

**May 14, 2024**

**Fulbright Lunch and Learn Series – Fulbright Specialists**

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**Fulbright Specialists Panel Participants:**

**Dr. Feldman**

Dr. Laurie Beth Feldman is a Distinguished Professor of Psychology Emerita, University at Albany, who returned to Belgrade, Serbia in June 2023 supported by a Fulbright Specialist Award. The city was familiar to her because about forty years before she had conducted her dissertation research at the Laboratory of Experimental Psychology at the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Belgrade. Her Fulbright host was Professor Dusica Filipovic-Djurdjevic, a top-notch female researcher and lecturer recently promoted to Full Professor. Their goals were to introduce her graduate students to the intricacies of international collaborations, and to prepare them to present high-quality work at international meetings and to publish the results of this research in international journals.

**Dr. Nyaronga**

Dr. Nyaronga, an accomplished Psychology Professor at the State University of New York (SUNY)-Empire State University, also holds a concurrent position as a visiting Professor at SUNY University at Buffalo (UB). With a strong commitment to academia and community engagement, Dr. Nyaronga co-directs the UB Summer Study Abroad Program to Tanzania, focusing on "Community Development in Context: Mara Region, Tanzania." His research delves into critical topics including immigration and refugee crises, gender equality, women's education, and empowerment in Africa, shedding light on their profound impact on individuals' physical and mental well-being. As a Fulbright scholar and a member of esteemed organizations such as the American Psychological Association (APA) and the National Council on Family Relations (NCRF), Dr. Nyaronga has made significant contributions through his co-authored books, book chapters, and publications in peer-reviewed journals. His outstanding work has been recognized with numerous research awards, including the recent Arthur Imperatore Community Fellowship at Empire State University. He has also played a leadership role as the former chair of the Academic Personnel Committee (APC) at Empire, and he remains deeply engaged in the scholarly community, serving as a reviewer for prestigious journals and organizations such as the Center for Global Development (CGD), Sage Publications, Journal of Substance Use, and Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research.

**Dr. Perry**

Dr. Leah Perry is Associate Professor of Literature, Communication, and Cultural Studies at

SUNY-Empire State University and a Fulbright Scholar (Hungary 2017-18 and 2019; Romania 2022-2023). She is the author of *The Cultural Politics of U.S. Immigration: Gender, Race, and Media* (New York University Press, 2016), and *Indigenous Dispossession, Anti-Immigration, and The Public Pedagogy of U.S. Empire* (forthcoming, Ohio State University Press, 2024). Her work can also be seen in the book collections *Cultural Studies and the 'Juridical Turn': Culture, Law, and Legitimacy in the Era of Neoliberal Capitalism* (Routledge, 2016), *American Shame: Stigma and the Body Politic* (University of Indiana Press, 2016), and *Migration, Identity, and Belonging: Defining Borders and Boundaries of the Homeland* (Routledge, 2020) and in journals such as *Cultural Studies* and *Lateral*. Dr. Perry received her doctorate from George Mason University in Cultural Studies, a Master of Arts from New York University in Humanities and Social Thought, a Master of Arts and Religion from Yale Divinity School, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Manhattanville College. Her research and teaching interests encompass gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, migration, Indigenous studies, and media and popular culture. She previously served the American Studies Association as co-chair of the Committee on Gender and Sexuality Studies from 2014-2016.

### **Dr. Savior**

Dr. Richard Savior serves as an Associate Professor of Management & Human Resource Management at SUNY Empire State University. An accomplished global scholar, he has taught in ten countries and had the privilege of serving as a Stevens Initiative Fellow at the American University of Technology in Beirut, Lebanon and as a Fulbright Scholar at Princess Sumaya University for Technology in Amman Jordan. Prior to becoming an academic, he served as a managing director for a U.S. based management consulting firm and as a chief human resource officer for a multinational technology organization where he was responsible for providing strategic leadership by articulating HR needs and plans to the executive management team, shareholders, and the board of directors for operations in the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. As an educator, he brings the theoretical foundation of a doctorate in Educational Leadership, Administration & Policy from Fordham University, a research agenda centered on examining the complexity of leadership, human capital, governance and strategy across multiple cultural perspectives and organizational environments, and the applied knowledge gained from working and teaching on four continents throughout his professional career.