

HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK

CALENDAR 2012

MONDAY 2.13.12

3:00 | Burma Teach-In (Torch Lounge)

University of Dayton's own ethnomusicologist, Dr. MacLachlan, will be leading an educational event as a prelude to the Burmese Refugee Activist Panel. She will be laying out the background and historical context and current issues in Burma and the status of Burmese refugees in the U.S today.

8:00 | Myo Myint, Minn Myint Nan Tin, Dr. Thiha Kyiur: Burmese Refugees (West Ballroom)

Myo Myint, Minn Myint Nan Tin, Dr. Thiha Kyiur are Burmese refugees currently living in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Each will share their personal accounts of life in Burma and the violations of human rights experienced by citizens in daily life. In addition, each will share their experiences as refugees and activists.

TUESDAY 2.14.12

2:00-4:00 | Discover Dayton! (Kennedy Union Ballroom)

Discover Dayton is a "community service fair" event which will bring various nonprofit and volunteer organizations from all over the Dayton area to promote the service opportunities that they have so that Dayton students, faculty, and staff can be more aware of the needs and issues in the region and more engaged in the community.

2:00-4:00 | Valentine's Day Card Signing (outside Kennedy Union Ballroom)

We are going to have tables set up in Kennedy Union Food Court for people to come and write Valentine's Day cards to women in shelters. We are currently working to collaborate with Daybreak of Dayton to see what we can do with their program.

WEDNESDAY 2.15.12

12:00 | Demand Documentary (West Ballroom)

A documentary, being presented by the New Abolitionist Movement, investigates raw footage of the dark and hidden world of sex traffickers, pimps and buyers. This film focuses on exposing the men who buy commercial sex, the vulnerable women and children sold as commodities, and the facilitators of the sale within the marketplace of exploitation.

6:30 | Again and Again: A Visual Exploration of Genocide

Dr. Alexandra Budabin and her students from the Politics of Genocide and Mass Atrocity class will be leading an interactive visual exposition of the crime of genocide before and after Rose Mapendo's keynote speech. Students will host a poster demonstration and informal dialogue discussion of the crime of genocide and an in-depth analysis of the violence in the Congo. Guests will begin to delve deeper into the ramifications of the crime of genocide and this grave violation of human rights repeated throughout history and into the present day in the Congo.

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7:30 | Keynote Speaker: Rose Mapendo (Kennedy Union Ballroom)

Rose Mapendo, a refugee from the Congo, has had an extremely painful, yet successful life. After the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, Rose never thought that it would happen in her country (Congo). In 1998, the government invaded her home looking to arrest her husband. Instead they took her and her 10-month old son to be questioned regarding the location where the husband is and also about where is their money. Soon after, the police came and arrested her and her seven children along with four other families. Due to the extreme conditions of their containment and torture, the men were all killed leaving the women and children. Throughout her capture, release, and migration to the US, she experienced many tribulations. Now as a protected US citizen, she has used her experience to develop her own NGO and work to help vulnerable survivors of physical, psychological, and social trauma caused by decades of extreme violence have easy access to health care and to give them hope.

THURSDAY 2.16.12

12:00 | Cargo: Innocence Lost (West Ballroom)

This documentary, being presented by the New Abolitionist Movement, reveals the truth about the sex trafficking industry. This documentary consists of interviews with victims, officials, victim advocates, as well as a simulation of the type of experience of being a slave in the industry. This film portrays an incredibly graphic and true-to-life experiences by women and girls around the world and within the U.S. It explores the reason behind why this is a \$9 billion a year industry and still remains an active abuse within our nation.

5:00 | Gender-Based Violence Workshop (Artstreet)

This teach-in will follow closely with the history and facts behind instances of violence similar to the experience Rose Mapendo lived through. There will be a focus of the violence experienced by victims during and after wartime. During the teach-in, one of the Political Science professors, Dr. Natalie Florea Hudson, will be presenting on the way men and women experience violence differently during the same time period and the same conflict situation. During the presentation, students will be asked to read quote cards of victims, survivors, and perpetrators of violence in conflict areas. After the presentation, there will be small group opportunity to better understand and discuss the experience of violence with questions facilitated by some Human Rights Week Committee members.