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Paul Rusesabagina, the real-life hero whose exploits inspired the movie *Hotel Rwanda*, will speak at Chapman University on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. in Memorial Hall. All tickets -- which were offered free to the campus community and the public - have now been sold out. See below for wait line information.

Rusesabagina, the Hutu manager of a luxury hotel in Rwanda, sheltered more than 1,200 people, including his own Tutsi wife and children, saving their lives at a time when extremist massacred more than 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in just 100 days in 1994. When Rwanda descended into madness, Rusesabagina took action. While militants threatened and surrounded the hotel, he spent hours on the phone, pleading with influential leaders, his international connections his only defense against attack. He bartered the luxury goods of his hotel, such as cigars and expensive wine, for the lives of the strangers seeking refuge with him. Miraculously, no one who was housed at his hotel died. Now he shares his story titled *Hotel Rwanda: A Lesson Yet to Be Learned* firsthand, in the hope that future acts of genocide may be prevented by raising public awareness.

This event is part of The 1939 Clubs Leopold Page Memorial Righteous Rescuers Lecture Series. The event is presented by the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education and the Stern Chair in Holocaust Education. The lecture series is funded by a generous grant from Steven Spielberg's Righteous Persons Foundation. For more information on this speaker, please visit [www.apbspeakers.com](http://www.apbspeakers.com).

**WHEN:** Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Memorial Hall on the Chapman University campus. Chapman University is located at One University Drive in Orange, Calif.

**HOW MUCH:** The lecture is currently sold out. If you are not on the waiting list at this time, you are welcome to stand in the wait line starting at 5 pm on the day of the lecture for the possibility of last-minute ticket releases or openings. Last-minute openings cannot be guaranteed.

**INFORMATION:** The public can call (714) 628-7377 for more information.