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honour of Linda Freeman

**Solidarity and Shifting Patterns of
Hegemony in Southern Africa: Historical
and Contemporary Perspectives**

March 1 – 2, 2018
2220 - 2228 Richcraft Hall
Carleton University



Dr. Linda Freeman

Linda Freeman is an emeritus professor in the Department of Political Science and the Institute of African Studies at Carleton University. Her study *The Ambiguous Champion - Canada and South Africa in the Trudeau and Mulroney Years* won the Harold Adams Innis Prize for best book in the social sciences, written in English in 1998/9. She specializes in African political economy, with a particular interest in southern Africa. She is working on a manuscript on South African relations with Zimbabwe. She has testified regularly to parliamentary sub-committees and is a frequent commentator on African affairs for the Canadian media.

Thursday, March 1st

Registration & Coffee

7:45am to 8:30 am

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Nduka Otiono

Carleton University

Welcome Address

8:30am to 9:00am

Professor Pius Adesanmi

Institute of African Studies

Alastair Summerlee

President of Carleton University

Chris Brown

Carleton University

Roundtable 1: Canadian (quasi) Governmental Roles in the Ending of Apartheid

9:00am to 10:15 am

Chair

David Hornsby

Associate Professor and interim Head of the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Public Policy, University College London

Panelists

Keith Bezanson

Former Head of the International Development Research Centre

Walter McLean

Honorary Consul for the Government of Namibia in Canada & former Commonwealth High Level Observer for the historic 1994 election in South Africa

John Schram

Former Foreign Affairs Diplomat

Health break

10:15 to 10:30 am

Roundtable 2: The Radical Solidarity Tradition in the Canadian Anti-Apartheid Movement

10:30 to 11:45 am

Chair

Susan Bazilli

International Women's Rights Project

Panelists

John Saul

*Former Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa (TCLSAC)
Emeritus*

David Beer

Retired International Development Worker and Social Justice Activist

Adrian Harewood

Student Activist

Anne Mitchell

*Former Executive Director of the Canadian Committee of the International
Defense and Aid Fund for Southern Africa (IDAFSA)*

Lunch Break

11:45 to 12:45 pm

**Roundtable 3: Transnational Civil Society: The Churches, Indigenous,
Development and Professional Organizations**

12:45pm to 2:00pm

Chair

David Black

Dalhousie University

Panelists

Moira Hutchinson

Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility

Irwin Cotler

Former Lawyer to Mandela and Liberal MP (1999-2015)

David Gallagher

Oxfam Canada

Health Break

2:00pm to 2:15pm

Roundtable 4: Lessons from and for Solidarity Politics in Southern Africa

2:15pm to 3:30pm

Chair

Larry Swatuk

University of Waterloo

Panelists

Zeib Jeeva

Mandela Legacy Canada

Stephen Gelb

*Former Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa (TCLSAC)
and Manitoba Anti-Apartheid Coalition (MAAC)*

Linzi Manicom

Women, Solidarity, and Southern Africa Committee

Judith Marshall

*Former Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa (TCLSAC)
Activist, Southern Africa Coordinator, Steelworkers Humanity Fund*

Friday March 2nd

Registration and Coffee

9:00am to 9:30am

Panel 1: Globalization and its Discontents

9:30 to 11:00 am

Chair

Firoze Manji

Founder and Former Executive Director of Fahamu, Pambazuka News and Pambazuka Press; Founder and Executive Director of Daraja Press

Panelists

Leo Panitch

York University

“Learning Lessons and Starting Over”

Manfred Bienefeld

Carleton University

“Africa’s Prospects in the Age of Trump and Brexit”

Sulley Gariba

Institute for Policy Alternatives (Ghana)

“South Africa in Africa: Decline at Sunrise”

Health break

11:00am to 11:15am

Panel 2: Change or No Change in Southern Africa – What’s Next?

