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CITIZEN MOBILIZATION IN AFRICA: A ROLE FOR CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS?
Dear Workshop Participants,

Welcome! We are excited to host you for the “Citizen Mobilization in Africa: A Role for Christian Organizations?” workshop at the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology in Stellenbosch, South Africa. We are eager to meet you.

Over the next several days, you will each have the opportunity to present and learn from one another. In the pages that follow, you will find short biographies of your peers, a workshop itinerary indicating your presentation time slot and abstracts of all presentations.

After the workshop culminates, we will create a booklet featuring summaries of the presentations delivered and lessons learned during our time together. Each participant will receive a booklet as an output of the workshop.

On the last page of this brochure, you will find logistical information including lodging and transportation information, emergency contact numbers, and Wi-Fi instructions.

We’re glad to have your presence and participation!

Sincerely,

Tracy Kuperus
Amy Patterson
**Workshop Leaders**

Ellie Price
**Workshop Coordinator**
Workshop Leaders

Tracy Kuperus is a political scientist teaching in the International Development Studies program at Calvin College. She earned a B.A. from Calvin College and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Her research interests include state-civil society relations, democratization and citizen mobilization efforts, and religion and politics in southern Africa. She is the author of State, Civil Society and Apartheid in South Africa: An Examination of Dutch Reformed Church–State Relations, numerous book chapters in edited volumes, and articles in journals like The Journal of Modern African Studies and The Journal of Church and State.

Amy Patterson is Professor of Politics at Sewanee: The University of the South (Tennessee). A graduate of Trinity University (San Antonio, Texas) and a former Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, Patterson received her Ph.D. from Indiana University-Bloomington in political science and African Studies. Her research interests include religion and political development in Africa, African civil society mobilization, the politics of HIV/AIDS, and global health governance. She is the author of The Politics of AIDS in Africa and The Church and AIDS in Africa: The Politics of Ambiguity, and the editor of The African State and the AIDS Crisis. She has published numerous book chapters on health, civil society, and development in Africa, as well as articles in Journal of Modern African Studies, Africa Today, Canadian Journal of African Studies, African Studies Review, Contemporary Politics, and African Journal of AIDS Research.

Keynote Speakers

Amanda Gouws is Professor of Political Science at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. She holds a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Her specialization is South African Politics and Gender Politics. Her research focuses on women and citizenship, the National Gender Machinery and representation. She is the editor of (Un)Thinking Citizenship: Feminist Debates in Contemporary South Africa. (UK: Ashgate and Cape Town: Juta, 2005) and has published articles in numerous journals. She was a Commissioner for the South African Commission on Gender Equality.

Robert Mattes is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Democracy in Africa Research Unit in the Centre for Social Science Research at the University of Cape Town. He earned his Master’s and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. His research focuses on the development of democratic attitudes and practices in South Africa and across sub-Saharan Africa. Professor Mattes is a Senior Advisor to, and co-founder of Afrobarometer, a groundbreaking regular survey of public opinion in 30 African countries. He has authored or co-authored articles in journals such as the American Journal of Political Science, the Journal of Democracy, and World Development.
Workshop Participants

Kevin R. den Dulk is the Paul Henry Chair in Political Science and the Executive Director of the Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics at Calvin College. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy at Calvin College (1992), his M.A. in political science at the University of Georgia (1995), and his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin at Madison (2001). His work focuses on how religion works through civil society to foster democratic citizenship, both in the United States and abroad. He has co-authored or co-edited four books – *Religion and Politics in America* (5th ed., Westview), *A Disappearing God Gap?* (Oxford), *Pews, Prayers, and Participation* (Georgetown), and, most recently, *Christianity in Chinese Public Life* (Palgrave) – along with dozens of articles, book chapters, and public commentaries.

Sara Rich Dorman is Lecturer in the School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh. She earned her B.A. in Political Science and History from the Memorial University of Newfoundland, and went on to earn her Doctor of Philosophy in Politics from St. Antony’s College in Oxford. Her most recent article is titled “Citizenship in Africa: The Politics of Belonging” and was published in the *Routledge Handbook of Global Citizenship Studies* (2014). Her fieldwork and other publications examine citizenship, churches, and state-society relations in Zimbabwe and Eritrea.

Marnus Havenga is currently a Master’s of Divinity student at the Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University. His research interests include Scholastic (and especially Thomistic) Metaphysics, Postmodern Theology, Radical Orthodoxy and Theological Aesthetics.

