

Development and Democracy in Post-conflict African Nations

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1:00 P.M. *Welcoming Remarks*
Paula Allen-Meares
UIC Chancellor

Dwight A. McBride
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

1:15 P.M. *Orientation and Instructions*
Dick Simpson, Professor and Head, UIC Department of Political Science

1:30 P.M. *Introduction of Panelists and Guests*
Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Professor and Head, UIC Department of African American Studies

2:00 P.M. **Panel I. *The Pursuit of Justice and reconciliation in post-conflict societies***

Panel Moderator: Clement Eme Adibe, Professor of Political Science, DePaul University

Helen Hintjens

Senior Lecturer in Development and Social Justice, Institute of Social Sciences-The Hague
Paper title: Land reform, social peace and human security: Challenges for post-genocide Rwanda

Urusaro Alice Karekezi

Lecturer and co-founder of the Center for Conflict Management at the National University of Rwanda, and Head of the Justice, Human Rights and Governance Program

Paper title: Challenges of a popularly perpetrated genocide and Gacaca in Rwanda

Thomas Kwasi Tiekou

Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto

Paper Title: Closing the Gaps: AU democracy promotion in Post-Conflict States in Africa

3:30 P.M. Break

3:45 P.M. **Panel II. *Challenges of Democracy and Development***

Panel Moderator: D. Soyini Madison, Professor in the Department of Performance Studies, African American Studies, and Anthropology at Northwestern University

Elisabeth King

Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Earth Institute, Columbia University

Paper title: Acknowledging memories of violence in post-genocide Rwanda

Amina Mama

Barbara Lee Distinguished Chair in Women's Leadership and Professor in Gender and Women's Studies, Mills College

Paper title: Militarism, Gender, and Underdevelopment

Muna Ndulo

Professor of Law and African Legal Systems, Cornell University

Paper title: The Rule of Law, Judicial Reform, Social and Economic Development and Post Conflict Societies

Julius E. Nyang'oro

Professor and Chair, African and Afro-American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

Paper title: Building democracy in post-conflict societies

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5:15 P.M. *Re-cap and discussion*

Lynette A. Jackson

UIC Professor of African American Studies and Gender and Women Studies

6:00 P.M. *PANELIST DINNER—Keynote Speaker Nicole C. Lee*

9:00 P.M.

Executive Director, TransAfrica Forum Washington, D.C.

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8:00 A.M. Continental breakfast provided

9:00 A.M. **Panel III. *Demobilization and Keeping the Peace***

Panel Moderator: Alie Kabba, Executive Director, United African Organization

Sylvia Ojukutu-Macauley

Associate Professor of History, Truman State University

Paper title: No Justice No Peace: The elusive search for justice and reconciliation in post-conflict Sierra Leone

J. Peter Pham

Associate Professor of Justice Studies, Political Science, and Africana Studies,
Director of the Nelson Institute for International and Public Affairs, James Madison University

Paper title: The Role of Judicial Processes and Constitutional Reform in Confronting the Roots of Civil Conflict: A Comparative Study of Liberia and Sierra Leone

Jessica Schafer

Professor, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa

Paper title: The role of former combatants in post-war Mozambique

10:30 A.M. Break

10:45 A.M. **Panel IV. *Regional Organizations in Post-conflict Reconstruction***

Panel Moderator: Dick Simpson, UIC Professor and Head Political Science

Joseph Bangura

Assistant Professor of History and African Studies Kalamazoo College

Paper title: The dynamics of peacekeeping in West Africa: Examining ECOMOG's "Interposition" in Sierra Leone

Osman Gbla

Political Scientist and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, Fourah Bay College
University of Sierra Leone

Paper title: Governance challenges in post-conflict African states: The Sierra Leone experience

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10:45 A.M. Panel IV. *continued*

Amos Claudius Sawyer

Professor of Political Science, Indiana University

Paper title: Challenges of Governance Reform in Post-Conflict Liberia.

