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International Symposium on Genocide Confronting the Past and Understanding the Present

Friday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
MSU Union Ballroom

We have invited interdisciplinary and international scholars to share their knowledge on the causes and consequences of genocide, and on social transformations after genocides. The symposium will cover various topics, including the social, historical, and political contexts and detailed processes of genocide; consequences of genocide such as sexual assault/rape, trauma, and mental health; genocide remembrance, denial, ideologies, impunity, and revisionism; transitional justice; and reconciliation and forgiveness after genocide.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D.
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Reshaping the Euphemism of “Never Again”: Recent Approaches to Preventing Genocide

Zachary D. Kaufman is a Senior Fellow at Harvard while teaching at Stanford. He is the author or editor of three books (including After Genocide: Transitional Justice, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond; Oxford University Press, 2009) and author of over 40 articles and book chapters. He has served in all three branches of the U.S. government and at three international criminal tribunals (for Rwanda and for the former Yugoslavia as well as the International Criminal Court).

He currently serves on the advisory board of Indego Africa, a social enterprise that partners with cooperatives of artisan women in Rwanda and Ghana to bring their products to Western markets. From 2001-2015, he was the founder, president, and chair of the board of the American Friends of the Kigali Public Library, which partnered with the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga to build Rwanda’s first-ever public library, the Kigali Public Library (also known as Rwanda Library Services). Dr. Kaufman received his Ph.D. in international relations from Oxford, his J.D. from Yale Law School, and his B.A. in political science from Yale.

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