Jurgens Hendriks is a retired Professor of Practical Theology and Missiology at Stellenbosch University. He earned his B.A., M.A., and Doctor of Letters from Stellenbosch University, and completed his doctoral research at the University of Edinburgh. Dr. Hendriks initiated and now serves as the managing director of NetACT, the Network for African Congregational Theology. His research interests lie in congregational development and strategic planning, a topic on which he has published numerous articles and a recent book, *Strategic Planning in the Church*.

Timothy Longman serves as the Director of the African Studies Center at Boston University. He earned his B.A. from Phillips University and his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Longman did extensive field research in Rwanda that resulted in the publication of a book entitled *Christianity and Genocide in Rwanda* (Cambridge University Press, 2011). He has also written numerous book chapters and articles published in journals like *African Studies Review* and the *Journal of Religion in Africa*. His research focuses on politics and ethnicity, human rights, and church-state relations in Central Africa. He is completing a book titled, *Memory and Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda*.

Nadia Marais is a doctoral student in Systematic Theology at Stellenbosch University. Her research - with the topic "Imagining Human Flourishing?" - focuses on the renewed theological focus on happiness and human flourishing. She is assistant lecturer in the Department of Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology.

Mandisa Mbali is Lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology at Stellenbosch University. She recently completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the History of Medicine at Yale University and completed her doctoral dissertation in Modern History at the University of Oxford as a KwaZulu-Natal Rhodes Scholar. In March 2013, Mbali published *South African AIDS Activism and Global Health Politics* (Palgrave MacMillan), adding to other writings featured in book chapters and journals. Her research focuses on social movements and the political history of AIDS activism in South Africa.
**Njonjo Mue** is a Rhodes Scholar, human rights attorney, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and transitional justice expert and currently serves as an independent consultant and CEO of Just Consult-Africa. He also currently serves as the Vice Chair of the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists and sits on the board of the International Institute for Legislative Affairs. He was educated at the University of Nairobi, Oxford University and the International Leadership University (formerly the Nairobi International School of Theology). Mr. Mue is the holder of a number of human rights awards, including the Jurist of the Year Award for the year 2000 by the Kenyan Section of the International Commission of Jurists. He is among 66 biblical scholars and activists who are currently writing the NIV Justice Bible to be published by Biblica in 2015.

**Isabel Mukonyora** is Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Western Kentucky University. She holds a B.A. in Theology from London, a Master’s of Letters Degree in the History of Religions from Aberdeen, Scotland, and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Oxford in England. Professor Mukonyora published the book *Wandering a Gendered Wilderness: Suffering and Healing in an African Initiated Church* (Peter Lang: New York, 2007) and has published articles in a variety of journals including *Word and World Journal* and *Worldviews*. Her work prompts scholars to focus on the public face of Christianity in the postcolonial African context.

**Kwabena Opuni-Frimpong** is the General Secretary of the Christian Council of Ghana. He earned his B.A. in Political Science and the Study of Religions from the University of Ghana, Legon, and earned his Master’s in Theology and Doctor of Philosophy from Union Theological Seminary and University of Natal, respectively. His research interests include indigenous African knowledge and Christian leadership development. He recently published *Indigenous Knowledge and Christian Missions* (SonLife Press 2012). His scholarship and work focus on the role that the Church can play in easing political tensions and uniting Ghanaian citizenry beyond partisan tendencies.

**Lawrence Temfwe** is Executive Director of the Jubilee Centre that he and his wife, Martha, started in 2000. As Executive Director, he oversees the ministry activities of the Jubilee Centre and reports to the Board of Governors as well as to donors. Reverend Temfwe holds a Diploma in Theology from Theological College of Central Africa and an M.A. in Missions and Intercultural Studies from Wheaton College in the USA. Reverend Temfwe has skills in advocacy and extensive experience in working with grassroots churches, equipping them in integral mission.

**Peter Tibi** is the Executive Director of the Resource Center for Civil Leadership (RECONCILE International). He holds a B.A. from the University of Gloucestershire and a Master’s in Theological Studies from Bethany Divinity College and Theological Seminary. Mr. Tibi worked with Africa Inland Mission for 15 years. He moved on to the New Sudan Council of Churches, where he served as the Deputy Executive Secretary; and then to the Sudan Council of Churches as Acting Executive Director and General Secretary. In his current position at RECONCILE (since 2009), he equips local church leaders with knowledge and skills in conflict transformation in post-war South Sudan.

