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Community Voices and the Impact of Global Awareness

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. /// March 27, 2019 /// Kennedy Union Room 331

Chair, **Monica Harris** (City of Dayton)

Arch Grieve (Dayton Sister City Committee) is the 2019 chair of this committee and a board member on the Dayton Council on World Affairs. He has an M.A. in International and Comparative Politics and works as a Mediation Specialist.

Eugenie Kirenga (City of Dayton) is a native of Rwanda and has lived in Dayton since 2006. She works as an immigrant resource specialist for the City of Dayton's Welcome Dayton initiative and founded the Greater Dayton African Coalition. In 2017, she was appointed to the Ohio New African Immigrants Commission.

Rev. Xavier Johnson (Bethel Missionary Baptist Church) is the twelfth pastor of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio. A pastoral theologian and scholar, his research interests include the role of clergy in community leadership and global missions

Martha-Jeannette Rodriguez (City of Dayton) came to the United States from Colombia in 2003 and currently works as an immigrant resource specialist with the City of Dayton's Welcome Dayton initiative. She is the founder of Latinos Unidos, a coalition of Latino organizations.

Cyril Ibe (Good Evening Africa) has been teaching journalism and digital media at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio since 2006. He is the host and executive producer of Good Evening Africa, a live performing arts and radio conversation series he founded in Chicago in 2002.

Michael Murphy (Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley) has been involved in multicultural community development for ten years. He has worked in Togo with the Peace Corps and now manages the Refugee Resettlement program at Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.

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**This event is
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In this session distinguished members of the larger Dayton community speak about how they have promoted global engagement in the area and make suggestions on what additional steps need to take place to turn Dayton into a genuinely global city/community.



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Alumni Voices: Celebrating Global Engagement

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. /// March 27, 2019 /// Kennedy Union West Ballroom

Chair, **Haimanti Roy** (University of Dayton)

Clementine Bihiga (Motivational Speaker) is author of the award-winning *Happily Broken: Discovering Happiness Through Pain and Suffering*. She is the founder of the Clarette Refugee Fund, a non profit organization and is the founder of Global Impact Academy.

Justin Forzano (Cameroon Football Development Program) is the founder and CEO of CameroonFDP. He serves on the board of directors of Steel City F.C., a women's semi-professional soccer team in Pittsburgh. Justin is an Albert Schweitzer Fellow for Life and was named one of *Pittsburgh Magazine's* "40 Under 40" in 2018.

Kwyn Townsend Riley (Writer) is a poet, speaker and blogger from the south side of Chicago who has performed for SoFar Chicago, the #LetUsBreatheCollective. She is the author of the books *And She Wrote* and *And She Will*. Kwyn is the recipient of the Nancy Bramlage Award.

Matt Joseph (City of Dayton) worked as a staffer to former Congressman Tony Hall, and is now a Dayton City Commissioner. His involvement in global affairs includes organizing diplomatic conferences and chairing the Welcome Dayton Committee. Matt is married to an immigrant and has studied to learn her native language to aid in his communication with her family members.

Christine Vehar Jutte (Craig Technologies) has worked for NASA as both a civil servant and a contractor. Her research involves the use of sensors, advanced materials, and structural design in transport aircraft wings to promote environmentally friendly aircraft. She conceived and established, along with fellow engineering students, the School of Engineering's ETHOS program in 2001.

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This session brings together UD alumni who had a wide array of global experiences while here on campus as students, and they speak on how those experiences impacted their lives and careers.



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Student Voices: Prospects and Challenges of Global Consciousness

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. /// March 27, 2019 /// Kennedy Union West Ballroom

Chair, Sangita Gosalia (University of Dayton)

Maya Smith-Custer (University of Dayton) is a sophomore studying International Studies and Spanish. She is the Student Government Association Director of Campus Unity and a W.S. McIntosh intern at the City of Dayton Human Relations Council, working on the Welcome Dayton initiative.

Bryan Borodkin (University of Dayton) is a junior Political Science major with minors in Pre-Law and Sustainability, Energy and the Environment from Medina, Ohio. He currently serves as the president of the University of Dayton Student Government Association, the men's soccer chair for the Red Scare Executive Board, a student ambassador, a president's emissary, and a researcher with the Department of Political Science.

Gabriel Gaiusbayode (University of Dayton) is a Mechanical Engineering student. He was born in Alabama and is of Yoruba and Nigerian heritage. He serves as secretary of Black Action through Unity, president of the African Student Association and is a student researcher for the Minority Leaders Program. Gabriel is also a residential assistant at Marycrest Complex.

Zaid Sulaiman Alajlan (University of Dayton) is a graduate student working on a Master of Civil Engineering. He is from Buraydah, Saudi Arabia.

Jenea Adams (University of Dayton) is a Biology major, minoring in Computer Science. She is a bioinformatics research assistant for the Department of Biology and serves as Vice President of Black Action Through Unity.

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In this session student leaders discuss global engagement and consciousness and how they have promoted it within UD campus organizations and the larger community. They conclude by making specific recommendations on what needs to be done to enhance global consciousness on campus and the larger Dayton community.



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Keynote Address: Making Sense of Global Awareness on American College Campus

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. /// March 27, 2019 /// Kennedy Union Ballroom



Dr. Nwando Achebe (The Jack and Margaret Sweet Endowed Professor of History, Michigan State University)

INTRODUCTION: Dr. Julius Amin

REMARKS BY PROVOST: Dr. Paul Benson

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Amy Anderson

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Dr. Nwando Achebe

NWANDO ACHEBE, the Jack and Margaret Sweet Endowed Professor of History, is a multi-award-winning historian at Michigan State University. She is founding editor-in-chief of the *Journal of West African History*. Achebe received her Ph.D. from UCLA in 2000. In 1996 and 1998, she served as a Ford Foundation and Fulbright-Hays Scholar-in-Residence at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Her research interests involve the use of oral history in the study of women, gender, and sexuality in Nigeria. Achebe is the author of six books including *Farmers, Traders, Warriors, and Kings: Female Power and Authority in Northern Igboland, 1900-1960*; and *The Female King of Colonial Nigeria: Ahebi Ugbabe*. Dr. Achebe and is co-author coeditor with Claire Robertson of *Holding the World Together: African Women in Changing Perspective*. Her latest work is the forthcoming Ohio University Press' *Female Monarchs and Merchant Queens in Africa*. Achebe has received prestigious grants from Rockefeller Foundation, Wenner-Gren, Woodrow Wilson, Fulbright-Hays, Ford Foundation, World Health Organization, and National Endowment for the Humanities.

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