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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Spring has arrived, and along with it, the promise of growth. As a precursor, January 1 marked the first day of the third five-year Rutgers University contract to host the ASA Secretariat in New Brunswick, NJ. Rutgers University President Richard McCormick described the ASA as “a jewel in Rutgers’ crown.” The sparkling achievements of Rutgers’ Africanist faculty infused the ASA’s 50th Anniversary celebrations: Carolyn Brown’s leadership as a Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair and the Committee’s energy led to wonderful events that included the first ever “New York Celebrates Africa Week,” which kicked-off at the Schomburg Center. Abena Busia organized a Durbar of Ghanaian chiefs during the Welcome Reception to honor the ASA’s 50th and the 50th Anniversary of Ghana’s independence. Ousseina Alidou’s book, *Engaging Modernity*, was a runner-up for the Women’s Caucus Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize. Barbara Cooper won the Herskovits Award for *Evangelical Christians in the Muslim Sahel*. On behalf of the ASA Board of Directors, I am delighted to thank the many representatives of the Rutgers University community who were so instrumental in bringing the Association to Rutgers, and who worked with me to renew the contract through December 31, 2012.

The importance of the Rutgers University contribution to the ASA cannot be overemphasized. Assured the stability of an operational base, the Board and the Secretariat have focused attention on finances, governance and strategic planning. We worked hard to adhere to 2007’s balanced budget. Watch the website for the outcome of those efforts in a new Annual Report. We are closely monitoring the balanced budget that was passed for 2008. The Strategic Planning Committee and members of the Board’s Executive Committee continued outlining initiatives to strengthen the Association during

February 1-2 meetings in New Brunswick. These initiatives were further discussed during President Aliko Songolo and Vice President Paul Zeleza’s February 20 visit to the Secretariat, and they form the basis for the Spring Board Meeting agenda that will include plans for follow-up referenda to update the ASA’s Bylaws. We are also working to enhance the ASA relationship with its Coordinate Organizations. I am pleased to welcome to the Secretariat Suzanne Moyer, who joined the staff as Senior Program Manager on February 11, and whose expertise will be an invaluable support for these efforts.

The Call for Proposals process for the 50th Anniversary of the first Annual Meeting highlighted the need for technological upgrades that will be detailed at a future date. The online system functioned smoothly for some, while others encountered random and unexpected obstacles, and the deadline consequently was extended. Be assured that all verified attempts to submit a proposal on or before March 23 will be honored. The Program Committee will soon begin its work to organize the November 13-16 program in Chicago, “Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years,” and the Preliminary Program will be posted to the website in July. In the meantime, please view the Program Committee Proposal Review Guidelines that the Board adopted on January 24, 2008 as per the Presidents’ Statement on the ASA Policy for Proposal Acceptances for the 2007 Annual Meeting.

As indicated above, individual effort advances the collectivity. The ASA, now in a strengthened financial position, is poised to capitalize increasingly on the vitality of its members in ways familiar and new. We thrive on your input. Please help us to complete the “Fifty Fabulous Firsts” document at www.africanstudies.org, and please continue to contribute to the 50 Year Anniversaries Fundraising Campaign. If we honor the past and endow the future, the next 50 years of “promoting African studies” promise to be productive and rewarding!

