**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.

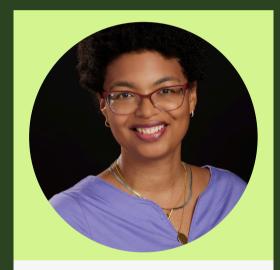
## **Presentation Highlights:**

- 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

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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 Gambrell 429 Lunch is provided **RSVP** below Walker Institute of **International and Area Studies**



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