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Africa Peace Awards
Honoring Our Peace Heroes

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5:45pm – 10:30pm

California State University, Sacramento
University Union Ballroom
6000 J Street, Sacramento CA 95819



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Program

5:20 PM ***Interactive Session
with H.E., Mr. Peter Obi*** ***Moderated by: Dr. Ernest Uwazie and Professor Patrick Utomi***

5:45 PM	Doors Open/ Reception	DJ Music by Chris Osamuyimen
6:25 PM	Call to Order	Dr. Data Barata, CAPCR Board Chair
6:30 PM	Host	Dr. Don Taylor
6:35 PM	Awardees Enter	Dr. Don Taylor
7:10 PM	Libations	Dr. Clarence George III
7:15 PM	Invocation	Volunteer
	Opening	Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR
	Welcome	President Luke Wood, CSUS
	Dinner	Buffet style

8:00 PM	The Velji Family CAPCR Student Scholarship Awards	
	Presentation	Dr . Data Barata, Board Chair, CAPCR
	Students	Chinelo Ibenegbu Karen Payden Ciara Bess Nyah Sadler Ima- Abasi Etokudo Sarah Tanko

8:10 PM	Performance	Anambra State Cultural Association, Sacramento
8:15 PM	Keynote Speaker	H.E., Mr. Peter Obi former Governor of Anambra State, Nigeria to be introduced by First Lady, Dr. Idara Essien Wood; Moderated by Dr. Don Taylor and Dr. Jaime Jackson, CSUS

8:40 PM	Peace Awards	Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR
	Presentations	President Luke Wood, CSUS
	Awardees	
	Peace Leadership	H.E., Mr. Peter Obi
	Peace Education	Ms. Lisa Haynes
	Peace & Justice	Chief Justice Hassan Jallow
	Peace & Justice	NAACP of Greater Sacramento
	Peace Builder	Apostle Macdonald Jaa
	Peacemaker	Mr. Mervin Brookins
9:30 PM	Closing/ Acknowledgments	Dr. Theresa Abah. CAPCR Board Member

Dr. Luke Wood

President, California State University Sacramento



Dr. Luke Wood returned to his alma mater, Sacramento State, to become its ninth president on July 16, 2023. A nationally renowned scholar on racial equity with a specific focus on early childhood education and community colleges, Dr. Wood has authored or co-authored 16 books and published nearly 200 articles, book chapters, and other scholarly works focusing on racial inequality in education.

Dr. Wood's bold vision for the University includes 23 strategic action items, including the creation of the nation's first Black Honors College, which welcomed its inaugural class of scholars in fall 2024. In partnership with UFC Hall of Famer Urijah Faber, Dr. Wood led the formation of the first-ever university-backed collegiate pathway into boxing and mixed martial arts, Combat U. Dr. Wood also supported the establishment of the National Institute on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Society, which provides research, resources, and professional development around AI in education.

President Wood holds a bachelor's in Black History and Politics and a master's in Higher Education Leadership from Sacramento State, and a master of education in Early Childhood Education and doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies (Higher Education concentration) from Arizona State University. President Wood's wife, Dr. Idara Essien-Wood, is a tenured associate professor of Early Childhood Development at San Diego State. They have three children. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity Inc. and is an amateur boxer.

Dr. Ernest Uwazie

Director, Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution



Prof./Dr. Ernest Uwazie holds a Ph.D. in Justice Studies from Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, and graduated from the Harvard Law School Mediation and Negotiation Program. He joined the Sacramento State criminal justice faculty in 1991, and served as the immediate past Chair (2017-2023) of the Division of Criminal Justice. Dr. Uwazie is very active in the community, including being the cofounder and chair of Africa House Sacramento.

