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Director of International Community Radio Project to Lead
Public Lecture/Discussion at Monterey Institute Feb. 5
MIIS Alumna Founded Interactive Radio for Justice, Active in Central Africa

Monterey, CA – How can community radio be used to promote justice in areas where international authorities are investigating criminal abuses? This and related questions will be explored by Interactive Radio for Justice Director and Founder Wanda Hall in an upcoming lecture/discussion at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. The interactive session, titled “Making Sense of Justice in War-Torn Communities,” will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on February 5 in Room 102 of the McGowan Building at 411 Pacific Street in Monterey.

Ms. Hall, who received her MA in International Policy Studies at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in 1992, is the founder and director of Interactive Radio for Justice (www.irfj.org), a community radio project designed to encourage an informed and participative public in communities where the International Criminal Court is investigating genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity. The project has been operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo since 2005, and began in the Central African Republic in 2008. In addition to producing radio programs, Interactive Radio for Justice also produces music CDs written by youth on social issues related to justice and human rights and organizes public meetings where average citizens have direct access to high-level international justice authorities.

Ms. Hall has been working to promote civic society and foster the rule of law through community-level projects for over 15 years, starting her overseas work in Russia in the early 1990s. She has consistently found that media is one of the most effective means to promote an educated and involved citizenship in societies which are experiencing profound transition. An American, Wanda has worked in Russia, Kazakhstan, Tanzania, Rwanda, at the International Criminal Court in The Netherlands, Cambodia, Burundi, The Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic.

This event is free and open to the public, with limited seating available. The event will also be live-streamed on the Web at: http://go.miis.edu/stream.

What: Interactive Radio for Justice Director and Founder Wanda Hall leads a lecture/discussion on “Making Sense of Justice in War-Torn Communities”
When: Friday, February 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: McGowan Building, Room 102
411 Pacific Street
Monterey, CA 93940

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