The Woman King: History & Fiction Worth Discussing

NCCU Office of International Affairs and Community Engagement hosted a discussion on The Woman King on January 23, 2023 in the Hubbard–Totton Bldg. auditorium. Dr. Dominique Somda, University of Cape Town Institute for Humanities in Africa anthropologist, discussed the role of women within the Kingdom of Danxome (Dahomy/Abomey) and Africans in the period of enslavement. Laurent Gilles Houekpon-Cochoun, a descendant of an Agodjie warrior, shared his personal reflections of the film. Students enrolled in History assistant professor Dr. Manna Duah’s HIST-4040 Seminar in African History and HIST-1320 World Societies classes were joined by Firmine Houemavo, past program specialist at the US Embassy—Cotonou, Benin; and Dr. Carrie Daily, former Benin USAID mission administrative officer. The first in a series of events developed to expand NCCU–OIA programming, the panel was led by Musu Clemens, an expert on international stabilization, governance, and countering violent youth extremism.