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**RWANDA: Rebirth of a Nation**

In April 1994, during peace negotiations with Tutsi rebels, Rwanda was abruptly plunged into a savage genocide that lasted 100 days and slaughtered close to 1m Rwandan Tutsis and Hutu allies. By July the country lay in ruins. This year marks the 19th anniversary of those appalling events. During this period the new Rwandan nation has made astonishing strides in rebuilding the country from complete devastation, providing justice for victims of the genocide through village-based gacaca courts and striving for national reconciliation between the country’s alienated Hutu and Tutsi ethnicities. During this course we will read several works of history, memoir and literature about the genocide and examine recent films of this tragedy.

**Political History of South Africa**

Students are introduced to the violent history of South Africa from its origins to the establishment of black majority rule in 1995. Through a mix of history and literature, we chart the course of South African society from the first Dutch clashes with the Khoisan through the British imperial wars with Zulu, Xhosa and ‘Boer,’ the rise and fall of apartheid in the late 20th-century, to the emergence of the Rainbow Nation in the 1990s. We will particularly focus on the landmark Truth and Reconciliation Commission in the post-apartheid era. Our history lessons are enriched by recent literary texts, the works of Nobel laureates, Nadine Gordimer and J M Coetzee among them. The course is complemented by several field trips.

Both courses focus on countries victimized by ethnic and racial conflict and on the efforts to confront a violent past, restore justice and seek reconciliation in a post-traumatic society. Students live in clean, secure and attractive youth hostel facilities in both locations. Visit:  
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**ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

The Program provides participants with a comprehensive introduction to two distinct histories and cultures of sub-Saharan Africa and introduces some of the challenges facing the continent as it enters the 21st century. The program runs four weeks and offers two, 300-level, 3 credit courses.

**FIELD TRIPS**

**Around Kigali, Rwanda**
1. Gisozi Genocide Museum  
2. Hotel Mille Collines  
3. Nyamata & Ntarama genocide memorials  
4. Kibuye, Lake Kivu  

**Nairobi, Kenya**
1. Karen Blixen Museum  
2. Giraffe Centre, Sheldrick Elephant Project  
3. Bomas of Kenya  

**Week-end on Lake Tanganyika, Burundi**

**Around Cape Town, South Africa**
1. Cape Winelands  
2. Local Townships  
3. Robben Island Museum & Mandela’s Cell  
4. Table Mountain  
5. Cape Point Nature Reserve  
6. District Six Museum  

**Johannesburg: Apartheid Museum**

**ESTIMATED COSTS**

All students pay SUNY tuition and a Program Fee which covers accommodation, field trips and administrative costs. In addition, participants will bear the costs of all airfares, meals, health insurance, and miscellaneous personal expenses.

**Program Fee:** $5000  
(includes tuition costs for 6 credits)

**Additional Charges:**  
Airfare (NYC-Cape Town) $1800  
Airfare (Johannesburg-Kigali) $1100  
Meals / Discretionary Spending $700
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applications are welcomed from undergraduate students enrolled at any college or university with a minimum overall average of B (3.0/4.0).

Applications must be received no later than April 15, 2013.

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