11:15am to 12:45 pm

Chair

Chris Brown

Carleton University

Panelists

Linda Freeman

Carleton University

“South Africa and Zimbabwe – Limits of Change”

John Saul

*Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa (TCLSAC) and
York University Emeritus*

“Declining Hegemonies? Emerging Alternatives?: What Next in Southern Africa”

David Moore

University of Johannesburg

“What Difference does a Coup make? Rethinking the Contradictions of Hegemonic Construction in Southern Africa after Zimbabwe’s Militarily Assisted Transition”

Health break

12:45pm to 1:45pm

Panel 3: South Africa – State Capture, ANC Decline and the Left in Crisis

1:45pm to 3:15pm

Chair

Paul Mkandawire
Carleton University

Panelists

Roger Southall

University of the Witwatersrand

“Can Liberation Self-Correct: ZANU-PF and the ANC Compared”

Hein Marais

Writer and Journalist

“Blinded by the Light? The Faded Impact of the South African Left in the Transition from Apartheid”

Marlea Clarke

University of Victoria

“Viva the Workers? Precarious Employment, Alliance Politics, and Working-Class Struggles in South Africa”

Health break

3:15pm to 3:30pm

Panel 4: Zimbabwe and the Region – Questions of Change

3:30pm to 5:00pm

Chair

Dominique Marshall

Carleton University

Panelists

Carolyn Bassett

University of New Brunswick

“Delusions of Hegemony: New-liberalism and Governance in Tanzania,
Zambia and South Africa”

Mary Ndlovu

Retired from Zimbabwe - Alberta

“Zimbabwean Education: Triumph, Decline, Collapse”

Richard Saunders

York University

“Extracting Value from Crisis: Bargains, Benefits and South African
Investment in Zimbabwe”

Closing Remarks

5:00pm to 5:15pm

Blair Rutherford

Carleton University

Biographies

Bassett Carolyn teaches global political economy and international development studies at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Her research is on the labour movement's role in economic policy in South Africa, as well as on African debt and debt strategies. She has published in *Review of African Political Economy*, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Third World Quarterly* and other journals, and co-edited *Post-Colonial Studies for a Democratic Southern Africa* with Marlea Clarke. She holds a PhD from York University and completed her MA at Carleton under the supervision of Linda Freeman.

Bazilli Susan is the Director of the International Women's Rights Project, based in Canada, which works to build capacity of women's human rights NGOs. She is a feminist lawyer, educator, activist, trainer, advocate and writer and has worked for 30 years on women's equality rights. Susan worked in South Africa for Lawyers for Human Rights and other organizations from 1985-1991. She is the editor of *Putting Women on the Agenda*, the 1991 text on women, law and the constitution in South Africa; and the editor of *Putting Feminism on the Agenda*, in association with the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at Wits University in 2006. She is currently completing her PhD at the University of British Columbia.

Beer David attended the independence celebrations for Zambia, '64, Zimbabwe, '80 and Namibia, '90 as well as Freedom in SA in 1994. He was involved with the liberation movements and anti-apartheid work whilst based in southern Africa, and sometimes Canada. David founded the Canadian Voluntary Commonwealth Service (CVCS) at U of T, and served as a Youth worker in the Jamaica Youth Corps with CVCS - then CUSO. He worked in Cape Town and Johannesburg from 1994-2000 for the National Land Committee as an OD and planning officer, supporting landless communities to recover their land. Also lived and worked as an independent OD consultant in the NGO/ civil society area in SA, Botswana, Angola and Mozambique, 2000 to 2009.

Beinefeld Manfred is Professor Emeritus at Carleton University. In a long career working on international development he has moved from an early focus on Tanzania and Sub-Saharan Africa to an abiding concern for the increasingly uneasy relationship between international economic integration and a society's capacity to set in motion, and to sustain, a positive and self-reinforcing process of socio-economic development that is reasonably congruent with its own evolving values and priorities.

Bezanson Keith has devoted his career to international development. Now a senior fellow of Natural Resources Management with the International Institute for Sustainable Development, he was most recently director of the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex. After studying at Carleton (where he received an honour award for his academic excellence and contributions to the life of the university) and earning a PhD from Stanford University, Bezanson served as a CUSO volunteer in Nigeria where he worked as a secondary school teacher in the 1960s. He subsequently lectured and directed a national research program in Ghana before joining the Canadian International Development Agency where he was director of the East African Program. In 1978, Bezanson was named director general in charge of all areas relating to Canada's participation in the multilateral development banks. In 1985, Bezanson became Canada's Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia; following this, he was manager of the Administrative Department at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington. From 1991-1997, he was president of the International Development Research Centre in Canada.

Black David is the Lester B. Pearson Professor of International Development Studies and the chair of the Political Science Department at Dalhousie University, in Halifax. He is the author of *Canada and Africa in the New Millennium: The Politics of Consistent Inconsistency* (2015) and co-editor of *Rethinking Canadian Aid* (2016).