**Louis van der Riet** is currently completing his final year of theological training to earn a Post Graduate Diploma in Christian Ministry from Stellenbosch University. He currently serves at the Dutch Reformed Church in Cape Town. After completing his bachelor’s degree in theology in 2011, he completed two master’s programmes: Master’s of Divinity: Leadership and Church Ministry and Master’s of Theology: Ecclesiology and Systematic Theology.

**Spiwo Xapile** is the Director of the JL Zwane Centre for Training and Development in Guguletu, South Africa. Reverend Dr. Xapile holds a Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Aberdeen, an M.A. in Christian Studies from the University of Cape Town, a Doctorate in Theology in Church History and Polity from Stellenbosch University, and a Diploma in Theology from the Federal Theological Seminary in Pietermaritzburg. JL Zwane Centre programming helps mobilize the church around social issues, notably HIV and AIDS.
Boaventura Zita is the National Coordinator of the “Turning Weapons into Ploughshares” project (TAE), a pilot peace project affiliated with the Christian Council of Mozambique. The program works with rural communities in collecting and destroying weapons in exchange for agricultural implements and building materials. TAE, in turn, transforms these weapons of war into politically symbolic art. Zita’s research interests include peace building, interfaith dialogue, and democratization and election observation. He has been trained by the Mennonite Central Committee’s Africa Peace Institute in Saint Augustine Bible College, South Africa. He also coordinates civic education programmes.

**Workshop Coordinators**

Nico Koopman is Professor of Public Ethics and Theology at the University of Stellenbosch and the Director of the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology. He earned his doctorate from the University of Western Cape. He serves on the editorial board of two international theological journals and his research focuses on the meaning of Trinitarian faith for public challenges in contemporary society. He advocates for the church to take a prophetic role in society and for Christians to engage in policy-making.

Ellie Price earned her B.A. in International Development Studies from Calvin College in May 2014. Her studies included a semester at Uganda Christian University with a focus on East African politics and religion. Her research interests include health rights-based mobilization, palliative care, and foreign aid effectiveness.

**Field Trip Organizations**

**Social Justice Coalition**
In response to high levels of crime, including xenophobia, hate crimes, and gender-based violence, a diverse group of community members from Cape Town came together in June 2008 to protest against the government for allowing conditions to deteriorate. These protests led to the birth of the Social Justice Coalition. SJC charged the national government with failure to provide necessary public services. The SJC is the newest and fastest growing mass-member based social movement in South Africa; it promotes active citizenship through education, research and policy-making. It currently engages in two main campaigns, the Clean and Safe Sanitation and Justice and Safety for All campaigns, mobilizing people through 11 branches in partnership with over 40 organizations. It also participates in broader national campaigns to prevent corruption, prevent homophobia and xenophobia, and protect the legitimacy of the constitution and rule of law.

**Treatment Action Campaign**
The Treatment Action Campaign envisions a unified South African health care system that provides all people equal access to HIV prevention and treatment services. TAC successfully campaigned against international pharmaceutical companies’ monopoly on AIDS treatment medications, government refusal to provide medications for prevention of mother-to-child transmission, and government denial of AIDS. TAC is the leading civil society organization advocating for widespread access to treatment, care and support services for people living with HIV. Since its establishment in December 1998, its membership has grown to 16,000 with 267 branches and 72 full time staff members. TAC’s strategic citizen mobilization efforts include securing comprehensive treatment and prevention services in selected districts as a model for others, and providing local platforms for people to organize and mobilize around HIV and other health rights. TAC’s strategic objectives include national campaigns, promotion of legislation that ensures access to medication for all people without discrimination, and training effective leadership of people living with HIV and AIDS. TAC’s efforts toward these ends have received international acclaim; in 2006, the *New York Times* named it “the world’s most effective AIDS group.”
Workshop Itinerary

Sunday, 3 August 2014

13:00–20:00 Arrivals
  (Participants responsible for arranging their own dinner)

Monday, 4 August 2014

7:30–8:30 Breakfast

9:00–10:30 Overview and Welcome: Amy Patterson and Tracy Kuperus
  Comments by Nico Koopman
  Introduction of participants
  Agenda, logistics, announcements

