Sixth Annual Symposium on Genocide and Human Rights Research in Africa and the Diaspora

“Genocide Prevention and Repair”

Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Golden Eagles (Student Union)

M.C. – TY Okosun

8:45 – 9:15am  Meet and Greet

9:15 – 9:30am  Opening Remarks and Welcome
Gloria Gibson, President, Northeastern Illinois University

9:30 – 10:40am  Activist Panel
Moderated by Olivia Perlow, Northeastern Illinois University

Reparations in Response to Mass Violence
David Ragland, The Campaign FOR Truth and Reparations
Danita Rountree Green, Coming To The Table-RVA
Latriece Clark, Pacifica Graduate Institute

10:50 – 12:00pm  Paper Presentation
Fragile, Handicapped, Young: Martyrdom and the Passage to Peace in Burundi
Jodi Mikalachki, University of Burundi

Mbabarira, Ubumwe, Umuganda – The process of healing and reconciliation: lessons learned during my journey to Kigali, Rwanda
Sharon Bethea, Northeastern Illinois University

Mending Community Tapestry after Genocide in Burundi and Rwanda
Jeanine Ntihirageza, Northeastern Illinois University

12:00 - 12:30pm  LUNCH

12:30pm – 1:40pm  Introduction of the Keynote Speaker
Dr. Katrina Bell Jordan, Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Northeastern Illinois University

Keynote:  Dignifying Suffering: Reparations and Restorative Justice in Deeply Divided Societies
Dr. Jermaine McCalpin, New Jersey City University

1:40 – 2:50pm  Paper Presentations:
Policy of Change: A Case for Reparations & Transformative Justice
Tynetta Hill-Muhammad , University of Illinois at Chicago

Human Rights, Humanitarianism and “Failed” Nations: The Republic of Haiti in the 1930s
Nadege Germina Veldwachter, Purdue University

2:50 – 3:05pm  BREAK

3:05 – 4:15pm  Students Call to Action: Before and After the Lemkin Summit
Anna Augustyn, Seda Yazgan Hadzibulic, Peter Bul (Northeastern Illinois University)

4:15 – 5:05pm  Paper Presentation
Rwanda, Twenty-Five years Later
Cris Toffolo, Northeastern Illinois University

Congolese Women: The Tragedy of the Forgotten Women of Africa
Johan Mufuta, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

5:05pm  Closing Remarks
Chielozona Eze, Northeastern Illinois University