Brown Chris is Associate Professor of Political Science in the field of comparative politics, with a specialization in the politics of Africa. He has worked in Botswana and in Ghana as a development planner and as a local government policy advisor. He is working on a book on the institutionalization of liberal democracy in Botswana, which is funded by a research grant from the SSHRC. He is currently the Program Director for Carleton University's Bachelor of Global and International Studies.

Clarke Marlea is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Victoria, and a research associate with the Labour and Enterprise Policy Research Group (LEP) at the University of Cape Town. Her work has focused on labour market restructuring, union politics and community resistance in South Africa, and the health effects of precarious employment in Canada. Her published work includes contributions to: *Third World Quarterly*; *Canadian Journal of African Studies*; *Work, Employment and Society*; and the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*. She is joint author (with Wayne Lewchuk and Alice de Wolff) of *Working Without Commitments* (McGill Queen's University Press).

Cotler Irwin is the Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, an Emeritus Professor of Law at McGill University, former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and longtime Member of Parliament, and an international human rights lawyer. Honourable Cotler has been Chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Group for Human Rights in Iran; Chair of the Inter-Parliamentary Group of Justice for Sergei Magnitsky; Chair of the All-Party Save Darfur Parliamentary Coalition; Chair, Canadian section, of the Parliamentarians for Global Action and Member of its international council. An international human rights lawyer, Professor Cotler has served as Counsel to prisoners of conscience including Andrei Sakharov & Nathan Sharansky (former Soviet Union), Nelson Mandela (South Africa), Jacobo Timmerman (Latin America), Professor Saad Eddin Ibrahim (Egypt) and he was Chair of the International Commission of Inquiry into the Fate and Whereabouts of Raoul Wallenberg. He was elected 2014 Canadian Parliamentarian of the

Year by his colleagues, and in 2015 received the Law Society of Upper Canada's Inaugural Human Rights Award.

Gallagher David holds an MSc (SOAS) in Sustainable Development, has travelled extensively, and has worked in International Development for over 30 years, mainly in the non-government sector - CUSO (Latin America), OXFAM (Africa and the Caribbean) and CARE (Balkans). In addition to his job as Executive Director of Aerosan, he also works as an independent consultant on programme development, participatory evaluation and institutional proposal writing.

Gariba Sulley is a development evaluation specialist and public policy analyst. He was Senior Policy Advisor to the President of Ghana (2012 to 2014). He studied and lectured in Canada for about 15 years, obtaining his Masters and Ph.D degrees in Political Science under Prof. Linda Freeman's supervision. In June 2014, Carleton University, Ottawa, conferred a Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, on him, "...in recognition of his longstanding work and academic scholarship in international development, civil society practices, government policy and program development in Africa." From 2014 to 2017, Dr. Gariba returned to Ottawa as Ghana's High Commissioner to Canada. He is presently heading the Institute for Policy Alternatives www.ipaghana.com a policy think-tank and research organization based in Ghana.

Gelb Stephen is Principal Research Fellow at the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) in London. He was an activist in the Canadian anti-apartheid movement between 1976 and 1984, and after returning to South Africa an economic adviser to COSATU, the mass democratic movement and the ANC between 1984 and 1994. He was an adviser to President Mbeki and the South Africa government on macroeconomic, foreign investment, and public expenditure policies between 1995 and 2012. He worked at the Development Bank of Southern Africa, and taught economics, political science and development studies at universities in South Africa, Canada, the US and Switzerland. He has written extensively on South African economics and

politics, and on foreign direct investment in South Africa, Myanmar, India and China, and in the garments, electronics, financial services and pharmaceutical industries.

Harewood Adrian attended McGill University in the late 1980s to the early 1990s. While there he was an active member of the Black Students Network (BSN) & Southern African Committee (SAC). Adrian has a BA in History and Political Science. He is the former station manager of CKUT-Radio McGill. Adrian hosted *Literati*, *The Actors* and *The Directors* on BRAVO and PBS. He has also hosted local and national programs on CBC radio and television including *Metro Morning*, *Here and Now*, *The Current*, *As It Happens*, *counter spin*, *Power and Politics* & *All in a Day*. Currently, Adrian is the co-anchor of CBC Ottawa News at 6.

Hornsby David is Associate Professor and the interim Head of the Department of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Public Policy, University College London. David spent 8 years in South Africa at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. David's research interests pertain to the politics of science and risk in international governance, Canadian foreign policy in Sub-Saharan Africa, middle power cooperation, and pedagogy in higher education.

