

AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

FRIDAY BULLETIN

October 9, 2009

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1. Upcoming Events

TUESDAY NOON TALKS

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Woodburn 218

October 13 “The Disabled Child in African Cinema: *La petite vendeuse de soleil* (The Little Girl Who Sold the Sun),” **Abdou Yaro**, African Studies.

For full Noon Talk Schedule, please see attached document.

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: “The Twentieth Century II: Afrocosmopolitanism”

Akin Adesokan (Comparative Literature)

4:00-6:30pm, Woodburn 218

First guest speaker on October 21. Please see the attached schedule.

Angolan writer Ndalú Almeida (Ondjaki) Residency (Sponsored by the Institute for Advanced Studies, with support from the African Studies Program and the Black Film Center/Archive)

Thursday, October 15

4-5:30 pm, Ballantine Hall 310

Public reading and discussion – “Stories from Angola: Ondjaki's Life and Books”

Monday, October 19

5:30-7:30 p.m., Neal Marshall Black Culture Center, A201

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

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 16

Lecture by William Itter

5:30–6:30 p.m., Radio-TV Building, Room 251

Receptions 6:30–8:30 p.m. - concurrent in the **Solley Atrium** and at the **SOFA Gallery**; both exhibitions will remain open until 8:30 p.m.

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>

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 Ivorian 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

dr.djo_bi@yahoo.com

Phone: 812-330-2070

3. Conferences/ Call for Papers

The submission deadline for the **IU Foreign Language Share Fair** presentations is Saturday, October 17, 11:30 pm. Call for Proposals can be found at: http://www.iub.edu/~shfair/2009/call_09.pdf.

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 academicians 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

Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences

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Building an African Presence in the Early 20th Century World

Call for Papers Deadline: 2010-10-16

April 30-May 1, 2010,

Columbia University, New York

In the early twentieth century, the west came under fierce scrutiny as artists, intellectuals, students, and statesmen sought to repair what they perceived to be an ailing civilization overtaken by imperial greed, war, and "The Machine." "Africa," once labeled the "dark continent" and expropriated from History, figured prominently in this quest and began to shine brightly as artists and intellectuals turned their attention to it as a source of revitalization and renewal, as a way to heal psychic scars and guide a traumatized postwar Europe. Africa emerged from these scholarly and artistic productions as a kind of object that the west could use to repair their own narrative and imagine their future anew. While their objectification of Africa was not intended to work in the service of black or African culture, it was seized upon and reinvented first by African Americans eager to return Africa to History and to establish their own authority within the universal and by Africans as they pursued their own political agendas as members of colonial empires. The new information and representations about Africa that emerged in the early part of the century enabled both groups to contribute to the process of building an African presence in the world and making an African contribution toward the larger project of creating a truly universal civilization.

Papers should be approximately 20 minutes long. Paper proposals should include title of the paper, name, affiliation, email and a 250 word abstract. Proposals must be submitted by **October 16, 2009** to:

Prof. Mamadou Diouf (MEALAC/History/CGT)
Dr. Jinny Prais (Fellow, CGT)
Email: buildinganafricanpresence@gmail.com
<http://cgt.columbia.edu/#>

**Dialogue in Music Project: Africa Meets North America (AMNA)
3rd International Symposium and Festival**

<http://www.amna.ethnomusic.ucla.edu/>

Presented by: The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music, Department of Ethnomusicology

October 22-25, 2009

Schoenberg Music Building

University of California, Los Angeles

http://www.amna.ethnomusic.ucla.edu/pdf/AMNA_Program_1.1_09-02-09kh.pdf

The Symposium features scholarly sessions, workshops, and panels. Highlights include keynote speeches by distinguished Nigerian scholar Mosunmola Omibiyi-Obidike and renowned Ghanaian scholar and composer J. H. Kwabena Nketia, and a session with Olly Wilson, well-known composer and Professor Emeritus of Music from University of California, Berkeley.

Call for Papers

10th annual Africa Conference, 2010

At the 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

A mandatory non-refundable registration fee of \$100 must be paid immediately when an abstract is accepted.

4. Jobs and Fellowships

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: lswwhite@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.

Application deadline: November 10, 2009 . Anticipated start date: August 2010. Reference # 025359.

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:

<http://www.academic-search.com/uploads/profiles/AUNPresidentProfile.pdf>

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

United Nations

There are several vacancies at the UN, including in the area of children and armed conflicts:

<http://unjobs.org/vacancies/1243264175317>

The **American Academy of Arts and Sciences** is now inviting applications for its Visiting Scholars Program for the 2010-2011 academic year. The program serves untenured junior faculty and postdoctoral students interested in pursuing research related to one of the Academy's four core program areas: Humanities and Culture, Social Policy and American Institutions, Science and Global Security, and Education.

A stipend of up to \$60,000 for junior faculty and up to \$40,000 for postdoctoral scholars accompanies the award. The program website includes a copy of the guidelines for the 2010-2011 fellowship year and application materials (www.amacad.org/visiting.aspx).

The deadline for applications is **October 16, 2009**. If you have questions about these fellowships, please contact John Tessitore, Administrative Director of the Visiting Scholars Program at 617-576-5002 or email: jtessitore@amacad.org.

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>