## Internship Opportunity for International Studies Students at UCI

## Work on community outreach for the play entitled, *The Trial of Dedan Kimathi*, to be produced by the Drama Department at UCI between March 8-23, 2014.

This play is co-authored by world-renowned playwright, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o (with Micere Githae Mugo), a Distinguished Professor of English and Comparative Literature at UCI. Interns will have the unique opportunity to communicate with Ngugi, who is deeply committed to community-based theatre. Students' interactions with him will expand their awareness of international issues, and about the role and responsibility of the artist in African society.

Further, interns working with the play's Director will augment their knowledge of Black history in Africa and in the Black diaspora, of gender issues, and of struggles for justice as depicted in the play and that are all around us in the US.

Interns will read the play, *The Trial of Dedan Kimathi* and become familiar with its international context—set in Kenya in the 1950's, the play raises issues of law and justice that speak to many communities in the greater Los Angeles area today.

Duties include assisting the Community Outreach Coordinator, Dr. Jaye Austin Williams, who is also the play's Director, during fall 2013 and winter 2014 (one student will be selected for each quarter).

Community Outreach activities will include communicating with local communities of immigrants and people of Color about setting up venues and time frames during winter quarter in which the play's director and actors conduct readings from the play and elicit discussion.

Each intern will also assist with publicizing the play, especially in communities beyond UCI.

Interns work for 10 hours per week and earn academic credit through International Studies in the School of Social Sciences at UCI.

Please send a one-paragraph statement of interest in the intern position for this project, along with your resume, to Dr. Jaye Austin Williams, Drama Department, UCI, <u>jaye.auswil@uci.edu</u>, **by Friday October 18, 2013**. You may apply for fall 2013 or winter 2014.