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Presents

The 34th Annual International Conference: Beyond Crime and Punishment: Violence

Prevention and Peace Education

April 23 -25, 2026

Special Event: Celebration of CAPCR 30th Anniversary!

The Preliminary Conference Program

Conference Registration link:

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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 non-governmental 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 60 countries and 6 continents since the initial convening in 1992 under then African Studies Coalition, that led to the conceptualization and creation of the CAPCR in 1996.

A certificate of presentation/participation will be provided to the conference presenters. The conference ends with peace awards dinner which will be held on the evening of April 25, 2026, in support of an endowment for the Africa Peace Fellows to build the next generation of peace leaders, as well as a fundraiser in honor of the CAPCR 30th anniversary.

Please join us in the “30x30” Campaign!



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March 3, 2026

CAPCR MILESTONE – “30 FOR 30” APPEAL

Dear CAPCR Friend, Partner, and Supporter of Peace,

Peace is not an accident. It is built through dialogue, through sacrifice, through years of quiet, dedicated, and diligent work, despite the challenges. In 1996, the [Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution \(CAPCR\)](#) was established at **California State University, Sacramento** (Sacramento State) with exactly that belief. What began as a commitment to understanding and resolving conflicts in Africa has, over thirty years, grown into a movement that has positively touched the lives of peacebuilders, policy makers, crime victims, prison inmates, communities, and institutions in USA as well as Africa, and across the globe.

Over three decades, about 40,000 people from more than 60 countries and 6 continents have participated in the various CAPCR training workshops, conferences, seminars, peace awards, 50 student study abroad programs and faculty/teacher professional development exchanges in Africa, and more than 100 students have received its peace education scholarship, among other achievements. During same period, the CAPCR has hosted numerous dignitaries at Sacramento State, including sitting and former African presidents, chief justices, ambassadors, distinguished scholars, legislators, and prominent community leaders, and recognized over 100 unsung peace heroes through its renowned peace awards.

To mark this milestone, we are launching our **“30 for 30” Anniversary Campaign** — a collective effort by our team, alumni, and partners to raise [\\$30,000 in honor of 30 years](#) of peace education leadership and impact. This campaign is not just about a number, it is a celebration of every fellowship cohort, every publication, every training or conference, every crime victim and offender in our victim-offender dialogues, or inmates in our prison restorative justice circles, and every community or institution that has been touched by CAPCR’s work.

Preliminary program as of March 6, 2026



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Your generous contribution will directly support:

- Our [30th Anniversary Commemoration Events](#): bringing together stakeholders, scholars, and practitioners to reflect on three decades of work and chart the path ahead;
- The new [Africa Peace Fellowship](#)- providing scholarships and training for the next generation of African peace leaders;
- Ongoing research and publication initiatives in restorative justice and conflict resolution;
- Enhance the sustainability of the ongoing CAPCR leadership transition plan;
- Student cultural enrichment programs and peace education scholarships.

We humbly ask you to join us in this historic moment. Whether you give \$30 to represent each year of our journey, \$300, \$3,000, or any amount that reflects your belief in this mission. Your support matters profoundly. Every contribution brings us closer to our goal and affirms that the work of sustainable peace is never finished, and never without a community behind it.

Thirty years ago, someone believed in this work. Today, we ask you to be that believer for the next thirty years. Together, we can ensure that [CAPCR](#) continues to build bridges, train leaders, and advance peace, at local and international levels.

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With gratitude and in solidarity,

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Dr. Luke Wood
President, California State University Sacramento



Dr. J. Luke Wood assumed the presidency of California State University, Sacramento (Sacramento State) on July 16, 2023, becoming the university's ninth permanent president. Born in Oakland, California, and raised in McCloud, a small town in Siskiyou County, Dr. Wood's life story embodies resilience and purpose. A former foster child and transracial adoptee, he grew up in a large foster home that served more than 350 children. He is also a two-time alumnus of Sacramento State, having earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from the university.

