Rebuilding Sierra Leone: Changing Institutions and Culture

Friday, April 1, 2011

Welcome and Introduction to Conference

Joel Samuels, Associate Professor, University of South Carolina
Walter F. Pratt, Jr., Dean, School of Law, University of South Carolina
Harris Pastides, President, University of South Carolina

Panel 1: Sierra Leone in Context

Moderator: Ron Atkinson, Professor of History – USC

- Chris DeCorse – Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University: *Sierra Leone’s Vanishing Past*
- Herb Frazier – Author, Behind God’s Back; Public Relations and Marketing Manager, Magnolia Plantation, Charleston, SC: *The Gullah Link to Sierra Leone*
- Kevin Lowther, Author, *The African American Odyssey of John Kizell: Confronting Spirits from a Buried Past*
- Joseph Opala – Director, Bunce Island Coalition & Coordinator, Bunce Island Conservation Project: *Sierra Leone Today*

Panel 2: Paths to Rebuilding Sierra Leone

Moderator: Wadie Said, Assistant Professor of Law – USC

- Erika George – Professor of Law, University of Utah: *Framing the Rule of Law Discussion in Sub-Saharan Africa*
- Jenny Moore – Professor of Law, University of New Mexico: *Cultivating the Rule of Law: The Work of Grass-Roots Organizations in Sierra Leone’s Reconstruction*
- Amb. June Carter Perry – Former U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone, Howard University Diplomat-in-Residence and Member of AFRICARE Board of Directors: *A Perspective on Women's Human Rights and Health in Sierra Leone*
- Lt. Col. Mark Daubney – Lieutenant Colonel, Royal Engineers (UK): *Security Sector Reform in Sierra Leone*
Panel 3: The Special Court for Sierra Leone

Moderator: Anu Chakravarty, Asst. Professor of Political Science – USC

- Amb. David Scheffer – Professor of Law, Northwestern University & Former United States Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes: *Establishing the Special Court for Sierra Leone*
- Jim Hodes – Attorney, The Cochran Law Firm & Former Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone: *Prosecuting Cases in the Special Court for Sierra Leone*
- Anthony Triolo – International Center for Transitional Justice & Former Liaison Officer, Special Court for Sierra Leone
- Valerie Oosterveld – Professor of Law, University of Western Ontario: *The Gender Jurisprudence of the Special Court for Sierra Leone*

Panel 4: The Problem of Child Soldiers

Moderator: Dr. John Carlarne, Assoc. Dir. – USC Rule of Law Collaborative

- Daniel Hoffman – Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Washington: *Children at the Front*
- Mark Drumbl – Professor of Law, Washington & Lee University: *Child Soldiers and the International Legal Imagination*
- Noah Novogrodsky – Associate Professor of Law, University of Wyoming: *Sierra Leone Writ Large*