Revisiting and Rethinking Genocide and Resistance in Africa and the Diaspora.

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Room: Alumni Hall
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Keynote Speaker: Christen Smith, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and African and African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas at Austin

When we think of genocide in Africa and the diaspora, we often ignore how genocide is interconnected with global forces in our social and political environment. For this year’s day-long symposium, we welcome papers that challenge us to revisit and rethink our understanding of genocide and resistance in Africa and the African diaspora in an effort to shed light on broader, interconnected, and global implications of genocide. We especially welcome contributions that address how current activist movements can work to increase visibility and validate the community’s need for tangible, transformative change.

Suggested topics:
- Stories of survivors of genocide
- Keeping memory after genocide
- Resistance in Africa and the African diaspora
- Restorative and transformative justice
- The role of police in genocide
- The role of police in minority communities
- Genocide and resettlement: beyond refugee camps
- Genocide education
- Hashtag activism: social media/ #BlackLivesMatter/#SayHerName as a global discussion
- Truth telling and other strategies for community empowerment
- Re-envisioning policy in minority communities
- Genocide and racialized identity

Abstracts for papers or panels not to exceed 200 words should be submitted to Dr. Chi Eze by September 8th, 2015. The Genocide Research Group is composed of an interdisciplinary group of faculty.