AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

FRIDAY BULLETIN
October 16, 2009

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1. Upcoming Events

TUESDAY NOON TALKS
12:00 – 1:00 pm, Woodburn 218


For full Noon Talk Schedule, please see the attached document.

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: “The Twentieth Century II: Afrocospopolitanism”
Akin Adesokan (Comparative Literature)
4:00-6:30pm, Woodburn 218
Please join us for refreshments at 3:30pm in Woodburn 221!

Oct. 21 Patrice Nganang (SUNY, Stony Brook) “Geographic Thinking: Édouard Glissant, Philosopher”

Patrice Nganang, Associate Professor of Literary and Cultural Theory at SUNY-Stony Brook, is the author of essays, novels, and volumes of poetry. Among his latest publications are Manifeste d’une nouvelle littérature africaine: Pour une ecriture preemptive, a theory of contemporary African literature, and La Republique de l'Imagination, a conversation with a young African candidate for emigration. Two of his books have been translated into English, Dog Days, (winner of the Grand prix de la litterature d' Afrique noire, and the Marguerite Yourcenar Award), and elobi, a collection of poems.

Co-sponsored by the Comparative Literature Department.
For full Wednesday Speaker Series, please see the attached document.
African Language Festival  
Friday, 23 October  
6:00 pm, Foster Quad, Harper Formal Lounge, 1000 N Fee Lane

The event (presentations and food) will be sponsored by IU Student Association, African Students Association and African Languages Club.

Monday, October 19  
Angolan writer Ndalu Almeida (Ondjaki)  
5:30-7:30 pm, Neal Marshall Black Culture Center, A201

Screening and discussion of “Oxala cresçam pitangas” (Hope the Pitanga Cherries Grow) – A documentary film co-directed by Ndalu Almeida (Ondjaki) and Kiluanje Liberdade.

Ondjaki's residency is sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies, with support from the African Studies Program and the Black Film Center/Archive.

Thursday, October 22  
4:00 pm, Ballantine 011

“African Arts and Power,” A roundtable discussion with Ondjaki, Joseph Gai Ramaka, and Femi Osofisan

Sponsored by the Comparative Literature Department and the Institute for Advanced Studies.

Form and Surface: African Ceramics, Baskets, and Textiles from the William Itter Collection  
September 26–December 13, 2009, Special Exhibitions Gallery, first floor

Friday, October 23  
5:00–6:00 pm  
Radio-TV Building, Room 251

“Texts and Textures in African Ceramics,” Guest Lecture by Barbara Frank

Barbara Frank, associate professor of art history at Stony Brook University, IU alumna, and a specialist in African ceramics, will discuss how African pottery traditions can contribute to our understanding African cultural heritage. Her lecture is co-sponsored by the Department of the History of Art’s Robert and Avis Burke Lecture Series and has been scheduled in conjunction with the special exhibition Form and Surface: African Ceramics, Baskets and Textiles from the William Itter Collection.

2. Announcements of Interest

African languages in the second eight weeks - fall 2009  
The following courses will be offered during the second 8 weeks. Students will earn the equivalent of
one semester of credits and continue with the regular second semester in the spring.

LING-K 101 ELEMENTARY AKAN I (Essien H)  
5:30 to 7:30  MWTR  BH 105

LING-B 101 ELEMENTARY BAMANA I (Diakite B) 4:40 to 6:40  BH 316

LING-F 101 ELEMENTARY AFRICAN LANGUAGES I (WOLOF) (Diouf F)  
5:30 to 7:30  MWTR  BH 229

LING-Z 101 ELEMENTARY ZULU I (Lekoba S)  
05:45P-07:45P  MTWR  BH 336

Graduate sections are also available.  
More information on African languages is available at [http://www.indiana.edu/~afrilang](http://www.indiana.edu/~afrilang)

Master Dancer Samba Diallo from Ivory Coast will be here to teach dance classes for 2 days only!  
The Lodge, 101 E. 6th St., Bloomington  
All levels are welcome!  This will be a great opportunity to learn specific Ivoirian dances from a master!

Tuesday, October 20 ~ kids class 5-5:45  
Tuesday, October 20 ~ adult class 7-8:30  
Wednesday, October 21 ~ adult class 7-8:30

The cost for the kids class is $10.  
Adult class is $20 ~ OR sign up for both on Tuesday and pay $35 to learn a new dance each night!

**Dr. Djo Bi Productions**  
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Phone: 812-330-2070

3. Conferences/ Call for Papers

**The Indiana University Religious Studies Graduate Symposium**  
Religion, Nature, and Innovation  
Thursday, February 25th – Friday, February 26th, 2010

Call for Papers  
In conjunction with the Indiana University-Bloomington College of Arts and Sciences ‘themester’ on “Evolution, Diversity, and Change,” the graduate students in the IUB Religious Studies Department are hosting a symposium titled “Religion, Nature, and Innovation.” Though the university-wide interest is in marking the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin’s On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, we welcome papers focused not only on evolution but a variety of other topics related to nature and innovation broadly construed.
We anticipate topics such as conceptions of nature; the relationship of traditions to environmental movements; innovations in human attempts to manipulate, care for, or submit to the natural world; theories about the natural and supernatural; paradigms of change and evolution within the field of religious studies; understandings of nature in ethics and conceptions of authority; or the nature of religion. We welcome papers from graduate students in any departments and disciplines, beyond religious studies.

