

## **AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM**

### **FRIDAY BULLETIN**

**November 13, 2009**

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(In addition to the full text contained in this message, the Friday Bulletin is attached as a Word document. If you have announcements or information appropriate for the Bulletin, please send it to [ascharfe@indiana.edu](mailto:ascharfe@indiana.edu), preferably by Wednesday at noon.)

\*\*\*There will be no Bulletin next week due to the African Studies Association annual meeting, nor the following week due to the Thanksgiving recess. If you have announcements, please continue to send them to [ascharfe@indiana.edu](mailto:ascharfe@indiana.edu). We will send them out as separate emails if they are time-sensitive. Thank You!!

#### **1.Upcoming Events**

##### **TUESDAY NOON TALKS**

**12:00 – 1:00 pm, Woodburn 218**

We have completed our Noon Talk series for this semester. If you are interested in giving a Noon Talk in the spring semester, please email Angela Scharfenberger, [ascharfe@indiana.edu](mailto:ascharfe@indiana.edu).

##### **WEDNESDAY SEMINAR: “The Twentieth Century II: Afrocosmopolitanism”**

**Akin Adesokan (Comparative Literature)**

**4:00-6:30pm, Woodburn 218**

**Please join us for refreshments at 3:30pm in Woodburn 221!**

**Dec. 2**            **“The Morality of Ritual in Soyinka’s Drama.”**  
**Abiola Irele** (African and African American Studies, Harvard University)

Co-sponsored by the Comparative Literature Department.

## 2. Announcements of Interest

### **Bernard Woma Ensemble, The Mbira Queens**

**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

**8:00pm - 11:00pm**

**Max's Place, 109 W. 7th St., Bloomington**

**Family-friendly!**

Bernard Woma, master xylophone player from Ghana, performs with his ensemble. Bernard has performed all over the world with his troupe, Sakuumu, and opened the Dagara Music Center in Accra, Ghana. He is well-versed in both the music of northern Ghana, as well as the drum and dance traditions found throughout the country. He is a performer of exceptional caliber, and Bloomington is lucky to be hosting him for a few years.

The Mbira Queens play the Mbira Nyunganyunga and the Mbira DzaVadzimu. They learned primarily from Sheasby Matiure during his tenure at IU, and have also studied with Cosmas Magaya, Patience Chaitezvi, and other prominent Zimbabwean mbira players. They are characterized by fluid, golden harmonies, singing in Shona, the indigenous language of Zimbabwe.

8 - Bernard Woma Ensemble

8:45 Mbira Queens

9:45 Bernard Woma Ensemble

Donations gratefully accepted. Half of the proceeds of the show will go to Tariro, a girls' orphanage in Zimbabwe. [www.tariro.org](http://www.tariro.org)

### **"A Day in the Life: Africa"**

**Sponsored by Giving Back to Africa Student Association**

**Monday, November 16, 7:00 pm**

**Woodburn Hall 003**

Join the Giving Back to Africa Student Association for an Advocacy Week event to remember! Hear firsthand what life is like as a student in the Congo. Join in an exploration of the theme of giving back. Write letters to our GBA scholars in the Congo.

**For more information, contact [gba@indiana.edu](mailto:gba@indiana.edu).**

**The Graduate Students in African Studies** are updating their listserv. If you would like to receive updates on the group, but aren't yet a member of their Google group please go to [http://groups.google.com/group/GSAS\\_IU](http://groups.google.com/group/GSAS_IU) and request an invitation to join. Or email Katherine Wiley ([katwiley@indiana.edu](mailto:katwiley@indiana.edu)) and she'll add you to the group. GSAS will use this group to coordinate activities, publicize events that might be of particular interest to graduate students, and to share information pertaining to conferences etc on Africa.

**FLAS Information Session**  
**Monday, November 30**  
**3:30-5:00pm, IMU Walnut Room**

This session is for anyone interested in applying for summer and/or academic year Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships in 2010. Representatives of IU area studies programs will provide information about the fellowships, discuss guidelines, and answer questions.

**Kiswahili conversation sessions:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm in Woodburn Hall 221 conference room.

The **Spring 2010 African Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Seminar AFRI-A 731** will be taught in conjunction with FOLK-F 609 by Ruth Stone, Professor of Ethnomusicology and Associate Vice Provost for Research. Theme:

**Voices and Values in Colonial Relationships and African Performance** The course focuses on dialogues and conversations that occur in performances in Africa, particularly within colonial relationships. Music, dance, theater, literature, and popular culture create sites where the dominant and the dominated alike position and reposition themselves. Students will engage with guest speakers who address some examples of these voices and values as they have played out. Students will also conduct research in an archive on the Bloomington campus or elsewhere. Drawing upon primary sources, those students taking the class for 3 credits will write a paper, analyzing at least two voices in performance contexts and how they have interrelated in a real or metaphorical dialogue in the context of Africa.

