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Speaker: Dr. Mutombo Nkulu-N'Sengha

Mutombo Nkulu-N'Sengha is an Assistant Professor at California State University Northridge, since Fall 2003. He is a poet, a teacher, and a human rights activist. He is also a member of the Global Dialogue Institute, and a member of the Center for Global Ethics. This year, he created at CSUN the Global Village Forum.

Before coming to CSUN, he taught at Haverford College (Philadelphia), Temple University (Philadelphia), and Montclair State University (New Jersey) courses as diverse as

Asian Religions; World Religions; Western intellectual heritage; † Philosophical Thinking: An Introduction to Western Philosophy; Interreligious Dialogue; Racial Justice; Basics of Catholic Faith; Christian Ethic; Introduction to the Bible; African Religions; African Philosophy; African Politics; African Civilization, Africa in the 20th Century; Black Church in America; Religions of American Minorities; Death and Dying.

Before coming to the United States for his graduate studies, Mutombo Nkulu-N-Sengha, who has traveled in all the four major continents, studied philosophy, literature, and world history in Africa, and in Rome, where he also worked as broadcaster at the Vatican Radio. Over the last 10 years, he has done research in France, England, Spain, Germany, and Switzerland. In 1997, he represented Temple University in Jakarta (Indonesia) at the International Conference on Dialogue among Muslims, Jews, and Christians. In January (2005) he presented at a Conference at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland) on the impact of African religions in the Americas and in Europe.

After a Masters in Philosophy (in Africa) and a Masters in Theology (magna cum laude, Rome), he pursued graduate studies in the United States where he prepared a Doctorate in Religion and Human Rights at Temple University (Philadelphia) and a Masters in African American Studies. Mutombo has also a certificate in Political Sciences from Rome and a Certificate in Oriental studies (Coptic studies and the language and religion of Pharaonic Egypt).

A good researcher, Mutombo Nkulu-N'Sengha is also a good teacher. In 1997, he was awarded a certificate of merit for excellent teaching by Temple University (Philadelphia). His work is focused on human rights, and on dialogue between civilizations, especially in the field of religion and philosophy. Some of his writings are being used in the classrooms of some American universities.

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He is presently working on a comparative study between African and Korean traditional religions. Mutombo has published extensively in Italian, French, and English. His recent work includes two articles on African philosophy and African epistemology or ways of knowing published this year in California in the "Encyclopedia of Black Studies" (Sage, 2005). He is presently working on two projects: on just war theory and the African response to war on terror (to be published in London); and African religion and violence against women. He is also working on two books: on African theology of human rights, and African contribution to world religions and world peace.

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