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EMMANUEL T. DOLO EXAMINES LIBERIA'S ETHNIC ISSUES IN HIS NEW BOOK

(CHERRY HILL, NJ) (30 March 2008)—In his second book, Emmanuel T. Dolo shows how ethnic bigotry caused a toxic political, social, and cultural crisis that culminated in Liberia's civil wars from 1989 to 2003 in his new work, *Ethnic Tensions in Liberia's National Identity Crisis: Problems and Possibilities*. A native of Liberia who resides in the U.S., Dolo also discusses theoretical models with practical methods for bridging ethnic difference, particularly the trans-ethnic relational model (TERM). That addition gives *Ethnic Tensions* widespread relevance in conflict resolution, making it a worthwhile read for all.

“Emmanuel T. Dolo advances the thesis that ethnocentric nationalism has been a major impediment to Liberia's social, economic, and political development...I find the book refreshing, creative, and exciting, providing new insights into important questions facing Liberians,” says sociologist Konia Kohlleton, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Trinity University, Washington, D.C.

Elwood Dunn, The Alfred Walter Negley Professor of Political Science University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., says this about Dolo's work: “Perhaps the first known scholarly attempt at addressing the intersection between ethnicity and nationalism in Liberia, Dolo deserves encouragement and commendation for undertaking so important a study at this time when Liberia is challenged to revisit its very national foundation if the current efforts at national reconstruction stand any chance of sustainability.”

Dolo who has a doctorate in social work and master of divinity degree is also the author of *Democracy Versus Dictatorship: Crisis in Africa's Oldest Republic* (University Press of America, 1996). He has written articles for *Anthropological Quarterly* and the *Journal for Social Work Research and Evaluation*. His research covers mental health resources by new immigrants and refugees, barriers to mental health services for new immigrants and refugees, cultural adaptations of new immigrants and refugees in child welfare and elder care, racism encountered by new immigrants and refugees, and other related areas.

Published by Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLPL), *Ethnic Tensions in Liberia's National Identity Crisis: Problems and Possibilities* is available in two editions: ISBN 978-0-9770904-1-9, hardcover, US \$40; ISBN 978-0-9799537-8-1, softcover, US \$30. Readers and organizations may buy copies online or from retailers and wholesalers. For more information contact AHLPL at 856-382-0629 or on the Web at <http://ahlpub.com>.

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