

The African Studies Program invites you to a public lecture by  
Professor Ruramisai Charumbira (University of Texas-Austin)

# BLACK COLONY, WHITE MEMORY

*The Price of Commemorating  
Occupation in Rhodesia, 1890-1980*

Zimbabwe's seeming tendency toward crisis since its founding as a colony in 1890 has the country in the grip of yet another set of crises of "biblical" proportions. The current debates and hand wringing about the situation in Zimbabwe have rightly focused on the country's 89-year old ruler, Robert Mugabe, as a major element in what ails Zimbabwe. However, the almost obsessive focus on Mugabe does not allow for historically grounded analysis of how ordinary citizens participate in crafting national identities - by race, ethnicity, gender and class, among other social variables. The presentation focuses on how societies remember, and how when those in power invoke their own historical memories of privilege, they often exclude (and humiliate) others thereby creating cycles of inequities and dispossession - and crises over time.

**MARCH 11, 2013  
4-5:30PM  
2520D UCC**

*Light refreshments will be served.  
Free and open to the public*

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