

Post-Traumatic Growth in Testimonies from Survivors and Perpetrators of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide (Rwandan Stories of Change)

Six-monthly Report to Advisory Board

January - June 2016

Project Team: Prof Nicki Hitchcott, Dr Laura Blackie & Prof Stephen Joseph

1. Changes to Project Team

- Nicki promoted to Professor and accepted new position at St. Andrews (starting 1 Sept 2016).
- Laura accepted a permanent Assistant Professor position in the School of Psychology, University of Nottingham (starting 1 Sept 2016).
- Research Fellow position will be readvertised later this summer.

2. Collaboration with Genocide Archive of Rwanda

- Laura visited in January 2016
- Nicki & Laura due to visit in June 2016
- Back translation of first batch of interviews completed
- Data analysis & manuscript preparation underway
- Second batch of interviews translated
- Back translation scheduled for July/August

3. Social Media

- Twitter feed @Rwandan SOChange currently has 156 followers.

4. Academic Dissemination

- 7-9 January 2016: Laura presented at the Cultivating Virtues: Interdisciplinary Approaches Conference, University of Oxford.
- 7-8 February 2016: Laura gave an invited presentation at the Strengthening of Character Meeting hosted by the John Templeton Foundation in Philadelphia, USA.
- 4 February 2016: Laura & Nicki presented at the Postcolonial and Post-Conflict Trauma Narratives Research Seminar, University of Nottingham
- 6 April 2016: Laura gave an invited presentation at the Jubilee Centre at University of Birmingham.
- 14 April 2016: Laura gave an invited presentation at Mittuniversitetet - Mid Sweden University.
- 26 April 2016: Laura presented at the British Psychological Society Annual Conference at University of Nottingham.
- 27 May 2016: Laura presented at the Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention in Chicago, USA.
- 6 June 2016: Nicki to give an invited presentation at African Literature in the UK workshop, Kings College London.
- 10 June 2016: Laura & Nicki to present at Memory & Postcolonial Studies Conference, University of Nottingham

5. Engagement events

- 4 April 2016: Film screening of "Rising From Ashes" at Broadway Cinema, Nottingham.
- 27 & 28 April 2016: Public lecture by Associate Director titled Rwanda: Theatre for Change at Nottingham Playhouse, Nottingham.

6. Seminar Series "Rwanda: After 1994"

- 29 January 2016 Esther Mujawayo
- 4 February 2016 Dr Ananda Breed (University of East London)
- 16 March 2016 Véronique Tadjo
- 5 May 2016 Dr Zoe Norridge (King's College University)

## 7. Publications

- Book chapter in edited volume *Varieties of Virtue Ethics* (by Professor David Carr) in production with Palgrave Macmillan.
- Manuscript "Looking for evidence of Post-traumatic growth in Perpetrators of the Rwanda Genocide" under review.
- Invited manuscript for *Peace & Conflict* due for submission 1 August.