

6th International Conference on Genocide

Location: University Union, California State University, Sacramento

Schedule

Thursday, November 14, 2024

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

8:00 - 10:00 am Coffee, Tea, Water and Pastries – Lobby Suite

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Opening Ceremony** – Union Ballrooms 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 Acknowledgment by Senior Advisor and Chief Strategist to President Wood,
Dr. Mark Wheeler

Welcome Remarks by Chairperson, Faculty Senate, California State University,
Sacramento, Dr. Carolyn Gibbs

“Rwanda-30 years of Hope.” by President of American University in Bulgaria, Dr.
Margee Ensign

Keynote Address by Minister of Justice and Attorney General of the Republic of Rwanda,
Dr. Emmanuel Ugirashebuja

12 pm – 1:15 pm Lunch for Invited Guests and Campus Leaders – Green & Gold Room
Lunch for Registered participants – Ballroom III

Poster Presentation by Graduate Students, Department of History, California
State University, Sacramento – Ballroom III

Thursday 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Concurrent Panels

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

Chair: Dr. Julie Figueroa, Ethnic Studies/Chicanx 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.’”

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.”

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.”

Film Screening: Where Will I Go? The Rohingya Crisis – Pacific Suite III

by Mohamad Khalid Rahman & The Battle of Bhima Koregaon by Waghamare

Panel 5: Colonial Occupations & The Failure to Protect - Hinde Auditorium

Chair: Dr. Hanadi Shatara, 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.”

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.”
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”

Thursday 3:00 to 4:15 pm: Plenary Session – Hinde Auditorium

The 30th Commemoration of Genocide Against Tutsi in Rwanda

High Level Delegation from Rwanda

President Dr, Margee Ensign, American University in Bulgaria

Thursday 4:30 to 5:45: Plenary Panel – Cottonwood Suites I & II

California Indian Voices, Experiences & History

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

1. Dr. 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.”

Thursday 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm: DinAlner for Registered Participants and Invited guests – Ballrooms I & II

Book Talk by Professor, Author and Journalist, Elizabeth Mehren, “Stories from Survivors of Holocaust, Genocide and the Atrocities of War.”

Friday, November 15, 2024

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

8:00 am-10:00 am Coffee, Tea, Water and Pastries – Lobby Suite

Friday 9:00 am to 10:15 am: Concurrent Sessions

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

Chair: António 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.”

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: Ayanna Yonemura, 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. Fortune 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 Elkhatab, Palestinian Public Health, “The Ongoing Public Health Catastrophe in Palestine: A Focus on Disability in the Context of Occupation and Genocide”

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.”

Friday 10:30 am to 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. Aniesha 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**

Friday 12 noon to 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 L. Boston, Ethnic Studies, California State University, Sacramento

Lunch for Registered Participants and Dignitaries

Friday 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

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; Susu Sharif, University of San Francisco; Jack Gross, CSU Sacramento, "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."

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 to 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 to 8:30 pm: Dinner – Ballrooms I & II
California Indian Dance Group

Saturday, November 16th

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

8:00-10:00am Coffee, Tea, Water and Pastries – Lobby Suite

9 am to 10.15 am **Invited Talk** – Hinde Auditorium

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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 to 11.45 am **Special Session** – Forest Suite

Panel 21: **Remembering 1984: Voices from the Diasporic Sikh Community** – Forest Suite

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”

10.30 to 11.45 am: Concurrent Sessions

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

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. Sibyo 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: Dr. Lionel von Frederick 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.”

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

Saturday 2:30 pm to 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 Bikesha, 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"

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 Bikesha, 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, CSUS, “‘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, CSUS, “Remember 6, not 600,000: The Asymmetric Politics of Memorializing Indonesia, 1965.”

4:00 Closing Ceremony – Ballrooms I & II

Dr. Raghu Trichur, Black Honors College & Anthropology, California State University, Sacramento
Dabke Performance by Bladna Academy

6:00 to 11:00 pm Gala (Ticketed event hosted by The Friends of Rwanda Association) - Ballrooms I & II