

The Lost Boys Overcoming Trauma

- 5:00 pm Welcome & Introductions
- 5:30 pm James Alic Garang
Political Instability (War) and
Economic Development:
The Consequences of War in
the Sudan
- 5:40 pm Amadou Niang
Sudanese Refugees' Integration in
Salt Lake City
- 5:50 pm Abdullahi A. Gallab
Sudan's Religious Heritage:
Islam, Christianity, and Africanity
- 6:00 pm David Randle
Global Healing:
Increasing Awareness and
Connectedness with People
Around the World
- 6:10 pm Questions for presenters
- 6:30 pm Sudanese Choir Performances
- 6:45 pm Keynote Speaker: Lako Tongun
The Lost Boys
Overcoming Trauma: Reflections
on and Celebrations of Success
in the United States of America
- 7:15 pm Questions for Keynote Speaker
- 7:30 pm Social Hour
Enjoy traditional Sudanese food
prepared by Jinub Sudan Catering

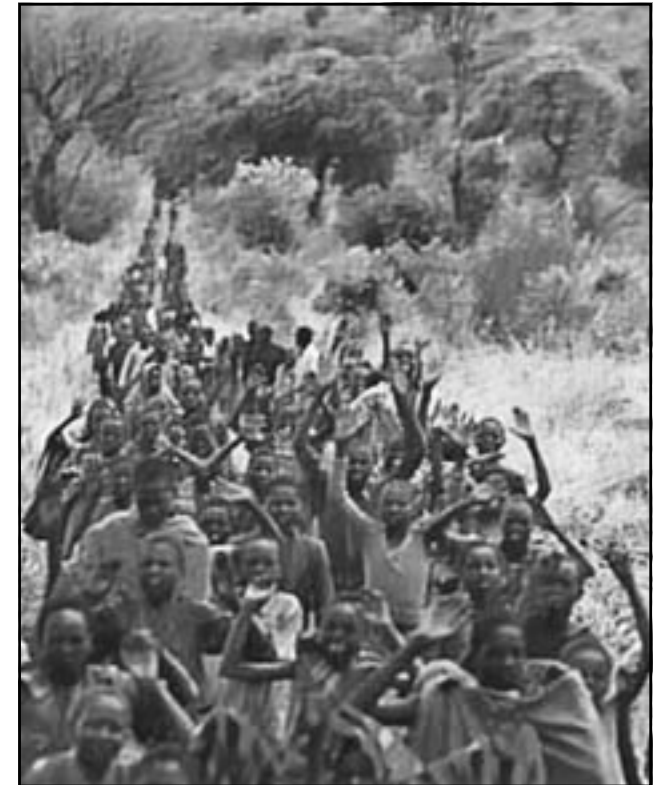


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Stories of Courage and Success
Despite Traumatic Cultural Conflict

Symposium and Social
September 18, 2004 | 5-9 p.m.
Salt Lake Community College
Student Event Center

Lako Tongun, Ph.D. Keynote Speaker



Lako Tongun was a “lost boy” in an earlier war in Sudan the 1950’s. His experience was similar to that of the Lost Boys/Girls from the current war. He was 14 years old when he and 6 others walked from Sudan to Uganda in 1962. All 7 of these Lost Boys obtained Ph.D.s in the United States and are some of the most influential members of the Sudanese People’s Liberation Movement. Since moving to the United States, Dr. Tongun has obtained a B.A. in Government and Economics, two M.A. degrees: one in Eco-

nomics and one in Political Science, and a Ph.D. in Political Science. He has also been a Visiting Lecturer at UC Davis and has given numerous presentations on international issues including the civil war in Sudan. He has received several honors and awards including the Award for Intellectual Contribution from the Association for the Advancement of Policy, Research and Development in the Third World. Dr. Tongun is currently an Associate Professor of International/Intercultural Studies and Political Studies at Pitzer College. He will discuss his Lost Boy life experience from Sudan to the United States and his education and successes.

Abdullahi A. Gallab, Ph.D.



Abdullahi A. Gallab teaches sociology at Brigham Young University. He taught communications and journalism at Hiram College Ohio. He studied sociology and communications at Brigham Young and Boston universities. As a Sudanese journalist, he worked for Arabic newspapers in the Sudan, Lebanon, and England. He has served previous Sudanese governments before 1989 as Information Counselor in London, Press Advisor to the Prime Minister, and Director General of Information.