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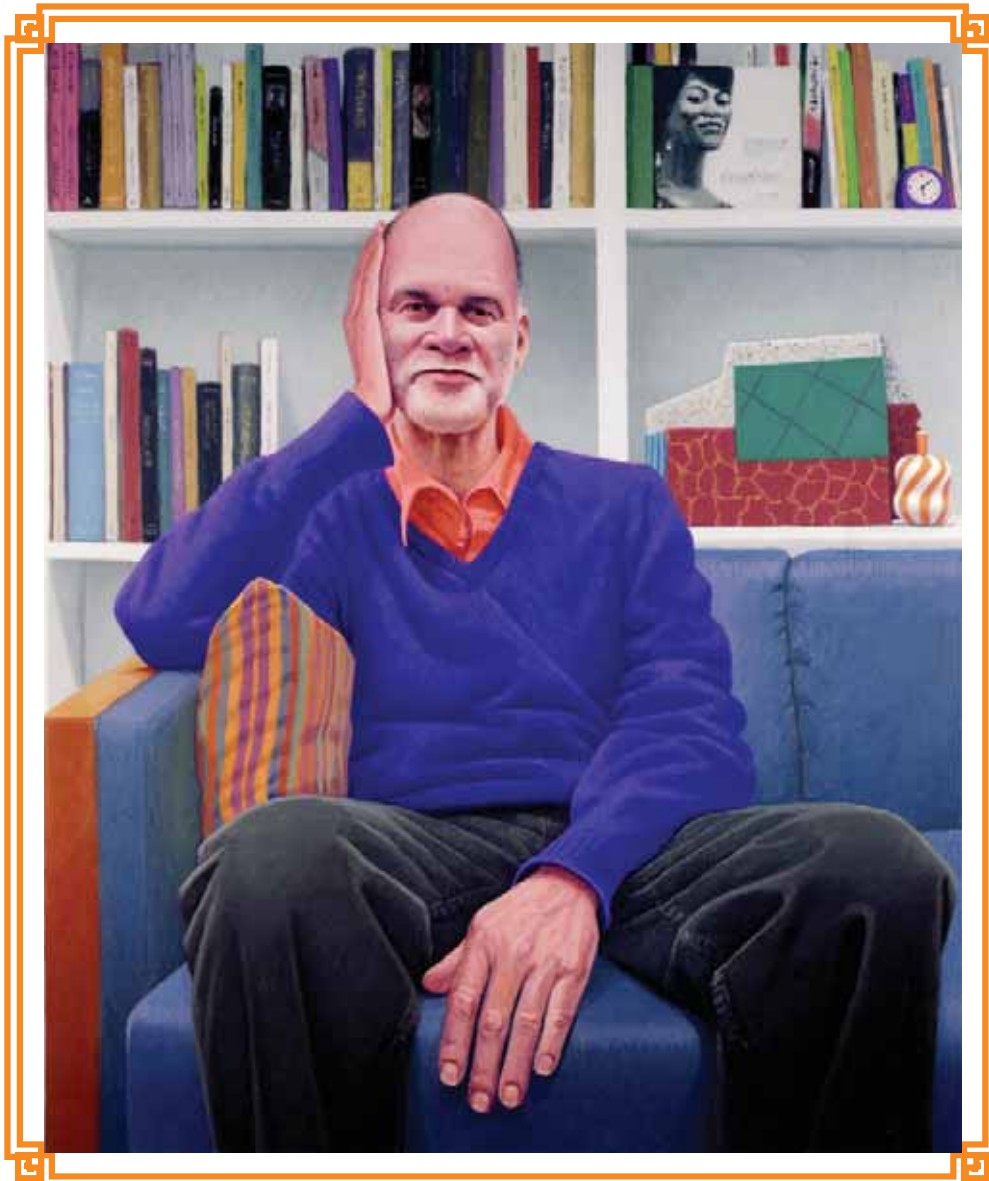
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The ASA would like to extend its gratitude to the Kennell A. Jackson, Jr. Estate for its generous donation of \$100,000 to create the Ogot Award for the Best Book on East African Studies (given in honor of Bethwell Ogot, a world renowned Kenyan visionary, scholar, and activist) and to endow existing ASA prizes.

Dr. Kennell A. Jackson, Jr. was a long-time member of the ASA and an expert on East African History. In addition to his generous donation to the ASA, Dr. Jackson made donations to many African Universities and Libraries and to Stanford University where he devoted twenty-five years to the African and African American Studies Department. The portrait of him included here is by artist Vonn Sumner and is hanging in the newly renamed Kennell A. Jackson, Jr. lounge at Stanford University.



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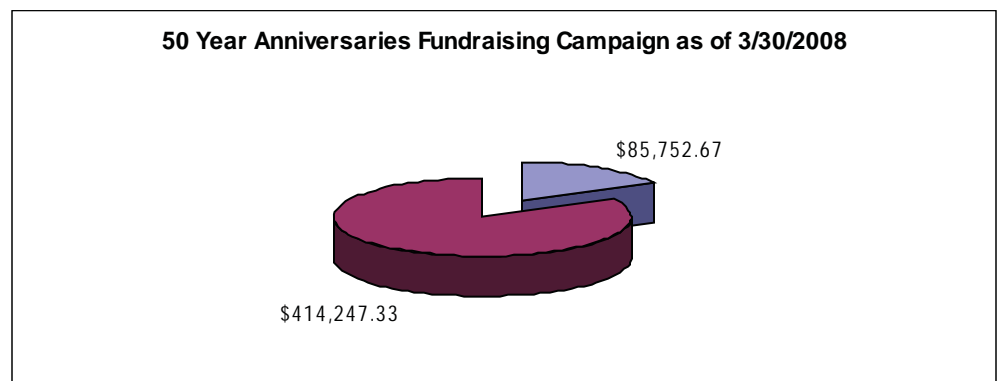
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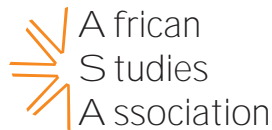
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 17.15%





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Dear African Studies Association Community,

For many of us the Annual Meeting of the ASA is a cherished event that we anticipate each year, looking forward to seeing old friends, contacting colleagues, and learning about new publications and other resources. For those of us who teach in smaller colleges or who are independent scholars, and practitioners, the ASA provides an important professional home where we can connect with others who share our interests and concerns.

