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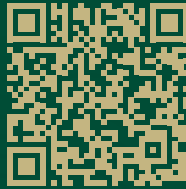
Presents

The 32nd Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference:

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & EQUITABLE PEACEBUILDING

April 11–13, 2024

Conference Registration



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The conference is open to the public and free for Sac State students, faculty & staff, and students in the Sacramento region. All times are Pacific Standard Time (PST)



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The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) was established in 1996 at California State University, Sacramento, and housed in the College of Health of Human Services, to provide conflict resolution and reconciliation services for agencies, governments, institutions, businesses, civil society and community organizations and other groups through training, education, research, and intervention. CAPCR develops curricular/materials and provides training and services on mediation, negotiation, arbitration, restorative justice and other conflict resolution activities for governmental and nongovernmental organizations, business and community groups, public and private agencies, educational institutions and allied professional associations (in Sacramento & Africa). The CAPCR mission aligns with the University's established mission of global education and community service, as well as campus current priorities of promoting diversity and inclusion, fostering community engagement as an anchor university, support for student success, and development of philanthropy. The annual international conference as well as peace awards is a signature campus global program, with participants from more than 100 countries and 5 continents since the initial convening in 1992 under then African Studies Coalition, that led to the conceptualization and creation of the CAPCR in 1996.

The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) at California State University, Sacramento invites you to its 32nd annual conference. The 32nd anniversary theme — *Restorative Justice & Equitable Peacebuilding: Best Practices, Key Lessons & Opportunities* - aims to examine, analyze and/or evaluate the development and status of the various restorative justice practices and programs, both formal and informal institutions, across cultures, communities, countries and continents via the justice system, community, education, civil society, vulnerable populations, and post-conflict societies.

Given the growing concerns across the globe over crime, violence, and conflicts (including violent extremism) there is need to examine the role, status and impact of restorative justice and community-based systems for responding to both interpersonal and collective harm -- to repair or reduce the victim/survivor harm, promote accountability and rehabilitation of the offender or responsible party, and build equitable peace and security in the community as well as applicable spaces for prevention and intervention.

The conference presentations and exchanges will attempt to identify the place, status and effectiveness of restorative justice practices, community social control processes, and key, common challenges as well as promising initiatives or best practices. It will also create opportunities for international & regional networking in peace building practices and research. Identifying/addressing current voids or gaps will provide opportunity for self-assessment, reflection and innovation among advocates, practitioners and scholars, donors, and policymakers. The conference will also facilitate the development of common standards of ethics for training and practice as well as articulate key evaluation benchmarks for quality assurance. We invite and welcome proposals that are both culture/community specific and cross-cultural or comparative, including Africa/ns and other continents and peoples.

The conference closes with the Peace Awards. The award ceremony will be held on the evening of April 13, 2024, and it will be part of a fundraising effort for the CAPCR's Africa Peace Fellows Initiative to build the next generation of peace leaders.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

8:30AM

Registration begins

Location: Redwood Room, University Union

Coffee/tea provided

9:00AM – 10:30AM

Panel A: Restorative Justice in Community and Indigenous Spaces

Location: Redwood Room, University Union

Eric Honda, San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, California: *Remembering Rwanda: Three Decades of Bilateral and Beligerence between Minority Rights and Majority Rule.*

Victor Odoeme, Veritas University, Abuja, Nigeria: *Reconsidering Amadioha in the Restorative Justice Scheme.*

Nchongayi C. Begealawuh, University of Ottawa, School of International Development and Global Studies: *Where is the Civil Society? Where are the Women? Barriers and Pathways to Inclusive Peacebuilding Dialogues in Cameroon.*

Onyeniyi O. Abe, University of Cape Town, Centre for Comparative Law in Africa: *Navigating Communal Conflict in Nigeria: An Exploration of Restorative Justice for Sustainable Peace and Development.*

Moderator: **Maria da Luz Alexandrino**, California State University, Sacramento

10:35AM–12:00PM

Panel B: Restorative Justice Practices in Schools, Institutions and Organizations.