10:30–11:00 Tea Break

11:00–12:30 Keynote, Robert Mattes: “Religiosity, Religious Organizations, and Political Mobilization in South Africa”

12:30–14:00 Lunch

14:00–15:30 Sara Rich Dorman: “Moving from Legal to Active Citizenship: Churches, Voice and Politics in Zimbabwe”

15:30–16:00 Tea Break

16:00–17:30 Njonjo Mue: “Citizen Mobilization for Legislative Action: The Case of the International Institute for Legislative Affairs, Nairobi, Kenya”

17:30–19:00 Free Time

19:00 Dinner
Tuesday, 5 August 2014

7:30–8:30 Breakfast

9:00–10:30 **Timothy Longman**: “Explaining Church-State Conflict and Cooperation in East Africa”

10:30–11:00 Tea Break

11:00–12:30 **Mandisa Mbali**: TBA

12:30–14:00 Lunch

14:00–16:30 Field Trip: Social Justice Coalition

17:30–19:00 Free Time

19:00 Dinner (**Jurgens Hendriks**: The NetACT Story)

Wednesday, 6 August 2014

7:30–8:30 Breakfast

9:00–10:30 Keynote, **Amanda Gouws**: “Lessons We Can Learn from the State of the Women’s Movement in South Africa: From Umbrella Body to Localized, Temporal Movements”

10:30–11:00 Tea Break


12:30–14:00 Lunch (+ Campus Tour)


15:30–16:00 Tea Break

16:00–17:30 **Marnus Havenga**: “Art, Beauty, and Citizen Mobilization”, **Nadia Marais**, “Flourishing in Hope? Reflections on Eccentric Hope, Joyous Hopefulness, and Stellenbosch University’s Hope Project”, and **Louis van de Riet**: “Beyers Naudé: Mobilised Citizen as Advocate of Hope”

17:30–19:00 Free Time

19:00 Dinner
**Thursday, 7 August 2014**

7:30–8:30 Breakfast
10:00–12:30 Field Trip: JL Zwane Centre (**Spiwo Xapile**) 
12:30–14:00 Lunch: Mzoli’s in Guguletu
14:30–16:00 Field Trip: Treatment Action Campaign
17:30–19:00 Free Time
19:00 Dinner

**Friday, 8 August 2014**

7:30–8:30 Breakfast
9:00–10:30 **Boaventura Zita**: “Citizen Mobilization in Africa, the Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM) Experience” and **Peter Tibi**: “Community Education and Mobilization for Conflict Transformation Post-War Reconstruction, South Sudan: RECONCILE Contribution”
10:30–11:00 Tea Break
12:30–14:00 Lunch
14:00–15:30 **Kevin den Dulk**: “Faith-Based Rights Mobilization in Africa: Some Comparative Reflections”
15:30–16:00 Tea Break
16:00-17:30 Wrap-up and future plans
17:30–19:00 Free Time
19:00 Dinner
Saturday, 9 August 2014

Optional trips to Stellenbosch, Cape Town

(at participants’ own organization and expense)

Participants depart
Kevin den Dulk

Faith-Based Rights Mobilization in Africa: Some Comparative Reflections

One of the most powerful mechanisms for citizen mobilization around the world has been the claim of a legal right. Political scientists call the translation of a grievance into a rights-claim a process of “rights mobilization.” This paper attempts to draw lessons for Africa from mass-level rights mobilizations in other contexts. I will argue that political scientists have identified a variety of key conditions for rights mobilization, including institutional development, pressure from civil society, and incremental change in political culture. But the application of these factors is not one-size-fits-all. Indeed, key cases in Africa may pose special challenges to a model of rights mobilization. In discussing these challenges, I will give special attention to the role of civil society, where religious groups throughout the world have often played a decisive role in rights mobilization.

Sara Rich Dorman

Moving from Legal to Active Citizenship: Churches, Voice and Politics in Zimbabwe

This paper examines the experience of Zimbabwean churches in mobilizing citizens to engage with Zimbabwe’s political challenges since 1980. It begins by questioning the apparent disjuncture between citizenship as a legal status – voting or carrying a passport -- and active citizenship – holding government to account. It proposes that these two conceptions of citizenship are more tightly connected than is often understood with both hinging on the issues of ‘voice’ and ‘legitimacy’. If we examine the churches’ engagement in Zimbabwe, we can see how these conceptions shaped their opportunities for action and the way in which they framed their interventions. Despite the important role of church people in Zimbabwe’s nationalist politics, they have been sidelined from public discourse in the independent state as ‘midwives’ or interlocutors vis-à-vis the state rather than legitimate participants. This reinforces and legitimizes the claims made by those in control of the state about who is legitimately allowed to speak, and how representation is understood. In this paper, I want to explore how this dynamic emerged, and why the crisis post-2000 may have begun to transform these relationships in significant ways.

