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Wednesday, February 3
4:30 PM
LeCraw Auditorium

"From a War Child to a Social Entrepreneur: Crisis Can Mean Opportunity!"

Derreck Kayongo
Founder and Chairman, Global Soap Project

Derreck Kayongo, a former refugee from Uganda who fled the country to escape the rule of dictator Idi Amin, recently fulfilled a lifelong dream by starting the Global Soap Project, a non-governmental organization.

The Global Soap Project focuses on repurposing partially used soaps from hotels into new soap that will be given to vulnerable populations around the world, with an emphasis on Africa. Scientific studies show that hand washing with soap can greatly reduce preventable diseases in lands where diarrhea and acute respiratory diseases kill many children.

Kayongo is hopeful about his own own homeland, although Uganda has lost almost two million people to war and diseases such as HIV/AIDS since gaining independence from Amin's tyrannical political regime.

Kayongo was among the few Ugandans who had the opportunity to flee from Amin's Uganda. He went to Nairobi, Kenya, where he majored in business at Daystar University.

He later settled in the United States where he received his American citizenship. In his twelve years here, Kayongo has developed a robust career in the not-for-profit world.
He has worked with the American Friends Service Committee as program director for the Southeast Peace Education program as well as with Amnesty International as the director of the Southeast region. He currently works as senior advocacy coordinator for the Southeast with CARE International.

Biochemistry major Kevin Chaney will introduce the speaker.

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