Please submit a 300-word abstract by Friday, January 8th, 2010 to iugradconf@gmail.com

Foreign Language Teaching Share Fair
Friday, October 23rd, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Wylie Hall 015

Meet new colleagues and hear practical and proven teaching suggestions you can use! Ideas from all languages are welcome – even ideas that do not seem immediately applicable to another language can spark creativity or be adapted effectively.

You might consider taking an angle on the theme, such as:
- Culture (big C and little c), Pragmatics; language in a social context, Learning strategies, Pronunciation, Group-work, Testing and assessment, Technology (internet, e-mail, video, etc.), Four skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing), or Time management / class organization / classroom etiquette.

**** Submission deadline: Saturday, October 17, 11:30 pm ****

Send submissions and address questions to the Share Fair at: flshare@indiana.edu
For more details and submission guidelines please see: http://www.iub.edu/~celtie/fsfair.html

First Call for Papers and Invited Sessions Proposals

1. The International Conference on Education, Training and Informatics: ICETI 2010
(http://www.2010iiisconferences.org/ICETI)
2. International Conference on Society and Information Technologies: ICSIT 2010
(http://www.2010iiisconferences.org/ICSIT)

Both conferences will be held (at the same time and the same venue) on April 6 -9, 2010 in Orlando, Florida, USA. The deadlines for both conferences are the following:

Papers/Abstracts Submissions and Invited Sessions Proposals: October 28th, 2009
Authors Notifications: November 23th, 2009
Full papers: December 16th, 2009

Authors of the best 10%-20% of the papers presented at the conference (included those virtually presented) will be invited to adapt their papers for their publication in the Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics.
ICETI 2010 and ICSIT 2010 Organizing Committees, Torre Profesional La California, Av. Francisco de Miranda, Caracas, Venezuela.

Call for Papers/Abstracts/Submissions
9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences
June 2 - 5, 2010
Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel, Honolulu Hawaii, USA

Submission Deadline: January 22, 2010
Sponsored by: University of Louisville - Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods

The 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences will be held from June 2 (Wednesday) to June 5 (Saturday), 2010 at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will provide many opportunities for academics and professionals from social sciences related fields to interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines.

Submitting a Proposal: You may submit your paper/proposal by using our online submission system: http://www.hicsocial.org/cfp_ss.htm

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Call for Papers
10th annual Africa Conference, 2010, University of Texas at Austin

Theme: Women, Gender, and Sexualities in Africa
Dates: March 26-28, 2010

We are pleased to announce a three-day conference centered on the theme of "Women, Gender and Sexualities in Africa". Academic discourses on women, gender and sexualities in Africa have increased by leaps and bounds since the 1980s when they began to establish root as veritable fields of professional, systematic and academic endeavor. New directions have emerged in response to a variety of stimuli, which include but not limited to the politics of the "public" and politics of production of knowledge. Old ideas have been challenged, repackaged and redelivered in a multiplicity of manners. While some researchers and scholars see women, gender and sexuality as three distinct subjects of inquiry, others emphasize interconnectivity and sought to put them into a single, coherent and all embracing dialogue. Yet, none of these two methods of inquiry is faulty. The centrality of issues around women, gender and sexualities to African experience will continue to configure and reconfigure discourses.

The deadline for submitting paper proposals is November 1, 2009.
Proposals should include a 250-word abstract and title, as well as the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, and institutional affiliation. Please submit all abstracts as email attachment to:
Toyin Falola: toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu
Saheed Aderinto: africaconference2010@yahoo.com

4. Jobs and Fellowships

**Assistant or Associate Professor in International Political Economy and Comparative Politics,**

**The Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University**

The Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University invites interdisciplinary scholars in the fields of International Political Economy and Comparative Politics to apply for a full-time faculty position to commence on September 1, 2010 at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor (tenure track). We seek leading scholars whose research and teaching bring an international and comparative perspective to the study of politics and political economy, with preference for scholars whose research foci include the global South, particularly the African context. Areas of research might include critical international relations, studies of development and neoliberalism, questions of power, knowledge, and identity within global institutional networks; postcolonial geographies; the geopolitics of national identities and the international order. Among others, topics might focus on health and disease, environment, food and water security, the politics of natural resources, economic restructuring, war, violence and conflict, gender and human rights.

Qualifications: Ph.D in hand by time of appointment; demonstrated excellence in teaching at the university level; a strong record of research and writing.

Please send a letter of application and curriculum vitae to: Liz Greene, Director of Human Resources, the Gallatin School, New York University, 715 Broadway, 8th floor, New York, NY 10003. The deadline to submit is December 1, 2009

**The Department of History at the University of Florida** is seeking to hire a tenure-track assistant professor who is an historian of Francophone sub-Saharan Africa. Regional specialization and time period are open. The position will begin in August 2010 and applicants must have been awarded their PhDs by then. UF’s Department of History has forty faculty members, over 100 graduate students, and an established graduate program in African history. The UF Center for African Studies (www.africa.ufl.edu) is a federally-funded Title VI National Resource Center, which draws on some 100 affiliated faculty to create campus-wide graduate and undergraduate interdisciplinary programs related to Africa.

