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COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



# Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

*Presents*

The 33rd Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference:

## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & PEACEMAKING

April 24 –26, 2025

### Conference Registration



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*The conference is open to the public and free for Sac State students, faculty & staff, and students in the Sacramento region. All times are Pacific Standard Time (PST)*



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The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) was established in 1996 at California State University, Sacramento. CAPCR has been 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 curriculum/materials and provides training and services on mediation, negotiation, arbitration, restorative justice, and other conflict resolution activities. The target audience is governmental and nongovernmental 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 the campus' current priorities of promoting diversity and inclusion, fostering community engagement as an anchor university, supporting student success, and developing philanthropy. The annual international conference and peace awards are a signature campus global program with participants from more than 100 countries and five continents since the initial convening in 1992 under the then African Studies Coalition that led to the conceptualization and creation of CAPCR in 1996.

This conference theme aims to examine the various objectives, strategies, status and outcomes of the reparation movements, open new areas of discussion or debates for thoughts and action as well as recommendations for coalitions and collaborations for peacemaking and unity.

The conference presentations and exchanges will create opportunities for local, national, international, & regional networking in various forms of peacemaking practices and research. Thus, identifying and addressing current voids or gaps in harm reduction will provide opportunities for self-assessment, reflection, and innovation among advocates, practitioners, scholars, donors, and policymakers. The culmination of the conference is the Peace Awards Dinner which will be held on the evening of April 26, 2025, in support of the creation of an endowment for the Africa Peace Fellows—to build the next generation of peace leaders.

In 2018, the CAPCR Africa Peace Fellows (APF) Endowment was established with funding from Fatai Yusufu of FAYUS INC., with the goal of raising USD\$25M. The APF is an advanced-level certificate conflict resolution training program for senior-midlevel leaders in critical sectors of building and maintaining peace and development in Africa. The main objective is to develop or increase critical human skills for preventing, managing, and resolving high-level, intractable conflicts and ensure continuous use or application of acquired knowledge and skills. Although the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has delayed our fundraising plans, the need for the APF remains intact as the source of future, long-term programming of the CAPCR. Tentatively, the first cohort or pilot is expected to start in 2026 for 15 months, with recruitment commencing in April 2025.

Every dollar of support will benefit the program by offsetting the cost of travel, support, and training staff, technology, and other related participants costs.

By considering becoming a donor of the APF, your contribution will bring us one step closer to our goal of a stable endowment of \$25 million for Africa's peace and prosperity. Your donation will be acknowledged, including naming opportunities.

For more information or questions:

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Visit CAPCR's Website:

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## Thursday, April 24, 2025

8:30AM

### Registration begins

Location: Cottonwood, University Union  
Coffee and tea provided

9:00AM – 10:15AM

### Panel A: Special Film Presentation & Discussion

Location:

**Lovetta Tugbeh**, Coalition for Justice in Liberia, Pleasant Hill, California:  
*Camp 72: Reparative Justice and Peacemaking*

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

10:30AM–11:45PM

### Panel B: Peacebuilding, and Socio-Cultural Norms.

**Achudume Nkechi Evelyn & Theresa Abah**,  
University of Abuja, Nigeria & California State University, Sacramento:  
*Key Lesson from the Contribution of Older Adults in Peace Building in Africa: The Role of Cultural.*

**Simi Shoda**,  
Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland:  
*Inter-Ethnic Conflict and Peacemaking in Plateau State, Nigeria: A Case Study of Local Perspectives and Reparative Strategies.*

**Sofia Maya Collin**,  
Unbounded Law, Carpinteria, California:  
*Trust Governance – The “No-State” Solution.*

**Rev. Sister Carol Ijeoma Njoku**,  
University of San Francisco. *Expedited Removal Law in the US, Legal Barriers and the Invasion on the Principle of Nonrefoulement.*

Moderator: **Alexa Sardina**, California State University, Sacramento

12:00PM – 1:30PM

### Conference Opening & Keynote Address with Dr. Onwubiko Agozino

**Lunch provided for registered conference participants and invited guests!**

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

*Land Acknowledgment:* **Dr. Alexa Sardina**, CAPCR Board Member, California State University, Sacramento.