Michelle Hamilton and Shannon Henry, Natomas United School District, Sacramento: *Balancing Transactional and Adaptive Leadership to Promote Voice, Agency and Co-Creation In K-12 Settings.*

Derek Bradley & Rachael Marshall, California State University-Sacramento: *Belonging and Bridging Spaces Program.*

Ray Green, The Center at Sierra Health Foundation and **Ray Lozada**, Sacramento Unified School District Office of Safe Schools: *Restorative Justice in Youth Development: The MBK (My Brothers' Keeper) Experience.*

Dwight Harvey, Resolute Solutions, Sacramento: *Implementing Restorative Justice Practices in High Schools.*

Moderator: **Krishna Guadalupe**, California State University, Sacramento.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

- 12:10PM – 1:25PM** **Conference Opening & Keynote Address with Dr. Fania Davis**
Food provided!
- OPENING** Honoring our Ancestors: **Tina Jordan**, The Umoja Community, California State University, Sacramento.
Ernest Uwazie, CAPCR Director & Conference Chair, California State University, Sacramento.
- WELCOME** **Data Barata**, CAPCR Board Member, California State University, Sacramento.
Piram Prakasam, AVP International Programs & Global Engagement, California State University, Sacramento.
Mary Maguire, Dean of the College of Health & Human Services, California State University, Sacramento.
Carlos Nevarez, Provost & VP Academic Affairs (Interim), California State University, Sacramento.
Moderator & Land Acknowledgment: **Alexa Sardina**, Conference Co-Chair, California State University, Sacramento.
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER** **Dr. Fania Davis**, Founding Director of the Restorative Justice Oakland Youth (RJOY) and leading global voice on restorative justice, to be introduced by **Dr. Aniesha K. Mitchell**, California State University, Sacramento Vice President of Student Affairs.
- 1:35 PM – 3:00 PM** **Panel C: Restorative Justice and Victim Offender Dialogues: First 2 Year Preliminary Results and Lessons from the California Dept. of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR) Grant Project, to be presented by the project personnel team.**
Ernest Uwazie, California State University, Sacramento: *The Training and Victim Offender Dialogues.*
Alexa Sardina, California State University, Sacramento: *Restorative Justice Dialogues in Carceral Settings.*
Krishna Guadalupe, California State University, Sacramento: *Participants Accountability Through RJ Principles and Practices: The “Ins” and “Outs” of Deeply Normalized Traumas.*
Dwight Harvey, Sacramento Restorative Justice Network and **Diamond Longjel**, Sacramento Restorative Justice Network: *Volunteer Experiences as Restorative Justice Practitioner.*
Theresa Abah, California State University, Sacramento: *Key Evaluation Findings of the Victim Offender/Restorative Justice Dialogues.*
Moderator: **Sylvester Bowie**, CAPCR.

Thursday, April 11, 2024

3:10 PM – 4:35 PM

Panel D: Critical Issues and Perspectives about Restorative Justice & Peacebuilding.

Nathaniel Oyinloye, Founder/CEO Hospital & Prison Action Network and Hospital and Prison Welfare Initiative (HPWI): *Nigeria Law and Terrorism: Growth of Extremism in Nigeria Prison.*

Theresa Abah, California State University, Sacramento: *Building Sustainable Family Systems through Intentional Mediation: A Framework for Building a Stronger, more Harmonious Peaceful and Just Society.*

Martin Nwosu, Ghana Association of Chartered Mediators & Arbitrators(GHACMA): *Unlocking the Virtues of Restorative Justice in Ghana.*

Chris E. Gankon, Biola University, Whittier, California: *The Role of Political Discipleship in Peacebuilding: A Public/ Political Discipleship.*

Moderator: **Elvis Nshom**, California State University, San Marcos.

4:45 PM – 7:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Location: Redwood Room, University Union.

Food and drinks provided.

WELCOME

Boatamo Mosupyo, Dean & Chief Academic Officer, of Black Honors College, California State University, Sacramento.

Special Film Presentations by the Sacramento International Pan African Film Festival in collaboration with the Africa House Sacramento: *Cadence- A Love Story. Melikyaha.*

Moderator: **Data Barata**, California State University, Sacramento.

Special Roundtable Discussion: Reparations Conversation: What reparation means to you, your family, and the community. Co-sponsored by the Sheba Farms Foundation.

Discussants:

Daniel Hahn, former Sacramento Police Chief.

Chris Lodgson, Reparations Policy Writer.

Rico Gordon, Oak Park Sacramento Massage Therapy.

Mama Roz Mayor, Sankofa Queen.

Teah Harson, Holistic Health.

Ernest Uwazie, California State University, Sacramento.

Moderator: **Zion Taddese**, Sheba Farms Foundation, and **Marianna Sousa**, Social Wellness leader.

Friday, April 12, 2024

8:00 AM

Registration Begins

Location: Redwood Room, University Union

Pastries, Juice, Coffee and Tea provided.

8:00AM-8:50AM

Panel E: Roundtable Discussion: *Exploring the challenges and prospects of restorative justice options in domestic violence in the black community/ family.*

Discussants:

Ernest Uwazie, California State University, Sacramento

Theresa Abah, California State University, Sacramento

Ibrahim Koroma, Northeastern University, Seattle Campus.

Elizabeth Mukiibi, California State University, Sacramento

Robin Carter, Sacramento Family Justice Center

Moderator: **Rosemary Effiong**, California Northstate University, Rancho Cordova.

