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The ALD Memorial Committee is dedicated to honoring the life and work of human rights advocate Alison Des Forges. For more information about the Committee's work, contact: Helene Kramer at Helene.kramer@gmail.com.

The Alison L. Des Forges Memorial Committee invites you to a public film screening and discussion with the filmmaker.

MY NEIGHBOR MY KILLER

Director/Producer: Anne Aghion

Winner of the Human Rights Watch 2009 Nestor Almendros Prize, Official Selection 2009 Cannes Film Festival and 2009 Gotham Award Nominee.

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Center for the Arts, CFA 112 UB North Campus

4:00 pm Film Screening 5:30 pm Discussion with Filmmaker Anne Aghion

Could you ever forgive the people who slaughtered your family? In 1994, Rwanda's Hutu populace was incited to wipe out the country's Tutsi minority, with 800,000 lives claimed in 100 days. In 1999, the government began the Gacaca — open-air hearings with citizen-judges meant to try their neighbors and rebuild the nation. As part of this experiment in reconciliation, confessed genocide killers are sent home from prison, while traumatized survivors are asked to forgive them and resume living side-by-side.

Filming for over a decade in a tiny rural hamlet, Emmy Award winning documentary filmmaker Anne Aghion has charted the impact of the Gacaca on survivors and perpetrators alike.