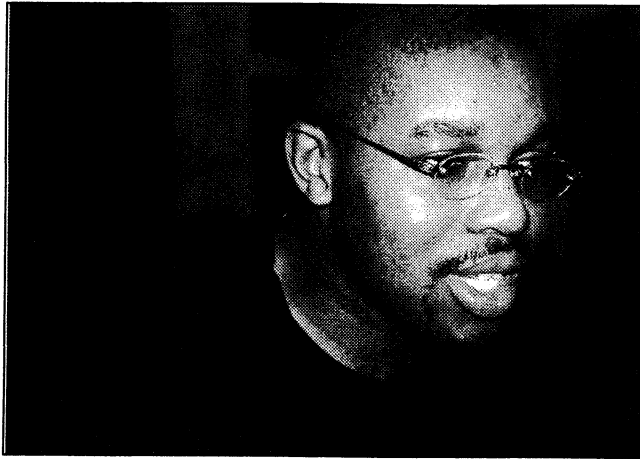


# Zimbabwe law crisis deepens with lawyers becoming targets



Above: Zimbabwean lawyer, Siphoniso Malunga who hungers for justice in his country.

International law  
community  
condemns arrests

The international legal community was stunned earlier this month with the news that the head of Zimbabwe's Law Society and his deputy were arrested for allegedly possessing "subversive" documents.

LSZ president Sternford Moyo and Wilbert Mapombere (who is also a former magistrate) eventually walked free from court even though Judge Paddington Garwe refused to order their release.

Under Zimbabwean law, Moyo and Mapombere would have had to be taken to a lower court for a remand hearing within 48 hours of their arrests but the deadline expired minutes after

Justice Garwe's ruling.

He had said police had sufficient grounds when they arrested the two and that reasonable suspicion still remained to detain them.

But with the expiration of the 48 hour deadline, and with police doing nothing to stop them, the pair walked free.

The charges were denied with the two saying the documents were forgeries.

The arrests were widely condemned by organisations like the International Bar Association, Independent Lawyers for Human Rights and law societies throughout the world.

In March this year, Zimbabwean lawyer Siphoniso Malunga told the Darwin legal fraternity about the destruction of the rule of law in Zimbabwe.

*Balance* hopes to have more from Siphoniso next month. ①

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## False memories the focus for workshop in Darwin

One of the international community's foremost experts on false memories will be the presenter of a two hour workshop in Darwin on 12 July.

Dr Michael Yapko PhD is a clinical psychologist and Director of the Milton H Erickson Institute of San Diego.

Internationally recognised for his work in clinical hypnosis and outcome-focused psychotherapy, Dr Yapko is also the author of the best selling *Suggestions of Abuse: True and False Memories of Childhood Sexual Trauma*.

His other books in the field of hypnosis are *Essentials of Hypnosis* and *Trancework: An Introduction to the Practice of Clinical Hypnosis*.

The *Memory and False Memories - the Reliability of Witness Statements* workshop is aimed at those working in forensic areas with adults or children, those who interview adults or children for reporting purposes: chaplains, counsellors,

family therapists, judges, lawyers, police, psychiatrists, social workers, teachers and welfare workers.

Conference organisers Franklin and De Ionno say Dr Yapko's seminars are well known for their abundance of practical information presented in a "clear, engaging and down-to-earth style".

"His wealth of clinical experience, exhaustive knowledge of research literature, well developed sense of humour, personal sensitivity and high positive energy level combine to make his workshops as entertaining and enjoyable as they are useful," the organisers say.

The workshop will be on 12 July from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. For bookings contact Maria De Ionno on 89459989. ①