Since 1996, he has served as the founder and director of the Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR), and founder/convenor of the landmark annual Africa/Diaspora conference at Sac State starting in 1992 under the then African Studies Coalition, leading to the creation of the CAPCR; he continues to direct the annual Africa/Diaspora conference for 33 years. Dr. Uwazie teaches courses on restorative justice & conflict resolution, minorities and criminal justice, community and justice system and comparative justice. In addition to his multiple publications and conference presentations as well as workshops on conflict resolution and restorative justice, Prof. Uwazie is a world -renowned expert on mediation and alternative dispute resolution. Since 1995, Dr. Uwazie has developed ADR curriculum and led trainings for approximately 20,000 participants, including lawyers, traditional rulers, community and religious leaders, police, educators, student/youth leaders, and other groups in the US, Europe, and many African countries, including Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, Kenya, Ethiopia, Morocco, Liberia, South Africa, Uganda, and Rwanda, etc.

Because of this expertise, Prof. Uwazie has played an essential role in organizing or leading one-in-a-lifetime experiences for students who participated in the study abroad programs to Ghana, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Ethiopia, along with multiple US Dept of Education Fulbright-Hayes faculty professional development seminars in Africa. Dr. Uwazie has also been tirelessly committed to running a restorative justice circle program at California State Prison, Sacramento (CSP-Sac). This multi-faceted work has been funded twice by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) under his leadership, with Dr. Alexa Sardina as the Co-PI; the grant activities include facilitating a weekly restorative justice session at the CSP-Sac every Friday, training community volunteers to be restorative justice facilitators, and facilitating victim offender dialogues (VODs) throughout Northern California, as the cases are referred to CAPCR by the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights of the CDCR.

Since 1993, he has directed over \$12 million in various US federal, State, local, and Foundation grants and contracts, with multiple publications and conference presentations. He is the recipient of the CSUS's 2010 Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award, the 2010 Judge Warren Knight Award of JAMS Foundation—for promoting peaceful settlement of conflicts in Africa, and 2023-24 CSUS's Distinguished Faculty Lecture Award, among other recognitions. Currently, he is directing the CAPCR's Africa Peace Fellows initiative—as an endowment to build the next generation of peace leaders as well as the US DOJ -OVW Restorative Justice Practices Pilot 5 year grant, as a collaboration between the CAPCR and REACH—rape crisis center in Orange County-California. He also serves on the statewide Restorative Justice Working Work Group under the California District Attorneys' Association. Dr. Uwazie is married to Dr. Mrs. Nnenna Uwazie, a California clinical pharmacist with Kaiser, and they are blessed with two children (Ijeoma & Chima).

H.E., Mr. Peter Obi

Keynote Speaker & Peace Leadership Award



His Excellency, Mr. Peter Obi, is a distinguished Nigerian statesman, reformer, philanthropist, and global advocate for peace, good governance, and education. He served as the Governor of Anambra State, Nigeria, where his visionary leadership and transformational governance turned a once-overlooked state into a national model of security, fiscal discipline, and sustainable development.

During his tenure, Governor Obi implemented innovative economic policies, including the establishment of sub-sovereign wealth savings, responsible public finance practices, and comprehensive collaboration with national security agencies. Under his leadership, Anambra witnessed a dramatic reduction in crime, culminating in three consecutive years without a single bank robbery, a feat publicly commended by the Inspector General of Police. He distributed over 500 security vehicles and ensured each of Anambra's 177 communities received a dedicated security vehicle to strengthen local peace and protection efforts.

Beyond governance, Mr. Obi has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to peacebuilding and civic empowerment through the Peter Obi Action Network, a platform advancing peace education, democratic integrity, and economic inclusion. His public appeals for non-violence, particularly during Nigeria's 2023 general elections and in response to outbreaks of violence in Benue State, reaffirm his role as a voice of reason and reconciliation in challenging times.

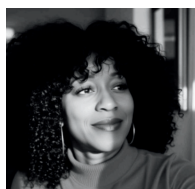
Mr. Obi is a graduate of prestigious institutions including Harvard Business School, the London School of Economics, and Cambridge Judge Business School. He brings his global education and professional insight to bear in linking policy, governance, and grassroots peace efforts.

