Health and Human Rights in Africa: Mental Health and Gender Politics in Post-Genocide Rwanda

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Light lunch will be provided. RSVPs encouraged, but not required: ykleinman@uchicago.edu

Naasson Munyandamutsa, MD, PhD is a lecturer in the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Clinical Psychology at the National University of Rwanda, where he maintains a clinical practice. As the Deputy Director of the Institute of Research and Dialogue for Peace, Dr. Munyandamutsa works for the promotion of dialogue as a mechanism for conflict management in war-torn countries. A frequent presenter at international conferences, Dr. Munyandamutsa addresses the psychological consequences of extreme violence and the challenges of reconciliation in war torn societies. He collaborated with the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda to advocate for the psychological treatment for victims and witnesses.

Donatilla Mukumana, BSN, MS is a mental health nursing specialist and lecturer at the Kigali Health Institute in Kigali, Rwanda. She is a PhD Candidate at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa and her dissertation, “Management of the Long Term Psychological Effects of Rape among Women Survivors of the 1994 Genocide in Rwanda: a Grounded Theory Approach,” is in the final review stages. Ms. Mukumana has successfully promoted the use of psychiatric nurses in Rwanda where there are currently only five psychiatrists and is a frequent consultant, supervisor, and mentor.

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