

The Rwandan Community in the USA

March 19th, 2013

Dear friend,

In partnership with the Embassy of Rwanda in Washington, D.C., the Rwandan Community in the USA is pleased to invite you to the 19th National Commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi. In addition to *Mr. Kizito Kalima's* and *Tabitha Mugenzi's* survivors' testimonies and other memorial activities, this commemoration program will feature Ms. Patricia Crisafulli as the keynote speaker. Ms. Crisafulli is the co-author with Andrea Redmond of *Rwanda, Inc.: How a Devastated Nation Became an Economic Model for the Developing World* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2012) and of a 2011 Gold Medal for Success and Motivation winner: *Comebacks: Powerful Lessons from Leaders Who Endured Setbacks and Recaptured Success on Their Terms*. Ms. Crisafulli will present "A testimony to the resilience of the people: The interconnectedness of Rwanda's post-genocide goals towards self-reliance." We will also have unparalleled presentations on critical issues pertaining to the genocide.

- **Justice and Memory**, with *Dr. Zachary Kaufman* (Attorney; Fellow, Yale University; Adjunct Professor, George Washington University; President, American Friends of the Kigali Public Library; editor, *Social Entrepreneurship in the Age of Atrocities: Changing Our World* and co-editor (with *Dr. Phil Clark*) of *After Genocide: Transitional Justice, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond*) and *Taylor Krauss* (Documentary Filmmaker; Founder and Executive Director of Voices of Rwanda, the first video archive established to film genocide related testimonies for use in memorialization, genocide education and research.)
- **Genocide Education and Denial**, with *Dr. William J. Froming* (Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Palo Alto University; lectured in Rwanda, Auschwitz, and at international genocide conferences; created a blended clinical training program in China and is currently working with IBUKA to develop a Distance Learning certification and applied Master's for Rwanda) and *Dr. Gatsinzi Basaninyenzi* (Associate Professor of English at Alabama A&M University and a member of the Holocaust Educators Network and the International Association of Genocide Scholars. He has contributed a chapter on the colonial roots of the genocide against Tutsis to *Race and the Foundations of Knowledge*, which was published by the University of Illinois Press in 2006. In 2006 and 2007, he taught at the National University of Rwanda as a United Nations volunteer.)
- **The Survivors' Needs**, with *Dr. Chantal Kalisa* (Director of Women's and Gender Studies Program and Associate Professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, currently working on a project, *Artistic Expressions and Reconciliation in Post-Conflict Rwanda*. She is author of *Violence in Francophone African and Caribbean Women's Literature* and co-editor of *Dix ans après: Réflexions sur le génocide rwandais [Ten Years Later: reflections on the Rwandan genocide]*) and *Dr. Karen B. Froming* (Clinical Psychologist with a specialization in Neuropsychology; Clinical faculty at the University of California, San Francisco and Palo Alto University; Organizer of the cross cultural students' and other professionals' trip to Rwanda; Teacher of 'Self-Help Trauma Treatment Techniques' at the National University and at WE-act for Hope's counselors for the women's survivor organization dealing with multiple trauma, HIV, and family; Worked with Drs. William J. Froming and Helena Young in the development of the Applied Master's and certification in Trauma Counseling, a joint project of IBUKA, INATEK, and Palo Alto University).

Event details:

Date	Time	Where
Sunday, April 7 th 2013	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM EST	Sheraton Silver Spring Hotel Cypress Room, 4 th Floor 8777 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for this commemorative and educational program, as we honor the memory of more than one million victims of the Genocide against Tutsi, and renew our commitment to Never Again, in Rwanda and elsewhere in the world.

We thank you so much for your consideration and look forward to sharing this special commemoration with you. Please visit our **Commemoration Website** for more information.

Kind regards,

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Coordinator of the Organizing Committee