John C. Yoder

Professor of Political Studies, Whitworth University

Paper title: Post-conflict elections as predictors of democratic success: The examples of Liberia and Sierra Leone

12:15 P.M. Lunch

1:15 P.M. Panel V: *Diasporas and African Conflicts, Development and Democracy*

Panel Moderator: Barbara Ransby, Director, UIC Gender and Women's Studies Program
Associate Professor, Gender and Women's Studies, African American Studies and History

Lynette C. Jackson

Associate Professor of African American Studies and Gender and Women Studies, UIC

Paper title: The Role of Diasporas in Post-Conflict Development: The Case of Southern Sudan

Cassandra Veney

Assistant Professor African American Studies and Gender and Women's, UIC

Paper title: The Role of African Americans in African Conflict Resolution and Development

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza

Professor of African American Studies and History

Paper title: The Role of Diasporas in Conflict Making and Post-Conflict Reconstruction

2:30 P.M. Panel VI. *Local governance in post-conflict states*

Panel Moderator: Cassandra Veney, Assistant Professor, Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies

Arthur Abraham

Professor of History, Virginia State University

Paper Title: The Role of Paramount Chiefs in Post-conflict transitions: The case of Sierra Leone

Fredline A. M'Cormack-Hale

Assistant Professor of Diplomacy & International Relations, Seton Hall University

Paper Title: The role of NGOs in post-conflict Sierra Leone: Undermining the State?

Marda Mustapha

Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of St. Rose

Paper Title: The Youth Question: Persistent 'Unfreedoms' and Neo-patrimonialism in Post-War Sierra Leone."

4:00 P.M.- *Re-cap and closing remarks*

5:00 P.M. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, UIC Professor and Head of African American Studies

Abraham, Arthur, obtained a Doctor of Philosophy in History/African Studies from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom (U.K.) in 1974. He has numerous years of teaching and research experience at universities in Europe, the United States and Africa. He has been Chair of African Studies at the University of Sierra Leone, and both Director of the Institute of African Studies and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. He has also been UN Associate and Professor in the University Honors Program at Long Island University as well as Fellow at the Gilder Lehrman Centre for the Study of Slavery, Resistance and Abolition and Visiting Full Professor of History at Yale University.

Currently Professor of History and Eminent Scholar at the Virginia State University, Professor Abraham has published over a dozen books and monographs, over eighty articles, and authored a large number of consultancy reports and unpublished manuscripts covering a broad range of historical, political, anthropological, developmental, educational, and cultural issues and topics. His latest book is *An Introduction to the Pre-colonial History of the Mende of Sierra Leone* (The Edwin Mellen Press, 2003). In addition to his university responsibilities, Professor Abraham served as a development consultant for over a decade. He was a primary consultant for two movies relating to Africa: *The 'Amistad'* (1998) and *'Blood Diamonds'* (2005). In 2000 and 2001, he was the official guest of the British government to help plan and map out a twenty-year British policy towards Africa. In the early 1990s, Professor Abraham was also for a time, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports in the government of his native Sierra Leone.

Adibe, Clement E., Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Political Science at DePaul University, Chicago. He was the Killam Post-doctoral fellow at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and has served as a researcher at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva, Switzerland. He was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI). Dr. Adibe served as member of the Board of Directors and on the Executive Board of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS). His recent publications include: "United Nations: Africa in the United Nations," in John Middleton & Joseph C. Miller, eds. *New Encyclopedia of Africa*. 2nd Edition, Volume 5. Detroit: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2008, pp. 128-132; "The State-Business Nexus in Nigeria: The Role of Indigenous Consultants." In Jane Guyer and LaRay Denzer, eds. *Vision and Policy in Nigerian Economics: The Legacy of Pius Okigbo*. Ibadan University Press, 2005, pp. 101-109; and "Do Regional Organizations Matter? Comparing the Conflict Management Mechanisms in West Africa and the Great Lakes Region." In Jane Boulden, ed. *Dealing with Conflict in Africa: The United Nations and Regional Organizations*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003, pp. 79-108. Dr. Adibe's current research projects include *The International Dimensions of the Niger Delta Conflicts in Nigeria* and *International Responses to the Crises in Darfur*.

Bangura, Joseph, Ph.D., is Assistant Professor of History/African Studies and Director of the African Studies Program at Kalamazoo College. His research interests include African Intellectual and Urban History, State Security and Governance in sub-Saharan Africa. He has published works on Social and Political Relations in colonial and postcolonial Sierra Leone and Islam in colonial Freetown.

Gbla, Osman, Ph.D., is a Political Scientist and currently Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. He is founder of the Centre for Development and Security Analysis (CEDSA) in Sierra Leone and is also Chairman of the Sierra Leone African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) National Governing Council (NGC). He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science (Ph.D.) and a Diploma in Advanced International Conflict Resolution from the University of Uppsala, Sweden. Dr. Gbla has successfully both individually and collaboratively carried out consultancies in the areas of peace, security and governance for national, regional and international organizations including the United Nations, the World Bank, the African Union (AU), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF). He was a lead Consultant in the preparation of the Sierra Leone Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP 2005 -2007) and the UN Peace-building *Commission Shadow Report* for Sierra Leone. Dr. Gbla has published extensively in the areas of peace, security, and governance.

