

AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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1.Upcoming Events

Graduate Students in African Studies Potluck

Saturday, Sept. 19 ~ 7 pm

Katherine Wiley's house 348 S GrantSt, #2

Spouses, significant others, kids, friends who wish they were in African Studies are welcome as well. A main dish will be provided; please bring a side or a salad (or another main if you're very ambitious). Please bring something that you'd like to drink as well.

Here's a map of the location:

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Bloomington&state=IN&address=348+S+Grant+St>

Call (518) 637-2652 if you get lost on the way! And please RSVP to katwiley@indiana.edu if you know you're coming. Karibu sana!

Friday, September 25

“Democratic Processes, Violence, and Reconstruction in Africa”

A symposium presented by the African Studies Program in cooperation with the Indiana Consortium for International Programs and the IUPUI Office of International Affairs

Venue: IUPUI University Place Conference Center, Indianapolis; panels in the University Lilly Auditorium, 755 West Michigan St., <http://www.iupui.edu/building/UL.html>.

(Please find the full program attached as a Word document)

TUESDAY NOON TALKS

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Woodburn 218

CALL for NOON TALK PRESENTERS:

We are currently filling the Noon talk schedule for this fall. **If you are a faculty member, visiting scholar, or graduate student interested in sharing your recent work in a Noon talk**, please email Angela Scharfenberger: ascharfe@indiana.edu.

WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: “The Twentieth Century II: Afrocosmopolitanism”

Akin Adesokan (Comparative Literature)

4:00-6:30pm (Refreshments in WH 221 at 3:30pm)

Woodburn 218

Public Lectures:

- Oct. 21** **Patrice Nganang** (SUNY, Stony Brook) “Geographic Thinking: Édouard Glissant, Philosopher”
- Oct. 28** **Harry Garuba** (African Studies & English, UCT) “Cosmopolitan Disconnect: Fanon, Xenophobia and Post-Apartheid Political Culture”
- Nov. 4** **Natalie Melas** (Comparative Literature, Cornell)
- Nov. 11** **Grant Farred** (English & Africana Studies, Cornell)

2. Announcements of Interest

Tentative schedule for Angolan writer Ndalú Almeida (“Ondjaki”), Institute for Advanced Studies Visiting Fellow, Indiana University, Oct. 12-23, 2009

This visit is made possible by the Institute for Advanced Studies, the African Studies Program and the Black Film Center/Archive

Thurs., Oct. 15: 4-5:30 pm, Ballantine Hall 310

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

Ndalú Almeida (Ondjaki) is an acclaimed Angolan writer and filmmaker who has published numerous novels, short stories, poems, and children's books. He has received literary prizes in Angola and Portugal and was recently awarded the Italian Grinzane Cavour prize for Africa in the young writer category in Ethiopia. His work has been translated into English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. In 2006, together with the Angolan filmmaker Kiluanje Liberdade, Ondjaki co-directed a documentary film, “Oxala Cresçam Pitangas” (“Hope the Pitanga Cherries Grow”), depicting the diversity of daily life in a finally peaceful Luanda, thirty years after independence.

In his presentation, Ondjaki will discuss his work and read from the English translation of his book, *Bom dia camaradas! (Good Morning Comrades!)*, which is a compelling depiction of coming of age in Luanda in the 1980s from the perspective of an adolescent narrator.

Mon., Oct. 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 (co-sponsored by the Black Film Center and Archives)

Thurs., Oct. 22: time TBA, venue TBA

Round table discussion with Joseph Gai Ramaka and Femi Osofisan – “African Arts and Power”

3. Conferences/ Call for Papers

People, Power, and Pragmatism:

The Future of Development in Our Changing World

A Human Development Conference at the University of Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Indiana USA

February 26-27, 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies & Solidarity and the Center for Social Concerns of the University of Notre Dame, in collaboration with SIT Study Abroad, a program of World Learning, announce a student conference on topics vital to human development to be held at the University of Notre Dame on February 26-27, 2010.

All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit proposals for papers to be presented at the conference. This conference is intended to be an event in which students come together to identify and share the current state of human development in their respective fields through presentations of their research; analyze and assess the way human development issues are being addressed across that wide spectrum of topics; and then formulate a vision for the direction of human development in the future.

Please submit proposals/abstracts (strictly 300 words or less), and questions to aseelaus@nd.edu. Only proposals received by Friday, October 16 will receive consideration. Invitations for participation will be extended by Monday, November 9. Students who accept invitations to present at the conference will be responsible for securing funding for travel, lodging and other related expenses. We hope that you will be able to join us for this conference and the opportunity to engage in conversation as we help build the next generation of development leaders.