Under President Wood's leadership, Sacramento State has reached historic milestones. The university has been designated a Research II institution, achieved its highest-ever graduation rates, and became the first Black-Serving Institution in the state of California. Enrollment has also surged, with the university welcoming the largest incoming classes in its history.

During his tenure, Sacramento State launched several nationally recognized initiatives, including the nation's first Black Honors College and the Wileety Native American College—both designed to provide students with enriched, culturally grounded

educational experiences highlighting the history, life, and contributions of Black and Native American communities. In partnership with UFC Hall of Famer Urijah Faber, Dr. Wood also helped establish Combat U, the nation's first university-backed collegiate pathway in boxing and mixed martial arts.

Prior to his presidency, Dr. Wood served as Vice President for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity and Chief Diversity Officer at San Diego State University. As a faculty member there, his groundbreaking research on student success and equity—particularly concerning men of color—earned him the distinction of being the first Black Distinguished Professor in the university's 125-year history.

Dr. Wood has authored or edited 16 books and published more than 200 scholarly works. A Critical Race Theorist, his research focuses on racial equity in education, especially regarding community colleges and school discipline practices. His work has directly shaped state policy, informing two key laws: AB 740 (McCarty), which ensures foster children have their attorney and social worker involved in school suspension determinations, and SB 1984 (Weber Pierson), which discourages the use of student transfers to conceal suspension and expulsion data.

Dr. Wood holds a bachelor's degree in Black History and Politics and a master's degree in Higher Education Leadership from Sacramento State. He also earned an additional master's degree in Early Childhood Education and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (Higher Education concentration) from Arizona State University. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and a passionate boxing enthusiast who trains daily and spars regularly.

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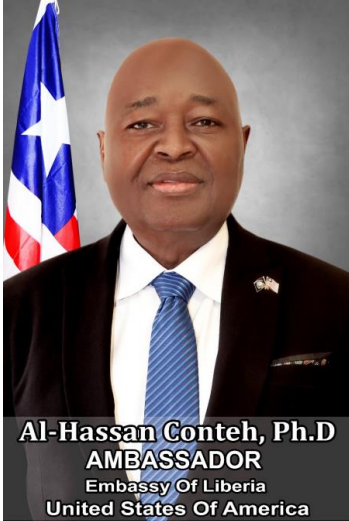
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Ambassador Al-Hassan Conteh
Ambassador, University President, Demographer & Regional Scientist



Dr. Al-Hassan Conteh is Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Liberia to the United States of America. Before that, he served as Ambassador of Liberia to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, with concurrent accreditation to the Republics of Benin and Equatorial Guinea, and Liberia's Permanent Representative to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). He served as the Chairman of the ECOWAS Permanent Representative Committee and the Mediation and Security Council of ECOWAS at the Ambassadorial Level from 2017 to 2018. He was the Dean of West African Ambassadors and Deputy Dean of African Ambassadors in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Dr. Conteh is also the Co-Chair of the Board of the Africa Peace Fellows Program at the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution at California State University, Sacramento. He served as Acting President of the University of Liberia from June 2024 to January 2025.

Prior to his Ambassadorial assignments, he served as the President of the University of Liberia (UL) from 2004 to 2008. During this period, he was a founding member of the Association of Liberian Universities, which he served as Vice President of Academic Programs from 2005 to 2008.

Before that, he was Research Fellow at the Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, at the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) USA, from January 2001 to December 2004. During this period, he served as Adjunct Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Temple Universities in Philadelphia, USA, where he taught courses respectively on Understanding African Conflicts and African Development.

From 1996 to 2000, he was Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Liberia. While serving as the UL's Vice President, he also worked, from February 1997 to August 2000, as the Project Director of the United States Institute for Peace's project on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) curriculum for post-war Liberian institutions. The UL and the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution of California State University, USA, jointly implemented this project.

Between June 1995 and September 1997, he served as the Director of the Demographic Unit, of the UL, where he managed a UNFPA, post-conflict education grant and developed a population studies curriculum and research program in collaboration with Government of Liberia's ministries, NGOs, and UN agencies, within the context of the UN Conference on Population and Development.

