

# Rethinking Rights in Times of Crisis: Local and Global Perspectives on Resilience and Dignity.

Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia, USA.

## PROGRAM

**Day I-THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020, Prillaman Hall  
520 Parliament Garden Way NW, Kennesaw GA 30144.**

**8:00am-9:00am – Registration, Prillaman Hall Lobby**

**9:00am-9:30am – Welcome addresses, HS 2204**

Dr. Nurudeen B. Akinyemi, Director, Center for African & African Diaspora Studies  
Dr. Pamela S. Whitten, President, Kennesaw State University  
Dr. Kathy Schwaig, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Sheb True, Vice Provost, Division of Global Affairs and Chief International Officer

**9:30am-10:45am, Panels I & II**

### **PANEL I : Teaching Human Rights Through Literature 1 – HS 1002**

Ula Lukszo Klein (Chair), Kennesaw State University.

Lydia E. Ferguson, Kennesaw State University.

Kathryn M. Klein, Kennesaw State University.

Leah Benedict, Kennesaw State University.

From Slave Riots to #BlackLivesMatter: Teaching Aphra Behn's *Oroonoko*.

Reading, Writing, and Surviving: Creating Spaces for Catharsis in College-English Coursework.

Teaching Empathy Through Graphic Novels: Alison Bechdel's *Fun Home*.

Teaching the Forgotten History of Free Blacks in Britain.

### **PANEL II: Human Rights and Literature I –HS 1001**

Oumar Cherif Diop (Chair), Kennesaw State University.

James Greer, Kennesaw State University.

Justin Marsh, Kennesaw State University.

Rebekkah Kennedy, Kennesaw State University.

Zaira Herppe, Kennesaw State University.

Human Rights in Delia Garrett-Macauley's Novel: *Moses, Citizen and Moses*.

**Lunch, 11:00am-1:30pm – The Commons (upstairs)  
(Paid participants covered by invoice to CAADS)**

**2:00pm-3:15pm Keynote Address by Consul General of Canada, Honorable Nadia Theodore  
“Human Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Canadian Perspective”  
HS 2204**

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**3:30pm – 4:45pm Panels III & IV**

### **PANEL III: Human Rights and Literature II – HS 2204**

Oumar Cherif Diop (Chair), Kennesaw State University.

Luan Joubert, Kennesaw State University and Nia Tamuli, Kennesaw State University.

Jill Cox-Cordova, Kennesaw State University.

Human Rights & Literature.

Music: The Transnational and Transformative Super Hero.

### **PANEL IV: Migrations- HS 2202**

Iheanyi N. Osondu, Fort Valley State University (Chair) and Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, State University of New York at Cortland.

Kayode Benedict Imoukhuede, Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria and James Ayodele Owopute, Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria.

Rights and Resilience: Divergences in Cross-border & Transcontinental African Migrations in the 21st Century.

Resource Conflict Management and Peace Building in Niger Delta, Nigeria: An Overview.

**5:00pm – 6:15pm Panels V& VI**

### **PANEL V: Gender and Human Rights - HS 2202**

Ike Udogu (Chair), Appalachian State University.

Discussion on Religion, Patriarchy and Feminism Epistemology on Women's Rights in the Global South: An Overview.

