

AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM

FRIDAY BULLETIN

November 6, 2009

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1.Upcoming Events

TUESDAY NOON TALKS

12:00 – 1:00 pm, Woodburn 218

November 10 "The Experience of Writing in Africa Today : A Personal Itinerary," **Femi Osofisan**,
University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Femi Osofisan is a critic, poet, novelist, essayist, lecturer, editor, publisher, culture activist, the most prolific, most performed and the most enthusiastically received playwright in Nigeria. He has written and produced over 40 plays. Numbered among them are *Midnight Hotel*, *Morountodun*, *Who is Afraid of Solarin?*, *Birthdays are not for the Dying*, and his latest play, *Ajayi Crowther*. His poems published under the pseudonym, *Okinba Launko* are *Minted Coins* and *Dream Seeker on Diving Chain*. His writing employs a range of literary devices such as humour, irony, song, dance folktale and fables.

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!

Nov. 11 "Lessons from Bolano-Land: The Death of the Postcolonial, The Ugly Birth of the Transnational."

Grant Farred (English & Africana Studies, Cornell)

Co-sponsored by the Comparative Literature Department.

2009-2010 Robert and Avis Burke Lecture, Dept. of Art History

“Dynasty and Divinity: Ife Art of Ancient Nigeria,” **Henry Drewal**, Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, November 6

Fine Arts Building 102, 5pm

2. Announcements of Interest

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.

Bernard Woma Ensemble, The Mbira Queens

Saturday, November 14, 2009

8:00pm - 11:00pm

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

Description 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.

Come enjoy this feast of African music!

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

3. Conferences/ Call for Papers
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

4. Jobs and Fellowships

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 mpeoplessheps@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**

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.

Mellon Fellowships for Dissertation Research in Original Sources.

Fellowships support dissertation research in original source material. Each fellowship lasts between 9 to 12 months and carries a stipend of up to \$25,000. Applicants must be enrolled in a doctoral program in a graduate school in the United States. Complete applications must be submitted using CLIR's online application form by 5:00 p.m. EST **November 13, 2009**. More information on the award and the application process is available at <http://www.clir.org/fellowships/mellon/mellon.html>.

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Academic Libraries.

One- and two-year fellowships are awarded to individuals for work on projects that use current information technology to forge, renovate, and strengthen connections between academic library collections and their users.

Applicants must have received a Ph.D. after January 1, 2005. Applicants who have not yet received their Ph.D. must have completed all work toward the degree before starting the fellowship.

Fellows must reside at their sponsoring institution for the duration of the fellowship. The amount of the fellowship award varies among institutions. For more information about the fellowship and application procedures, visit <http://www.clir.org/fellowships/postdoc/postdoc.html>.

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>