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From February 1995 to May 1995, he worked for UNDP-Liberia as a Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN) Consultant at the University of Liberia. In this capacity, he conducted research on the causes of the Liberian civil war, and taught undergraduate courses in population, development, and statistics at the University of Liberia.

Between October 1987 and May 1988, he worked as Senior Project Officer at the International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH) in Philadelphia, PA, USA. At IFESH, he assisted with the management of education, skills training, and agricultural training and development programs in eight sub-Saharan African countries. He conducted project appraisals and cost-benefit studies, assisted with the development of leadership training projects, provided first-level reviews of project proposals submitted for funding by African private, volunteer and donor organizations, supervised project staff, and developed impact assessment reports for IFESH. Previously, in 1981-1982, he served as Consultant for USAID and World Bank projects in Liberia for which he respectively conducted a grant study on the impact of USAID funding on previous Liberian grantees and prepared a research report with two UL colleagues on Monrovia markets.

As a scholar, his research includes “Boundaries and Conflict in the Mano River Region of West Africa,” (With Prof. Marilyn Silberfine of the Geography and Urban Studies Department of Temple University, Philadelphia, PA), Published in Conflict Management and Peace Science, Vol. 23, No. 4, pages 343-361 (2006); and “Environmental Risk Factors of Childhood Mortality in Liberia: Evidence and Policy Implications.” (with David P.H. and Bauni E.K.) Published in Determinants of Health and Mortality in Africa, Edited by Allan G. Hill. New York, New York, The Population Council, Demographic and Health Surveys [DHS], 1990.

Ambassador Conteh holds a Ph.D. degree in Regional Science and Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Arts degree in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Philosophy degree in Demography from the United Nations Cairo Demographic Center, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Demography from the University of Liberia.

Ambassador Conteh holds the following awards and honors:

- Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa) in International Relations. Conferred on him by the University of Liberia in December 2015 for his role in the re-development the university.
- Grand Commander, Order of the Star of Africa. Conferred by Government of Liberia, in July 2005, after he delivered the National Oration on the 158th Independence Anniversary of the Republic of Liberia.
- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Fellow, Cairo Demographic Center, Cairo, Egypt, 1978 – 1980.
- Fulbright Scholar, University of Pennsylvania, 1983 - 1987.

Dr. Conteh is an ardent subscriber to peace, democracy, patriotism, and the promotion of sustainable human development in Liberia, Africa and our one World.



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John L. Burris

Burris Nisenbaum Curry & Lacy | Partner



John L. Burris is an Oakland civil rights attorney specializing in police misconduct. He has represented over a thousand victims of such misconduct over the last 40 plus years including many death cases. His work has resulted in reforms or new policies in the area of canine use, the use of deadly force, the use of hog tying and pepper spray, proper police treatment of the mentally impaired, public strip searching and tasers. In 2003, as co-counsel with Jim Chanin, Attorney Burris settled a class action suit against the Oakland Police Department. During the case, referred to as the “Riders” they represented 119 plaintiffs. Aside from the 11 million settlement, part of the case settlement resulted in a court ordered monitor to facilitate specific reforms concerning racial profiling, use of deadly force, and disparate officer discipline within the Department.

He successfully represented over 20 South Asian women who were sexually assaulted by an on-duty police officer resulting in the officer’s criminal prosecution and series of departmental reforms to track officers’ whereabouts when on duty. He settled a jay walking case that resulted in many procedural justice reforms. In a public strip search cases he was co-counsel representing 40 African American men who

were subject to public strip-searching. The case settled for \$4 million plus. He has had other cases involving wrongful deaths related to police shooting of unarmed black men. Most recently in 2020 he and co-counsel settled a wrongful death case for \$5.7 million on behalf of the family of a man was pursued by officers for a bicycle riding violation. Later in 20/21 he settled 5 cases for over 4 million dollars where young men were killed while in custody or unarmed. He received a jury award of 11 plus million dollars in a case where a young Vietnam man was shot in the back by a San Jose officer. He also received a jury award of \$5.9 million for a man who had a gun and who was shot in the back as he tried to surrender. Also, in late 2021 and 2022, he settled two cases for \$4.9 and \$4.5 million respectfully where the same officer shot and killed two mentally impaired young men. That officer received a sentence of 6 years in state prison for unlawfully discharging his firearm multiple times into a moving car.