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| Kayode Benedict Imoukhuede, Rufus Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria and James Ayodele Owoputi, Giwa Polytechnic, Owo, Ondo State, Nigeria.                                       | Terrorism & Gender Basis in North East Nigeria: Implications on Girl Development & National Security.  |
| Evelyne Jean-Bouchard, Centre de recherche en droit public, Montreal University.  | Women's Rights in Eastern DRC: Multi-scalar Analysis of Normative Processes.   |
| Nancy Reichert, Kennesaw State University.  | Accessibility and Higher Education: Creating Social Justice at the Intersection of Race, Class, Gender and Disability.                             |
| <b>PANEL VI: Human Rights and Dissent – HS 2204</b>   |  |
| Andrea Scapolo (Chair), Kennesaw State University, Zaya Rustamova, Kennesaw State University, and Arturo Matute Castro, Kennesaw State University.  | Voices of Dissent: Creating a Digital Archive of Writings by Victims of Political Oppression.  |
| <b>Day II – FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2020. Prillaman Hall<br/>520 Parliament Garden Way NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144.</b>   |  |
| <b>9:00am – 10:15am, Panels VII &amp; VIII</b>  |  |
| <b>PANEL VII: Teaching About Rights II – HS 2010</b>  |  |
| Adina Langer (Chair), Kennesaw State University, James Newberry, Kennesaw State University, and JoyEllen Williams, Kennesaw State University.   | Public History: Presenting the Past to Inspire the Present.  |
| Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, State University of New York at Cortland.  | Teaching About Rights, Social Justice and Geography: A Poster Presentation.  |
| <b>PANEL VIII: Human Rights &amp; Leadership – HS 2202</b>  |  |
| Barbara Gainey (Chair) Kennesaw State University.   | Building Crisis Resilience Through Diversity of Crisis Leadership.   |
| John Givens (Chair), Kennesaw State University, Tracy Mages, Kennesaw State University and Charity Butcher, Kennesaw State University.  | Leaning in or All in the Family? Gender Equality, Dynastic Legacies, and Female Leaders.   |
| <b>10:30am-11:45am, Panels IX and X</b>   |  |
| <b>PANEL IX: Human Rights and Global Activism - HS 2202</b>   |  |
| Charity Butcher (Chair), Kennesaw State University, Jonathan Taylor Downs, Kennesaw State University, Maia Hallward, Kennesaw State University and Emily Cook, Kennesaw State University. | Environmental and Collective Rights: Differences Between Indigenous and Non-indigenous NGOs Involved with the United Nations Human Rights Council. |
| Revi Woody, Kennesaw State University, Juan Chevez, Kennesaw State University and Jacob Roberts, Kennesaw State University.   | Brazil, Indigenous Peoples, and the Amazon.  |
| Badrinath Rao, Kettering University.  | Reclaiming Rights from Predatory Neoliberalism: Evidence from India.   |
| <b>PANEL X: Self Rights and the Shared Goods</b>  |  |
| David Jones (Chair), Kennesaw State University, Amy Donahue, Kennesaw State University, Gabriel Soldatenko, Kennesaw State University and Andrew K. Whitehead, Kennesaw State University. | HS 1105<br>World Perspectives on Self, Rights, and the Shared Good.  |
| <b>12:15pm-1:15pm, HS 1105</b>  |  |
| <b>Keynote Address by Professor Wendy Hesford, The Ohio State University</b>  |  |
| <b>“Gendering Human Rights and Humanitarian Violence at the Border”</b>   |  |
| <b>1:30pm-2:30pm, Lunch, The Commons Private dining upstairs</b>  |  |
| <b>2:45pm-4:00pm, Panels XI &amp; XII</b>   |  |
| <b>PANEL XI: Transnational Perspectives on Human Rights – HS 1103</b>   |  |
| Chenaz Seelarbokus (Chair), Kennesaw State University.  | The Evaluation of the Legality of the Kashmir Occupation.  |
| Khizr Masalawala, Kennesaw State University.  | US Policies Against Illegal Immigrants: Socio-Economic Cost.   |
| Comfort Molefinyanba.   | Mpondo Revolts and Historical Continuing in Post-Apartheid South Africa through the Lens of the Marikana Massacre.                                 |

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| Sharmin Sadequee, Kennesaw State University.  | For Dignity and Rights: American Muslims Between Law and Politics in Precarious Times.                              |
| Dov Wilker  | Human Rights and Interfaith Conversations.  |
| <b>PANEL XII: Human Rights, Structural Violence, Resistance and Reconciliation – HS 1105</b>  |   |
| Blair Proctor (Chair), State University of New York at New Paltz.   | Double Consciousness Revisited: Garveyism & Coloredness in Post-Apartheid South Africa.                             |
| Mayra Bonet.  | Social & Political Dystopia in the 21st Century: Their Rights & Resistance in the Information Age.                  |
| Mwanakombo Mohamed Noordin, Moi University, Kenya.  | Evaluating the impact of the Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commission on the Swahili: A look at Mombasa, Kenya. |
| Yahaya Yakub, Kennesaw State University.  | Structural Violence and Globalization: Factors Contributing to the Underdevelopment of Africa.                      |
| <b>4:00pm-5:15pm, Panels XIII &amp; XIV</b>   |   |
| <b>PANEL XIII: Children Rights and Minorities Rights – HS1103</b>   |   |
| Khalil Elayan (Chair), Kennesaw State University.   | Violence Against Children.  |
| David Balosa, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.   | Linguistic Minority Rights in the United States: Existentialist Discourse for an Intercultural Mindset (EDIM).      |
| Darius Smith, Tulane University.  | Victory After the Empire Falls: Black Aluminum Workers and Two Decades of Struggle for Promotions.                  |
| <b>PANEL XIV: Consciousness and Resistance – HS 2202</b>  |   |
| Sumit Pathak, Central University of South Bihar, India.   | Understanding Rights and Dignity in a State of Violence (mob lynching): A Case of India.                            |
| John Givens (Chair), Kennesaw State University, Caroline Goron, Duke Kunshan University, China and Andrew McDonald, Duke Kunshan University, China. | Using Legal Advice Websites to Assess Legal Environmental Consciousness in China.                                   |
| <b>7:00pm-10:30pm KSU Center 400</b>  |   |
| <b>All Night Dance Party with a DJ</b>  |   |
| <b>Igbo (Nigeria) Cultural Dance Performance</b>  |   |
| <b>KSU Center, Room 400</b>   |   |
| <b>3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144.</b>   |   |