

25th Annual International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 3:30pm – 5:30pm Diane Gregg Pavilion Lewis & Clark College

Welcome & Introduction of Students Michael Ford, Chair, and Joann Geddes, Dallaire Scholarship Committee

Introduction of Program and Theme - Why a Kwibuka? Fabrice Sibomana & Liza Clairagneau

Keynote Address - Remembering Genocide in Rwanda: Can we learn its lessons for the future? Joyce E. Leader, Ambassador, Retired

Personal Reflections David Rawson, Ambassador, Retired and Niels Marquardt, Ambassador, Retired

Student Reflections Fabrice Sibomana, Liza Clairagneau, Ocean Eale

Kigali Genocide Memorial, a Virtual Tour Fabrice Sibomana

Candle Lighting Ceremony & Closing

Rev. Mark Duntley, Fabrice Sibomana, Liza Clairagneau, Ocean Eale, Michael Graham

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RWANDA - THE 1994 TUTSI GENOCIDE COMMEMORATION

Joyce E. Leader, Ambassador, Retired

Leader, who capped her 21-year Foreign Service career as United States Ambassador to Guinea in West Africa, was Deputy to the Ambassador in Rwanda when the genocide broke out in 1994. An Africa specialist, she has since represented the U.S. in multiple attempts to build confidence among the countries of the region so that they can resolve the horrific threats to peace and human rights in Central Africa. During her diplomatic career, Leader also served in Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Geneva, Marseille (France) and Washington, DC. She received several State Department awards for both Superior and Meritorious service. She is currently updating and revising her 2001 book on Rwanda's Struggle for Democracy and Peace: 1991-1994 recounting U.S. policy and her experiences in Rwanda. The second edition will include extensive discussion on the challenges conflict prevention poses for diplomacy.

David Rawson, Ambassador, Retired

Rawson worked in the U.S. Foreign Service as U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Mali (1996-99) and the Republic of Rwanda (1993-96). He worked previously in positions ranging from director of the Office of West African Affairs (1989-91) to serving as deputy chief of mission for the American Embassy in Somalia (1986-88). Rawson began his international career in 1971 as a desk officer for Rwanda and Burundi. His academic career began as an assistant professor of political science at Malone College in Canton, Ohio (1965-71). He has authored two books: The Somali State and Foreign Aid and Prelude to Genocide: Arusha, Rwanda, and the Failure of Diplomacy, as well as various articles and book chapters on international affairs and conflict resolution.

Niels Marquardt, Ambassador, Retired

Recently named Lewis & Clark College's first Diplomat in Residence, Marquardt graduated from Lewis & Clark in 1975, then served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Zaire and Rwanda. He joined the U.S. Foreign Service and served as America's top diplomat in Madagascar, Cameroon, the Comoros, and Equatorial Guinea during a 33-year diplomatic career that included service in Germany, France, Thailand, and the Republic of the Congo. His final State Department assignment was as U.S. Consul General in Sydney, Australia, where he remained and served another four years in the private sector as CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia. In 2017, he was honored by the Lewis & Clark Alumni Association as Distinguished Alumnus.

Michael Graham, Lewis & Clark College Alumnus, Class of 2005

While pursuing a B.A. in International Affairs, Graham was responsible for re-establishing the campus chapter of Amnesty International. As President of that group he spearheaded numerous educational and humanitarian efforts, one of which was to highlight the work done by General Roméo Dallaire, former commander of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission to Rwanda, and that of Carl Wilkens who remained in Rwanda working to save lives during the genocide. After traveling independently to Rwanda, Graham proposed and worked to establish a scholarship to assist victims of the genocide. Following his undergraduate studies, he joined the Simon Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum where he founded and managed the award-winning Genocide Prevention Mapping Initiative and conducted seven field missions to DR Congo, Sudan, Chad and Rwanda in order to report back to the world on events taking place in those locations. After earning an M.A. in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School, Tufts University, he served as a Senior Program Analyst for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. Currently he works as a strategy consultant to federal and local government agencies in Colorado.