Attorney Burris has represented many high-profile clients during the course of his career including the Rodney King civil case, with a jury verdict of \$3.8 million, Oscar Grant’s family settlement of \$2.8 million (Fruitvale Station movie), the late rapper Tupac Shakur in his police brutality case, actor Delroy Lindo, NBA players Gary Payton and Jason Kidd, NFL player Keyshawn Johnson and a number of public officials and employees including the former police chief of San Francisco. Some of his most emotional and tragic criminal defense cases have involved the youngest person (6 years old) prosecuted for attempted murder, a female college student accused of neonaticide and the “cocaine mom” charged with murder of her newborn twins who died as she binged on cocaine.

Attorney Burris is a frequent speaker, panelist and lecturer on police and criminal justice issues. He is the author of *Blue vs. Black: Let’s End the Conflict Between Cops and Minorities*. Down through the years he has provided legal analysis for a number of national and local news media including MSNBC, CNN, and FOX News. For years he regularly hosted a weekly radio program on KDIA, entitled *Legally Speaking*.

He is married to retired law Professor Cheryl Amana Burris, North Carolina Central School Law, they have a blended family of 9 adult children, 20 plus grands and 5 plus great grands.

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Thursday, April 23, 2026

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Redwood Room, University Union

Coffee and tea provided.

PANEL A: 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Restorative and Indigenous Justice Approaches to Youth Reentry and Institutional Reform

Lizzy-Pearl Addison, Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators: *Beyond Retribution: Integrating Indigenous Justice Mechanisms into Peace Education and Violence Prevention Frameworks in Ghana.*

Jacqueline Mimms, The Project Rebound, CSU Fresno, **Aaron Greene**, The Project Rebound, CSU-Sacramento, & **Gunner Johnson**, Underground Scholars, UC-Davis: *Bridging Higher Education and Healing: Integrating Restorative Justice into College Pathways within CDCR Institutions.*

Chuka Agboeze, University of Bristol, U.K: *Towards a comprehensive theory of ethno-national violent mobilization for Africa*

Anna Zelenz, CSU-Sacramento: *Less Restrictive Programming on College Campuses: A New Model for Youth Reentry in California.*

Moderator: **Dr. Anna Zelenz**, California State University, Sacramento

PANEL B: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: Peace Education and Preventive Frameworks: Addressing Vulnerabilities, Abuse, and Systemic Violence through Governance and Policy Reform.

Florence Wangui Mithamo, Nairobi University, Kenya: *School-Based Peace Education Framework for Nairobi, Kenya.*

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Tammy Palacios, Priority Sustainable Solutions, Washington DC: *Positive Prevention and Kenyan Civil Society: & Micaiah Palmer*, *A New Way for Preventing Extremism and Promote Inclusive Governance.*

Kelechi Wright, University of Houston, Texas: *Limiting institutional influence and Harm: Violence Prevention in the Black Family.*

Carol Ijeoma Njoku, University of San Francisco School of Law: *Exclusion, Securitization, and the Erosion of Refugee Protection: Contemporary Challenges and Gendered Realities in International Law*

Moderator: **Dr. Tina Jordan**, CAPCR Board Member.

Lunch: 11:45 am

Conference Opening & Keynote Address with Ambassador, Al-Hassan Conteh. – 12:00 – 1:30pm

Moderator/Call to Order/Land Acknowledgment: **Dr. Jaime Jackson**, Conference Co-Chair, California State University, Sacramento

Honoring our African American/Black Ancestors: **Dr. Tina Jordan**, CAPCR Board Member.

