

**Wednesday, October 3, 7-8:30 pm. Documentary Film: "All about Darfur".**

Director Taghreed Elsanhoury returned to Sudan "to see how the seemingly racially harmonious country of her memories could have become the scene of not one but two of the worst instances of ethnic cleansing in recent African history... She talks to ordinary Sudanese in outdoor tea shops, markets, refugee camps, and living rooms about how deeply rooted prejudices could suddenly burst into a wild fire of ethnic violence." This documentary shows how race changes its meaning depending on context. "People from the north of the Sudan are regarded as Arabs in Sudan; in Egypt they would be seen as Africans; in Tanzania as Arabs. Race affects status in Sudanese society". (California Newsreel) (82 minutes, 2005) [in Arabic with English subtitles]

**Sunday, October 21, 2-3 pm. "Framing the Darfur Conflict: 'Arabs' vs. 'Africans,'" a**

presentation by Ali B. Dinar. Dr. Ali-Dinar is the Outreach Director in the African Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania. He has published extensively, with a focus on issues of Sudanese identity, information technology in Africa, and the current situation in Darfur. He received his PhD from the

University of Pennsylvania, Master's degree from the Institute of African and Asian Studies in Khartoum, Sudan, and his Bachelor's degree from the University of Khartoum. He is originally from the Darfur region of Sudan.

**Wednesday, November 14, 7-8:30pm. Documentary Film: "Shake Hands with the Devil: the Journey of Romeo Dallaire".**

Dallaire was the head of the UN peacekeeping mission in Rwanda in 1994, when 800,000 women and children were massacred in Rwanda. This documentary film, based on Dallaire's book of the same title, depicts his struggles with top UN officials, Belgian policy-makers, and Clinton administration officials, as well as the psychological fallout that resulted. *Shake Hands with the Devil* won the World Documentary Audience Award at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival. (91 minutes, 2005)



**Sunday, November 18, 2-3 pm. Stories of forgiveness in post-genocide Rwanda.**

Dr. Catherine Nerney, a field theologian, spent a one-year sabbatical in Rwanda in 2006 (12 years after the 100 day civil war in 1994). During her sabbatical, she explored how healing and forgiveness can occur in areas ravaged by war and violence. In the telling of the stories, the survivors help to heal themselves. Dr. Nerney is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Chestnut Hill College.

**Sunday, December 2, 3-4 pm. Darfur: An Anthropologist's Perspective**

Dr. Janet Amighi will talk about the ethnic groups involved, the multiple factors that have created and sustained this conflict, and what needs to happen for peace in Darfur.

Dr. Amighi, an anthropologist, teaches at Immaculata College and Montgomery County Community College. Her primary area of expertise is Iran (she is author of the book [Zoroastrians of Iran: Conversion, Assimilation and Persistence](#)). She visited the Sudan in Fall 2006 as part of an academic delegation, meeting with diverse members of Sudanese society.

With so many areas of Africa in the news, it almost seems overwhelming to try to get a grasp of *what* is happening, *where*, and *why*. Where does one begin, in trying to get an understanding of the many cultures, economies, histories, of the 54 countries on the continent?

Through this series of speakers and films, we hope to provide an opportunity for our community to, bit by bit, gain understanding of the complexities of Africa.

This series of programs focuses on Sudan and Rwanda. We hope to continue this series in the Spring 2008 and beyond, to include other areas of Africa.

Please join us as we embark on this journey!

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