His exceptional contributions to leadership, public health, and community development have earned him national and international recognition. These include the Governor of the Decade Award (2020), the Leadership Excellence Award's Man of the Year (2022), the Most Prudent Governor Award by This Day Newspaper (2009), and the Best Performing Governor on Immunization in Southeast Nigeria by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (2012). He is also a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Lagos Business School and the Golden Merit Award from the Nigerian Library Association, among many others.

With a lifelong dedication to ethical leadership, community advancement, and peaceful coexistence, Mr. Peter Obi stands as an exemplary recipient of this Peace Award and a beacon of principled leadership on the African continent and beyond.

Ms. Lisa Haynes

Peace Education Award



Lisa Haynes is a dedicated educator, social impact leader, and advocate for equitable education systems. With a passion for addressing systemic barriers in education, she founded a charter school in a historically marginalized community, providing high-quality, student-centered learning experiences for underserved youth. Her work focuses on understanding and dismantling systemic inequities that disproportionately impact Black families in education.

Her dedication to educational justice led her to expand her efforts into the carceral system, advocating for the power of education in transforming the lives of those impacted by incarceration. This journey ignited a deeper commitment to systemic change, leading her to train educators, social workers, and community leaders who serve the most marginalized populations. Recognizing that education alone is not enough, she sought to integrate wellness, leadership, and resilience into her work, ensuring that returning citizens and Black women had the tools and support needed to thrive.

This vision led to the creation of Healing Inspired Consulting, LLC, a wellness-based approach to the workplace with a particular focus on individuals returning to society after incarceration. Through Healing Inspired, she has developed innovative strategies to address trauma, workplace reintegration, and leadership development, ensuring that healing and empowerment remain at the core of workforce development.

Additionally, she founded MindHeart, an agency that creates learning opportunities and a platform to share a vision for health and leadership within marginalized communities. MindHeart blends evidence-based practices with culturally relevant coaching and education, ensuring that Black women and returning citizens have access to the knowledge, skills, and support needed to navigate systemic challenges.

In 2024, she launched Good Soil, a transformative leadership development program designed to equip individuals from marginalized communities with the skills and confidence to lead in their workplaces and communities. With a focus on emotional intelligence, advocacy, and systemic change, Good Soil empowers participants to break through barriers and create lasting impact.

With the support of her team and her business partner, Edward T. Lewis, MA, MSW, Owner/Founder of EDISON Consulting Services, they recently launched a 12-month workplace wellness program aimed at fostering holistic well-being in professional environments. In collaboration with a California non-profit Five Keys, they also host a leadership conference with over 200 employees in attendance, many of whom are returning citizens. These groundbreaking programs, in their inaugural year, have already seen remarkable success—graduating over 300 members and enrolling over 400 participants for their upcoming cohort.

Through her visionary leadership and dedication, Lisa Haynes continues to pave the way for equity, wellness, and leadership development, ensuring that those historically underserved are given the resources and opportunities to thrive.

Chief Justice Hassan Jallow

Peace & Justice



Chief Justice Hassan Jallow has dedicated his entire life to the pursuit of justice in pivotal ways that has changed the course of history, shaped the continent of Africa, and significantly impacted international legal precedent. He has also significantly impacted the victims he has had on his stands and fought for, and the many young people who admire the incredible work he has done over his lifetime.

He has restlessly defended human rights for all, in his early career through legal documents such as the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, to his historic work as the chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR), and in the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Chief Justice Jallow continues to be a leader for peace in his work as the Chief Justice of Gambia, and in his legacies as the former Prosecutor of the United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals.

In 1982, Jallow was appointed Solicitor General and then, Minister of Justice in July 1984. Between 1989 and 1994, he served as the chairman of Banjul-based African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS). Jallow became a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Gambia from December 1998-2002. During this time, in addition to serving the Supreme Court, he was appointed to conduct a judicial evaluation of two historic tribunals: the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). He was also the chair of the Governmental Working Group of Experts in Human Rights and as a Judge of the Commonwealth Arbitral Tribunal for the Commonwealth of Nations.