**3. Conferences/ Call for Papers**

**Conflict: Risk, Resilience and Mental Health**  
**National Academy of Sciences**  
**Institute of Medicine in Washington DC**  
**December 7-9, 2009.**

Please find here the brochure as well as the link to the website and registration.

[http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/bmed/education/ConfAndContinuingEd/Child\\_Armed\\_Conflict/index.asp](http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/som/bmed/education/ConfAndContinuingEd/Child_Armed_Conflict/index.asp)

**Call for Papers**

**Folklore Forum**

**Special Issue: Cultural Manifestations of Violence and Socio-Cultural Trauma**

Folklore Forum is seeking articles for its upcoming special issue on cultural manifestations of violence and socio-cultural trauma. In particular, this issue seeks to examine the expressive and performative processes through which various cultures respond to, enact, and otherwise negotiate experiences of trauma and violence. Folklore Forum invites proposals that consider, but are not limited to, the following themes and issues:

- music in traumatized communities

- music, dance, poetry as responses to violence
- disruption to performative communities
- expressive culture and the amelioration and reconciliation of trauma
- artists and musicians as political activists against violence
- historical nostalgia and performative recollections of violence and trauma
- expressive culture as a means to sustain or circumvent violence
- cultural appropriation as violence

Deadline for submission is 1 February 2010.

- All documents should be submitted to [folkpub@indiana.edu](mailto:folkpub@indiana.edu).
- In the subject line include attn: submissions editor and your name
- Only electronic submissions in .doc, .docx, .txt, or .rtf will be accepted
- Each copy should have a separate title page. On the title page, please give your name, e-mail address, and telephone number
- Your name should not appear on the document pages

**FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
**Cambridge University, United Kingdom**  
**2-5 August 2010**

The International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences examines the nature of disciplinary practices, and the interdisciplinary practices that arise in the context of 'real world' applications. It also interrogates what constitutes 'science' in a social context, and the connections between the social and other sciences.

Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of the conference, including an online proposal submission form, may be found at the conference website - <http://www.SocialSciencesConference.com/>.

**Sports in Africa: Politics and Globalization**  
**March 5- 6, 2010**  
**Ohio University, Athens Ohio**

Since its inception in 2004, the Sports in Africa Symposium has sought to foster meaningful dialogue on the interface of sports and Africa among academics, practitioners, media, NGOs and the public. The first five conferences covered a range of topics across time and disciplines. The presentations have explored the relationships among sport and broader themes such as politics, culture, gender, disability, cooperation, conflict, history, migration, mass media, and development.

The conference organizers sincerely hope that the dialogue will be pursued beyond this initiative, and are planning a symposium that will be not only intellectually engaging, but also a source of inspiration for future scholarly and practical endeavors.

The deadline for presentation abstract submissions is **January 3, 2010**.

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<<http://www.ohio.edu/sportsafrica/politicsglobalization/callforpapers.htm>>

**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](mailto:iugradconf@gmail.com)

**4. Jobs and Fellowships**

**PRE-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**

The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia invites applications from pre-doctoral scholars whose work focuses on Africa and/or the African Diaspora. These residential fellowships were designed to assist scholars with the writing of dissertations and manuscripts, and to provide ample opportunity to discuss and exchange works with the intellectual community of the University of Virginia. These two year fellowships will be awarded for the 2010-2012 academic years.

**DEADLINES**

Applications and application materials (transcripts and letters of reference) must be received by **Tuesday, December 1, 2009** for consideration.

Fellowship appointment begins: August 25, 2010.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The competition for the Woodson Institute fellowship is open to qualified candidates without restriction as to citizenship or current residence. However, current University employees are not

eligible to apply. Applicants for the pre-doctoral fellowships must have completed all requirements for the Ph.D. except the dissertation prior to August 1, 2010.

Please note: Individuals may not apply for the Woodson pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships at the same time.

#### **STIPENDS**

The stipend carries an annual salary of \$20,000 plus benefits.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, please visit <http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/woodson/fellowship/predoc.html> and follow the directions as stated on the website.

All letters of reference should be mailed to: Selection Committee, Residential Research Fellowships, The Carter G. Woodson Institute, 108 Minor Hall, PO Box 400162, Charlottesville, VA 22904

#### **POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP**

The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African-American and African Studies at the University of Virginia invites scholars whose work focuses on Africa and/or the African Diaspora to apply for a two-year post-doctoral research and teaching fellowship, beginning August 25, 2010 and ending August 24, 2012. This residential fellowship is a two year appointment.

#### **DEADLINES**

Applications and application materials (transcripts and letters of reference) must be received by **Tuesday, December 1, 2009** for consideration.

