

FRANK ISLAM ATHENAEUM SYMPOSIA

FALL 2014 SPEAKER SERIES

GLOBE HALL, HIGH TECH BLDG., GERMANTOWN CAMPUS



DR. HERCULES PINKNEY

Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.

BE151, Bioscience Education Center



The 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964: THE PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND REFLECTIONS OF DR. PINKNEY

President Emeritus of Montgomery College, Dr. Pinkney will discuss the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Dr. Pinkney was named Educator of the Year by the African American Chamber of Commerce and was named by Leadership Montgomery as County Leader of the Year in 2010. During the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Pinkney participated in protests for the protection of black voters from police brutality.

REYNA GRANDE

Wednesday, October 1, 11 a.m.

Globe Hall



AUTHOR OF THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US



In *The Distance Between Us*, Ms. Grande writes about her life before and after emigrating from Mexico. When Reyna was a toddler, her parents left for the U.S. to find work, leaving Reyna and her siblings behind in Mexico. In 1985, Reyna, age 9, entered the U.S. Ms. Grande received the American Book Award and Latino Book Award for her novels *Across a Hundred Mountains* and *Dancing with Butterflies*.

SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR EBRAHIM RASOOL

Thursday, October 9, 7:00 p.m.

Globe Hall



SOUTH AFRICA TODAY: ITS CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS

Before becoming the South African Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Rasool was a Member of Parliament and the Governor of the Western Cape Province. Ambassador Rasool has a long history of involvement in the anti-apartheid struggle. He has also been a leader in the economic development of South Africa and the recipient of the Nelson Mandela Award for Health and Human Rights.

CLEMANTINE WAMARIYA

Thursday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Globe Hall



A REMARKABLE CHRONICLE: FROM HER RWANDAN GENOCIDE ESCAPE TO HER GRADUATION FROM YALE UNIVERSITY

Ms. Wamariya's story is one of resilience amidst chaos and destruction. During the Rwandan Genocide, Clemantine lived for six years in refugee camps in seven different African countries. In the year 2000, the International Organization for Migration brought her to Chicago. Although she had no formal education before the age of 13, Ms. Wamariya has recently been awarded a B.A. degree from Yale University.

JULIE-HERA DESTEFANO

Monday, November 3, 7:00 p.m.

Globe Hall



JOURNEY TO NORMAL: WOMEN OF WAR COME HOME

JulieHera DeStefano is completing an unprecedented documentary on the obstacles women of war confront upon returning home to their "normal" lives. A filmmaker, Ms. DeStefano launched this project to explore the psychological and social dynamics of women in combat and to follow their reintegration into civilian life. She has interviewed and videotaped over 100 female veterans returning from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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