



# *Benedict College*

## *Dr. Adrien Ratsimbaharison*

**Dr. Adrien M. Ratsimbaharison**, professor of political science, is Benedict College's SCICU Excellence In Teaching award winner for 2022. He holds a Ph.D. in international studies from the University of South Carolina and two degrees in history – an M.A. and a B.A. – both awarded by the University of Madagascar.

At Benedict Dr. Ratsimbaharison integrates his real-life experiences along with those of his students into meaningful classroom discussion and exchange. His experiences as a poor child growing up in Madagascar and his struggle to gain a political, social, and economic foundation in America resonates throughout his teaching. His approach leads naturally to discussions of the values of education, hard work, critical thinking, and citizenship. Dr. Ratsimbaharison encourages students to apply their classroom experiences by participating in service-learning projects in the community that address critical issues.

Dr. Ratsimbaharison has served on the Benedict faculty since 2010. Before joining the Benedict faculty, he also served as associate professor of political science and history for 11 years at Allen University. His international experiences include teaching at the University of Fianarantsoa (Madagascar) and working as a journalist for *Midi-Madagasikara*, a daily newspaper in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

Multiple scholarly journals have published Dr. Ratsimbaharison's works, including the *Current Research Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities*, the *Global Journal of Human-Social Science Research*, the *SSRN Electronic Journal*, and the *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*. He also authored the book *The Political Crisis of March 2009 in Madagascar — A Case Study of Conflict and Conflict Mediation*.