The University of Florida is a comprehensive public research university encompassing virtually all academic and professional disciplines, and is a member of the Association of American Universities. Its beautiful 2,000-acre campus is located within the city of Gainesville, a diverse community of over 100,000 people. Please send letter of application, a curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation to:
Luise White, Chair, Francophone Africa Search Committee – PS # 00025355; Department of History, University of Florida, PO Box 117320, Gainesville, FL 32611-7320
Email enquiries: lswhite@ufl.edu. **Application deadline: December 15, 2009**
The Department of Political Science at the University of Florida invites applications for a tenure track position in political economy with a focus on Africa at the level of Assistant Professor. The search is open to candidates focusing on comparative or international political economy. We seek candidates with superior promise who combine original and rigorous scholarship with excellence in teaching and potential for graduate student training. The Ph.D. degree is required. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Interested applicants should submit the following: (a) a cover letter; (b) a curriculum vitae; (c) a graduate transcript; (d) a statement of teaching philosophy along with syllabi and teaching evaluations, if available; (e) a sample of current work; and (f) three letters of recommendation to: Political Economy- Africa Search Committee, Department of Political Science, University of Florida, 234 Anderson Hall, P.O. Box 117325, Gainesville, Florida 32611-7325.


The University of Kansas, Department of African & African-American Studies. Assistant Prof., tenure-track position to begin as early as August 18, 2010. Required: Ph.D. or ABD in a relevant field of African Studies expected by start date of appointment; teaching experience in a relevant field; native or near-native proficiency in KiSwahili; demonstrated ability to teach oral and written language skills; familiarity with and ability to teach at a basic level in African Studies; strong commitment to quality scholarship; potential for research productivity and grant activity. Preferred: Familiarity with East African cultures; educational background in language teaching; experience with language coordination; ability to teach languages for professional schools; technological capabilities for classroom, and website development; experience in KiSwahili outreach; familiarity with other African languages/linguistics; familiarity with proficiency testing.

For a complete announcement and to apply online, go to https://jobs.ku.edu and search for position 00001660. For additional information, e-mail lisah@ku.edu. Initial review of applications begins on October 30, 2009 until no longer needed. EO/AAE.

The American University of Nigeria (AUN) announces an international search for the position of President. On behalf of the search committee, we are seeking applications and nominations for this important leadership position. You will find a search profile, including essential information about the AUN, the position, and the desired qualifications of the University’s next President at:


The American University of Nigeria will prioritize its search to focus on academic professionals who are prepared to assume office as early in the New Year as possible, but not later than June 1, 2010. Applications will be received until the position is filled, but to assure full consideration, applicants must have all required materials on file by November 2, 2009. The review of applications will begin upon receipt and given the short timeline for the search, candidates are urged to submit applications as early as possible.

If you have a potential interest in this position or possibly know promising prospects for the position, please contact:

Maya Ranchod Kirkhope, Senior Consultant, Academic Search, Inc., 1825 K Street, NW, Suite 705, Washington DC 20006. Maya.kirkhope@academic-search.com. (703) 380 9195
WARA Research Funding Opportunities for 2010
The West African Research Association is pleased to announce the following research fellowships for 2010. Details on grants application procedures can be found on the WARA website (www.bu.edu/africa/wara/Fellowship).

WARA Post-Doctoral Fellowship
The WARA Post-Doctoral Fellowship is for research in West Africa during the summer of 2010. These fellowships are open to US citizens already holding a Ph.D. or other terminal degree and who hold teaching positions in institutions of higher education in the United States.
Application deadline: January 10, 2010.

WARA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
The WARA Pre-Doctoral Fellowship is for research in West Africa during the summer of 2010. These fellowships are open to US citizens graduate students who wish to conduct research for a 2 to 3 month period in order to 1) prepare a doctoral research proposal; or 2) carry out research related to the completion of another terminal degree program (e.g. MFA or MPH).
Application deadline: January 10, 2010.

WARC Library Fellowship
The WARC Library Fellowship is designed to encourage the next generation of Africana librarians and to assist in capacity building at the library of the West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar, Senegal. The WARC Library Intern will work with the WARC librarian on electronic cataloguing and use of electronic research databases and should have well-developed skills in these areas.
Application deadline: February 1, 2010.

Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program 2009 - 2010
The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Fellowship Program supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for U.S. doctoral candidates and scholars who have already earned their Ph.D. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Applicants are eligible to apply as individuals or in teams.

Approximately ten awards of up to $10,000 each will be given to scholars who wish to carry out research on broad questions of multi-country significance in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and related natural sciences. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the United States, at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Given changing travel restrictions and/or security warnings to many countries, applicants should contact CAORC before preparing a proposal.

Deadline: Friday, January 15, 2010
For more details and application, please see http://www.caorc.org/programs/multi.htm