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

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

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

**Associate Dean Robert Pieretti**, College of Health & Human Services, California State University, Sacramento.

**Dr. Mark Wheeler**, Senior Advisor & Chief Strategist to President Wood and Admin In-Charge of International Programs and Global Engagement

## Thursday, April 24, 2025

*Keynote Speaker: Dr. Onwubiko Agozino, Professor of Sociology and African Studies, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech, to be introduced by: Dean Boatamo Mosupyoe, Black Honors College, California State University, Sacramento.*

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM

### Panel C: Reparative Justice and Peacemaking Strategies.

**Samuel Olugbenga Ojo,**

Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Oye, Nigeria:

*Global Perspectives on Reparative Justice: Learning from International Models*

**Ijeoma C. Nwajiaku,**

Federal Polytechnic, Oko / Admiralty University of Nigeria:

*Towards a Discourse on Reparations: The Nigeria-Biafra War in Perspective*

**Elizabeth Uyō Okeh,**

Yaba College of Technology, Lagos, Nigeria:

*Education for Sustainable Peace and Justice: Developing Critical Pedagogy for Global Citizenship*

**Emmanuel Iyako,**

Kent State University, Ohio:

*The Choice of Using Alternative Power to Mitigate Violence: Examining the Relationship Between Non-State Actors on Conflict Dynamics.*

Moderator: **Jessie Gaston**, California State University, Sacramento.

3:00 PM – 4:15 PM

### Panel D: Historical Accountability and Memorialization in Reparative Justice.

**Chukwudi Victor Odoeme,**

Veritas University, Bwari Abuja, Nigeria:

*UN Special Tribunal on Transatlantic Slave Trade: Morality and Legality at War*

**Christopher Davey,**

Binghamton University, Binghamton, New York. United states:

*The Banyamulenge Soldier: Genocide Between Congo and Rwanda*

**Samuel Olugbenga Ojo,**

Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Oye, Nigeria:

*Historical Accountability and Reparative Pathways: Addressing the Legacies of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.*

**Enock Asamoah-Atua,**

University of Bonn, Germany:

*Grassroots Efforts and Reparations: Contributions of The Black Lives Matter Movement in Addressing Historical Injustices.*

Moderator: **Mary Senyonga**, California State University, Sacramento

## Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:25 PM – 6:30 PM

### Welcome Reception

**Location:** Cottonwood, University Union.

**Food and drinks provided.**

Welcome: Conference Co-Chairs **Theresa Abah** and **Jaime Jackson**

*Presentation of Certificates of Completion to the Restorative Justice Facilitator Trainees:* By **Ernest Uwazie** and **Alexa Sardina**, Lead Trainers.

5:00PM-6:00PM

### Panel E: Lessons & Experiences from California, US, UN, Caribbean, African Union.

Discussants:

**George Clearance**, California State University, Sacramento.

**Martin Boston**, California State University, Sacramento.

**Esther Vicente**, Caribbean Basin Institute of Education and Culture-Sacramento

**Mark Brown**, California State University, Sacramento

Moderator: **Maria Da Luz Alexandrino**, California State University, Sacramento

## Friday, April 25, 2025

8:00AM

### Registration begins

**Location:** Cottonwood, University Union

**Coffee and tea provided**

8:00 AM - 9:00AM

### Panel F: *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 justice impacted or involved participants

**Participants:**

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

**Circle Facilitators:**

**Ernest Uwazie**, Sacramento State; **Alexa Sardina**, Sacramento State, & **Michael Love**, Project Rebound- Sacramento State.

9:10 AM -10:10 AM

### Panel G: Bridging the Gaps

**Student Panel:** The panel will allow diverse group of black students, both native and foreign born, to share experiences at Sac State, including opportunities for building connections, community, and collaborations. The panelists will include Black Honors College scholars.

Discussants:

**Zawadi Ng'ang'a**, **Seven Tanko**, **Chisom Ezeh**, **Sally Trapps**, **Rehou Salem Louissaint** and **Auriane Teri**.

Moderator: **Booker Cook**, California State University, Sacramento.

## Friday, April 25, 2025

### 10: 20 AM – 11:35 PM **Panel H: Community Resilience, Restorative Justice, and Inclusive Governance.**

**Hassan B. Jallow**, Chief Justice of The Gambia  
*Reparative justice efforts in Africa, African Union, and the UN.*

**Kelechi Wright**, University of Houston, Texas:  
*Reparations, Reform and Reversals: Addressing the history of structural Harm on black families through radical institutional change*

**Jamila Usman Ibrahim**, Nigeria Social Insurance Trust Fund:  
*Sustainable Family Systems Through Intentional Mediation: A Case of The Elder Migrants*

**Hala A. Guta**,  
Qatar University Doha, Qatar:  
*Echoes of the Massacre: Public Discourse on Justice in Post-Revolution Sudan.*

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

### 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM **Panel I: Special Roundtable Discussion: Developing Restorative Justice outreach and greater access in Black and minority communities: Limits and Possibilities.**

*(Sponsored by the CDCR Restorative Justice/Victim Offender Dialogues Grant).*

Lead Speaker: **Ms. Schemia Lewis**, Victim participant in Victim Offender Dialogue.

