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**Public Lecture to celebrate 20 Years of the Luthuli Museum**

## **Chief Albert Luthuli and the American Anti-Apartheid Movement**

Professor and documentary filmmaker, Larry Shore, from Hunter College in New York, will deliver the Luthuli Museum 20 Year Anniversary Public Lecture on Wednesday, 21 August 2024 at 11:00 at the Museum in Groutville, KwaDukuza, South Africa.

The Luthuli Museum in Groutville, formerly the home of Chief Albert and Mrs. Nokukhanya Luthuli, was officially opened to the public as a national museum on 21 August 2004 by then South African President Mr Thabo Mbeki.

The public lecture will underline the special relationship between the United States and South Africa due to the similarities in their struggles against white supremacy and racial discrimination. This special relationship was underscored by Chief Luthuli's connections to the Anti-Apartheid Movement in the US and the 1963 Joint Statement with Dr Martin Luther King Jr. which was the first call for international sanctions against Apartheid South Africa.



**Prof. Larry Shore**

Dr King spoke about Chief Luthuli and the struggle against Apartheid in various forums. This helped to internationalize the American Civil Rights Movement and build connections between the two struggles. The talk will also consider Chief Luthuli's impact on Senator Robert Kennedy after their meeting in 1966.

The objective of the Museum's 20 Years commemorative Public Lecture is to provide a platform of intergenerational dialogue reflecting on the historic bonds shared by the United States and South Africa.

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## **About the Speaker**

Dr. Larry Shore is a professor and documentary filmmaker in the Department of Film and Media Studies at Hunter College in New York City. Larry grew up in Johannesburg and emigrated to the United States in the 1970's. He attended the University of the Witwatersrand where he received a BA majoring in Political Science. While at Wits he was involved in NUSAS and the Wilgerspruit Fellowship Centre.

Larry has an MA from the University of Pennsylvania and a PhD from Stanford University. He was active in the American Anti-Apartheid Movement and in 1990, when the changes began in South Africa, he co-founded the South African American Organization (SAAO) and was its president for five years. Larry also regularly teaches a course on South Africa, Southern Africa and the United States.

Larry has worked previously with the Luthuli Museum. His documentary film "RFK in the Land of Apartheid: A Ripple of Hope," was screened twice in partnership with the Museum. The film features a section on Senator Robert Kennedy's historic meeting with Chief Luthuli in 1966. The film has been widely screened in South Africa and the US. Larry made a short video of this historical meeting for use in the Museum's exhibits.

## **About the Luthuli Museum**

The Luthuli Museum was officially opened on 21 August 2004. It includes the original 1927 home of Chief Albert Luthuli that is situated on 3233 Nokukhanya Luthuli Street, in Groutville, KwaDukuza in KwaZulu Natal Province, South Africa.

The primary focus of the museum to preserve, conserve, uphold, promote and propagate the life, ethos, values, philosophies and legacy of Chief Albert Luthuli, for current and future generations, both locally and internationally. In so doing the museum upholds its vision of a 'A Transformed Society inspired by the values and ideals of Chief Albert Luthuli'. The Museum fulfils its mandate through organizing public events; exhibitions and public programmes; lectures and dialogues; visitor and schools curriculum enrichment programmes.

For more information about the Luthuli Museum, visit our website [www.luthulimuseum.org.za](http://www.luthulimuseum.org.za)