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Quick Facts

- International Education Week will provide several lectures.
- "Nine Hills to Nambonkaha" author Sarah Erdman returns to Winthrop to speak.



Sarah Erdman

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 Ardiolo, 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.

For more information, contact Pelton at 803/323-2133.

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