#### **Discussants:**

**Alexa Sardina**, CAPCR Board Member, California State University, Sacramento.

**Krishna Guadalupe**, California State University, Sacramento

**Michael Love**, Project Rebound, California State University, Sacramento

Moderator /Chair: **Ernest Uwazie**, California State University, Sacramento.

### 1:10 PM – 1:30 PM **Panel J: Africa Peace Fellows: Toward Launching the Pilot**

#### **Discussants:**

**Colins Imoh**, University of Bradford, United Kingdom.

**Ernest Uwazie**, California State University, Sacramento

Moderator: **Colins Imoh**, University of Bradford, United Kingdom

## Friday, April 25, 2025

### 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **PANEL K: Concluding Thoughts on the Conference Theme**

**Prof. Pat Utomi**, Lagos Business School, Nigeria/Woodrow Wilson Center Africa Program, Washington, DC.

Moderator: **Jaime Jackson**, California State University, Sacramento

### 2:35 PM – 3:00 PM **Closing Session**

Conference Summary: **Theresa Abah** and **Jaime Jackson**, Conference Co-Chairs, California State University, Sacramento.

Closing Remarks: **Ernest Uwazie**, Conference Director, California State University, Sacramento.

### 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM **Africa Peace Awards Dinner Banquet**

Pre-dinner/program reception: 5:45-6:30pm.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER & Distinguished Guest of Honor:**

**H.E., Mr. Peter Obi**: Former Governor of Anambra State, Nigeria; Philanthropist and Businessman; 2023 Nigeria Presidential Candidate.

#### **Welcome:**

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

#### **Entertainment**

#### **Dinner/African food**

#### **Peace Awardees:**

**H.E., Mr. Peter Obi**

**Justice Hassan B. Jallow**, Chief Justice of the Gambia

**Ms. Lisa M. Haynes**, Founder & CEO, Healing Inspired Consulting, LLC

**Apostle Rev. MacDonald Jaa**; Senior Pastor and Founder, El Shaddai World Evangelism Ministry

**NAACP**– National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
Sacramento

**Mervin Brookins**, Founder, Brother 2 Brother Mentoring; Peacemaker and Leader

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Please note that the program provided is preliminary and subject to change. Please prepare/plan for a 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 14, 2025**; moderator email addresses will be provided in due course.

### Campus Address

California State University, Sacramento  
6000 J St, Sacramento, CA 95819

### Airport

Our Local Airport is the Sacramento International Airport. The airport code is **SMF**.

### Recommended Hotels:

*\*Prices are subject to change until booked.*

Hotel	Cost	Remarks
<b>Hampton Inn and Suites at CSUS</b> 1875 65th St Sacramento, CA 95819 Phone: 916-451-1135	Price: \$193 per night for 1 King bed or 2 Queen beds. outdoor pool, fitness center, free WiFi and hot breakfast.	Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest
<b>Comfort Inn and Suites</b> 21 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 Phone: 916-379-0400	Price: 1 Queen bed \$145; 2 Queen beds \$155; Executive \$155 per night. To-go breakfast included (6 –9am).	Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest
<b>Larkspur Landing Hotel</b> 555 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826 Phone: 916-646-1212	Price: 1 Queen bed \$134 per night. 1 King bed suite incl pullout couch \$175.50 per night; Double suite \$164.54 per night. Sacramento State rate includes breakfast, wireless internet, a fitness center, and laundry.	
<b>The Fort Sutter Hotel Sacramento, Tapestry Collection by Hilton</b> 1308 28th St, Sacramento, CA 95816 Phone: 916-603-2301	\$343 for 1 king bed or double Queen bed per night	

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**Step 2** Click "Guest Signup" if you have never purchased parking at Sac State before

**Step 3** Input your personal Information and create an account

**Step 4** Use your license plate number to pay for parking

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<https://paybyphone.com/> or sign up by downloading the "PaybyPhone" app on either iOS or Android

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**Step 2** When you arrive on campus open the app and tap "Start New Parking" then:

- Enter your license plate (use last seven digits of VIN if no license plate is available)
- Use the Sac State location code: 5115
- Choose daily or two-hour parking

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

## **Past Africa/Diaspora Conference Themes and Keynote Speakers**

- 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. 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.
- 2025: Conference Theme: Peacemaking and Reparative Justice.



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