Territorial Origins of African Civil Conflicts

The Ohio State University Center for African Studies, Columbus, Ohio, USA

The University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

January 29-30, 2010

Call for Papers

The Center for African Studies at The Ohio State University will sponsor a conference on the territorial origins of African civil conflict and conflict-alleviating institutions that integrate localities into national political and economic development processes. The conference will take place at the Pietermaritzburg campus of the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa, January 29-30, 2010.

The Center for African Studies, The Ohio State University and The University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa welcome the participation of academics, policymakers, civil society leaders, and foreign aid professionals. Those interested in presenting a paper at the conference should submit an abstract by September 25th, 2009 to the Center for African

Studies (OSU) and to the School of Politics (UKZN). E-mailed electronic files are preferred but abstracts may also be faxed or mailed. A detailed description of conference themes will be posted on the Center's website, <http://cas.osu.edu>. Submissions should be directed to:

Laura Joseph, Assistant Director, Center for African Studies, 318 Oxley Hall, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210 USA, Email: cas@osu.edu, Fax: (614) 292-4273; Phone: (614) 292-8169

Deadline for receipt of abstracts: September 25

Notification of successful abstracts: September 30th

Call for proposals: *Space Populations Societies* (2010-2)

New Mobilities in the South (Africa, South America, Asia, Oceania)

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Deadline for abstracts: September 30th, 2009

The review *Space Populations Societies* proposed in 2008 a special issue on the «new mobilities in widened Europe».

Several entries are proposed:

- The mobilities in the South as the revelations of spatial, economic, political, sociodemographic evolutions.
- The manners to make and the motives which preside over the mobilities (trade and business, migration, tourism, retreat, pilgrimage, etc.).
- The social categories and the new forms of disparities towards the mobility: young people, students, new business men and women, metropolitan "hypermobiles", executives of projects NGO or international institutions, storekeepers migrants, traffickers, but also vulnerable, poor people.

The objective of the number is to embrace, at a minimal level, the variety of the mobilities in the South. The editors wish to show the contemporary evolutions of the societies of the South, by attempting to describe and to understand who circulates or moves, why and for what to make, how as it is circulated. It is a question of wondering about what, in the mobilities, defines the South, takes away it or moves closer to it to the North, participates of the variety of a world the categories of which, by multiplying, become more and more vague.

4. Jobs and Fellowships

The **Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University** has opened its 2010 search for **Post-doctoral Research Fellows**.

The post-doctoral fellowship of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University brings together an innovative group of interdisciplinary researchers from around the world. The Fellowship gives emerging scholars the opportunity to work with distinguished faculty and provides a space for collaborative research and publication. Global Thought encourages interdisciplinary, transnational research under three broad themes: Secularism and Diversity, Global Governance, and Poverty and Inequality. Up to four fellowship spots are available for the academic year beginning August 1, 2010.

The term of the fellowship is two calendar years, beginning August 1, 2010 and ending July 31, 2012.
To apply please visit: [CGT Post-doc fellowship Application](#)

Requirements

Fellows are expected to:

- Teach or assist with one undergraduate or graduate course, either of their own design or as specified by the Committee. When teaching, fellows are required to hold weekly office hours.
- Participate in planning and execution of research workshops and symposia.
- Present their individual research projects.

Eligibility

International applicants are encouraged to apply. If selected, Columbia University will sponsor the appropriate visa.

Candidates will be considered only if:

- They received their first doctorate from a recognized university no earlier than August 1, 2005
- They do not hold or have not held a tenure or tenure-track position.

Benefits

- An annual salary of \$55,000, which includes health insurance and other standard benefits.

Application Deadlines:

Priority Deadline: November 1, 2009 (\$30 application fee)

General Deadline: November 15, 2009 (\$50 application fee)

The application fee may be waived at the discretion of the selection committee.

To apply:

1. Complete the Application online at <http://cgt.columbia.edu/form/>

Upload the following documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae 2. Cover Letter 3. Research proposal 4. Writing Sample

By Postal Mail or Email

5. Three letters of reference.

6. Application fee (\$30 by November 1 or \$50 by November 15) a) Payment by credit card: Download payment form at cgt.columbia.edu. Scan form and email to cgt.postdoc@columbia.edu or send to our office via postal mail. b) Payment by Check or money order made payable to Columbia University, send via postal mail.

Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, 440 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10027

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http://cgt.columbia.edu/about/opportunities/post_doctoral_fellowship1/