Amanda Gouws

Lessons We Can Learn from the State of the Women’s Movement in South Africa: From Umbrella Body to Localized, Temporal Movements

Many argue that South Africa needs a women’s movement to mobilize women, to engage with the state and to secure gender transformation. This longing harks back to the Women’s National Coalition (WNC) and its mobilization prior to 1994. The aim of this paper is to take stock of what happened to the women’s movement since 1994 and to show that there are different forms of mobilization now that are actually more effective than WNC ever was. By applying Nancy Fraser’s theory of recognition and redistribution, I will show that localized temporal movements exist in the women’s sector. I will illustrate this with the Shukumisa campaign around gender based violence and the Alliance for Rural Democracy that mobilized around the Traditional Courts Bill and tease out lessons that we can learn.
Marnus Havenga

Art, Beauty and Citizen Mobilization

This paper argues that in an "age of images" – where people are continually bombarded with visual marketing – art, expressing the beautiful, has an important role to play in society – especially when it comes to a matter such as citizen mobilization.

After commencing with an exposition of the way in which 'marketing images' encourage egocentrism and narcissism, the paper shows how beauty, especially as understood by Catholic theologian Hans Urs von Balthasar, enables people to see beyond their own selfish desires. It accordingly contends that art, and the beauty it encompasses, can help mobilize people to work for the betterment of society.

Timothy Longman

Explaining Church-State Conflict and Cooperation in East Africa

Looking at the cases of Christian churches in Burundi, Rwanda, the DRC, Kenya, and Tanzania, this paper seeks to explain why religious groups develop widely divergent relationships to political power. Despite their common missionary and colonial backgrounds, the churches in these countries vary in the degree to which they challenge state power or cooperate with the state. In Kenya and the DR Congo, mainline churches have often been in conflict with the state and have served as important advocates for human rights. In Rwanda, in contrast, churches have tended to work closely with the state. In Tanzania, churches have had very limited political engagement, focusing instead on more strictly spiritual matters. Considering these cases, I argue that the key variables that explain the different relationships the churches have with the state are both internal to the churches (leadership and theology) and conditions shaped by the state (religious policies and opportunity structures).

Nadia Marais

"Flourishing in Hope? Reflections on Eccentric Hope, Joyous Hopefulness and Stellenbosch University's Hope Project."

North American theologian David Kelsey's book Eccentric Existence (2009) describes human beings as those that find their worth and value and identity outside of themselves, in God's threefold relating to them (in creation, eschatological consummation, and reconciliation). In this, which he calls their 'eccentricity', human flourishing is assured. Moreover, human beings flourish in 'joyous hopefulness', which Kelsey describes as the appropriate attitude towards God and fellow living beings. This resonates with South African theologian Russel Botman's vision for Stellenbosch University as outlined in the Hope Project, wherein the University takes its moral, historical and contemporary responsibilities seriously. The role of the University, which arguably forms part of South African civil society, is to address development goals (such as the promotion of human dignity) if it is to be relevant, meaningful, and significant, argues Botman. Yet Botman himself would emphasize that an appropriate understanding of 'hope' is required, if such a strategic focus is to succeed. In the spirit of this international workshop, this paper proposes to engage with Kelsey and Botman on the notion of hope, and to provide some reflections on possible implications for and of Stellenbosch University's Hope Project in the light of this engagement.
Robert Mattes

Religiosity, Religious Organizations, and Political Mobilization in South Africa

Case studies of citizen mobilization efforts by faith-based organizations provide fascinating insights, but what can we learn from national data sets concerning religion and political participation? This presentation will present IDASA/Afrobarometer data regarding religious identification, religiosity, and membership in religious organizations in South Africa. It will then trace out their impact on various forms of political participation in South Africa. Comparisons with other African countries may also be offered.