Hintjens, Helen M., has a long-standing interest in post-colonial relations, with a background in International Relations and Development. Her special concerns are Global Social Justice, Human Rights, Post-colonial Studies and Genocide and post-Genocide Conflict and Peace in the Great Lakes, especially in Rwanda. She has also worked on the Great Lakes diaspora in relation to pro-asylum advocacy in Europe. A central concern is how conflict and peace relate to international refugee regimes, especially between the African Great Lakes region and the EU. She also has an interest in E-Learning, having designed and used on-line role play simulations to teach about rights and justice issues, with cases as diverse as Venezuela and Rwanda. She has advised the All-Party Committee on Human Rights in relation to

The Great Lakes and the UK Caribbean Overseas Territories (House of Commons/House of Lords, London). She is Deputy Convenor for Human Rights, Development and Social Justice and the Conflict, Reconstruction and Human Security specialisations at the Institute of Social Studies, the latter a specialization that she helped develop (first intake 2007-8). She has worked and researched in Australia, South Africa, UK and France, and throughout East Africa, including in Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

Jackson, Lynette Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Gender and Women's Studies and African American Studies. Her current research focuses on child refugees from civil war in Sudan. Dr. Jackson is the author of *Surfacing Up: Psychiatry and Social Order in Colonial Zimbabwe, 1908-1968* (Cornell University Press, 2005). In addition to her scholarship, she is the past chair of the International Studies Program at UIC, and she serves on boards and advisory committees addressing human rights and social justice, including the Chicago Committee of Human Rights Watch, The Public Square, and the City of Chicago's Refugee and Immigrant Advisory Committee.

Karekezi, Urusaro Alice, is co-founder of the Center for Conflict Management at the National University of Rwanda, where she headed the Justice, Human Rights and Governance program. The focus of Ms. Karekezi's work is on responses that are designed to facilitate and promote reconciliation and justice after popularly perpetrated violence, such as Gacaca in post-Genocide Rwanda. She has coordinated the Rwanda component of a three year collaborative research project with the University of California at Berkeley and authored *Localizing Justice: Gacaca courts in post-genocide Rwanda*. Currently, based at the School of Global Studies at the University of Göteborg, Sweden, she is working on a doctoral thesis on Gacaca in post-Genocide Rwanda. Simultaneously, she is working on a curriculum development of a M.A. thesis on Peace and Development to be housed at the National University of Rwanda, and run in collaboration with the School of Global Studies at the University of Göteborg. Ms. Karekezi is a lecturer at the National University of Rwanda, who also holds guest lecturer at the School of Global Studies of the University of Göteborg, Sweden and at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). She has practiced law in firms in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), Paris (France), and Brussels (Belgium), and worked with Rwanda governmental and non governmental institutions and Rwanda-based United Nations agencies for the representation of women in decision-making. As a member of the Rwandan First Lady's Task Force on AIDS, she facilitated the organization of the African First Ladies Summit on AIDS in May 2001. She is currently serving on the board of the Rwandan First Lady's Initiative for Young talented women: "Imbutu".

Kabba, Alie, is Executive Director of the United African Organization, an advocacy coalition of African national associations dedicated to social justice, civic participation and empowerment of African immigrants and refugees in Illinois. In this capacity he has been tireless in giving voice to the social justice aspirations of the growing African immigrant and refugee community, as well as fostering a better understanding of contemporary African politics and development. He is the founding editor of the African Advocate, a bi-monthly paper with a unique focus on African politics and the experience of the fast growing African immigrant and refugee community in the US. Alie is very active in building a strong and engaged US constituency for Africa, strengthening immigrant-led coalitions in Chicago, and building bridges of understanding and shared vision between African Americans and immigrant communities. As a policy analyst, Alie has more than a decade of extensive experience as Public Service Administrator with the Illinois Department of Human Services and Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services. He currently serves as Vice President of the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR), which is dedicated to promoting the rights of immigrants and refugees to full and equal participation in the civic, cultural, social, and political life of our diverse society.

King, Elisabeth, is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Earth Institute, Columbia University. Her work examines the nexus of development, conflict and peace-building in a number of sub-Saharan African countries. She received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Toronto. Her dissertation research examined the role of formal education in both violent conflict and peace-building in Rwanda.

