

Join us for a special film screening to get to know the work of this heroic Nobel Peace Prize winner who will receive an [Honorary Doctor of Sciences degree at Penn's 2019 Commencement](#).

Before becoming a Nobel Laureate, Dr. Denis Mukwege was the [2016 recipient of Penn Nursing's Renfield Award](#).

THE MAN WHO MENDS WOMEN



The award-winning documentary which tells the story of Dr. Denis Mukwege, a decorated humanitarian and outspoken advocate for women's rights, and his work in treating and highlighting the plight of women in the war-torn eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Dr. Mukwege, physician, surgeon, and human rights activist, decided to study medicine while still a child in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo. He earned his medical sciences doctorate from the Université Libre de Bruxelles and returned home to practice in Lamera, where medical care access was severely limited. Enduring a 1996 attack in which hospital personnel were killed, Dr. Mukwege went into exile but soon returned, and in 1999 founded the Panzi Hospital at Bukavu. Intended for maternity services, Panzi Hospital instead encountered tremendous numbers of victims of sexual violence. Dr. Mukwege has assisted these survivors and women with severe gynecological issues for over two decades and has publicly advocated for the empowerment of Congolese women. Internationally recognized for its holistic response to gender-based violence, Panzi Hospital has treated over 50,000 women and children with a pioneering model integrating psychological and medical care, legal assistance, and socio-economic support.

Monday, April 22 / 12:00 – 2:00 pm / Fagin Hall 116

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Light lunch provided. Please bring your own beverages (BYOB)!