Oak Room
  - b Walnut Room
- Meditation Room 4
- Orchard Suite 2
  - a Orchard I
  - b Orchard II
  - c Orchard III
- Student Computer Lounge 10
- Student Organizations & Leadership 6
- Terminal Lounge 5
- University Union Gallery 1

## 03



- California Suite 6
  - a Coastal Room
  - b Mountain Room
- Capital Room 2
- Event Services Office 9
- Foothill Suite 1
  - a Auburn Room
  - b Folsom Room
- Mother's Room 4
- Summit Room 5
- Union Administration 10
- UNIQUE Programs 7
- Valley Suite 3
  - a Miwok Room
  - b Maidu Room

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- ASI Business Office
- The Lab

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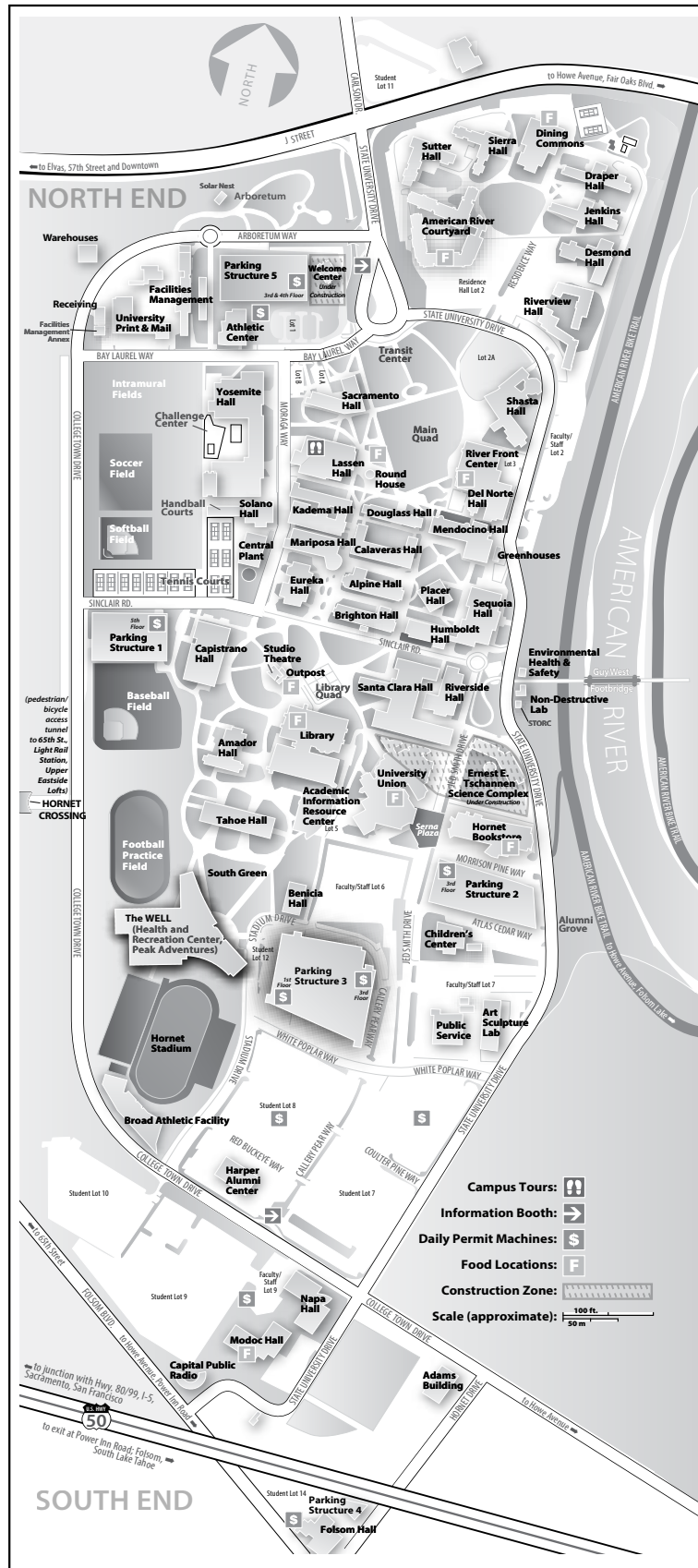
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