Lee, Nicole is the Executive Director of TransAfrica Forum, the leading advocacy organization for Africa and the African Diaspora in U.S. foreign policy. She was appointed to the position in December 2006 by the Board of the Directors, led by Chairman Danny Glover. Ms. Lee earned a law degree from the University of Buffalo, and served as an International Law Fellow. Ms. Lee's passion for human rights and activism has propelled her to the top of one of the leading human rights advocacy organizations in the world. As the Executive Director, Ms. Lee often travels abroad, not only to the African continent, but also to countries with large Afro-descendant populations such as Brazil, Venezuela, Haiti, and Colombia. She spends her time interacting with people on the ground, and then conveys their

concerns about human and political rights issues to U.S. politicians, policy makers, and other agencies whose work impacts the global African population. TransAfrica Forum led the world protest against apartheid in South Africa and democracy in Haiti and Nigeria. Today, TransAfrica Forum works for human and economic justice for African people on the continent of Africa, in Latin America and in the Caribbean.

M'Cormack-Hale, Fredline A.O., Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations where she teaches courses in International Relations and African Politics. She holds an MA and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Florida. Her research interests include gender, development, democratization, post-conflict reconstruction and NGOs, with a focus on Sierra Leone.

Madison, D. Soyini, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Performance Studies, African American Studies and Anthropology at Northwestern University. Professor Madison is now serving as the Interim Director of the Program of African Studies. In addition to her latest book, *Acts of Activism: Human Rights As Performance*, available in November by Cambridge University Press, her other publications include: *Critical Ethnography: Methods, Ethics, and Performance*, *The Sage Handbook of Performance Studies* (co-edited with Judith Hamera) and the edited volume, *The Woman That I Am: The Literature and Culture of Contemporary Women of Color*. Her latest book, *Acts of Activism*, focuses on how local human rights activists in Ghana employ modes of "performance" as a tactic in the defense of women's rights, public health, and water democracy.

Mama Amina, Ph.D., (Nigeria/SA/UK) currently holds the Barbara Lee Distinguished Chair in Women's Leadership at Mills College. She is founding editor of the African journal of gender studies, *Feminist Africa*. She serves as Chair of the Board of Directors, Global Fund for Women; member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for African Studies, University of Ghana; and on the editorial advisory boards of eight academic journals in the areas of feminist studies, development studies and human rights. Previous positions include: Chair in Gender Studies and Director, African Gender Institute, the Prince Claus Chair in Equity and Development (2004), and she has held lecturing positions at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, and the University of Bradford. She has undertaken development consultancy work and research in various African and Caribbean countries. Main research areas are gender violence, gender identities, politics, higher education and development. She carried out her graduate studies at the London School of Economics and Political Science and Birbeck College at London University. Major publications include *Beyond the Masks: Race, Gender and Subjectivity* (Routledge 1995), *Women's Studies and Studies of Women in Africa* (CODESRIA Green Book, 1996), *Engendering African Social Sciences* (co-edited, CODESRIA 1997)

Mustapha Marda, Ph.D., is currently Assistant Professor of Political Science in the Department of History and Political Science at the College of St. Rose. Dr Mustapha has taught a variety of courses in the United States both as a student during his doctoral study at Northern Arizona University; as a Visiting Lecturer at the State University of New York College at Geneseo; as an Exchange Professor at the University College at Cork, Ireland and presently at College of Saint Rose. While his academic interests focus on broader issues in International Political Economy, his research interests include Comparative Politics, International Affairs, HIV/AIDS policies in Sub-Saharan Africa, African Politics and development, democracy, conflicts and human rights. Dr Mustapha has published book chapters and articles in refereed journals. He has also presented his research at a number of conferences such as the African Studies Association, International Studies Association and the Association of Third World Studies. He is presently working on a co-edited book on Post-war Sierra Leone. He presently teaches courses in the Comparative Politics field.

Ndulo, Muna, LL.M, Ph.D., is a Professor of Law Cornell Law School and Director of Cornell University's Institute for African Development. He is also Honorary Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town. He was formerly Professor of Law and Dean of the School of Law, University of Zambia. He served as Legal Office in the International Trade Law Branch of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). He also served as Legal Adviser and Political Adviser with the United Nations Mission Observer Mission in South Africa (UNOMSA) and to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General to South Africa 1992-1994; Legal Adviser to the United Nations Assistance Mission to EAST Timor (UNAMET)-1999, Legal Expert, United Nations Mission to Kosovo (UNAMIK) (2000) and Legal Expert to the United Nations Mission to Afghanistan (UNAMA) (2003). He is a member of the Advisory Committee, Human Rights Watch, (Africa) and Chairperson of Gender Links.

