# International Symposium on Genocide:
Confronting the Past and Understanding the Present

**Michigan State University**  
MSU Union Ballroom | 49 Abbot Road | East Lansing, MI 48824

**Friday, April 19, 2019**  
8:00 am – 5:50 pm

## AGENDA

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| 8:15 am – 8:30 am | Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**Introduced by Jean Kayitsinga, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University**  
Laurie A. Van Egeren, Interim Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, Michigan State University |
| 8:30 am – 9:30 am | **SESSION I**  
**The Holocaust and the Armenian Genocide**  
The Holocaust: Nazism’s genocidal worldview and the development of the Holocaust  
Amy Simon, Michigan State University  
The Armenian Genocide (1915-1916) in the light of the German archive  
David Leupold, University of Michigan |
| 9:35 am – 10:35 am | **SESSION II**  
**Genocide Against the Tutsi**  
Colonial legacy and the role of western racial ideology on Rwandan society  
Jean Kayitsinga, Michigan State University  
The Hutu power ideology: A shadow of Nazi ideology  
Aimable Twagilimana, Buffalo State University of New York  
Understanding the dynamics that led to the 1994 “final solution of the question of Rwanda’s Tutsi”  
Eugène Nshimiyimana, McMaster University, ON, Canada |

**Moderator:** Scott Boehm, Michigan State University  
**Moderator:** Gatsinzi Basaninyenzi, Alabama A&M University
| 10:40 am – 11:40 am | **SESSION III**  
**Genocide Survivors’ Perspectives**  
The courage to bear witness: An analytical perspective of genocide survivors’ testimonies  
*Kenneth Waltzer, Michigan State University*  
Dialogic witness: Turning survivors’ testimony into poems  
*Laura Apol, Michigan State University*  
Exploring the plight of survivors in post-genocide Rwanda  
*Albert Gasake, Survivor*  
**Moderator:** *Jean Kayitsinga, Michigan State University*

| 11:45 am – 12:45 pm | **Lunch Break**  
**Exhibits/Posters/Books**

| **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** |  
*Introduction by Jean Kayitsinga, Michigan State University*  
Reshaping the Euphemism of “Never Again”: Recent Approaches to Preventing Genocide  
*Zachary D. Kaufman, Stanford University* |

| 12:50 pm – 1:50 pm | **PLENARY SESSION**  
*Introduction by Gatsinzi Basaninyenzi, Alabama A&M University*  
**The Role of the International Community in the Genocide Against the Tutsi and Post-Genocide Impunity**  
*Florida Kabasinga, Rwanda*  
The problematic of reconciliation and forgiveness in post-genocide Rwanda. Who is doing what?  
*Bishop John K. Rucyahana, Chairman of the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission, Rwanda* |

| 1:55 pm – 2:35 pm | **SESSION IV**  
**Genocide Education**  
The history of the genocide legislation and the Michigan Governor’s Council  
*Judith Covach and Nelson Hersh*  
Teaching genocide as a tool to curb the dangers of antisemitism, xenophobia, islamophobia, and all forms of bigotry currently on the rise: Lesson plans  
*Corey Harbaugh and John Farris*  
**Moderator:** *Jean Pierre Nshimyimana, Michigan State University* |
| 2:40 pm – 3:40 pm | SESSION V  
Adverse Effects of Genocide: Sexual Assault/Rape and Mental Health  
Complicated and conflictual family ties between children who were born through rape and their mothers during the genocide against Tutsi Umuhoza Pari Liliane, Juniata College  
Sexual violence as a weapon of genocide: Understanding the enduring consequences of rape during the genocide against the Tutsi Hyacinter G. Rugoro  
Living and coping with the consequences of rape during the genocide against the Tutsi Consolée Nishimwe, Survivor  
Mental health, PTSD, and genocide survivors Tabitha Mpamira-Kaguri, Edja Foundation  
Moderator: Miles McNall, Michigan State University |
| 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm | SESSION VI  
Rebuilding Society After Genocide (Part I)  
Reflecting on genocide remembrance: Practice, challenges and perspectives Julia Viebach, University of Oxford  
The perceptions of transitional justice in the former Yugoslavia Sanja Kutnjak Ivkovich, Michigan State University  
Examining the impact of transitional justice mechanisms in post-genocide Rwanda Zachary D. Kaufman, Stanford University  
Moderator: Aimable Twagilimana, Buffalo State University of New York |
| 4:50 pm – 5:50 pm | SESSION VII  
Rebuilding Society After Genocide (Part II): Social Cohesion  
Language matters: The nocuous Ambiguity of the phrase "The Rwandan Genocide" in discourses of denial of the Genocide against the Tutsi Gatsinzi Basaninyenzi, Alabama A&M University  
Confronting revisionism of the Genocide against the Tutsi Florida Kabasinga, Rwanda  
Lessons of Rwanda’s Tragic History, social cohesion, and hope for the children of Rwanda Bishop John K. Rucyahana, Chairman of the National Unity and Reconciliation Commissio, Rwanda  
Moderator: Jean Kayitsinga, Michigan State University |