

# THE U.N. AND AFRICA



*with former U.S. Ambassador*

## ROGER MEECE

In this talk, Roger Meece will draw on decades of international diplomacy experience to discuss United Nations engagement in Africa, highlighting peacekeeping operations and other key areas of involvement, associated issues and controversies. He will also address the past and potential future U.S. role in this sector, a subject of particular importance given the current U.S. administration's proposed cuts to foreign affairs and assistance budgets, as well as support to the U.N. and its agencies.

### About Roger Meece

After graduating from MSU, Mr. Meece served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone, and later held various staff assignments in several countries. Joining the U.S. Foreign Service in 1979, he had assignments in Washington DC, Canada, and parts of Latin America, but spent a majority of his career in Africa, including two appointments as U.S. Ambassador to Malawi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Following his retirement from the Department of State, the U.N. Secretary-General appointed him as Special Representative in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, heading the U.N. Mission there from 2010-2013. Upon completion, he returned to retirement in the Seattle area, but continues to be involved in foreign policy related activities. He currently serves on the board of the Seattle World Affairs Council, and chairs the Foreign Service Retirees Association of Washington State.

**FRIDAY,  
APRIL 14**

**12:00-1:30 p.m.**

Erickson Kiva  
(Room 103)

*A light lunch  
will be served.*

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