Hutchinson Moira worked with the Taskforce on the Churches and Corporate Responsibility (TCCR) from 1981-1991, assisting with the filing of 23 church shareholder proposals and dozens of meetings with companies, many of them focused on investment and loans to South Africa. The TCCR agenda also included the related effort to persuade the Canadian government to implement sanctions, and to convince other, non-church investors of the importance of active shareholdership in the anti-apartheid campaign. She continued to work as a consultant on issues of corporate accountability and investor responsibility, receiving the Queen's University Alumni Achievement Award in 2000, and the Social Investment Organization's Distinguished Service Award in 2013.

Jeeva Zeib is an international social entrepreneur, working in a variety of ways to support disadvantaged people. After decades of volunteering with IDRF (International Development and Relief Foundation), including as Treasurer and Vice Chair, he now serves as Chair of the Board of Directors. In his capacity as a humanitarian Zeib is attached to several charities and was also the founding member of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund Canada. He also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of Licensed To Learn and serves on the Board of Mandela Legacy Canada as Treasurer. He formerly served on the Board of Reh'ma Community Services and has formerly also served on the Board of Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation. He is a recipient of the Order of Ontario and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.

Manicom Linzi became involved in the Canadian anti-apartheid movement as a member of the ANC-in-exile when coming to Toronto in 1984 to study. Working with local and transnational feminist organizations, her activism focused on solidarity with women in South Africa. Her scholarship addressed gender in state formation in the transition to post-apartheid. In the late 70s she worked for the ANC mission in Tanzania and subsequently the Frelimo government. Popular education has been her persistent focus and she currently coordinates a community engaged learning program at the University of Toronto.

Manji Firoze a Kenyan activist with more than 40 years experience in international development, health and human rights. Founder and former editor-in-chief of the prize-winning pan African social justice newsletter and website Pambazuka News (<http://www.pambazuka.org>). He is founder and former publisher of Pambazuka Press. He is the founder and former executive director (1997-2010) of Fahamu – Networks for Social Justice. Former Director of the Pan-African Baraza for ThoughtWorks, Head of CODESRIA's Documentation and Information Centre, Africa Programme Director for Amnesty International, Chief Executive of the Aga Khan Foundation (UK), and Regional Representative for Health Sciences in Eastern and Southern Africa for the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC). He has published widely on health, social policy, human

rights and political sciences, and authored and edited a wide range of books on social justice in Africa, including on women's rights, trade justice, on China's role in Africa and on the recent uprisings in Africa.

Marais Hein Hein Marais is a writer and journalist, and Carleton U alumni. His books and articles focus on political economy and on public health, and include "South Africa: Pushed to the Limit" (Zed Books, 2011), "Limits to Change — The political economy of transition" (Zed Books, 2 editions 1998 & 2001), and "Buckling: The impact of AIDS in South Africa" (2005). He's also a former chief writer for the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS, and has written numerous reports and other publications on the global HIV epidemic for WHO and other UN agencies. His articles and essays have been published widely, including in *Le Monde Diplomatique*, *Leadership*, the *Mail & Guardian*, the *Globe & Mail*, the *Sunday Independent* and more.

Marshall Judith is an educator and writer who was a founding member of TCLPAC. She spent eight years in post-independence Mozambique where she worked in adult literacy programmes. She returned to Canada to do a PhD at OISE with a thesis on workplace literacy in Mozambique. She recently retired after twenty years with the Steelworkers Humanity Fund where her responsibilities included education programmes for USW members on global issues and coordination of Steelworker cooperation programmes in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa. These included many worker exchanges in the mining sector, bringing together mineworkers with a common transnational employer .

Hon. Walter Mclean spent the first five years (1962-67) of his professional life in West Africa, based in Nigeria. The only MP who had lived and worked in Africa during his parliamentary years (1979 to 1993) and became the resident expert on Africa as a member of the Standing Committee of External Affairs and National Defense. Served as chair of parliamentary sub-committee on Development and Human Rights, and prepared a report to the Government on Canada's Relations with Southern Africa. As a member of

Cabinet (1984-86) Walter McLean had ministerial responsibility for human rights, immigration, and the status of women. He led the Canadian delegation to the Third World Conference on Women held in Nairobi in 1985 and undertook an official visit to Zimbabwe and Zambia to prepare for the visit of Prime Minister Mulroney to the Front Line States. In 1993, the Government of Namibia appointed Walter McLean Honorary Consul in Canada and in that role, he has escorted business delegations to Namibia and maintained close contact with the Namibian and South African governments.