Njonjo Mue

Citizen Mobilization for Legislative Action: The Case of the International Institute for Legislative Affairs, Nairobi, Kenya

The African continent is a land of contrasts. It is so old yet so young. It is the cradle of humankind, yet in many ways it is also a very young continent in as far as building modern democratic institutions of governance is concerned. Just half a century out of the shackles of colonial rule, and with many interruptions and upheavals visited upon many African countries since independence, most countries are still in the early stages of nation-building. In the case of Kenya, a new constitution was adopted to replace the independence constitution only in 2010. The role of the Christian voice in conversations aimed at building new and strengthening old institutions of governance cannot be gainsaid. Njonjo Mue will share the experience of young Kenyan Christians who came together in 2004 under the auspices of the Fellowship of Christian Unions (FOCUS) in Kenya and established the International Institute for Legislative Affairs, an organization whose main focus would be to engage in research and advocacy on the legislative process and to support the Kenyan Parliament in considering and passing just laws for a better society.

Isabel Mukonyora


This paper compares the citizen mobilization strategies of women members of the African Initiated Church called Masowe Apostles with those of Ruwadzano women who are members of the popular Methodist Church in Zimbabwe. Once led by the civil mobilizer Bishop Abel Tendekayi Muzorewa (14 April 1925-8 April 2010), who is noted for serving as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe/Rhodesia from the Internal Settlement to the Lancaster House Agreement in 1979, Ruwadzano women are not new to mobilization. However, these women associated with the Methodist Church of Zimbabwe also teach respect for the domestic responsibilities of women, the subordination of women to men, and the idea that men should dominate the household and public sphere. Masowe women and children, in contrast, walk to pray in luminal places (the wilderness) separating themselves from men and creating opportunities for themselves to reflect on problems about modern life in the city of Harare and help each other face up to modernity. They even re-enact biblical hopes for liberation and a sense of belonging by sharing problems of life in the wilderness deliberately chosen for prayer. Nevertheless, the conclusion drawn is that women's power to act politically is limited by the common patriarchal teaching insisting that God intended for men to act as leaders of the Church and wider society.
Kwabena Opuni-Frimpong

Christian Council of Ghana (CCG): The Challenge of Community Mobilization for Action

Opuni-Frimpong will provide us with an overview of the Christian Council of Ghana (CCG), namely, its founding and history, and then walk us through the various community mobilization efforts of the CCG in the area of ecumenism, socio-economic development and governance.

Amy Patterson

HIV Identity, Community Participation, and Rights-Based Activism: Lessons from Therapeutic Citizens in Urban Zambia

This presentation moves discussion of citizenship in Africa beyond the realm of Christianity and advocacy to investigate the ways that people living with HIV (PLHIVs) in Africa understand and act out their citizenship in light of their health condition. This is an important topic in light of the workshop’s themes, since many Christian organizations in Africa have sought to address AIDS, AIDS greatly affects the African church, and AIDS activism is one of the most visible forms of advocacy on the continent.

Scholars assert that because PLHIVs face life-changing circumstances, they develop an HIV identity which reformulates their citizenship identity vis-à-vis the state. These so-called “therapeutic citizens” engage in responsible health behaviors and community participation, as they advocate to the state to protect their human right to health. AIDS support groups foster such identities, teach members to be AIDS competent, and shape this activism. This presentation questions these assumptions as it investigates therapeutic citizenship among PLHIVs in urban Zambia. It uses interviews, focused discussions with AIDS support groups, and observations at AIDS clinics in its analysis. The presentation demonstrates how stigma, poverty, and the global AIDS response undermine HIV identity. Patronage networks that revolve around clinic ‘clienthood’ and reliance on AIDS group leaders further shape identities. In turn, limited solidarity among PLHIVs and the underdevelopment of political citizenship undermine community participation and rights-based activism. Through its exploration of the ways that socioeconomic conditions, changes in global attention to AIDS, and leader-member tensions influence participation and identity, the presentation provides broader lessons about activism in Africa.