Soon after, in 2002, United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan nominated Jallow for Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, where he served honorably for the next year. The court was set up to "prosecute persons who bear the greatest responsibility for serious violations of international humanitarian law and Sierra Leonean law."

Nominated by UN Under-Secretary General Kofi Annan, and confirmed by UN Security Council, Jallow became the next Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) from 2003 to its closing in 2015. There, Jallow made history and changed legal precedent. In his role of prosecutor, he visited massacre sites, spoke with victims- both Tutsi and Hutu, and constantly consulted with the team at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Jallow oversaw some of the most important cases to international human rights law, and genocide law since the Nuremberg trials. This included the "Media Case" which provided the first judgement in which the media proscribed "direct and public incitement to genocide." This case recognized the role print and radio media played in inciting genocide and paved the way for future convictions regarding genocidal propaganda. The Karemera Judicial notice was a landmark appellate decision that established genocide had indeed occurred in Rwanda, and no longer needed to be proved. There are so many others that Jallow was instrumental in. In those who study the ICTR, he is a hero for the crimes he prosecuted and the way he handled the courtroom.

Jallow was sworn in by President Adam Barrow on February 15, 2017, as the Chief Justice of Gambia, where he resides today. In his role as Chief Justice he oversees the appointment and promotion of judges, seeks opportunities to expand the court, is chairman of general legal counsel, facilitates training and licensing of lawyers, and much more.

NAACP Greater Sacramento

Peace & Justice



The Greater Sacramento NAACP Branch (Branch) was established in 1916 to fight segregation and to stop the lynching of colored people. Today we aim to bring about justice for all, illuminate the truth, while reminding us of our past and leading us to a prosperous future.

Our focus areas are Economic Stability, Education, Health, Public Safety and Criminal Justice, Voting Rights and Public Education, and Expanding Youth and Young Adult Engagement.

The two areas where the community reaches out most is Education and Criminal Justice. In addition to those we have active leadership and engaged programs for Youth, Economic Justice, Health, Veterans, and Political Action. Below are some of the specific outcomes and efforts for Education and Criminal Justice.

Education Advocacy- Over the past ten years, the Greater Sacramento NAACP has advocated for and successfully assisted with the release of data demonstrating that Black students are suspended at higher rates than their counterparts. Many families whose children were suspended, expelled, or not receiving appropriate supports and services listed in their Individual Education Program (IEP) have sought our support and guidance. Our advocacy work also includes stepping in following multiple incidents of blatant racist attack on Black students and engaging to support Black educators.

Criminal Justice Advocacy- The Branch hosts “Know Your Right” seminars to inform the community on ways to protect themselves when encountering the police, and every third Saturday of the month, legal professionals are available to guide the community. Additionally, we respond to requests or assistance from those experiencing racial discrimination in the justice system, host rallies, and speak up for community members at Board and Committee meetings by local municipalities and government entities.

Apostle Macdonald Jaa

Peace Builder



Apostle MacDonald B. Jaa has dedicated his life to preaching the saving, healing, and delivering gospel of Jesus Christ across America, Africa, and Europe. Holding dual citizenship in both the United States and Africa, he has committed himself to equipping and empowering others through teaching, training, and mentorship. As the founder and senior pastor of El Shaddai World Evangelism Ministries in Sacramento, CA, Apostle Jaa has also expanded the ministry abroad, establishing churches in Ghana and Liberia, West Africa.

His leadership extends even further through Kingdom International Ministries (K.I.M.), a global network supporting ministries with a focus on spiritual, economic, and political transformation. Additionally, he oversees West Coast Connection, a coalition of 50 churches in West Africa, strengthening the body of Christ across nations.

While providing spiritual covering for many, Apostle Jaa also values being covered himself. He and his wife are dedicated members of Covenant Connection International (CCI) under the leadership of Overseer Valerie Holcomb of Killeen, TX.