Opening: **Dr. Ernest Uwazie**, CAPCR/Conference Director, California State University, Sacramento.

Welcome: **Dr. Data Barata**, CAPCR Board Chair, California State University, Sacramento.

Dr. Mary Maguire, Dean College of Health & Human Services, California State University, Sacramento.

Dr. Michael Nguyen, Vice President, Inclusive Excellence, California State University, Sacramento

Opening Keynote Speaker: Ambassador, Al-Hassan Conteh, Ph.D., Embassy of Liberia, Washington, DC.

Continuing program at 1:30pm, -----



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To be introduced by **Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe**, Dean of Students and Chief Admin Officer, Black Honors College, CSU-Sacramento.

Panel C: 1:30 pm – 2: 45 pm: Youth, Restorative Justice and Violence Prevention.

Black Honors College Student Panel: This panel will bring together a diverse group of students from the CSU-Sacramento Black Honors College and emerging leaders to share their perspectives on moving beyond punitive approaches toward violence prevention, restorative practices, and peace education that foster healing, collaboration, and lasting community safety.

Discussants:

Mahalina Vaka, CSU Sacramento

Daniella Pierre, CSU Sacramento

Malachi McNeal, CSU Sacramento

Will Robey, CSU Sacramento

Moderator: **Dr. Sigride Jenniska Asseko**, California State University, Sacramento.

Panel D: 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm: Roundtable Panel: The Sankofa Research Collective: A Curation and Knowledge-Building Initiative.

The Sankofa Research Collective (SRC) serves as a dynamic, community-centered platform for curating, generating, and mobilizing knowledge at the intersection of African-centered scholarship, social justice, and transformative education. This roundtable discussion will explore how the SRC fosters collective learning, knowledge-building, and actionable strategies for violence prevention and peace education within African and African Diaspora communities.

Discussants:

Robin Dellaray Kelly Dunton, CSU Sacramento

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Michelle Shorter, CSU Sacramento

Liana Clark, CSU Sacramento

Makenzie Mayes, CSU Sacramento

Camden Fussell, CSU Sacramento

Moderator: **Dr Clarence George III**, CSU Sacramento

Note: This is a concurrent session taking place at: Green and Gold Room, CSUS Union, 3rd floor.

Panel E: 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm: Roundtable Panel: Prison education, rehabilitation and community reintegration.

In addition to the guest speaker about innovative youth offender programming, CSU-Sacramento Project Rebound students share their experiences about higher education and the journey toward healing and rehabilitation as formerly incarcerated persons.

Special Guest Speaker: Mr. Jamal Rowe, Chief, Sacramento Probation Dept.

Discussants: **Eliena Ruiz**, CSU Sacramento

Mercedes Perez, UC Davies

Vincent Lising, UC Davies

Jonathan Finley, UC Davies

Moderator: **Dr. Tina Jordan**, CAPCR Board Member.

Welcome Reception & Keynote/Film Screening 4:25 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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Location: Redwood Room, University Union.

Food and drinks are provided!

Welcome: **Dr. Luke Wood**, President, California State University, Sacramento.

**PANEL F: Keynote Speaker 2: Attorney John Burris, Burris Nisenbaum, Curry & Lacy,
Oakland, California**

Special Documentary Film Screening: *John Burris: Godfather of Police Litigation (2025)*.

To be introduced by **Dr. Erika Cameron**, Provost Academic Affairs, CSU-Sacramento.

Speakers: **John Burris**- Civil Rights Attorney

Doug Harris and **Brian Spencer**: Filmmakers

Friday, April 24, 2026

Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Cottonwood Suite, University Union

Pastries, Juice, Coffee and Tea provided.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.: Peace/Healing Circle:

Continuation of program as of March 6, 2026



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The circle provides an opportunity for talking and listening between/with those who have experienced harm(victims/survivors) and those who have caused harm(offenders), to share experiences, express remorse, and seek healing as well as understanding in a safe space through a restorative justice framework. The session is victim-centered and offender- sensitive, with empathy and compassion for all.

