

# Lewis & Clark



## Welcome and Celebration of Dallaire Scholarship

At our October 20, 2019 Welcome for our 14<sup>th</sup> Dallaire Scholar, **Kayambi Ngabonzizi**, nearly 70 people gathered in Frank Manor, Armstrong Lounge, for the occasion.



Kayambi is from Kigali, Rwanda, and received his diploma from Samuduha Integrated College in 2015. He discovered a passion for filmmaking, trained with Almond Tree Films, and was employed by Azam TV. He has volunteered with young people to help them tell their own stories through video. Kayambi's most recent project is a film based on his brother's experiences after the genocide called "Rise from the Ashes."

## Endowment Achieved!!

Thanks to the efforts and donations of hundreds of contributors, we have met our endowment goal! By becoming endowed, the Roméo Dallaire Scholarship now has the income to provide transportation, books, health insurance, taxes, and a small stipend for one scholar each year.

When we add this to the donations from Lewis & Clark for tuition and housing, and Bon Appétit for a meal plan, we have enough to continue bringing a student from sub-Saharan Africa here to study in the Academic English Studies department each academic year. The College and the volunteer committee absorb all administrative costs.

## New Scholarship Initiative for Local Portland Refugees and Immigrants

Inspired by the compassion for community and forward-thinking attitudes our past Dallaire Scholars have brought with them, the Dallaire Scholarship Committee has decided to continue working together with you toward a new goal that we believe will help us strengthen our community.

We are, therefore, honored to launch the [Michael Graham Scholarship for Refugees and Immigrants](#), and we anticipate welcoming our first scholar next academic year, 2020-21.

These are students who will benefit from instruction in advanced academic English to better position themselves for higher education.

This scholarship will pay for one academic year's tuition, books, and a bus pass for non-residential students to study in the Academic English Studies program at Lewis & Clark. We have named this local scholarship after Michael Graham '06 who proposed and help initiate the Roméo Dallaire Scholarship.



*Michael Graham with Romeo Dallaire, Commencement 2013*

## More about Michael Graham '06

As an undergraduate student at Lewis & Clark, Michael went independently to Rwanda, identified a need and worked with AES to establish the Dallaire Scholarship. Also while a student, Michael interned one summer at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in DC and then upon graduation, was invited to work with them. While there, he continued to contribute concrete ideas and approaches on how to address the challenges faced by those displaced in our times.

He founded and managed the award-winning Genocide Prevention Mapping Initiative. He took part in seven field missions to Darfur and visited the refugee camps, went to Chad and back to Rwanda and on to the conflict areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Later, after completing his MA at Tufts' Fletcher School, he worked in Afghanistan and in Washington, and has consulted on water rights projects in the Niger Delta, on cacao value chain financing in Honduras, on a Genocide Intervention Network in D.R. Congo, and so much more.

Michael has worked tirelessly with a steadfast commitment to promoting greater understanding of humanitarian concerns in our world.

Today, Michael continues his work at the grass roots level with refugees and immigrants in Denver at a location known as *Lost City* - a community space that includes a coffee shop and restaurant focused on building a social impact mission in partnership with Comal, a nonprofit incubator that provides training to refugee and immigrant women from Latin America, Syria, Ethiopia, Iraq and other parts of the world.

He soft-launched earlier this fall and is redesigning the space over the winter to include a craft cocktail bar and offer language classes (starting with French and Spanish), a small international bookstore, live music, and a multitude of events and fundraisers.



*Pictured above (L to R): Michael Graham; Susan Wynne, Dallaire Committee chair; Kayambi Ngabonzizi, 14<sup>th</sup> Dallaire Scholar*

*We encourage you to make a gift at this time.*

To give to the **Roméo Dallaire Scholarship**, please follow this [link](#).

To give to the **Michael Graham Scholarship**, please follow this [link](#).

If you have any questions about either of these scholarships, please contact Dallaire Committee chair, Susan Wynne at [swynne@lclark.edu](mailto:swynne@lclark.edu).

For questions about giving a gift, please contact Stephen LeBoutillier, Director of Annual Giving, at 503-768-7940 or [sgl@lclark.edu](mailto:sgl@lclark.edu)

## Thank You - Zimbabwe Artists Project

The Zimbabwe Artists Project (ZAP) was a nonprofit group founded by Lewis & Clark sociology professor emeritus Dick Adams.

In 1997, Dick led a three-month overseas trip to Zimbabwe. When he returned he started ZAP to help promote and support women artists who live in rural Weya, Zimbabwe.

For many years, the Dallaire Scholarship Committee worked with ZAP to sell African artwork created by the women of Weya, benefiting both organizations.

Earlier this year, ZAP closed its doors, and donated their remaining art inventory to the Dallaire Scholarship.



This year, proceeds from the on campus **ZAP SALE AND AFRICAN COFFEE BREAK** on November 20 supported the Michael Graham Scholarship.

This was the final on-campus sale of items from the Zimbabwe Artists Project (ZAP), and with the leadership of Greg Fredricks, Katharine Lawrence, and Susan Wynne, sales provided over \$1700 for the new Michael Graham Scholarship for Immigrants and Refugees. Thanks to all!

### Dallaire Scholarship Committee members:

Current faculty and staff: Alexis Olson, Laura Shier, Nicole Aldorondo (Academic English Studies); Mark Duntley (Spiritual Life); Rebecca Holt (Senior Development Officer); Cecilia Benenati, Instructor of Spanish; Isabelle DeMarte, Associate Professor of French (World Languages); and Laura Vinson (International Affairs). Community volunteer Katharine Lawrence; retired administrator Michael Ford; retired staff member Susan Wynne; emeriti faculty members Greg Fredricks, Joann Geddes, and Rich Peck; and current student Portia Uwaze