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invite you to a conversation with

## **EDDIE DANIELS**

### ***Surviving Apartheid, Building a New South Africa***

Friday, October 15 – 11:15-12:40

Leo A. Guthart CC Theater, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, Axinn Library



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Eddie Daniels is a South African activist who fought apartheid and was imprisoned on Robben Island for 15 years with Nelson Mandela. Classified as “coloured” by the apartheid government, Daniels defined himself as black. He is the author of *There and Back: Robben Island, 1964-1979*. A member of the Liberal Party, Daniels was still invited by Mandela to participate in discussions with ANC and Pan African Congress members. During their long and oppressive incarceration, the political prisoners not only survived but also helped form the basis of a new South Africa.

Mandela said of Daniels after they were both released from prison, “*We recall his loyalty and courage, his sense of humor and justice, as well as his total commitment to the struggle of the prisoners for the eradication of injustice and for the betterment of their conditions.*”

Today Eddie Daniels lives in Cape Town and serves as a guide at Robben Island. He recently completed his autobiography and is currently on a national speaking tour in the United States.

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