Participants:

Voluntary/open to all who abide by the common agreements as a safe space for all circle participants!

Circle Facilitators:

Dr. Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento; **Dr. Alexa Sardina**, CSU-Sacramento

PANEL G: 9:00 – 10: 00 a.m.: Practitioner Experiences and Innovative Education Practices

Nicole Fox, California State University, Sacramento, **Olivia Williams Fernandez & Adrienna Turner**, Solano State Prison: *Reading as Rehabilitation: The Role of Book Clubs in Fostering Personal Growth and Positive Programming*

Desiree Nicole McFarland, CSUS Master's Scholar, *SAFE: Scholars Achieving Freedom through Education*

Anthonia Nwabugo A, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria: *Restorative Justice and Community Peacemaking Circles: A Comparative Study of Youth Violence Intervention in Nigeria and the United States.*

Colins Imoh, University of Bradford, United Kingdom: *Nigeria at the Tipping Point: Systemic Drivers and Geopolitical Framing of Multi-Front Insecurity*

Moderator: **Dr. Jessie Gaston**, CAPCR Board Member

PANEL H: 10:10am – 11:35 a.m.: Applied Restorative Practices in Context: Addressing Systemic Drivers, Geopolitical Framing of Multi-Front Insecurity & Peace Building Activism

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Kelechi Enweruzo-Amaefule & Chris S. Wright, Ex-Chemonics International GHSC-PSM: *The Impact of Insecurity on Nigeria's Health Supply Chain (2020–2025) and Pathways to Resilience*

Madison Price, Criminal Justice Division, California State University, Sacramento:

"Rethinking Masculinity" Positive Program at CSP Solano

Chiamaka Nwaoru, Psychiatry Department, Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia Abia State, Nigeria:

Exploring the Nexus of Internet Fraud and Drug Abuse Among Undergraduate Students: A Qualitative Inquiry into Youth Violence, Identity, and Peace Education in Nigeria.

Micaiah Palmer, African House, Sacramento: *Transcending Silos: Multidimensional Approaches to Supporting Youth Activism in Ghana*

Moderator: **Dr. Chuka Agboeze**, University of Bristol, United Kingdom.

PANEL I: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm: Special Panel: Key Achievements, Findings, and Lessons from the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR)-Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) Restorative Justice-Victim Offender Dialogue Grant project, 4 years later.

Panelists:

Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento: *An Overview of the Restorative Justice (RJ)/Victim Offender Dialogue (VOD) Grant Project.*

Kelly Frei *Victim Participant in Victim Offender Dialogue*

Alexa Sardina, CSU-Sacramento: *Key achievements of the RJ/VOD Grant project.*

Theresa Abah, CSU-Sacramento: *Key evaluation findings of the RJ/VOD Grant project.*

Sylvester Bowie, CSU-Sacramento: *Key lessons from the RJ/VOD grant project.*

Moderator /Chair: Ernest Uwazie.

Lunch is provided

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PANEL J: 1:10 pm – 2:00pm: Special Session: Inclusive Pathways to Preventing Youth Violence and Extremism

Monicah Macharia, Premier Credit Financial institution, Kenya: *Technology and Harm Reduction in Peace Building and Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice: The Case of Kenya.*

Ralph Asubonteng, University of Ghana, Legon Ghana: *Violence Prevention, Policy Innovation, and Judicial Reforms in Ghana's Fight Against Illegal Mining (Galamsey).*

Muniru Wogrie Kanton, & Joyce Yidana, University of Ghana, Legon: *Conflict on The Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Ghana.*

Charles Ahenda, Human Resource Management & Youth Sports Development, Nairobi, Kenya: *Sports-Based Human Resource Management Framework for Youth Violence Prevention.*

Samuel Olugbenga Ojo, Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Fuoye- Oye-Ekiti. Ekiti State. Nigeria: *Countering Violent Extremism: Community-Centered Pathways to Peacebuilding in Africa and the Diaspora:*

Moderator: **Dr. Mark Wheeler**, California State University, Sacramento.