Fellowship appointment begins: August 25, 2010

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The competition for the Woodson Institute fellowship is open to qualified candidates without restriction as to citizenship or current residence. Former employees of the University of Virginia may not apply against a deadline which falls within the twelve months immediately following the termination of their University of Virginia employment. Applicants for the post-doctoral fellowship must have been awarded their Ph.D. by the time of application or furnish proof that it will be received prior to June 30, 2010. Post-doctoral applicants must have been awarded their Ph.D. no earlier than 2002.

#### **STIPENDS**

The stipend carries an annual salary of \$45,000 plus benefits.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

To apply, please visit <http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/woodson/fellowship/postdoc.html> and follow the directions as stated on the website. All letters of reference should be mailed to: Selection Committee, Residential Research Fellowships, The Carter G. Woodson Institute, 108 Minor Hall, PO Box 400162, Charlottesville, VA 22904

**The College Travel Award** competition opened on November 1 and is now accepting applications until December 1. Please visit the below

(<https://coas3.coas.indiana.edu/coasadmin/CICada/TravelGrants/TravelGrantsApplication.cfm>) or via the website, <http://college.indiana.edu/graduate/office/awards.shtml#s5>.

**The Department of Religion and the Center for African Studies, University of Florida**

**Position announcement:**

**Islam and Muslim Societies in Africa**

The Department of Religion and the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida invite applications for a tenure-track assistant professor in the field of Islam and Muslim Societies in sub-Saharan Africa, to begin in August 2010. We are interested in candidates with a research focus in such fields as Muslim thought, religious practice, Islamic history, social dynamics, and/or political movements in Africa. The appointment will be made jointly between the Department and the Center, both of which are located within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. Required qualifications include: a Ph.D. in a relevant field; significant research experience in sub-Saharan Africa; and a strong record or substantial promise of teaching and scholarly publication on Islam in Africa. Candidates should demonstrate an ability to work collaboratively across disciplinary boundaries with faculty members in various departments and colleges. They are also expected to teach introductory courses, in addition to more advanced undergraduate and graduate classes in their field. Knowledge of an African language is highly desirable. If the applicant does not have a degree in religion, familiarity with methods and theories in the discipline is required. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application (referencing PS # 00025437), CV, a writing sample, and any other supporting materials, as well as have three letters of reference sent directly to: Islam in Africa Search Committee, 107 Anderson Hall, P. O. Box 117410, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-7410

**All materials should be received by 8 January 2010.**

**Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor in Global Health**

**College of Public Health & Health Professions/Center for African Studies/Center for Latin American Studies**

The College of Public Health and Health Professions, the Center for African Studies, and the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, seek a global health faculty member for a tenure-track position in the college with a joint appointment in one of the centers. This position will lead the health science component of the University's new interdisciplinary Master's in Sustainable Development Practice (MDP) degree program. Qualifications for the position include a doctoral degree in global or international health, health management, health policy, epidemiology, health behavior/promotion, or a related field, significant expertise (including field experience and appropriate linguistic competence) in global health in either Africa or Latin America, and a record of academic accomplishments consistent with level of appointment. The successful candidate will be appointed at the Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor level and must be eligible to submit federally funded research proposals. The MDP program is highly interdisciplinary; a master's degree in a field complementary to the doctoral degree is preferred. This is a tenure track 1.0 FTE position on a 12-month appointment.

Application review will begin **December 15, 2009** and continue until a suitable applicant pool has been established. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, referencing PS# 00025479, Curriculum Vitae, and three letters of reference to Mary Peoples-Sheps, DrPH, Search Committee Chair, P.O. Box 100182, Gainesville, FL 32610-0182. (Phone 352-273-6443, Fax 352-273-6199, Email [mpeoplesheps@ufl.edu](mailto:mpeoplesheps@ufl.edu).)

**The Department of Political Science at the College of Charleston SC**, invites applications for a full time, tenure track assistant professor position beginning fall 2010 in comparative politics with an African area specialization and expertise. In addition to teaching the survey “Politics of Africa” course and developing additional courses related to African countries, the successful candidate will contribute to the department’s international and comparative curriculum. The ability to offer undergraduate courses in political theory, including both traditional and non-traditional perspectives on key normative concepts and their application to contemporary political issues is highly desirable. Candidates must possess a PhD in Political Science or related field. The normal teaching load is three courses per semester.

Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vita, copies of graduate transcripts, statements of teaching and research interests, evidence of teaching effectiveness (including, but not limited to course syllabi and course evaluations), examples of scholarly research, and three letters of reference to Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, College of Charleston, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424. Review of applications will begin **November 30, 2009** and continue until the position is filled. The College of Charleston is an AA/EO employer and strongly encourages women and minority candidates to apply.

### **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**

### **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](http://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>