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Ojukutu-Macauley, Sylvia, Ph.D., is associate professor of history at Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri where she teaches a wide range of courses on African history. Prior to joining the faculty at Truman in 1999, she was visiting assistant professor at Georgetown University, in Washington, DC. She is the author of several book chapters and articles on education, health, gender and peace building in post-conflict Africa that have been published in *Development Southern Africa*, *Contemporary Africa*, *Stepping Forward: Black Women in Africa and the Americas*, and *Islam and Trade in Sierra Leone*.

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Sawyer, Amos Claudius, Ph.D., is Chair, Governance Commission of Liberia and former President, Interim Government of Liberia. Professor Sawyer is Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Center for Democratic Empowerment (DEDE) Monrovia, Liberia, and is the former Chairman of the National Constitution Commission of Liberia. He is widely published in African Affairs, the *Journal of Royal African Society*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, and is working on an upcoming book. He is conducting a workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University.

Schafer, Jessica, Ph.D. Professor Schafer's research examines livelihoods and natural resource management in post-conflict situations; post-conflict social and political change; reintegration of demobilized soldiers after civil war; and early childhood development in Africa. Her geographical specialization is Mozambique and Lusophone Africa. Her previous academic positions include assistant professor at the University of Ottawa and post-doctoral fellow at the universities of Victoria, Sussex and Oxford. She is currently senior researcher with the Government of

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Simpson, Dick, Ph.D., is UIC Professor and Head of the Department of Political Science. Professor Simpson is a specialist in city politics and elections he came to UIC in 1967. He has won numerous teaching awards such as the Silver Circle and UIC Excellence in Teaching Award. He is author of 16 books and over 80 professional articles and films. His dissertation is "The Political Evolution of Two African Towns: Kendima and Makeni in Sierra Leone. His book entitled, *Rogues, Rebels, and Rubber Stamps*, chronicles the history of the Chicago City Council from 1863 to the present. He has recently published a report entitled, "Curing Corruption in Illinois."

Tieku, Thomas Kwasi, Ph.D., is currently the head of African Studies at the University of Toronto where he teaches courses in International Relations and African Studies. He specializes in international negotiation, mediation, diplomacy, peacemaking, and multilateral democracy promotion. He has written on these subjects in journals and consulted on them for international organizations such as the World Bank Group, African Union, NGOs, and governments. His recent works can be found in *African Affairs*, *African Security Review*, *International Insights*, *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal* and *International Journal*.

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Yoder, John, Ph.D., teaches African studies, international politics, and peace studies at Whitworth University. John Yoder has held Fulbright grants to teach African studies at Cuttington University (Liberia), the University of Liberia, and Daystar University (Kenya). Yoder's book, *Popular Political Culture, Civil Society, and State Crisis in Liberia* (The Edwin Mellen Press, 2003), analyzes the relationship between the political values of ordinary citizens and the collapse of the Liberian state. John Yoder's articles on African history and politics have appeared in *The Journal of Modern African Studies*, *The Journal of African History*, *The Perspective*, *The Liberian Studies Journal*, and *The McGill International Review*. In 2005, Yoder was part of a Carter Center and NDI international delegation, which monitored the Liberian elections. In 2007, he was a member of the NDI international delegation, which monitored the presidential run-off elections in Sierra Leone. Later, in 2008, Yoder was part of an Emory University-Carter Center team which travelled to Liberia to evaluate progress on Gender Based Violence programs. Dr. Yoder holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University and an M.Div. from Mennonite Seminary.

Zezeza, Paul Tiyambe, Ph.D., is Professor and Head of the Department of African American Studies at UIC. Professor Zezeza is also currently an Adjunct Professor of History and African and African American Studies at the Pennsylvania State University and an Honorary Professor at the University of Cape Town and formerly Director of the Center for African Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has published scores of essays and has authored or edited more than two dozen books including most recently *The Study of Africa* (2 volumes, 2007); *African Universities in the Twenty-First Century* (2 volumes, 2004); *Human Rights and Development in Africa* (2004); and *Rethinking Africa's Globalization* (2003). Several of his books have won awards including the 1994 Noma Award for *A Modern Economic History of Africa* (1993), the 1998 Special Commendation of the Noma Award for *Manufacturing African Studies and Crises* (1997), the 2003 Choice Outstanding Academic Title and 2004 Honorable Mention of the Conover-Porter Award for *Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century African History* (2002). He has also published three works of fiction. He has raised nearly five million dollars in research and institutional grants from various foundations and public agencies. Currently, Paul is working on a global project on African diasporas in Asia, Europe, and the Americas, funded by the Ford Foundation.

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