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## “Human Rights in the Middle East and Central Africa: Comparisons and Contrasts between Rwanda and Israel”

**KEN ROTH | HOWARD FRENCH | URI ZAKI**

Free and Open to the Public

**April 16, 2013 • 1:00 – 5:00 pm**

(lunch available to all registrants from 12 noon)

Cellino and Barnes Conference Center, 509 O’Brian Hall  
University at Buffalo North Campus

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### PROGRAM

**1:00** **Welcome** from Errol Meidinger, Professor, SUNY Buffalo Law, Director, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy and Roger Des Forges, Professor, UB History

**Introduction of Speakers** by Claude Welch, SUNY Distinguished Professor, UB Political Science

**1:15**



**Ken Roth, Executive Director, Human Rights Watch**

“Are there Parallels between Rwanda’s and Israel’s Experience and Conduct?”

Commentary: Tara Melish, Associate Professor, SUNY Buffalo Law, Director, Buffalo Human Rights Center

**2:15**



**Howard French, Associate Professor, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, formerly the *New York Times* Bureau Chief for Central and East Africa**

"Guilt, Oversimplification, and Inattention in Perspectives and Policies toward the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa"

Commentary: Shaun Irlam, Associate Professor, UB Comparative Literature

**3:30**



**Uri Zaki, Director, B’Tselem, USA, the preeminent Israeli human rights organization**

"Israel at 65: Democracy, Occupation, and In Between"

Commentary: Nimer Sultany, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy

### General Discussion

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