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## Drew University Center for Holocaust/Genocide Study

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# The Crisis in Sudan

March 1, 8, 22, 29, 2012  
4 -6 p.m.

Brothers College Bldg.  
Room 120  
Drew University  
Madison, NJ

**Reservation Required**  
**\$40 per person for**  
**4 sessions**  
**Continuing Education Credits**  
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## Introduction

Referred to as the first genocide of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the ethnic cleansing in Darfur as well as the on-going conflict in Sudan has been in the forefront of the world's attention for nearly a decade. With over 400,000 dead and two and half million people displaced, we are looking at the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today.

How did this tragedy come about? How has the history of the region been fostered by colonial rule; tribal conflicts; racial prejudice and economic competition? Why have the Darfurian people been targeted for elimination?

South Sudan became the youngest country in the world when it was born on July 9, 2011. Many believed that this was the end of the conflict in Sudan and the genocide in Darfur. This is far from the case. In this seminar we will look at the history of the region, origins of the conflict and genocide, the attempts at advocacy and the effects on the survivors, both in Sudan and in diaspora, especially in the United States.



Map of Sudan, the Darfur region and South Sudan\*

## Session I

**Thursday, March 1, 2012**

### The History of Sudan

After an orientation to the four sessions of our course, we will delve into the history of Sudan with Professor Jay Spaulding of Kean University, an expert in this field. We will examine this African country through multiple lenses: origins of the various tribes; culture and religions; the relationship to neighboring states; the colonial period and independence.

## Session II

**Thursday, March 8, 2012**

### The Political Situation

New Jersey has been at the forefront of the American response to the genocide in Darfur. Congressman Donald Payne has led the congressional action for divestment and for aid; we will hear from the Congressman via a representative from his office about the current activity in Washington. We will hear the personal stories of both a physician who escaped with his life through the intervention of an international medical organization, and a teacher who continues her activism in the United States. We will hear messages from Sudanese activists in other states who work with American human rights organizations about the effects of the arrest warrant issued by the International Criminal Court for the President of the Sudan in 2010 and also about the birth of South Sudan and what this says for the future of the region.

## Session III

**Thursday, March 22, 2012**

### Activism

At this session we will be joined by the leadership of the *New Jersey Coalition Responds to the Crisis in Darfur*: Melanie Gorelick and Janet Nelson. Other representatives from coalitions and activist groups in the metropolitan New York area will describe their advocacy on behalf of the Darfurian people. We will also hear from Blanche Foster, Director of the *Darfur Rehabilitation Project* in New Jersey, a group dedicated to helping Darfurian immigrants, refugees and political asylees.

## Session IV

**Thursday, March 29, 2012**

### The Present Situation

Recent refugees from the Darfur Resettlement Project of the Jewish Vocational Service in East Orange will bring us into the present and explain how we can be involved today in welcoming these newest survivors of genocide. We will look at the present condition of women and girls in the Sudan with Professor Nada Ali of the New School. The seminar will conclude with Sudanese artist and professor, Khalid Kodi, whose moving and beautiful images of art-as-activism and as peace-making give us hope and inspiration for the future.

\*Map courtesy of  
<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/su.html>