



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
**UCHRI**  
HUMANITIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Scholars Present Public Talks on Race in South Africa**

**WHAT:** Notable scholars from around the globe will discuss a world without racism as they take part in the “Archives of the Non-Racial: A Mobile Workshop in South Africa” this summer, delivering public lectures on global race issues. Sponsored by the University of California Humanities Research Institute (UCHRI) and the University of the Witwatersrand, WITS Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER), with support from the John Hope Franklin Humanities Institute at Duke University and Goethe Institut, Johannesburg, the workshop will feature public lectures, exhibits, entertainment and conversations at historically significant South African sites, marking the late Nelson Mandela’s struggle against apartheid. The public lectures are free and open to all.

**WHEN/WHERE:** June 29-July 11, 2014 in Johannesburg, Mbabane, Durban, Ginsberg and Cape Town, South Africa

**WHY:** “We’re starting in Johannesburg as it is the site of significant anti-apartheid resistance,” said [David Theo Goldberg](#), UCHRI director and a leading expert on race and racism. “What’s driving this workshop is thinking about what society might look like without race, but not assuming that the history of race never happened. Significant racial characterization remains in all parts of the world. Given the history of racism, how do you think about a future unbounded by its pernicious conditions and what are the resources that we have to think about that set of questions? South Africa is obviously a compelling site for all it’s been through and where it is at the moment. And, so, the premise of the mobility of the workshop is to travel through these sites of anti-apartheid resistance in order to draw on those historical resources and the sensibility of the place, to think about key issues of race and racism, their legacies and a just future.”

#### **PUBLIC LECTURE HIGHLIGHTS:**

**June 29:** “History of Non-Racialism in South Africa” will be presented with [Ahmed Kathrada](#), South African politician, anti-apartheid activist and former political prisoner, in conversation with [Achille Mbembe](#), political science professor at the University of the Witwatersrand.

**June 30:** “Can the Subaltern Genome Code? Rethinking Race, Science, and Subjectivity” by [Ruha Benjamin](#), assistant professor of sociology and African American studies at Boston University; and “Histories of Anti-Racism: Commemorating Stuart Hall” by David Theo Goldberg.

**July 2:** “Strange Fruits: Bananas, Racism, Sex and Capitalism” by [Françoise Vergès](#), Consulting Professor at the Center for Cultural Studies, Goldsmiths College, University of London, and president of the Comité pour la Mémoire et l’Histoire de l’Esclavage in France.

**July 4:** “Race, Class and the Significance of Durban” by Ashwin Desai, Alex Lichtenstein, and Riason Naidoo

**July 7:** “The Trouble with Non-Racialism” by [Kelly Gillespie](#), senior anthropology lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand.

**July 9:** “Dutch Racism” by author [Philomena Essed](#), with a response from [Gina Dent](#), UC Santa Cruz associate professor of feminist studies.

**July 10:** “Anti-Racism: Transnational Solidarities” by activist-author-scholar [Angela Y. Davis](#), UC Santa Cruz professor emerita of feminist studies.

**COMPLETE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:**

[http://jwtc.org.za/programme\\_2014/full\\_programme.htm](http://jwtc.org.za/programme_2014/full_programme.htm)

**MORE INFORMATION:** <http://jwtc.org.za>

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Mimi Ko Cruz, [mcruz@hri.uci.edu](mailto:mcruz@hri.uci.edu), 949-824-4587