

The President's Forum on International Human Rights: Modern Genocides and Global Responsibility

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Schedule of Events

All events are open to the public and are free of charge. No registration is required. Please arrive early as seats will be occupied on a first-come basis.

Day I: Monday, February 11

Time	Event	Speakers, Panelists and Performers
11:30	+PERFORMANCE: – University Student Union Ballroom (Lounge Lobby)	Native American Drums
12:00	OPENING REMARKS: – University Student Union Ballroom	PRESIDENT F. KING ALEXANDER – President, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) DOUGLAS GREENBERG – Executive Director, Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, University of Southern California KENNETH R. CURTIS – Executive Director, International Education and Global Engagement, CSULB
12:30	PANEL: DEFINITIONS OF GENOCIDE – University Student Union Ballroom What is the nature of genocide? Is it essentially a modern phenomenon or should it include premodern mass murder? This panel will both explore and problematize the concept.	SAM EDELMAN – Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, The American Jewish University, Bel Air, CA – Consultant in public speaking, intercultural communication and organizational communication for numerous companies and governmental organizations in the United States, Israel and South Africa CINDI ALVITRE – American Indian Studies Program, CSULB – Cultural/environmental educator and activist for the preservation and protection of indigenous cultures JEFF BLUTINGER – Co-Director, Jewish Studies Program – Department of History, CSULB
2:00	LECTURE and FILM SCREENING: – University Student Union Auditorium Film: <i>Darfur Diaries</i> Book: <i>Darfur Diaries</i> *Book signing to follow	JEN MARLOWE – Filmmaker, Activist Jen Marlowe co-authored <i>Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival</i> and co-directed the 2005 documentary film, <i>Darfur Diaries: Message From Home</i> , which gives a voice to those who have been affected by genocide in Darfur through testimonies, stories and images.

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4:30	<p>FEATURED SPEAKER: – University Student Union Ballroom</p> <p>Book: <i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i></p> <p>*Book signing to follow</p>	<p>ISHMAEL BEAH – Child Soldier, Sierra Leone</p> <p>Ishmael Beah is author of <i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>, which tells the powerfully-gripping story of his life as a child soldier in Sierra Leone. Mr. Beah is a member of the Human Rights Watch Children’s Rights Division Advisory Committee and has spoken before the United Nations, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Center for Emerging Threats and Opportunities (CETO) at the Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory and many other non-governmental organization panels on children affected by the war.</p>
7:00	<p>KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: – Carpenter Performing Arts Center</p>	<p>THE HONORABLE DR. FRANCIS DENG – Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, United Nations</p> <p>In May 2007 Dr. Francis Deng was appointed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon as the new Special Representative for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities. Dr. Deng brings decades of experience to this post after having served as Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons from 1992-2004, and from 2002 to 2003 was also a senior fellow at the United States Institute of Peace. Additionally, Dr. Deng served as Human Rights Officer in the United Nations Secretariat from 1967 to 1972 and as the Ambassador of the Sudan to Canada, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and the United States.</p>
9:00	<p>FILM SCREENING: – University Student Union Auditorium</p>	<p><i>I Have Never Forgotten You: The Life and Legacy of Simon Wiesenthal</i></p> <p>– A comprehensive look at the life and legacy of Simon Wiesenthal, the famed Nazi hunter and humanitarian.</p>

Day II: Tuesday, February 12

Time	Event	Speakers, Panelists and Performers
11:00	<p>LITERATURE PRESENTATION: FEELING AND HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR: THE ARTS EXPLORE CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY – University Student Union Ballroom</p>	<p>BRIAN FINNEY – Department of English, CSULB</p> <p>ALYSSA REID – Student, Communication Studies, CSULB *Nationally Ranked Forensic Performer in the Oral Interpretation of Literature</p> <p>SAMANTHA BUSTAMANTE Student, Creative Writing, CSULB *Nationally Ranked Forensic Performer in the Oral Interpretation of Literature</p> <p><i>Narrator and Facilitator:</i> JAMES MANSEAU SAUCEDA – Director, Multicultural Center, CSULB</p>
12:45	<p>+PERFORMANCE:</p>	<p>Roma and Klezmer Music by YALE STROM</p>

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	<p>– University Student Union Ballroom (Lounge Lobby)</p>	<p>– Director, Composer, Musician, Writer, Photographer</p> <p>Yale Strom is a pioneer among klezmer revivalists in conducting extensive field research in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans among the Jewish and Rom communities since 1981. Mr. Strom has become the world’s leading ethnographer –artist of klezmer.</p>
<p>2:00</p>	<p>DISCUSSION: SCHOLARS IN CONVERSATION ON THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE</p> <p>– University Student Union Ballroom</p> <p>Sociologist Taner Akçam and historian Richard Hovannisian talk about their work, the field and some of the most pertinent issues regarding the Armenian genocide.</p>	<p>TANER AKÇAM</p> <p>– Department of History and Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, University of Minnesota</p> <p>– One of the first Turkish academics to recognize and openly discuss the Armenian genocide by the Ottoman Turkish government and author of <i>A Shameful Act: The Armenian Genocide and the Question of Turkish Responsibility</i></p> <p>RICHARD HOVANNISIAN</p> <p>– Department of History, University of California, Los Angeles</p> <p>– Founder and three-time president of the Society for Armenian Studies, which has more than 200 members worldwide</p> <p><i>Introduction:</i> ALI IGMEN</p> <p>– Director, Oral History Program, CSULB</p> <p>– Department of History, CSULB</p> <p><i>Respondent and Moderator:</i> HOURI BERBERIAN</p> <p>– Department of History, CSULB</p>
<p>4:00</p>	<p>FEATURED SPEAKER:</p> <p>– University Student Union Ballroom</p> <p>Book: <i>Left to Tell</i></p> <p>*Book signing to follow</p>	<p>IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA</p> <p>– Survivor, Rwanda</p> <p>Immaculée Ilibagiza is the author of <i>Left to Tell</i>, the inspiring story of how she survived the Rwandan genocide in 1994 by hiding with seven other women in the cramped bathroom of a local pastor’s house for 91 days. She is also the founder of the Left to Tell Charitable Fund, which has raised more than \$150,000 for orphans in Rwanda.</p>
<p>5:30</p>	<p>LECTURE and FILM SCREENING:</p> <p>– University Student Union Auditorium</p> <p>Film: <i>King Leopold’s Ghost</i></p>	<p>PIPPA SCOTT</p> <p>– Actor, Filmmaker</p> <p>Pippa Scott directed and produced <i>King Leopold’s Ghost</i>, a feature documentary that centers on the horrors that have plagued the DRC Congo region of Africa. Her production company, Linden Productions, has also developed a visual database for the War Crimes tribunals on the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda as well as East Timor for use by prosecutors in their work.</p>