A native of Liberia, West Africa, Apostle Jaa is no stranger to spiritual warfare and deliverance ministry. His passion for setting people free from the grip of darkness led him to establish Free From Curses Online Training Ministry, a global initiative that has impacted countless lives. His teachings on deliverance have reached seminaries, colleges, and biblical conferences in the United States and beyond.

Beyond the pulpit, Apostle Jaa is a devoted humanitarian. Locally, he organizes feeding campaigns for the homeless, while his outreach in Liberia has provided food, clothing, and essential supplies to thousands through partnerships such as ACTS Full Gospel in Oakland, CA [via 40 foot shipped containers]. His commitment to education has also opened doors for over 20+ students, whom he and his wife have personally supported through scholarships.

Ordained into ministry at the age of 16, Apostle Jaa deepened his spiritual foundation under the late Apostle Nate Holcomb, being re-ordained in 2005 and later reconfirmed under Pastor Valerie Holcomb in 2023. His hunger for deeper revelation led him to Sonship School of the Firstborn, where he graduated in 2014. Today, he carries that legacy forward, having established El Shaddai Bible College, offering Sonship School of the Firstborn Certification both in California and internationally. Through these programs in the U.S. and West Africa (namely Liberia & Ghana) over 150 students have been equipped and empowered for ministry.

Often referred to as a “Modern-Day Joseph,” Apostle Jaa is a sought-after author, conference speaker, recording artist, and television producer. His ministry takes him across the globe, equipping believers to walk in their God-ordained purpose.

Yet, of all the titles he holds, the one he cherishes most is husband and father. He has been joyfully married to his wife, Rae-Linda, for 26 years, and together they celebrate their greatest blessings—their children, Jebek ReChale and M. Boima Jaa.

Mr. Mervin Brookins

Peace Maker



Mervin Brookins, a proud Sacramento, CA native, grew up in the vibrant neighborhood of Del Paso Heights. He excelled at Grant High School and Sacramento City College before briefly attending Southern Oregon State University. However, a series of poor decisions led to his incarceration, spending 21 years in California's prison system, including time at Folsom State Prison and Pelican Bay State Prison.

While serving his sentence, a transformative moment occurred when Mervin encountered two young men from his old neighborhood in Solano State Prison. He remembered them as children, who admired him after his football games. Realizing how his actions had influenced their lives, Mervin resolved to dedicate himself to creating positive change and becoming a role model for his community.

Upon his release, Mervin returned to Sacramento and became a driving force for change. He founded Brother 2 Brother Mentoring, a non-profit organization focused on mentoring at-risk youth and providing gang intervention and prevention services. He collaborated with the District Attorney's Office to establish alternative sentencing programs and worked closely with the Sacramento Police Department to improve community-police relations and develop a crisis response protocol.

Mervin also founded Grant Youth Sports, which offers year-round athletic programs for children 5 to 14, fostering teamwork and community engagement through: football, basketball, baseball, and softball. Over the years, Mervin has served on numerous public safety panels and received multiple awards, including the Beacon of Hope and Peacemaker awards, recognizing his tireless efforts to uplift and unite his community.

When asked about his greatest accomplishment, Mervin humbly responds, "Building healthy relationships within our community."

Here is what former Sacramento Chief of Police Daniel Hahn had to say about Mr. Brookins:

"Mervin Brookins has an amazing story that he utilizes to bring people together; develop collaborative partnerships and improve the community he serves. Mr.

Brookins forms partnerships with all segments of law enforcement (police departments, DA's Office, Corrections etc.) that serve to build holistic, long-term problem solving, crime reduction and improve the quality of life in our most challenged communities. I, as the police chief in Sacramento, have personally worked with Mr. Brookins and can personally attest to his positive impact on law enforcement and community. Mr. Brookins would provide valuable insight and proven strategies as a speaker at the PSP Summit."

