Join us for two days with Afro-Italian documentary filmmaker Fred Kuwornu. The director will be present at each screening for film introduction and Q&A.

Tuesday 25th February, 5:00-7:00pm, Strickland Hall 105
African-Americans and the Double Victory: *Inside Buffalo*

Wednesday 26th February, 3:30-5:30pm, Tate Hall 215
Ethnicity, National Identity, and Multiculturalism in Contemporary Italy: *18 Ius Soli*

In addition, Kuwornu will be participating in the conference *Based on a True Story: The Intersections of Documentary Film and Journalism* at the Missouri School of Journalism. For program and schedule, see <http://www.muconf.missouri.edu/BOATS/schedule.html>

**THE FILMS**

In 2008, after working on Spike Lee’s film *Miracle at St. Anna*, Kuwornu continued to investigate the story of the so-called Buffalo soldiers, who are the protagonists of *Miracle at St. Anna*. The 92nd Infantry Division of the Buffalo soldiers was the only African American division that experienced combat in Europe during WWII. Kuwornu’s research, through which he discovered the tracks taken by the real 92nd Division veterans, led him to the documentary *Inside Buffalo* (2010).

*18 Ius Soli* (The Right of Soil, 2012) examines the Italian law that denies citizenship to young people born in Italy of immigrant parents because they have no Italian blood. This grassroots documentary follows the stories of eighteen girls and boys born and raised in Italy whose parents are originally from African, Asian, and South American countries, who, at 18, are not recognized as Italian citizens.

**BIO**

Fred Kuwornu is an Italian Ghanaian producer-writer-director, born and raised in Bologna, Italy to a Ghanaian father and an Italian mother. After his *laurea* (the Italian BA) in Political Sciences and Mass Media, he moved to Rome, where he began to work as a TV show writer for various TV channels, including RAI, the Italian public broadcasting. He currently lives between Rome and New York City. Kuwornu founded the non-profit organization *Diversity Italia*, through which he promotes the importance of racial and ethnic diversity in Italy and Europe. His current project, *64*, is a documentary about the U.S. Civil Rights movement.

**LINKS**

Kuwornu on *18 Ius Soli*: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sBra-K0Ik4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sBra-K0Ik4)
More on *18 Ius Soli*: 1) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPLNr_ptSoM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GPLNr_ptSoM) - 2) [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcL8Yq8rBdo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcL8Yq8rBdo)
Kuwornu and Afro-Europe: [http://afroeurope.blogspot.com/2012/02/18-ius-soli-is-new-documentarty-by-afro.html](http://afroeurope.blogspot.com/2012/02/18-ius-soli-is-new-documentarty-by-afro.html)