

Post-Traumatic Growth in Testimonies from Survivors and Perpetrators of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide (Rwandan Stories of Change)

Six-monthly Report to Advisory Board

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1. Collaboration with Genocide Archive of Rwanda
 - Hannah visited in September 2017.
 - Back translation of interviews has been completed.
 - Translation of PTG questionnaire has been completed.
 - Hannah attended the launch of the Genocide Research Hub, an online platform for disseminating research on prevention and peacebuilding (primarily) by Rwandans <http://www.genocidresearchhub.org.rw/>
2. Website
 - Website displays details of publications and latest events, including photos rwandan.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk
 - Conference page gives the CfP for our July conference <http://rwandan.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/conference/>
3. Social Media
 - Twitter feed @RwandanSOChange currently has 620 followers.
 - Project continues to connect with international scholars, artists, and twitter users about Rwanda.
4. Academic Dissemination
 - Nicki was invited to give a keynote lecture at the Australian Society for French Studies, Canberra, 14 December 2017. Her keynote was titled 'The (Un)Believable Truth About Rwanda' and was very well received.
 - Hannah presented at Memory Studies Association Conference in Copenhagen 14 December 2017 on 'Beyond Trauma: Testimonies of Growth in Rwanda'.
 - Hannah presented at Trauma/Resilience conference in Kigali, 11 September 2017 on the project testimonies.
 - Hannah presented at the Medical Humanities conference in Malawi on 24 August 2017 on adapting the PTG questionnaire for use in Rwandan contexts.
 - The project conference, 'Rwanda After 1994: Stories of Change' is happening on 6 July 2018; keynotes (Esther Mujawayo and Malaika Uwamahoro) are confirmed and abstracts are coming in. The deadline for abstracts is 8 January 2018.
5. Scotland Network
 - Erin Jessee of Glasgow university will come to deliver a workshop and lecture at St Andrews on her work on oral history in Rwanda on 21 February 2017
6. Impact and Engagement events
 - Film screening of 'The Faces We Lost' booked for 31 January 2018 in St Andrews, where director Piotr Cieplak will do a Q+A with the audience.
 - Film screening of 'The Uncondemned' booked for 28 February 2018 in St Andrews.
 - Kigali Therapists Workshop: will take place on 27 March 2018 at the Kigali Genocide Memorial. The whole team, plus Laura Blackie, will be in attendance to facilitate the workshop.

7. Publications

- Blackie, Hitchcott, Joseph, "Looking for evidence of Post-traumatic growth in Perpetrators of the Rwanda Genocide" in *Journal of Perpetrator Research*. Published 2017.
<https://journals.winchesteruniversitypress.org/index.php/jpr/article/view/39>
- Grayson, "A place for individuals: positive growth in Rwanda", in *East African Literary and Cultural Studies*. Published 2017.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23277408.2017.1374052>
- Joseph, "After the Genocide in Rwanda: Humanistic Perspectives on Social Processes of Post-Conflict Posttraumatic Growth" in *The Humanistic Psychologist*. Accepted 2017.
- Grayson and Hitchcott, eds., *Rwanda After 1994: Stories of Change* (Liverpool University Press, 2019, under contract)
- Blackie, Grayson, Hitchcott, Joseph, eds., *After the Genocide in Rwanda: Testimonies of Violence, Change and Reconciliation* (I.B. Tauris, 2019, under contract)