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Chief Prosecutor from Rwanda to discuss challenges facing justice in African genocide trials

Justice Hassan Bubacar Jallow will speak about recent events in Rwanda's ongoing efforts to bring accused genocide fugitives to justice in Africa

PALM DESERT, Calif. (April 9, 2009) – Rwanda's Justice Hassan Bubacar Jallow will appear at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus on Wednesday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. as part of the campus's 2009 Lecture Series. Jallow will discuss the challenges facing justice in African genocide trials in the campus's Indian Wells Theater.



The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is located at 37-500 Cook Street, between Gerald Ford and Frank Sinatra Drives.

Admission is \$4.00 cash at the door and includes parking. There is no cost to students with valid ID.

Justice Jallow is a Gambian lawyer, politician, and jurist and has been the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) since 2003.

Four former Rwandan ministers were charged with masterminding the killing of some 800,000 people in the 1994 genocide. In 2003, Hassan Jallow was appointed the new Chief Prosecutor of the Rwanda genocide court by the Secretary General of the United Nations to take charge of cases stemming from the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Prior to this appointment, Hassan Jallow had extensive experience serving the United Nations and its international courts. In 1998, he served as a legal expert and carried out judicial evaluation of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia. In 2002, Hassan was appointed Judge of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Before his work for the United Nations, he held many esteemed positions in his own country. Hassan worked as State Attorney in the Attorney General's Chambers from 1976 until 1982 when he was appointed Solicitor General. He then served as Gambia's Attorney-General and Minister of Justice from 1984 to 1994 and subsequently as a Judge of the Gambia's Supreme Court from 1998 until 2002.

when he was removed by Gambia's president for allowing a case to go forward alleging the government's role in suppressing a student protest. Amidst his many positions, Justice Jallow also worked on drafting the African Charter on Human and People's rights (adopted in 1981) and served the commonwealth as chair of the Governmental Working Group of Experts in Human Rights. Jallow was awarded the honor of Commander of the National Order of the Republic of Gambia.

This lecture is sponsored by CSUSB Intellectual Life and Visiting Scholars' Committee.

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