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Dr. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela Explores Forgiveness in Post-Apartheid South Africa, Feb. 20

ORANGE, Calif. – Dr. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela, an internationally known psychologist from the University of Cape Town, will lecture on “Trauma, Apology and Forgiveness in Post-Apartheid South Africa” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 20 in Rm. 209 Argyros Forum, on the Chapman University campus. The talk is free and open to the public, and is part of the university’s annual “Phenomenal Women’s Week.” For more information, the public can call (714) 532-7758.

Dr. Gobodo-Madikizela served on South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which was established to investigate atrocities that occurred during apartheid. She is particularly known for her work with Eugene de Kock, a police death squad leader who was so ruthless he became known as “Prime Evil.” Her study of de Kock culminated in her book *A Human Being Died That Night: A South African Woman Confronts the Legacy of Apartheid*. Dr. Gobodo-Madikizela is currently initiating a research unit on the topic of narrative, trauma and forgiveness.

The lecture is sponsored by Chapman University’s Wilkinson College of Letters and Sciences, Chapman’s Peace Studies program, the new support group Women of Wilkinson, Associated Students of Chapman University, the Rodgers Center for Holocaust Education and the Department of Psychology.