

## Karibuni (Welcome)

The KSP originated from a J-term course in 1972. The success of this initial trip ultimately led to the creation of a semester long program in Nairobi by 1974. Since its humble beginnings the KSP has grown to be a truly East African semester with components across Kenya and northern Tanzania and students often completing independent studies in Uganda or even Rwanda. The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is a chance to celebrate the broader impact of the St. Lawrence Kenya connection and kick off the next 40 years of engagement with East Africa.

## Schedule of Events

### Friday- May 30th

**12:30-2:30: Welcome Chai**- An informal chai/welcome will provide a place to meet and mingle with KSP staff and welcome alumni back to campus. Tea from KSP alumni organization [Ajiri Tea](#) will be served.

**2:30-4:00: Kenya's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Symposium**: (First of four panels exploring Kenya's recent history featuring distinguished visiting scholars)

**I: Citizenship, Identity and the Politics of Belonging**

- "Ethnicity and the Politics of Belonging in Postcolonial Kenya" [Matt Carotenuto](#) (KSP Alumnus--Associate Professor of History, St. Lawrence University)
- "Sport, Gender and Post-colonial Kenya." [Michelle Sikes](#), (Ph.D. Candidate University of Oxford)
- "Promissory Acts and Promissory Notes: money, gender, and gerontocracy in postcolonial Kenya" [Robert Blunt](#) (Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Lafayette College)
- "The Refugee in Kenya" [Brett Shadle](#) (Associate Professor of History, Virginia Tech)

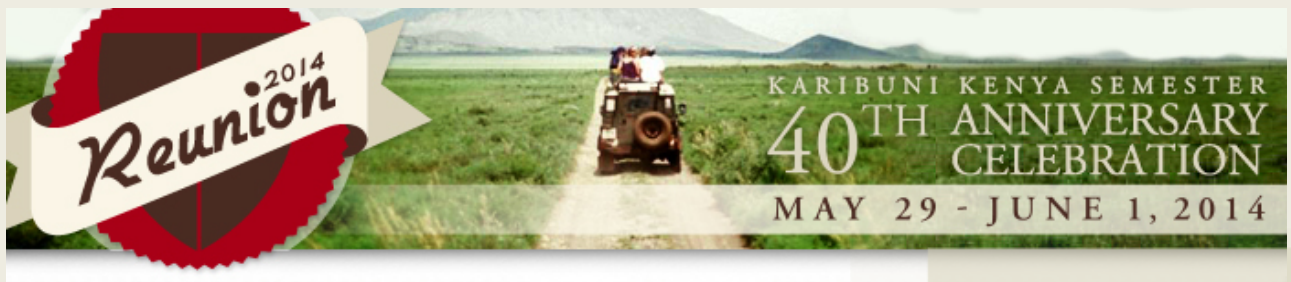
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- Visits with current and former Kenya program staff
- Kenyan themed social events, meals and discussions
- Gallery display of historic KSP photos and ephemera
- A Symposium exploring Kenya's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence 1963-2013
- A chance to learn more about Kenya and interact with distinguished visiting scholars.



Welcome to the St. Lawrence Nairobi Campus in Karen



**4:00-5:30: Welcome Cocktail Reception:** A formal welcome reception in the Student Center offers a chance to meet up with fellow KSP alumni, reconnect with faculty and staff, and chat with our distinguished visiting scholars

**5:30-7:00: Dinner-** Informal participation in large scale campus wide reunion dinner. A chance to continue discussions, reconnect and mingle with four decades of KSP alumni.

**7:00-8:30: Kenya Program Director's Roundtable:** An opportunity to hear from current and past directors on the historic development of the St. Lawrence Kenya connection. Roundtable will include interactive discussions of program history/development, curricular challenges and impact, relationships with local communities and much more.

**Saturday-May 31\***

**8:00-8:30:** Continental Breakfast on campus

**8:30-10:00: SLU Alumni in Kenya Roundtable-** A discussion with SLU alumni with professional ties to East Africa. Hear how the KSP was a launching pad for a number of professional and philanthropic initiatives started by Kenya Program alumni.