9:00 AM- 9:50AM

Panel F: *A Peace Circle Experience: Creating Safe space(s) for Reflection, Healing and Peace Mindset in the Midst of Violence and Uncertainties, local and global. Agreement with Ground Rules Required!*

Facilitators: Ernest Uwazie, Alexa Sardina, Krishna Guadalupe, David Constante & Sylvester Bowie.

10:00 AM -11:25 AM

Panel G: **Special & Indigenous Applications in Restorative Justice and Conflict Resolution**

Ibrahim Ndagijimana, University of Rwanda, Centre for Conflict Management: *Indigenous Mechanisms as a Tool for Conflict Resolution in Rwanda: The Case of Abunzi Committees.*

Colins Imoh, University of Bradford, United Kingdom. *Restorative Reintegration of Armed Combatants in Africa: A Comparative Study of Kenya, Nigeria, and Rwanda.*

Oluremi Adeleke, Deputy Director, National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Nigeria:

Good Governance as the Recipe for Sustainable Democracy in West Africa Sub Region.

Ajuma Blessing Ebiloma, Legal Compliance Office, Lighthouse Capital Limited, **Ibrahim Kanton Wogrie**, Ga North Municipal District Assembly, Accra, Ghana. Nigeria: *Restorative Justice: An Approach Towards Sustainable Peace Building and Development in North Eastern Nigeria - Post Insurgency.*

Moderator: **Tina Jordan**, California State University, Sacramento.

Friday, April 12, 2024

11:40 AM – 1:00 PM **Panel H: Special Lunch Topic Discussion on Victim-Offender Dialogues.**
Discussants will share their experiences in participating in the victim offender dialogues as victims and an offender.

Lunch Provided!

Discussants:

Joshua Gunner Johnson (survivor/victim participant).

Schemia Lewis (survivor/victim participant).

Christian Branscombe (responsible party participant).

Moderators: **Ernest Uwazie & Alexa Sardina**, California State University, Sacramento.

1:10 PM – 2:10 PM **Panel I: Student Panel: Bridging the Gaps among/between Students of African Descent at California State University, Sacramento.**

Student Discussants:

Daniel Adedeji, Blaire Nelson, Grace Ballou, Frank Oppong Kyekyeku and Kueleza Vega.

Moderator: **Kaifa Yates**, MLK Center, California State University, Sacramento.

2:10 PM – 2:30 PM **Panel J: Closing Session**

Conference Summary: **Alexa Sardina**, Conference Co-Chair, California State University, Sacramento.

Closing Remarks: **Ernest Uwazie**, Conference Chair, California State University, Sacramento.

Saturday, April 13 2024

6:30 PM – 10:30 PM **Africa Peace Awards Dinner Banquet:**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Ghana Chief Justice **Gertrude Torkornoo**

WELCOME **Dr. Luke Wood**, President, California State University, Sacramento

Entertainment

Dinner/African food

PEACE AWARDEES **Dr. Kristee Haggins**, Safe Black Space, Sacramento

Dr. Nathaniel Oyinloye, Founder & CEO of Hospital & Prison Action Network (HPAN); Hospital & Prison Welfare Initiative (HPWI)

Ms. Elena Bennett, Rwandan Educational Enrichment

Restorative Justice Oakland Youth (RJOY)

The Judicial Service of Ghana

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Please note that the program provided is a preliminary and is subject to change. Please, prepare/plan for 15 minute presentation, for each paper and allow some time for Q&A. Presenters should send their papers/slides to the assigned panel moderator/chair no later than April 5, 2024; moderator email addresses to be provided in due course.

COVID-19 Protocols:

For the entirety of the conference participants, including presenters and all conference organizers, will comply fully with CSUS campus protocols for the COVID-19 pandemic that are in place at the time of the conference. You can find these protocols at: www.csus.edu/compliance/risk-management/coronavirus.html

Visitors to Sacramento should be mindful of the Sacramento County Public Health guidelines found here: <https://www.saccounty.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>

Thank you for your attention, and we look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Campus Address

California State University, Sacramento
6000 J St, Sacramento, CA 95819

Airport

Our Local Airport is the Sacramento International Airport. The airport code is **SMF**.