Dr. Don Taylor

Host



Dr. Donald Taylor is Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies, California State University, Sacramento where he served in several key leadership roles in the division of Academic Affairs overseeing educational effectiveness, global engagement, academic program quality, assessment of student learning outcomes and as Accreditation Liaison Officer to Western Accrediting Commission for Schools and Colleges (WASC) with a record of exceptional successes in these areas.

His academic expertise is in International & Intercultural Communication, Mass Communication, Communication Research Methods, and Communication Theory and National Development. He is a Fellow of the American Council on Education and a Fulbright Hays Fellow.

As a key force in promoting Africa on his campus and in the African Diaspora in the United States, Dr. Don Taylor has assisted in hosting prominent African leaders such as former President Akufo Addo of Ghana, President Paul Kagame of Rwanda, former President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, and the Late Mrs. Winnie Mandela of South Africa, to name a few, and in so doing, served in key roles in support of the over three decades long annual conference on Africa at Sac State hosted by the Center for African Peace and Conflict resolution, and its predecessor, the African Studies Coalition. Outside of the university, Dr. Don Taylor has managed several communication and development programs across Africa including Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Uganda, the DRC, and Guinea among others.

Professor Don Taylor is the recipient of numerous awards and distinctions including the 2023 Sierra Leone National Diaspora Focus Ambassadorial Award for Educational Leadership in the Diaspora, a 2024 California State Senate Resolution for distinguished record of leadership as a California Educator, a 2024 California State University, Sacramento Resolution for distinguished Service to the University and the Sacramento Community, the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award by the African Diaspora Communities in Sacramento, and by Africa House Sacramento. Other honors include awards for: Outstanding Service (2018) for dedicated support and Contributions to the Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR), and the NOSLINA Excellence in Leadership Award (2008) for service to the Sierra Leone communities of North America, among others. A former radio and television broadcaster in Sierra Leone and with the BBC African Service in London, Dr. Taylor offers continued dedicated service hosting community events as Master of Ceremonies.

Menu

Buffet Style

Reception

Meatballs
Fruit Tray
Vegetable Tray
Meat Pies
Veggie Pies

Entree

Chicken Tagine
Moroccan Spiced Roasted Vegetables
Jollof Rice
Plantains
Moi Moi
Flatbread Naan

Salad

House Salad with oranges &
African spiced lemon vinaigrette

Desert

Cookies

Drinks

Iced Tea
Water

The Africa Peace Fellows Endowment Fund

To support a Conflict & Resolution Training program for the Next Generation of Peace Leaders.

The Africa Peace Fellows is intended as a certificate training program designed to meet existing key gaps in creating internal capacity for transformative conflict resolution systems in Africa, especially in the development of consistent, sustainable conflict resolution and prevention training programs at advanced and specialized skills levels, including retraining or continuing education, with emphasis on intractable and emerging public policy, governance, and commercial disputes. The Africa Peace Fellows curriculum will go beyond the traditional transactional individual conflict resolution and peacebuilding processes to transformational conflict resolution systems design, institutional capacity building, human capacity development, and professional network creation.

The program also proposes to address long-term funding constraints, particularly in peace and conflict resolution training. The majority of the conflict resolution training programs in Africa are driven by donor support. Arguably, donor funding for such training programs fluctuates in its frequency and level of support. As observed by Dr. Monde Muyangwa of the Africa Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, DC, “we cannot wage peace on other people’s wallet.” To maintain Africa’s continued progress or gains in the global peace index, there is a need for the development of a training infrastructure that is sustainable and supportive of both continental and national peace and security agenda, with a long-term vision and strategic plan.

This unique training program is envisioned to ultimately create a robust cadre or network of the next generation of African peace leaders, or Peace Corps leadership that is ultimately, deliberately dedicated to promoting the societal goal of a culture of peace. The program will serve as a medium for increasing the number and level of skilled conflict resolution personnel or expertise and institutions in Africa, who will meet international best standards in knowledge acquisition and skill application. Further, the curricular will integrate critical issues of social justice, good governance, human rights, peace leadership and development, human security, violent extremism, diversity, environmental justice, restorative justice, and public corruption.



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