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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Winthrop University students and the Rock Hill community will have a chance to become more acquainted with Africa during International Education Week from Nov. 17-22.

Organizers said they wanted to focus on a particular region and selected Africa. “This year’s common book, ‘Nine Hills to Nambonkaha,’ deals with Africa and the author, Sarah Erdman, will return to campus so we thought it would be a great opportunity to expose students to a culture they may not be as familiar with,” said Woody Pelton, Winthrop’s director of the International Center.

Erdman will speak Nov. 20 on “Why I Studied Abroad and Why You Should, Too” during a 7:30 p.m. program at Barnes Recital Hall.

Other lectures include a 7:30 p.m. session on Nov. 17 in Plowden Auditorium by Grant Hayes, chief of the Africa Division, Defense Intelligence Agency for the U.S. Department of Defense. He will speak on the importance of Africa to American foreign policy. In addition, Winthrop alumnus, Austin Amalu ’79, retired United Nations diplomat, will speak Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in Plowden Auditorium on the challenges facing Africa.

Other educational events include:

• **Nov. 17**: Brown bag lunch series: “Focus on South Africa.” Speaker: April Gordon, professor of sociology and anthropology. Noon-1 p.m., Dinkins Underground.

• **Nov. 18**: Brown bag lunch series: “Focus on Niger.” Speaker: Alice Burmeister, associate dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Noon-1 p.m., Dinkins Underground.

• **Nov. 19**: Brown bag lunch series: “Focus on Mozambique.” Speaker: Jennifer Disney, associate professor of political science. Noon-1 p.m., Dinkins Underground.

- African movie, “Amandla!” 7:30 p.m., Tillman Auditorium.

• **Nov. 20**: International Food Festival: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thomson Café.

• **Nov. 21**: Brown bag lunch series: “Focus on Liberia.” Speaker: Frank Ardaioi, vice president for student life. Noon-1 p.m., Dinkins Underground.

- International Center open house for opportunities in Africa. 1:30-3 p.m., 206 Tillman Hall.

• **Nov. 22**: The Afromotive - Afrobeat music. 8 p.m., Dinkins ATS Café. $5 with Winthrop ID and $7 general admission.

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