



Speakers Discuss The Somali Diaspora

Learn more about *The Somali Diaspora: A Journey Away* (University Of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, 2008) through the eyes of this new book's photographer Abdi Roble and writer Doug Rutledge. Join a brownbag lunch session on Friday, April 3, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Hale Center, 153 W. 12th Ave., Martin Luther King Junior Lounge, Room 100.

Both speakers are with the Somali Documentary Project and their presentation will focus on their organization's work involving refugees, and human rights.

Roble, who immigrated to the United States from Somalia in 1989, has collaborated with Rutledge since 2003, to document the lives of Somali immigrants, both in the United States in Kenya's refugee camps created in the wake of the 1991 civil war in Somalia. Many of his photos were taken in Columbus, Ohio, home to one of the larger Somali communities in the U.S.

The duo's new book traces the journey of one family from life in a Kenyan refugee camp with more than 150,000 other Somalis to their new lives in the United States.

The OSU presentation is sponsored by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and open to the campus community and the public. Those attending are welcome to bring their own brown bag lunch.