

AFRICAN STUDIES PRESENTS

# GATHERING STORM:

## Forest Warriors, Spirits and the Hazards of Localized Conservation Efforts in Malawi

Join us as we explore a moment when a community confronts the damage brought by a historic storm that caused a mudslide which destroyed crops, washed away fragile hillside farms, and swept away homes and inhabitants.

### Presentation Highlights:

- Examine the meaning of the events to local residents of Mount Mulanje
- Hear responses to the storm and other localized environmental disasters which exacerbate impacts of storms like Cyclone Freddy
- Determine how local communities conceptualized their relationship to an environment heavily inhabited by spirits
- Examine the clash of interests and perspectives that roil about the mountain as expressed in local legends, personal experiences narratives, and rumors.



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12:00 - 2:00 PM

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Lunch is provided

RSVP below