Recommended Hotels:

**Prices are subject to change until booked.*

Hotel	Cost	Remarks
Rodeway Inn Sacramento University Ave, 25 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 Phone: 916-386-8408	1 bed \$83 2 beds \$94 per night	Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest
Comfort Inn and Suites 21 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 Phone: 916-379-0400	1 bed \$135 2 beds \$145 per night to-go breakfast included	Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest
Residence Inn by Marriott Sacramento Cal Expo 1530 Howe Ave, Sacramento, CA, 95825 Phone: 916-920-9111	1 bed \$143 (king or queen)	
Larkspur Landing Hotel 555 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 Phone: 916-646-1212	1 bed \$159 per night. Sacramento State rate includes breakfast, wireless internet, a fitness center, and laundry.	
The Fort Sutter Hotel Sacramento, Tapestry Collection by Hilton 1308 28th St, Sacramento, CA 95816 Phone: 916-603-2301	1 bed \$241 2 bed \$241 per night (plus \$50 per night fee that is returned if nothing is charged from room)	

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- **Avis**
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- **Enterprise**
(800)736-8227
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- **Payless Car Rental**
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Step 2 Click “Guest Signup” if you have never purchased parking at Sac State before

Step 3 Input your personal Information and create an account

Step 4 Use your license plate number to pay for parking

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- **Android**(<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.paybyphone>)

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- Enter your license plate (use last seven digits of VIN if no license plate is available)
- Use the Sac State location code: 5115
- Choose daily or two-hour parking

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Past Africa/Diaspora Conference Themes and Keynote Speakers

- 1992 Africa and New World Order, Ambassador Ibrahim Gambari
- 1993 Africa in the Diaspora: Bridging the Cultures of the African Peoples, Randall Robinson
- 1994 The African Heritage: Myths, Realities and Prospects, Dr. Molefi Asante
- 1995 Conflict Resolution in Africa, Former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda
- 1996 The African Woman: An Agenda for the 21st century, Ms. Vivian Lowery Derryck
- 1997 African/African American Organizations in US: An Agenda for Political-Economic Empowerment in 21st Century, Mr. Mel Foote
- 1998 The African/African American Family: An Agenda for 21st century, Dr. Nkiru Nzegwu
- 1999 Conflict Resolution and Peace Education in Africa: Lessons and Opportunities, Dr. Chris Bakwesegha
- 2000 Africans in the Americas: Past, Present and Future, Dr. Ali Mazrui
- 2001 Human Rights, Justice, Peace and Development in Africa, Dr. Edmond Keller
- 2002 African Studies in California Schools, Colleges and Universities: Teaching/Thinking across Disciplines/ Programs, Dr. Molefi Asante
- 2003 Ethnicity, Religion, and Conflict Diamonds in Africa, Dr. Charles Wedderburn
- 2004 African and African American Relations in US, Americas and Africa, Dr. Karenga Maulana
- 2005 Contemporary/Critical Issues in African Development, Mr. John Prendergast
- 2006 Indigenous African Institutions/Systems in Era of Globalization, Dr. Chudi Uwazurike
- 2007 Building a Culture of Peace in Africa: Best Practices/Models, Mr. Nii Akuetteh
- 2008 The African Youth in America and Africa: Bridging the Gaps, Mukoma wa Ngugi
- 2009 Race, Religion and Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora: Creating Peace and Justice Dialogues, Dr. Judith Byfield and Dr. Kelechi Kalu
- 2010 Africa Health, Peace, Security and Development, Dr. Chinua Akukwe and Dr. Michele D. Pierre-Louis

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- 2011 Contemporary Issues in African Development, Dr. George Ayittey
- 2012 Africa at the Crossroads: Revolution, Democracy, Youth Empowerment, Social Media and Nonviolence, Ambassador Robin Sanders
- 2013 African/Diaspora Health and Human Security, Dr. Anvar Velji
- 2014 Rethinking and Managing Ethnic and Religious Relations in Contemporary Africa/Diaspora: Past Experiences, Present Realities and New Directions, Prof. Vincent Nmehielle
- 2015 The African Family: Traditions, Transitions, and Transformations, Dr. Beyene Yewoubdar
- 2016 Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies in Africa, 25 Years Later: Lessons, Best Practices, and Future, Dr. Pauline Baker
- 2017 Peace, Power, and Vulnerability in Africa/Diaspora: Towards Social Justice in National and International Development, Emira Woods
- 2018 The African Peace and Security Architecture: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities: Joao Porto Gomes
- 2019 Peace Commerce: The Role of Peace in Economic and Business Development: Ms. Almaz Negash
- 2020 Peacebuilders/Peacemakers in Africa & Diaspora Communities and Nations: People, Places and Processes: Dr. Laurence (Laurie) Neil Nathan (Virtual)
- 2021 Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic challenges
- 2022 The Africa Peace & Security Agenda: Lessons Learned and Future Directions: Dr. Bettina Ng'Weno.
- 2023 Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), 25+ Years Later: Lessons Learned, Impact, and Future Directions: Ambassador Betty Bigombe.
- 2024 Restorative Justice & Equitable Peacebuilding.
- 2025: Conference Theme: Peacemaking and Reparative Justice.



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