

# International Day of Francophonie

The **FRENCH CLUB** invites you to  
a lecture by Dr. Bruce Whitehouse



**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2015 @ 7:30 PM**  
The Great Room 113 (Seegers Union)

## **"Who's Afraid of Monogamy? Explaining the Persistence of Polygamous Marriage in Bamako, Mali"**

In Bamako, capital city of the West African



country of Mali, more than one  
out of five married women has  
at least one co-wife. Why do

Maliens opt for polygamy in this  
modern urban setting? What  
distinguishes people in polygamous

unions from people in monogamous ones? The  
answers to these questions lie less in age-old  
cultural traditions than in 21st-century patterns  
of gender dynamics, economic vulnerability, and state authority in Mali.



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