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## 'NATO and the destruction of Libya' next topic in Laurier's Mandela lecture series

WATERLOO – Leading African Studies scholar **Horace Campbell** will be the next speaker in the Nelson Mandela lecture series, hosted by Wilfrid Laurier University and the [Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa](#).

Campbell's public lecture, entitled "NATO and the Destruction of Libya", will take place **Thursday, Feb. 25** from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** in the **Peters Building, room 1025/1027**, on Laurier's Waterloo campus. The event, which is co-sponsored by the City of Brantford and Laurier's Criminology Students' Association, is free and open to all.

"We are excited to have Dr. Campbell speak at Laurier. In him, we have a stellar scholar on African American studies and international politics," said **Oliver Masakure**, an associate professor of Business Technology Management and Human Rights and Human Diversity at Laurier's Brantford campus and director of the Tshepo Institute. "His lecture on the mayhem in Libya will bring a nuanced and refreshing perspective on economic and political challenges facing Africa and, what we must do about it."

A renowned speaker, author and blogger, Campbell holds a joint professorship in African American Studies and Political Science at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He has also been appointed the 2016-17 Kwame Nkrumah Chair of African Studies at the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana, Legon.

Campbell has published more than 60 journal articles and a dozen monographs as well as chapters in edited books and is a regular blogger. He is the author of *Reclaiming Zimbabwe: the Exhaustion of the Patriarchal Model of Liberation*, and *Pan Africanism, Pan Africanists and African Liberation in the 21st Century*. His most famous book, *Rasta and Resistance: from Marcus Garvey to Walter Rodney* is going through its eighth printing and has been translated into French, Turkish and Italian. He is also the author of *Barack Obama and 21st Century Politics: A Revolutionary Moment in the USA* (Pluto Press, London 2010). His latest book is *Global NATO and the Catastrophic Failure in Libya: Lessons for Africa in the Forging of African Unity* (Monthly Review Press 2013).

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