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A Free Public Lecture Series



“Making Room for the Stranger: Refugee Realities, at Home and Abroad”

Tuesday, April 18, 2017, 6pm
(Coffee and refreshments at 5:30 pm)

The Great Hall at UC San Diego’s International House
(Eleanor Roosevelt College Campus)
<http://ihouse.ucsd.edu/contact/index.html>

David Murphy

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The Lecturer

David Murphy is Executive Director of the International Rescue Committee’s (IRC) San Diego office. From 2004-2015, David was the IRC Country Director in Ethiopia. Prior to that, he worked in corporate enterprise in Denver as a General Manager for an air freight company. While he gained valuable management and organizational leadership skills, he felt uninspired and asked himself, “if money was no object, what would I do”? His answer: “Lead photo safaris in Africa.” David moved to Africa, travelled extensively there, and began this new endeavor. This experience brought him in contact with the humanitarian relief field. David approached the IRC in Nairobi, Kenya and expressed his interest in helping. Recognizing David’s management and leadership skills, IRC sent David to the Republic of Somaliland (North Western Somalia), where he was soon appointed Country Director (and where he met his wife).

After four years in Somaliland, David ran the IRC Kenya office, followed by two years of work in Afghanistan, and then more than a decade in Ethiopia, where his children were born and raised. In 2015, David was appointed as director of IRC San Diego.

The Lecture Series

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