Strong message

Eastern Connecticut State University Wednesday hosted a lecture program called ‘The Stifling of Democracy and the Repression of Academic Freedom in Ethiopia’ in the Student Center Theater for University Hour. Semahagn Abebe discussed his experiences of persecution by the Ethiopian government and his concerns about the violation of human rights by large-scale agricultural investments in sub-Saharan Africa. Abebe, a scholar in residence at the University of Connecticut's Human Rights Institute, is supported by the International Scholars-at-Risk Program, which supports academics exiled or persecuted by their home governments.