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The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR)

**In Collaboration with:
CSU-Sacramento Project Rebound
Institute of Peace & Conflict Resolution, Nigeria
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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.

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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,

Dr. Ernest Uwazie

Founder & Director CAPCR

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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



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PANEL B: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.: Peace Education and Preventive Frameworks:

Addressing Youth Vulnerability, Drug Abuse, and Systemic Violence through Governance and Policy Reform.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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.

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

**Panel D: 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: **TBD!**

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

Location: Redwood Room, University Union.

Food and drinks are provided!

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

**PANEL E: 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. Lorri Santamaria**, Vice Provost, Faculty Success, Academic Affairs, CSU-Sacramento.

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

Doug Harris and **Brian Spencer**: Filmmakers

Friday, April 24, 2026

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Registration Begins at 8:30 a.m.

Location: Redwood Room, University Union

Pastries, Juice, Coffee and Tea provided.

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

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 F: 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.*

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

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PANEL G: 10:10am – 11:35 a.m.: Applied Restorative Practices in Context: Addressing Systemic Drivers and the Geopolitical Framing of Multi-Front Insecurity.

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*

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

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

Madison Price, Criminal Justice Division, California State University, Sacramento: *“Rethinking Masculinity” Positive Program at CSP Solano*

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

PANEL H: 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.*

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 provided!

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PANEL I: 1:10 pm – 2:00pm: Peace Building in the Digital Age / Conference Networking

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.

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).*

Conference Networking & Open Discussion Session/slides:

Honoring the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, 30 years of Peace Education, Conflict Resolution and Leadership Impact.

This session reflects on 30 years of the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution, and the way forward for effective leadership transition and sustainability of impact.

Discussants: All are welcome to participate

Moderator: Dr. **Nicole Fox**, California State University, Sacramento.

PANEL J: Closing Session 2:10 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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.



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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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Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADRS), ADRS- The Gambia

Dr. Butch Ware, Associate Professor, University of California, Santa Barbara



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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 10, 2026**; moderator email addresses to be provided in due course.

2026 Conference Travel Information

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Residence Inn by Marriott Sacramento Cal Expo 1530 Howe Ave, Sacramento, CA, 95825 Phone: 916-920-9111	Price: \$143 per night, 1 bed (king or queen)	
Larkspur Landing Hotel 555 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone: 916-646-1212	Price: 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.	Price: \$241 1 bed; 2 beds \$241 per night (plus a \$50 per night fee that is returned if nothing is charged from the room).	

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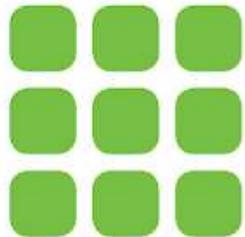


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- Dept of Anthropology, CSU-Sacramento
- Project Rebound, CSU-Sacramento
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- Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators

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

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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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