



The Rwandan Genocide: Twenty Years Later

An international symposium in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide.

April 24, 2014 • 8:30—5:00 pm • University at Buffalo

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

8:30 Registration

8:45 **Welcoming Remarks**

Helene Kramer, Chair, Alison L. Des Forges Memorial Committee

Stephen C. Dunnett, Professor of Foreign Language Education, Vice Provost for International Education, University at Buffalo

Erik Seeman, Professor of History, Director of the Humanities Institute, University at Buffalo

9:00 **Session 1: Justice for the Perpetrators**

Moderator: **Roger Des Forges**, Professor, Department of History, University at Buffalo

“The Record of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and Its Legacy”

Francois-Xavier Nsanzuwera, Esq., Appeal Counsel in the Prosecutor’s Office, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), Arusha, Tanzania,

“Assessing Rwanda’s Experiment in Mass Justice”

Lars Waldorf, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Applied Human Rights, York University Law School, United Kingdom

10:00 General questions and answers

10:30 **Small group discussions** led by principal speakers and facilitating experts (see below)

10:50 Break

11:00 **Session II: Healing for the Survivors**

Moderator: **Shaun Irlam**, Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Literature, University at Buffalo

“Trauma and Commemoration in Present Day Rwanda”

Nicole Fox, PhD candidate, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University

“Reimagining a Nation: History, Culture, and Identity in Post-Genocide Rwanda”

Aimable Twagilimana, Professor, Department of English, SUNY Buffalo State College

12:00 General questions and answers

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM (continued)

12:30 **Small group discussions** led by principal speakers and facilitating experts (see below)

1:00 **Lunch and Video: “Confronting Evil: Genocide in Rwanda”**

2:00 **Session III: “Contemporary Rwandan Politics”**

Moderator: **Claude Welch**, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Department of Political Science, University at Buffalo

“A View from Kigali”

Jean-Paul Kimonyo, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor to the President, Republic of Rwanda, and author

“Rwanda Past and Present: An Insider-Outsider View”

Noel Twagiramungu, human rights activist and PhD candidate in the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

3:00 General questions and answers

3:30 **Small group discussions** led by principal speakers and facilitating experts (see below)

4:10 **Wrap-up Session**

Moderator: **Eve Everette**, Assistant Director, The Anne Frank Project, SUNY Buffalo State College

“How can Individuals and Organizations Make a Difference? Reflections on Alison Des Forges’ Roles in Rwandan History”

A concluding conversation among the facilitating experts followed by an open discussion

5:00 **Closing**

6:30-9:30

Dinner for principal speakers, facilitating experts, Alison L. Des Forges scholarship awardees at the University at Buffalo, and generous contributors to the Alison L. Des Forges Memorial Fund.



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PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS

(In order of presentation)



Francois-Xavier Nsanzuwera, Esq., Appeal Counsel in the Prosecutor's Office, United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), Arusha, Tanzania. Author of "The ICTR's Contribution to National Reconciliation," *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (August 12, 2005), September 2005, 3 .4: 944-949.



Lars Waldorf, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Applied Human Rights, York Law School, University of York, United Kingdom. Administered Human Rights Watch field office in Kigali, Rwanda, 2002-2003. Co-edited and co-authored *Remaking Rwanda: State Building and Human Rights after Mass Violence* (Univ. of Wisconsin Press, 2011); co-edited *Localizing Transitional Justice: Interventions and Priorities after Mass Violence* (Stanford Studies in Human Rights, 2010) and *Disarming the Past: Transitional Justice and Ex-Combatants* (Social Science Research Council, 2010). He is writing a book on Rwanda's community genocide trials (*gacaca*).



Nicole Fox, PhD candidate, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University and newly appointed Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Hampshire. Her dissertation is titled "Moving Beyond Violence: Memory and Nation in Post-Genocide Rwanda." Her scholarship on Rwanda has been published in the *Journal for Scientific Study of Religion*, *Societies Without Borders*, and the *International Journal of Sociology of the Family*.



Aimable Twagilimana, Professor, Department of English, SUNY Buffalo State College. Author of *Historical Dictionary of Rwanda* (Scarecrow Press, 2007); *Manifold Annihilation: A Novel* (Rivercross Publication, 1997); *The Debris of Ham: Ethnicity, Regionalism, and the 1994 Rwandan Genocide* (Univ. Press of America, 2003); *Hutu and Tutsi* (Rosen Publishing Group, 1997).

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Jean-Paul Kimonyo, Senior Policy Advisor to the President of the Republic of Rwanda, Kigali, 2009-present. He holds a PhD in Political Science and Government from The University of Quebec in Montreal, 2002. He is author of *Rwanda: Un Genocide Populaire* (Karthala, 2008), and is currently working on a book on Rwanda's Reconstruction (1994-2014) in comparative perspective.



Noel Twagiramungu, former head, League of Human Rights in the Great Lakes of Africa and the Rwandan League for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights. He holds an LL.M degree from Utrecht University and was Scholar at Risk at Harvard University in 2005-2006. He has taught at the University of Dar es Salaam and Smith College, and is co-author of *Un Homme Libre au Rwanda* (Karthala, 2004). He is currently a PhD candidate in The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. His dissertation is titled, "Two Rebel Roads to Power: Explaining Variation in the Transition from Genocidal Violence to Rebel Governance in Contemporary Rwanda and Burundi." He is also writing a *Historical Dictionary of Burundi* (Scarecrow Press, forthcoming).

FACILITATING EXPERTS

(in alphabetical order)

Sarah Jackson, Deputy Regional Director - East, Horn, and Great Lakes of Africa, Amnesty International, Nairobi, Kenya. Author of numerous reports on conditions of human rights in central Africa.

Father Leonard Kayondo, genocide survivor and chaplain at St. Ann Hospital in Fall River, MA.

Timothy Longman, Associate Professor and Director of the African Studies Program, Boston University. Author of *Christianity and Genocide in Rwanda*.

Catharine Newbury, Professor emerita of History and Government, Smith College. Author of *The Cohesion of Oppression: Clientship and Ethnicity in Rwanda, 1860-1960*.

David Newbury, Professor of History emeritus, Smith College. Author of *The Land Beyond the Mists: Essays on Authority and Identity in Precolonial Congo and Rwanda*.

Susan M. Thomson, Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University; author of *Whispering Truth to Power: Everyday Resistance to Reconciliation in Postgenocide Rwanda*



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