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7:30	LECTURE and FILM SCREENING: – University Student Union Ballroom Film: <i>New Year Baby</i>	SOCHEATA POEUV – Filmmaker Socheata Poeuv directed the award-winning film <i>New Year Baby</i> , a personal documentary that highlights her family’s survival during the Khmer Rouge genocide and their journey to becoming Americans. Ms. Poeuv has worked at NBC News Dateline, ABC News World News Tonight Weekend and NBC News TODAY. Introduction: KAREN QUINTILIANI – Department of Anthropology, CSULB
9:00	FILM SCREENING: – University Student Union Auditorium	<i>Schindler's List</i> – Based on the true story of Oskar Schindler who managed to save about 1,100 Jewish people from the gas chambers at the Auschwitz concentration camp. A testament for the good in all of us.

Day III: Wednesday, February 13

Time	Event	Speakers, Panelists and Performers
11:00-3:00	WORKING FOR CHANGE CAREER FAIR – Friendship Walk	– Representatives from various organizations that share in the fight for human rights
11:00	PANEL: SURVIVORS’ TESTIMONIES – University Student Union Ballroom	LEAKHENA NOU – Department of Sociology, CSULB <i>joined by</i> PHANSY PEANG – Survivor, Cambodia DON SCHWARTZ – Department of History, CSULB <i>joined by</i> LILLIAN BLACK – Survivor, Holocaust GABRIEL ESTRADA – American Indian Studies Program, CSULB <i>joined by</i> – Survivor (Mayan), Guatemala, early 1980s KATHLEEN LACEY – Legal Studies in Business Program – Faculty Director, Ukleja Center for Ethical Leadership
1:00	+PERFORMANCE: – University Student Union Ballroom (Lounge Lobby)	Traditional Cambodian Dancers

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2:00	<p>PANEL: REDRESS and RECONCILIATION – University Student Union Ballroom</p> <p>In the aftermath of systematic abuses of human rights, what are the prospects for truth, justice and reconciliation? On this panel experts on the Holocaust, the Cambodian genocide, and South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission explore that question.</p>	<p>MICHAEL BAZYLER – Whittier Law School – Research fellow at the Holocaust Education Trust in London</p> <p>SAMNANG HENG – Department of History, Royal University of Phnom Penh</p> <p>EDMOND KELLER – Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles – Director, University of California, Los Angeles Globalization Research Center-Africa</p>
3:30	<p>+PERFORMANCE: – University Student Union Ballroom (Lounge Lobby)</p>	University Choir
4:00	<p>FEATURED SPEAKER: – University Student Union Ballroom Book: <i>The Roots of Evil</i> Book: <i>The Psychology of Good and Evil</i></p> <p>*Book signing to follow</p>	<p>ERVIN STAUB – Department of Psychology, University of Massachusetts Amherst</p> <p>Since 1998, Dr. Ervin Staub has been working with community groups, national leaders and journalists in Rwanda and has developed radio programs in Rwanda, Burundi and the Congo to promote healing and reconciliation and prevent new violence in Rwanda.</p>
5:00	<p>LECTURE and FILM SCREENING: – University Student Union Auditorium Film: <i>Screamers</i> (Film featuring music group, System of a Down)</p>	<p>CARLA GARAPEDIAN – Film Director</p> <p>Carla Garapedian is the director of <i>Screamers</i>, the critically-acclaimed film that follows rock band System of a Down as it tours the world pointing out the horrors of modern genocide. A former BBC World News anchor and correspondent for NBC, Ms.Garapedian has directed several international documentaries.</p>
7:00	<p>PANEL: THE POLICY RESPONSE and ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS – University Student Union Ballroom</p> <p>Have we learned any lessons about how individuals, civic associations, national governments and transnational organizations can be more effective in response to threats of genocide?</p>	<p>DOUGLAS GREENBERG – Executive Director, Shoah Foundation Institute for Visual History and Education, University of Southern California – Former professor and dean at Princeton University, chair of the New Jersey Historical Commission, Vice President of the American Council of Learned Societies and president and CEO of the Chicago Historical Society</p> <p>KLINT ALEXANDER – Senior Lecturer, International Law and Political Science, Vanderbilt University – Trade Fellow, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative during the Clinton Administration – Partner, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP; his practice centers on the areas of commercial litigation, government affairs and international law</p>