Distinguished Lecture Series

On the Psychology of Violence and Aggression

Presented by

Tiffin University School of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences

9 October, Marion Center 6-8 p.m. Frida Gashumba, survivor of Rwanda Genocide

Frida Gashumba is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide. The 1994 genocide that ravaged Gashumba’s homeland of Rwanda, received international attention. More than 500,000 people were killed in the bloody, 100-day massacre. Gashumba, who experienced the violence firsthand, lives to tell her unforgettable story. She survived a near-fatal blow to the head and climbed from her grave to what she calls “a second chance at life.”

Gashumba permanently moved to the U.S. in 2011. She has traveled the world sharing her survival story, documented in her book “Frida: Chosen to Die, Destined to Live.” She is a featured speaker on her victimization, and the power of forgiveness. She will present on her experiences, thoughts of crime, victimization, justice, and the power of forgiveness.

This event is free and open to the public. Co-curricular credit available to Tiffin University students.

25 October, Marion Center 6-8 p.m. Martin Lowenberg, Holocaust survivor

Mr. Martin Lowenberg spent his teenage years living in five different concentration camps after his parents and twin brothers were killed. Mr. Lowenberg shares his story at the Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills and has returned to Germany four times in the last six years to share his story with students there. Most recently, Lowenberg was featured in the book “Living Witnesses: Triumph over Tragedy” by photographer Monni Must. You are invited to come and hear Mr. Lowenberg’s story, share an evening with him as he bears witness to what he endured and how he triumphed over tragedy.

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30 November, Marion Center 6-8 p.m. Corine Dehabey, US/Together, Syrian Refugee Resettlement Coordinator

Corine Dehabey is the Executive Director of US Together Inc., (UST) Toledo. UST was founded in response to the growing needs of refugees and immigrants. Initially providing services to Russian speaking populations, UST began resettling diverse refugee populations including individuals from the former Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Burma, Bhutan, Eritrea, Somalia, Congo, Sudan, Burundi and Rwanda.

Corine returned to her homeland, Syria, from 2000-2010. She became the Toledo Director in 2014. Corine hired one other person and her program has been highly successful even though she had such a small staff. The refugee crisis in Syria finds Corine working with refugees additionally from Aleppo and all of Syria. Her program has become a beacon of hope for refugees and a model for refugee services. Corine has been on NPR numerous times, national news, Huffington Post, National/State/local papers/programming. She was featured with CNN Anderson Cooper and on HBO’s VICE News. She gives a compelling analysis of the Syrian Refugee Crisis. You are invited to this talk to hear how the world has coped with this crisis, including right here in NW Ohio. Proceeds from this event go directly to refugee families.

Students attending this event are asked to donate an item to refugee settlers (see wish list). Faculty, staff, community $5.00 or free will donation.

7 December, Marion Center, 6-8 p.m. Claudia Vercellotti, TU Alum, Victim Rights Advocate, Survivors Network for those Abused by Priests (SNAP) Spokesperson, Social Justice, Prosecution of Fr. Gerald Robinson for the Murder of Sister Margaret Ann Paul.

Claudia Vercellotti is a Tiffin University alum who was the spokesperson for Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests (SNAP). She was featured in national media, NY Times, Washington Post, (among many, many others), NPR, in books, and in many legal cases. Claudia’s work was the focus of the Oscar-nominated film, Twist of Faith, about the sexual abuse of Tony Combes, a Toledo fire fighter who was sexually abused as a child by a priest in Toledo. Claudia has testified in court numerous times, including the Ohio Supreme Court, advocating for extending the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse cases. She played an integral part in the prosecution of Fr. Gerald Robinson for the murder of Sister Margaret Ann Paul, a case that received national attention and resulted in accolades for Ms. Vercellotti. You are invited to come hear her fascinating experiences in crime and justice. This event is free and open to the public. Tiffin University students may earn co-curricular credit for attending.

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