

# News Release

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Olympic Hall, Room 120  
South Seattle Community College  
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Thursday, Feb. 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

## ***Africans and African-Americans: A Conversation about Racism, Community and Identity***

After a casual conversation evolved into an explorative analysis of racism and its effects on African and African-Americans, Dr. Wairimu Kiambuthi knew the discussion needed to continue. Thus was formed the idea for her new four-part documentary series.

The presentation of “*Africans and African-Americans*,” sponsored by the offices of Diversity & Retention and General Studies, is free and open to the public. Dr. Kiambuthi will be available for post-event discussion.

“Many documentaries have examined African-American issues,” said Dr. Kiambuthi, “And many more have exported Africa through its wildlife, peoples and misfortunes. Yet there has been little attempt to weave stories based on the diversity and richness of both cultures.”

Kiambuthi hopes the series will promote dialog and increase understanding, friendship and cooperation amongst African peoples in the United States.

She notes that the participants in her documentary are educated, middle-class Africans and African-Americans, people whose visibility has been either under-represented or overshadowed by the media focus on crime and drugs within the Black community. This cross-section of the Black community expresses its views in an uncensored, raw and thought-provoking manner.

“*Africans and African-Americans: A Conversation about Racism, Community and Identity*” has been accepted in the African Film Festival, New York, and will be screened at the Museum for Africans in Diaspora, San Francisco.

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Campus Community:

The following press release about the February 15 airing of the documentary, "*Africans and African-Americans: A Conversation about Racism, Community and Identity*" was sent to:

**MEDIA**

ColorsNW Magazine, Highline Times/Des Moines News, The Initiative, Runta Somali News Magazine, The Seattle Medium, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Seattle Times, The Skanner, The Stranger, West Seattle Herald/White Center News, SCCtv, The City Collegian – Seattle Central, The Polaris – North Seattle.

**ONLINE MEDIA CALENDARS**

City of Seattle: Online Calendar of Community Events, Craigslist, Fauntleroy Community Association, KPLU NPR 88.5 FM, Megawatt - West Seattle, Northwest Source, Puget Sound Business Journal: Calendar , Seattle Convention & Visitors Bureau, Seattle Insider (KIRO TV): Calendar of Events, Seattle PI: community, cultural, arts, Seattle Spin: events, culture & media, Seattle Times: community, cultural, arts, Seattle Weekly: Calendar of Culture and Arts Events, Seattle Woman Magazine, Seattle24x7.com: Calendar of Events, The (Tacoma) News Tribune: Community Events, The Business Examiner - Pierce County and South Sound Editions: Calendar of Events.

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