Mitchell Anne has 50 years experience in the areas of education, international development, human rights, environment and social justice. In 1980 she was one of the founders of the Canadian committee of the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa (IDAFSA). For the next ten years, IDAFSA (Canada) raised funds in Canada for the legal defence and aid to families of political prisoners in South Africa. She currently serves on a number of committees including KAIROS, the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and the Faith and Life Sciences Group of the Canadian Council of Churches. She has an MA degree from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton University.

Mkandawire Paul is an Associate Director at the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies, Carleton University and currently holds cross-appointments in Department of Geography, Institute of African Studies, and Institute of Health: Science, Technology and Policy. His research is broadly located at the intersection of global and public health and human rights. He has received the Carleton University Research Achievement Award.

Moore David studied Journalism at Carleton for one year in 1974 and went on to gain a Political Science Phd from York (Toronto) in 1990. Since then he has taught in Alberta, Australia, Durban in South Africa and from 2008 in the University of Johannesburg's Department of Anthropology and Development Studies as a Professor of the latter. Along the way he has edited books on development theory and written on African political economy, especially Zimbabwe. Recent articles include 'Coercion, Consent, and the

Construction of Capitalism in Africa: Development Studies, Political Economy, Politics and the “Dark Continent”, in *Transformation*, 2014 and ‘Death or Dearth of Democracy in Zimbabwe?’ *Africa Spectrum*, 2014.

Ndlovu Mary was born and educated in Canada and the US but spent 12 years in Zambia and then moved to Zimbabwe in 1980 with her Zimbabwean husband and children. In Zambia she taught in secondary schools, and lectured in education at the University of Zambia. In Zimbabwe, she taught in a secondary school, lectured at Hillside Teachers College in education and history. Later she worked as a curriculum developer and trainer with an NGO, and then as an independent consultant. She holds degrees in History and Languages, Russian Studies, Education, and Law, and has published articles and books in the fields of political commentary, education and history of NGOs. She has recently retired to live in Canada.

Panitch Leo is a Senior Scholar and Emeritus Distinguished Research Professor of Political Science at York University in Toronto, Canada. Editor of the annual *Socialist Register* for over three decades, his book (with Sam Gindin), *The Making of Global Capitalism: The Political Economy of American Empire*, was awarded the Deutscher book prize in the UK and the Davidson book prize in Canada. Among his many other books are: *Social Democracy and Industrial Militancy*; *Working Class Politics in Crisis*; *The End of Parliamentary Socialism*; *From Consent to Coercion: The Assault on Trade Union Freedoms*; *Renewing Socialism: Transforming Democracy, Strategy and Imagination*; *American Empire and the Political Economy of Global Finance*; *In and Out of Crisis: The Global Financial Meltdown and Left Alternatives*.

Saul John taught at York University (1973 to 2008) and for a decade in Africa: in Tanzania, Mozambique and South Africa. He spent 30 years as a liberation support activist with the Toronto Committee for the Liberation of Southern Africa/TCLSAC and with *Southern Africa Report* magazine, establishing himself as a firm critic of Canadian governmental and corporate activity abroad and as an advocate for social justice and global equality. He

has published 24 books to date, mainly on East and Southern Africa, and his new book, *The Thirty Years War for Southern African Liberation* will be published in 2020.

Saunders Richard is Associate Professor in the Department of Politics at York University, where he teaches African political economy and development. His current research focuses on issues of resource nationalism, community participation and empowerment, and the potential for resource-fuelled 'developmental states' in the Global South. His most recent book is the 2016 edited collection, *Facets of Power: Politics, Profits and People in the Making of Zimbabwe's Blood Diamonds* (Wits University Press/Weaver Press)

Schram John BA (UWO) MA (Ghana) JD (Toronto) LLD (honoris causa) Ghana served as minister counsellor in the Canadian Embassy, South Africa; high commissioner to Ghana, Sierra Leone and Botswana; and ambassador to Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Angola and Zimbabwe. A senior fellow in the Centre for International and Defence Policy at Queen's University since 2006 and an instructor at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton. He leads graduate seminars at both Carleton and Queen's on development policy in Africa. Awarded the Grand Medal of Ghana and an honorary doctorate from the University of Ghana, he holds a hand-written commendation from Nelson Mandela for support in the struggle against apartheid.