Ellie Price and Tracy Kuperus

The Citizen Mobilization Efforts of the Association for a More Just Society (AJS): A Latin American Case Study

Honduras, a small country located in Central America, faces some of the same challenges present in many African countries. Honduras is among the poorest countries in Latin America, and it is found near the bottom of social indicator lists in terms of per capita income, literacy, and life-expectancy in the Western Hemisphere. Finally, it experiences consistent problems related to corruption, weak political institutions, and violence. This paper offers a case study on the citizen mobilization efforts of a grassroots Christian organization in Honduras, The Association for a More Just Society (AJS), concluding with some lessons in citizen mobilization for counterparts in other parts of the world. More specifically, we will discuss AJS’s fairly successful symbiotic citizen mobilization efforts, or, its mutually reinforcing citizen mobilization efforts at both the grassroots and systemic levels.
Lawrence Temfwe

Empowering Local Churches for Integral Mission: An Agenda for Christian Activism

Someone has stated that the church is the hope of the community when it is doing things right. Which church is doing things right? The one that says the church’s business is evangelism and discipleship only; or the one that advocates, almost solely on social welfare, especially in light of so many social concerns? In this paper Lawrence Temfwe looks at the term ‘integral mission.’ He contends that integral mission is about speaking and living out our faith in undivided ways in all aspects of life. He is concerned that because churches tend to separate preaching and demonstration of the gospel, this has limited the impact of the church as ‘salt and light’ in the community. He shows that church witness should include taking a stand on social issues.

Peter Tibi

Community Education and Mobilization for Conflict Transformation Post-War Reconstruction, South Sudan: RECONCILE Contribution

This paper presents the intervention process of RECONCILE for community education and mobilization in conflict transformation post-war reconstruction, South Sudan. The effects of the past wars and numerous human rights violations have had traumatizing effects upon the lives of people of South Sudan. These wars have left millions of people displaced, disenfranchised and miserable. The prolonged wars and conflicts have resulted in an environment where it is difficult for communities to build trust, heal the wounds and memories of trauma, and transform conflict into peace to promote reconciliation leading to post-war nation building.

RECONCILE contributes to nation building and social transformation through interfaith dialogue, networking, and advocacy. As a resource organization, RECONCILE offers training in conflict transformation, psychosocial rehabilitation, trauma awareness, trauma healing, leadership, good governance, civic education and democratization. All these interventions ultimately help create an environment for a healthy, peaceful, democratic society where people experience a good quality of life.

Louis van der Reit

Beyers Naudé: Mobilised Citizen as Advocate of Hope

Beyers Naudé has long been revered as one of South Africa’s most influential church and civil leaders. He has been acclaimed both nationally and internationally as a symbol of hope. Recent developments at Stellenbosch University, regarding the HOPE Project and the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology, have given rise to renewed academic interest into the life and witness of Beyers Naudé, and specifically the concept of hope. This presentation will focus on the contribution of Beyers Naudé, as mobilized citizen, to Christians’ advocacy of hope in public life.

Boaventura Zita


The presentation will introduce the Christian Council of Mozambique (CCM) and its citizen mobilization strategies. It will present the CCM’s values and objectives, and its resource mobilization strategies both before and after Mozambique’s independence. It will conclude with CCM’s current challenges in terms of resource and/or citizen mobilization efforts.
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Lodging

We are staying in the University Waldenhof and Crozierhof flats. Each flat includes a television, microwave, fridge, and kitchen utensils. Flats must be cleared by 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 9. At that point, return the keys to Helette, Tracy, Amy or Ellie.

Wi-Fi is available at the flats at an additional charge. Detailed instructions for accessing and purchasing Wi-Fi at the flats are located on one of the handouts you received at the airport along with your keys.

Flat assignments are as follows:

1st Crozierhof Unit:
- Single room: Kwabena Opuni-Frimong
- Shared room: Kevin den Dulk and Timothy Longman

2nd Crozierhof Unit:
- Single room: Sara Rich Dorman
- Single room: Isabel Mukonyora

Waldenhof Units:
- Single rooms: Njonjo Mue, Ellie Price, Peter Tibi, Lawrence Temfwe, Boaventura Zita
- Shared room: Amy Patterson and Tracy Kuperus
Transportation

Group transportation will be provided to our field site visits on Tuesday and Thursday. Ground transportation will also be provided to take you from the flats back to the airport on Saturday, 9 August.

Meals

All meals will be provided. Breakfast and lunch will be provided via Café Manna, the Cafeteria at the Faculty of Theology. Dinners will be enjoyed at local restaurants in the town of Stellenbosch, within walking distance of the School of Theology and the flats.

Presentations

The conference will be held in the Hofmeyr Lecture Room, Room 2003, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University. There will be free wi-fi usage at this venue, and it is within walking distance from the accommodations.

Thank You

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Finally, we would like to thank the Beyers Naudé Centre for providing the space and personnel to make this dialogue possible.