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Introduction of Keynote Speaker

*Amy Anderson, Associate Provost for
Global and Intercultural Affairs*

It is my great honor and pleasure to call Dr. Julius Amin both a friend and colleague, and to introduce him to you this evening. I'm thrilled we have the opportunity to hear from Dr. Amin this evening about a critical global issue. I had the good fortune to travel with Julius to Cameroon about five years ago, and I learned so much from him. We appreciate his willingness to share his expertise and personal experiences about the current conflict and anglophone crisis in Cameroon.

Before I do the formal introduction, I want to thank Julius for his incredible work as Alumni Chair and for his leadership in organizing these Global Voices symposia for the last three years. They have been a highlight of the year and enriched students, community, faculty and staff alike. Let's give Julius a round of applause for his efforts.

It's always interesting to introduce a colleague since we don't always know the depth of the gifts we have among us. Let me share with you a little about Dr. Julius Amin.

He is professor of history and Alumni Chair in Humanities at the University of Dayton. Originally from Cameroon, Julius received his BA from the University of Yaoundé (Cameroon) and his Ph.D. from Texas Tech University. During his tenure here at the University, Julius has taught many history courses and has also served on

dissertation committees in the School of Education and Health Sciences.

In terms of University governance and service, Julius

- Served eight years as chair of the Department of History.
- Organized the first ever Symposium on Race on the University of Dayton campus.
- Co-founded the Africana Studies minor, which he coordinated for over fifteen years.
- Co-founded and led the University of Dayton Cameroon immersion program for over two decades.
- Served on numerous committees, including Research Council, College of Arts and Sciences promotion committee, Faculty Board, human resources, Faculty Hearing Committee on Grievances, University Diversity Committee, Faculty Development Committee, Black History Month Planning Committee, and many others.

A program that is special to me, Julius participated in the University's faculty development program, the Global Education Seminar to South America, and has been the faculty facilitator for the past three years for the GES program to West Africa—Togo and Ghana, specifically—and will lead faculty to South Africa this summer. Julius' work on this program is advancing our faculty and UD community to realize our efforts to become a globally inclusive campus that is learning, leading, and serving for the common good.

He is also an external examiner of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana.

A prolific scholar, Julius has published several books and edited volumes including, among others:

- *The Peace Corps in Cameroon*
- *African Immersion: American College Students in Cameroon*
- *Postcolonial Cameroon: Politics, Economy, and Society* (co-edited)
- *Myth & Reality: Reflections on our Travels Through West Africa*
- *2019 Proceedings of the Global Voices Symposium*

His scholarly articles and book reviews have been published in numerous journals:

- *African Studies Review*
- *Africa Today*
- *Africa Spectrum*
- *African Insight*
- *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*
- *Journal of Modern African Studies*
- *Journal of Black Studies*
- *Journal of Asian and African Studies*
- *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*
- *Cahiers d'etudes Africaines*
- *Trans-African Journal of History*
- *The South African Journal of International Affairs*
- *Revue Française D'Histoire D'Outre-Mer*
- *Journal of American History*
- *America Historical Review*
- *Western Journal of Black Studies*
- *Ohio History*

Julius' opinion piece articles are equally as informative and widely read, and have been published in, among others:

- *The Conversation*
- *Newsweek*
- *Salon*
- *Pambazuka News*
- *Africa 24*
- *All Africa*
- *Dayton Daily News*
- *Cleveland Plain Dealer*

His on-air commentaries have been carried by the BBC, Voice of America, NPR, CGTN America, Kaya FM Radio South Africa, and many others.

Julius has received many awards, including:

- University of Dayton Alumni Award for Faculty Scholarship
- The College of Arts & Sciences Award for Outstanding Scholarship
- The John F. Kennedy Marjorie Kovler Research Fellowship

Currently he is working on two book projects simultaneously: *50 Years of the Peace Corps* and *Cameroon's Anglophone Crisis*.

Julius is a tireless advocate for global awareness because he knows that our future depends on it.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Julius Amin.