PANEL K: 2:10 pm – 3:00pm: Closing Session / CAPCR 30th Anniversary Tree Planting & Conference Networking

Closing Remarks: **Dr. Emem Omokaro**, Executive Chair, the Dave Omokaro Foundation, Nigeria

Conference Summary/Closing: **Dr. Theresa Abah and Dr. Jaime Jackson**, Conference Co-chair, California State University, Sacramento.

Group Photo: All

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CAPCR 30th Anniversary Tree Planting: Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR, CSU- Sacramento
All are welcome to participate.



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Saturday, April 25, 2026

Africa Peace Awards Dinner Banquet: 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Harper Alumni Center, California State University, Sacramento

Distinguished KEYNOTE SPEAKER & Honoree: H.E. President Joseph Boakai of Liberia

Welcome: **Dr. Luke Wood**, President, California State University, Sacramento

Entertainment

Dinner/African food

Peace Awardees:

His Excellency, President Joseph Boakai of Liberia

Dr. Emem Omokaro, Executive Chair, the Dave Omokaro Foundation

Dr. Edward Bush, President, Consumnes River College, Sacramento

Ms. Azizza Davis Goines, President and CEO of the Capital (Sacramento) Black Chamber of
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Dr. Butch Ware, Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara



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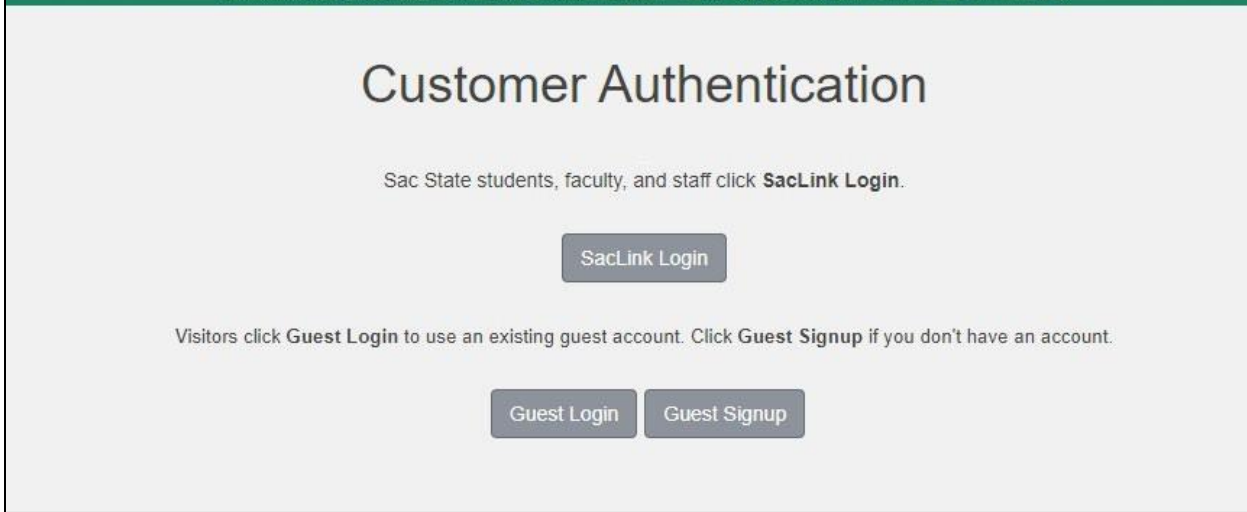
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Past Africa/Diaspora Conference Themes and Keynote Speakers

- 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
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- 2000 Africans in the Americas: Past, Present and Future, Dr. Ali Mazrui

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- 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 Mukoma wa Ngugi: The African Youth in America and Africa: Bridging the Gaps
- 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
- 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.

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- 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: Dr. Fania Davis, Founding Director of Restorative Justice of Oakland Youth
 - 2025 Reparative Justice: Dr. Onwubiko Agozino

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