

**Ismael Beah, former child soldier
from Sierra Leone**

A Long Way Gone: A Story of Redemption and Hope

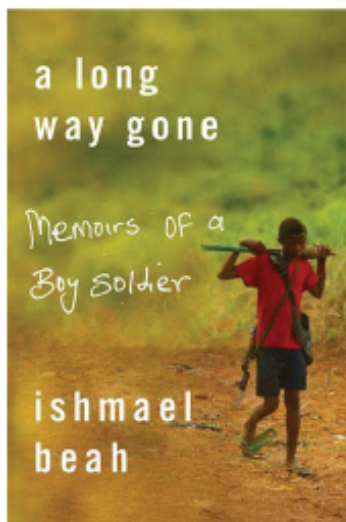
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6:00pm - Dr. Simon Reich

Preceding the talk by Ismael Beah, a presentation will be made by Professor Simon Reich, Director of the Division of Global Affairs. Professor Reich is an acknowledged expert on the issue of child soldiers in Africa, author of a landmark article on the issue (*International Security* 2006) and the co-editor of a forthcoming book entitled *Child Soldiers: Children and Armed Conflict in the Age of Fractured States* (2009).

7:00pm - Ismael Beah

In *A Long Way Gone*, Beah, now twenty-six years old, tells a riveting story. At the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts. Eventually released by the army and sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center, he struggled to regain his humanity and to re-enter the world of civilians, who viewed him with fear and suspicion. This is, at last, a story of redemption and hope.

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