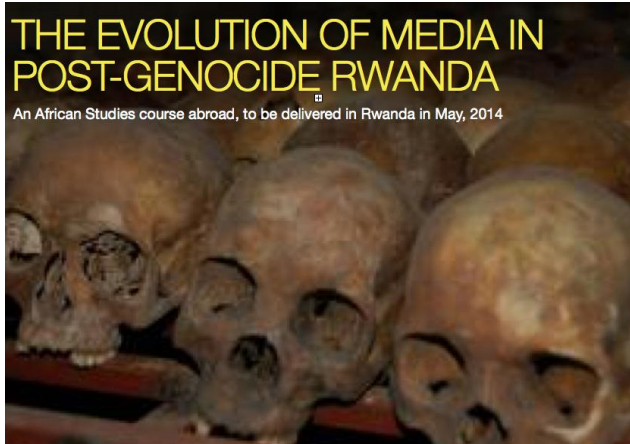


AFRI 3100 course abroad

Prof. Allan Thompson from the School of Journalism and Communication will lead this year's Institute of African Studies course abroad, the fourth in a series. The course is open to all Carleton students with third-year standing. Previous courses took place in South Africa, Burkina Faso and in Ghana. The 2014 African Studies Abroad course will take place in Rwanda. You can keep on top of course planning on Facebook at www.facebook.com/afri3100.rwanda2014

On the ground in Rwanda this coming May, Prof. Thompson will lead a group of students through an exploration of the role of the media in the 1994 Rwanda genocide and the evolution of the media in Rwanda in the two decades since. The course will take place in the midst of Rwanda's commemoration



of the 20th anniversary of the events of the genocide, which unfolded from early April to late June of that year. The course will focus on the issues that swirl around media development in a post-atrocity environment like Rwanda. A key aspect of the course will be meaningful interaction with working journalists, academics and media officials on the ground in Rwanda, supplemented by lectures and group work. It is hoped that a number of senior students from the School of Journalism and Communication at the National University of Rwanda will also participate in the course.

Prof. Thompson is a former Toronto Star reporter who covered the aftermath of the Rwanda genocide in 1996 and visited the country several more times as a reporter. As a member of the faculty in Carleton's journalism school after 2003, he established a partnership with the fledgling journalism school at the National University of Rwanda and also edited *The Media and the Rwanda Genocide*, which remains one of the key references on the subject.

Students in the course are likely to undertake several written assignments, possibly including a pre-journey piece on their expectations, a profile of a media professional encountered on the ground and a draft proposal for a major research project that could be undertaken in Rwanda or another post-atrocity environment at a later date. Students will also be expected to blog frequently about their experiences in Rwanda and produce a final report at the end. The program will include a period at the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre, which includes a research facility. Participants will also make field trips to key genocide sites and will also have the chance to interact with key figures on the media scene in Rwanda. While food and lodging will be provided in Rwanda for students selected to participate in the course, there will be additional costs for travel, insurance, inoculations and other logistics.

Students interested in taking part should attend one of two general information sessions, to be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m. and again from 7:00-8:30 p.m. **Thursday, Sept. 26 in Room D382 Loeb.**

Please register online:

Afternoon session: <http://bit.ly/2pmsession>

Evening session: <http://bit.ly/7pmsession>

Later in the autumn there will be a formal application process for participation in the course.