

**UMBC Africana Studies Hosts its Biennial International Conference
on "African Women, Civil Wars, and Peacebuilding," May 17 - 18, 2023**

Wednesday
May 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday
May 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Banquet of African Food and
Music: May 18, 7 - 10 p.m.**

UMBC University Center Ballroom
1000 Hilltop Circle
Baltimore, MD 21250



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Keynote Speakers



Aili Mari Tripp, Ph.D.

Vilas Research Professor of Political Science
at the University of Wisconsin, Madison

Topic: "Women and Peacebuilding in Africa:
New Challenges and Possibilities"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17
11 a.m. - Noon
UC 312



Cyril Obi, Ph.D.

Program Director at the Social Science Research
Council, New York, and leader of the African
Peacebuilding Network (APN) and the Next
Generation Social Sciences in Africa programs

Topic: "Inequality, Conflict, and Peace:
Prospects for Women in a PostPandemic Africa"

THURSDAY, MAY 18
10:45 a.m. - Noon
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**The conference features a series of talented speakers from around the United States,
Canada, Africa, Asia, and Europe who will discuss topics such as:**

- Wartime conditions and gendered survival strategies
- Women, the military, and female combatants
- Psychology and trauma of wartime rapes, forced motherhood, and stigmatization
- Displacement, migration, and female refugees
- Women in prewar peacemaking and postwar peacebuilding
- Artistic, creative, literary, and media representations of women's war experiences

Plenary Session: Special Panel by UMBC Students

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., UC 312



Jok Abraham Thon
Global Peaceworker Fellow & MPS
Student in Entrepreneurship,
Innovation, and Leadership

Topic: "From Bullets to Books:
Lessons from Women's Experience
and Resilience in South Sudan"



Juelle Lee
Africana Studies Major '24

Topic: "A Living Death: Genocide,
Rape, and Rwandan Women"



Tony Diallo
Africana Studies Major '24

Topic: "Rising from the Ashes:
Women's Role in Peacebuilding
and Politics in Post-Genocide
Rwanda"



Mahlet Gebre-Egziabher
Political Science Major '24

Topic: "War Upon Womanhood:
Examining the Trauma of Sexual
Violence in the Ethiopia-Tigray
Conflict"