He will present Sudan’s Religious Heritage: Islam, Christianity, and Africanity, addressing the Sudan’s complex religious heritage. Even before the colonial era, there was an older interplay between Islam, Christianity and other Sudanese religions, which he called Africanity. This interplay between religions together with their cultural and political reproductions has produced both social complexity and conflict. How could we transform all this wealth and depth of human experience into new possibilities and opportunities of building a good new society? He will present a quick look at the Sudanese soul in its complexity and its long search for its own well being and peace.

James Alic Garang



Because of political upheavals in Sudan, James fled his home to Ethiopia in 1987 and eventually to Kenya in 1992. He lived in the Kakuma refugee camp, which he describes as unbearable with a dearth of food supplies, water shortage, no medication, shattered shelter, insecurity, and lack of ample qualified teachers. James is one of the million children born into war and who witnessed its evils and atrocities. He, like many of his fellow “Lost Boys and Girls”, grew up when Sudan was suffering from political and identity

crises; He was forced to spend half of his life writhing with pain, hunger and homesickness away from his parents.

On June 12, 2001, James was resettled in America. Despite his disadvantageous upbringing in the war torn country, James has done well in school and in social settings. In 2004, James received his Associates Degree in Economics from Salt Lake Community College. He is currently a McNair Scholar and a Junior in Economics at the University of Utah. James is considering a graduate degree in law or economics.

James acknowledges that war has done harm to the group known as the “Lost Boys,” ut he feels it has been a blessing in disguise because of what they have achieved despite overreaching hardships. James thanks God, United States Government, American Public, UN and US conference of catholic bishops for the care they extend to them. They will never forget it!

Amadou Niang



Amadou Niang is an education specialist and a former Fulbright Scholar from Mali, West Africa. He got his first and second college degrees in Mali in Modern Languages, Arts and in ESL. He got another degree in Insurance Business from the African International Institute of Insurance Studies, in Cameroon. He completed a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership at Northern Arizona University before coming to the University of Utah where he is currently pursuing a Ph.D.

in Educational Foundations at the Department of Education Culture & Society. Mr. Niang taught French and ESL in Mali from 1984 to 1999. Since the fall of 2001 he has worked at the University of Utah as both Teaching Assistant and Instructor. Amadou Niang’s doctoral research focus is on Sudanese Refugees’ integration in Salt Lake City.

Dr. David W. Randle



Dave holds a B.A. from California Lutheran University, an M.Div. from the Iliff School of Theology, and a doctorate in Spiritual Disciplines, Wellness and Environmental Concerns from the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO. He currently works as president and executive director of the WHALE Center (Wellness Health And Lifestyle Education), an interfaith organization affiliated with the United Religions Initiative.

As the first ordained environmental minister in the nation, Dave has successfully coordinated a national campaign to preserve water, wildlife, and wilderness areas, served as political and environmental advisor and coordinator with John Denver’s Windstar Foundation. He was selected as one of the five lead off witnesses for hearings by the U. S. Presidential Commission for a Peace Academy & Conflict Resolution, helped lead a team of 150 persons at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Dave has worked with several local and national groups to provide follow-up leadership training for integrity of creation, justice and peace issues for intergenerational teams from local churches, youth from the International Four Worlds Earth Ambassador Program, the Salt Lake County Peer Leadership Development team, and a special leadership training in environmental concerns with youth involved in local gangs.

More recently, Dave has been working to address environmental issues within the framework of the United Religions Initiative where, in collaboration with UNEP, he developed the Earth and Faith Leadership Development Program that was piloted in the Olympic Village in Salt Lake City. The Olympic Committee in turn recognized the environemtnal program with a Spirt and the Land Olympic Award.

Dave also worked to successfully launch the Call to Global Healing whose premiss is that there can be no peace without justice and no justice without sustainability. It was shared at a meeting that Dave co-facilitated for the U.N. Environment Programme at the U.N. in NY as part of the International Day of Peace Celebration. Dave and the WHALE Center were recently presented an award at the United Nations headquarters in New York fo rthis work.