

**"Rwanda: From National Disintegration to National Reunification:
The Legacy of the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda"
Bates College
March 30–31, 2007**

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Presentation: This project takes the form of an international and interdisciplinary two-day conference open to the public and to academic communities. This event will bring to campus guest speakers from Rwanda, Europe and the United States, including members from the Rwandan diaspora living in New England. Envisioned as a place of encounter and relationship-building, the conference will allow survivors of the genocide of the Tutsi to share with different communities their stories, struggles, and hopes so that their interlocutors can gain a better understanding of how this traumatic legacy shapes their civic engagement and what role we, as an academic community, should and can play. My hope is that these activities are also a key step to build personal relationships with Rwandan community partners for future projects.

List of guest speakers:

- **Laure Coret** (professor of French literature, Université de Paris VIII and member of "La commission d'enquête citoyenne" and of ARCRIGE ("International Association of Research on Crimes against Humanity and on Genocide"))
- **Alison Des Forges** (Human Rights Watch expert on Rwanda)
- **Chantal Kayitesi** (survivor and founding member of AVEGA (Association of Widows and Children of the Genocide Agahozo))
- **Jean-Pierre Lindiro Kabirigi** (member of the Institute POLE promoting economic development projects in Africa's Great Lakes Region)
- **Esther Mujawayo** (survivor, psychiatrist, founding member of AVEGA and author of testimonies)
- **Yolande Mukagasana** (survivor and author of testimonies)
- **Naasson Munyamutsa** (professor of psychiatry at the National University of Rwanda, therapist working with survivors and member of l'Institut de Recherche et de Dialogue pour la Paix)
- **Augustin Nkusi** (national prosecutor for the Rwandan state and former member of the Judicial Services in the National Service for Gacaca Jurisdictions (NSGJ))
- **Pierrot Rugaba** (director of Refugee and Immigration Services at Catholic Charities Maine)
- **Jean Bosco Rutagengwa** (survivor and founding member of IBUKA ("Remember"), an association defending the memory and rights of survivors of the genocide of the Tutsi)

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Friday, March 30:

4:30-6 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Room G21:

Mount David Summit: "Voices from Rwanda"

Posters and performance based on the correspondence between Rwandan students who survived the genocide and Bates students from the French seminar "Documenting the Genocide of the Tutsi in Rwanda"

7:45 p.m., Chase Hall Lounge:

Opening remarks and lectures followed by a reception:

- Alexandre Dauge-Roth (Bates College, professor of francophone literature)
- Alison DesForges (Human Rights Watch expert on Rwanda)
- Naasson Munyamutsa (professor of psychiatry at the National University of Rwanda, therapist working with survivors and member of l'Institut de Recherche et de Dialogue pour la Paix)

9:15 p.m., Chase Hall Lounge:

Dessert and wine reception

Saturday, March 31:

9–10:15 a.m., Pettengill Hall, Keck Classroom (G52):

Session I: "More than 13 Years Ago: The Genesis of the Genocide of the Tutsi"

- Scott MacEachern (Bowdoin College, professor of sociology and anthropology)
- David Gordon (Bowdoin College, professor of history)
- Alison DesForges (Human Rights Watch expert on Rwanda)

10:15–10:30 a.m.:

Coffee break

10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Keck Classroom (G52):

Session II: "13 Years Ago: Testimonies, Documentaries and Literary Accounts of the Genocide of the Tutsi"

Morning lecture: Yolande Mukagasana (survivor and author of several testimonies)

- Esther Mujawayo (survivor, psychiatrist and author of two testimonies)
- Laure Coret (Université de Paris VIII, professor of literature, and member of ARCRIGE)
- Alexandre Dauge-Roth (Bates College, professor of francophone literature)
- Jean Bosco Rutagengwa (survivor and founding member of IBUKA "Remember")
- Pamela Ballinger (Bowdoin College, professor of anthropology)

12:45–1:45 p.m.:

Lunch

2–4 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Keck Classroom (G52):

Session III: "13 Years After: Definition and Implementation of Justice: From the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to the ICTR in Arusha, the Gacaca in Rwanda, and the Commission d'Enquête Citoyenne in France"

Afternoon lecture: Augustin Nkusi (National Prosecutor and former Member of Judicial Services in the National Service for Gacaca Jurisdictions)

- Catherine Besteman (Colby College, professor of anthropology)
- Ken Rodman (Colby College, professor of government)
- Laure Coret (Université de Paris VIII, professor of literature, and member of "La commission d'enquête citoyenne")
- Alison Des Forges (Human Rights Watch expert on Rwanda)

4–4:30 p.m.:

Coffee and refreshments

4:30–6:15 p.m., Pettengill Hall, Keck Classroom (G52):

Session 4, "13 Years to Go: National Reconciliation Process and Socio-Economic Reforms: The Government's Vision and Plan for Rwanda 2020"

- Chantal Kayitesi (survivor and founding member of AVEGA)
- Yolande Mukagasana (survivor and author of several testimonies)
- Naasson Munyandamutsa (National University of Rwanda, professor of psychiatry, therapist working with survivors, and member of l'Institut de Recherche et de Dialogue pour la Paix)
- Elizabeth Eames (Bates College, professor of anthropology)
- Jean-Pierre Lindiro Kabirigi (member of the Institute POLE, promoting economic projects in the Great Lakes Region)
- Pierrot Rugaba (director of Refugee and Immigration Services at Catholic Charities Maine)

6:30–7:45 p.m.:

Dinner

8 p.m., Chase Hall Lounge:

Rwandan dance performance, lectures and closing remarks

- Rwandan dance by Singiza
- Jean Bosco Rutagengwa (survivor and founding member of IBUKA ("Remember"))
- Esther Mujawayo (survivor, psychiatrist, founding member of AVEGA and author of testimonies)

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