Southall Roger is an Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of the Witwatersrand. His books include *Liberation Movements in Power: Party and State in Southern Africa* and *Imperialism or Solidarity: International Labour and South African Trade Unions*. His career includes lecturing in Lesotho 1975-80 and precarious academic labour at Carleton and Ottawa U early 1980s, before heading to South Africa in 1989

Swatuk Larry is Professor and Director of the Master of Development Practice Program at the University of Waterloo. From the late-1970s until 1994, he was active in university anti-apartheid activities. He first went to southern Africa in 1984, spending 6 months in Lesotho, lived for 11 years while working at the University of Botswana, and continues to teach at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa.

Master of Ceremonies:

Nduka Otiono is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa. He obtained his PhD in English from the University of Alberta where he won numerous awards including the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship, and was nominated for the Governor General's Gold Medal for academic distinction. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Brown University where he was also appointed a Visiting Assistant Professor and a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow at Carleton University. A fellow of the William Joiner Centre for War and Social Consequences, University of Massachusetts, Boston, his interdisciplinary research focuses on "street stories" or popular urban narratives in postcolonial Africa, and how they travel across multiple popular cultural platforms such as the news media, film, popular music, and social media. Also a writer, he is the author of *The Night Hides with a Knife* (short stories), which won the ANA/Spectrum Prize; *Voices in the Rainbow* (Poems), a finalist for the ANA/Cadbury Poetry Prize; *Love in a Time of Nightmares* (Poems) for which he was awarded the James Patrick Folinsbee Memorial Scholarship in Creative Writing. He has co-edited *We-Men: An Anthology of Men Writing on Women* (1998), and *Camouflage: Best of Contemporary Writing from Nigeria* (2006). In 2015 he was awarded a Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship. He is currently working on his first academic monograph, *Street Stories in Africa*.

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Adesanmi, Pius is the director of the Institute of African Studies at Carleton University and a professor in the Department of English Language & Literature. His research ranges from recent trends in theoretical approaches to African and postcolonial literatures to new political and cultural life-worlds in Africa and the Black Diaspora. He has been studying, and writing about the social media revolution in Africa and the postcolonial world. He has won numerous awards, including the Penguin Prize for African Writing for his book “You’re not a country, Africa” and recently the CBIE Board of Directors Leadership Award.

Rutherford, Blair is professor of Anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (cross-appointed to the Institute of African Studies, the Institute of Political Economy, and Department of Geography and Environmental Studies) at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. His ethnographic research has been predominantly in Zimbabwe and South Africa, particularly on commercial farm workers. He has been examining the economic strategies, institutional arrangements and the constitutive cultural politics shaping current and former farm worker strategies to access resources, particularly land, during the on-going land redistribution exercises in Zimbabwe and deepening political and economic crises in this southern African nation, including those that involve working on South African farms. More recently, he is engaged with two research projects examining gender and artisanal and small-scale mining in Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and DRC, which has entailed carrying out ethnographic research in Sierra Leone and Mozambique.

Research Assistants:

Beltrán, Andrea is a Carleton student of the Master of Infrastructure Protection and International Security Program and TA/RA of the Institute of African Studies. During my undergrad and grad studies, my research has focused on defense and national security studies.

Bueckert, Michael is a PhD candidate in Sociology and Political Economy at Carleton University. His thesis research looks at the opposition to international solidarity campaigns in Canada, including boycott and divestment campaigns against South Africa and Israel. He has published on Canadian development aid policy in *Studies in Political Economy*, and is a contributor to *Jacobin Magazine* and *Africa Is A Country*.

David, Heather is an MA candidate in the Department of Political Science. She is finishing a Research Project on the evolution of refugee policy in South Africa since the end of apartheid. Her research took her to South Africa on an IAS Summer Course in 2017 with Prof. Blair Rutherford and spent the rest of the summer in South Africa interviewing government officials and senior members of civil society. She is currently a legal intern at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Ottawa.

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Femi Ajidahun currently works with the Institute of African Studies. He is a Master's student in the Infrastructure Protection and International Security Program. His interests span disaster recovery, transportation and aviation security, physical & cyber-security.

Akinleye Akintunde is a master's student in Film Studies at Carleton University. He is also an award-winning photographer.

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