**10:30-12:00: Kenya's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Symposium**

II. Nationhood, Popular Culture and Human Rights

- "Marashi ya River Road: A Tour Through 50 Years of Kenya's Popular Music" [Mwenda Ntarangwi](#) (Former KSP Director and Professor of Anthropology-Calvin College)
- "Kenya at 50: Language, Identity and Post-Independence Memory" [Mungai Mutonya](#) (Senior Lecturer in African and African American Studies-Washington University in St. Louis)



Jomo Kenyatta gives speech as Kenya's first Prime Minister at the moment of independence from British Rule in 1963. (Photo Taken by Robert Robinson, father of long time KSP director Paul Robinson)



First J-Term Trip to Kenya in 1972



Students on the "Nairobi" Semester in 1978



- “Historicizing Human Rights in Kenya: Localized Violence versus International Instruments” [Katherine Luongo](#) (Associate Professor of History Northeastern University)

**12:30-2:00:** Lunch at [President William Fox's](#) '75 residence along with France Program 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion participants.

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“III: The Kenyan State: Law, Order, and the Youth Question”

- “The Colonial Antecedents of Post-Colonial Violence in Kenya” [Richard Waller](#) (Associate Professor of History, Bucknell University)
- “Tyranny of Elders: Mobilizing Youth and Crafting Generational Politics in Cold War-Era Kenya, 1945 1978” [Paul Ocobock](#) (Assistant Professor of History, University of Notre Dame)
- “Uhuru wa Bandera?: Continuity and Change in Africanization of the Kenyan Military and Civil Service” [Timothy Parsons](#) (Professor of History & African and African American Studies, Washington University in St. Louis)

**4:00-5:30** Engaging Africa: Through Kenya to the Continent: The history of the Kenya Semester Program (KSP) provides a unique lens to explore St. Lawrence's deep engagement with Africa for over four decades. The Brush Art Gallery will host a three part exhibit on this broader theme. A photographic display will introduced visitors to a thematic history of the program through student experiences and allow alumni to examine the evolution of the KSP since the 1970s. Two other exhibits will allow visitors a chance to explore St. Lawrence connections to the continent beyond a semester abroad in Kenya. Prints from renowned humanitarian photographer [David duChemin](#) will showcase the development work of alumna Kathleen Colson '79 and her NGO [The Boma Project](#), and a third exhibit will display student work and items from the St. Lawrence collection



Students learn about pastoralist lifestyles from their Samburu teachers during a field component



Student practices a lesson in plucking tea during a rural homestay



Students Study wildlife conservation on the Indian Ocean coast during the Independent Study Component



highlighting art from around the continent. This exhibit will showcase [the Engaging Africa Initiative](#) as SLU kicks off the next 40 years of African studies on and off-campus

**6:30-9:00 Engaging Africa Dinner/Reception:** A Kenyan themed dinner will be the signature event for the weekend reunion bringing together KSP alumni and staff, African Studies faculty and visiting scholars for a memorable evening on campus.

### Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>

**8:00-9:00:** Breakfast in Dana: Tables will be reserved for Kenya reunion participants to share a final breakfast together before departure.

**9:00-10:30:** Kenya's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Independence Symposium

#### IV Land, Livelihood and Development

- “Samburu Pastoralists: Still Persisting Fifty Years On” [Carolyn Lesorogol](#) (KSP Alumna and Associate Professor, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University in St. Louis)
- “Land As a Source of National Narratives in Post-independence Kenya” [Martin Shanguhya](#) (Assistant Professor of History, Syracuse University)
- “The Making of Kibera Slum— Colonial Legacies, Postcolonial Politics, and Kenya’s Provincial Administration.” Michelle Osborn (KSP Alumna, Ph.D in Anthropology University of Oxford)

***Karibuni* Canton and Please Encourage your Fellow KSP Alumni to Attend This Exciting Event**



Students plant a tree at the Nairobi campus in honor of the late Kenyan Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai.



Four former SLU scholarship winners elected to the [Kenyan Parliament](#) in 2013. Not shown is Judi Wakhungu '83 Kenya's current Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

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**Learn more about the reunion and KSP today by visiting the Following Links**

- Visit the [Official Reunion Site](#)
- See [Who is Attending Here](#)
- Fill Out the [Reunion Survey](#)
- Join the [KSP Facebook Group](#)
- Support the [Engaging Africa Initiative](#)
- Learn More about the Current [Kenya Semester Program](#)