

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

Six-monthly Report to Advisory Board

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1. Collaboration with Genocide Archive of Rwanda

- Nicki, Stephen, Laura and Hannah visited in March 2018 to host a workshop with 25 therapists and psychologists at the Memorial.
- Manuscript for book of testimonies has been completed.
- All translated testimonies will be stored in the archive from September 2018.

2. Website

- Website displays details of publications and latest events, including photos rwandan.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk
- Conference page gives the CfP for our July conference <http://rwandan.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/conference/>

3. Social Media

- Twitter feed @RwandanSOChange currently has 778 followers.
- Project continues to connect with international scholars, artists, and twitter users about Rwanda.

4. Academic Dissemination

- The project conference, 'Rwanda After 1994: Stories of Change' is happening on 6 July 2018; keynotes are Esther Mujawayo-Keiner and Malaika Uwamahoro, and 50 delegates are registered.
- Hannah presented on a roundtable at the 4th International Congress on Resilience in Marseille on 29 June 2018 on strategies for resilience in the wake of violence.
- Nicki and Hannah presented at the 'Words That Kill' conference in Paris on 30 April 2018 on the words of Valérie Bemeriki.
- Hannah presented at a RwandaMAP2020 launch event in Paris, 20 April 2018 on the project.
- Hannah presented at the Trauma Studies conference in Durham on 12 April 2018 on articulating growth in Rwanda.
- Nicki and Hannah presented on the project at a Cultural Memory Workshop at St Andrews on 6 April 2018.

5. Scotland Network

- Nicki spoke at a meeting with the UN Under-Secretary General on the Plan of Action for the Prevention of Genocide, The Scottish Parliament 10 May 2018
- Nicki spoke at Kwibuka 24, Glenrothes Baptist Church, 28 April 2018
- Erin Jessee of Glasgow university delivered a talk at St Andrews on her work on oral history in Rwanda on 21 February 2017

6. Impact and Engagement events

- Film screening of 'The Faces We Lost' took place on 31 January 2018 in St Andrews, where director Piotr Cieplak did a Q+A with the audience.
- Film screening of 'The Uncondemned' took place on 28 February 2018 in St Andrews; Nicki and Hannah responded to audience questions.
- Kigali Therapists Workshop: took place on 27 March 2018 at the Kigali Genocide Memorial. All participants were extremely engaged and we received positive feedback from those involved.

7. Publications

- Blackie, L. and Hitchcott, N., "'I am Rwandan': Unity and Reconciliation in Post-Genocide Rwanda" in *Genocide Studies and Prevention*. Published 2018. <http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/gsp/vol12/iss1/5/>
- Grayson, H. 'Articulating Growth in Rwandan Terms: Adapting the Post-traumatic growth Inventory', *Studies in Testimony*. Published 2018. <https://studiesintestimony.co.uk/issues/volume-one-issue-one/articulating-growth-in-rwandan-terms/>
- Grayson and Hitchcott, eds., *Rwanda After 1994: Stories of Change* (Liverpool University Press, 2019, under contract)
- Blackie, Grayson, Hitchcott, Joseph, eds., *After the Genocide in Rwanda: Testimonies of Violence, Change and Reconciliation* (I.B. Tauris, 2019, under contract)