But the Annual Meeting, publications, awards and prizes, information exchange, and other services provided by the ASA will only be possible if the ASA secures its financial future. One important measure is to increase the endowment. In honor of the 50th anniversaries of the founding of the organization and of our first Annual Meeting, we are asking each member to make a special contribution. Our minimal request is for \$50 in honor of the 50th anniversaries, though if you are able to respond with a larger contribution that will be most welcome.

Every contribution is important and every donation counts. A 100% participation rate would be truly impressive!

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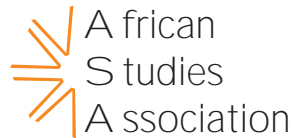
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AEGIS 3rd European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 3)

Leipzig, 4 to 7 June 2009

Call For Panels

The members of AEGIS are organizing a biannual European Conference on African Studies (ECAS). The third conference will be hosted by the Institute of African Studies of the University of Leipzig on 4 to 7 June 2009. The overall theme of ECAS 3 is "Respacing Africa." The AEGIS Steering Committee encourages scholars and students interested in African Studies to participate in this conference.

AEGIS was founded in 1991 as a network of European Centres of African Studies. It is a network of university and non-university African Studies centers based in Europe. It aims to create synergies between experts and institutions. With primary emphasis on Social Sciences and Humanities, AEGIS' main goal is to improve understanding about contemporary African societies. AEGIS current membership is Barcelona, Basel, Bayreuth, Bordeaux, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Goteborg, Hamburg, Leiden, Leipzig, Lisbon, London,

Mainz, Naples, Oxford, Paris, Porto, Trondheim and Uppsala. For further details see <http://www.aegis-eu.org>.

The conference is open to all disciplines and methodological approaches representing the Social Sciences and Humanities. However, at the same time the Steering Committee is strongly inviting panel proposals which look into the re-scaling and re-shaping of Africa through the various references which are being – or have been – made to the spatial dimensions of human action (social, symbolic, imagined or otherwise). This includes processes of globalisation, regionalisation, transnationalisation, re-nationalisation etc. – at all levels and across time.

Panels are expected to consist of four papers, with a chair and a discussant. Larger panels may be accommodated over more than one session. At this stage the Steering Committee invites potential panel organizers to provide a title and some of the names of participants to be considered for inclusion in the program. A 50-word abstract and 250-word description should be included. The official conference language is English (contributions

in any EU language are possible, but there will be no translation services offered, except for key note speeches).

Panel proposals should be submitted to the Steering Committee of ECAS 3, c/o Institute of African Studies (e-mail: conference@aegis-eu.org).

Call for Panels Deadline: August 1, 2008

Time Schedule:

August 1, 2008: Final date for submission of panels

September 30, 2008: Notification of accepted panels

October 20, 2008: Publication of panels and call for papers

December 31, 2008: Final date for submission of abstracts

January 2009: Publication of abstracts

November 1, 2008 - April 1, 2009: Early registration (at reduced rate)

June 4-7, 2009: ECAS 3 in Leipzig

Please Note: On March 11, 2008, a correction was made to the '2008 Call for Proposal Guidelines for Submission' posted in the January 2008 *ASA News*. The guidelines in the newsletter read: "Individuals may chair or co-chair one panel or roundtable in addition to making one presentation." The correct guidelines should read "Individuals may chair one panel or roundtable in addition to making one presentation."

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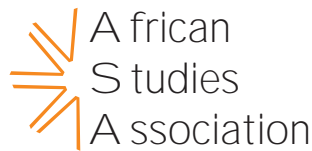
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AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION 51ST ANNUAL MEETING KEY INFORMATION

The 50th Anniversary of the first Annual Meeting held in Evanston, IL in 1958



Chicago, IL ~ November 13-16, 2008

“Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years”

Program Chair: Patrick Manning, U of Pittsburgh

Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs:

Fassil Demissie, DePaul U; Lynette Jackson, U of Illinois-Chicago

Final Program Deadline for Corrections September 15, 2008

Individuals may make updates to name, title, and institutional affiliation only by updating their member record. Proposal title changes may be made by sending an email to asaamc@rci.rutgers.edu.

Africa Resident Registration Deadline September 30, 2008

Individuals residing in Africa who wish to attend the Annual Meeting may contact the Secretariat in writing to request authorization to pay registration onsite in Chicago, IL at the pre-registration rate. Requests may be sent via email with “Africa Resident Registration” in the subject line to members@rci.rutgers.edu or by fax to 732-932-3394. Individuals may check the status of their registration and print receipts by logging on to their ASA account at www.africanstudies.org.

Annual Meeting Pre-registration Deadline September 30, 2008

Please see the registration information on the following page.

Letters of Invitation Deadline September 30, 2008

A request for a Letter of Invitation can be made by sending an email to asaamc@rci.rutgers.edu with “Letter of Invitation” in the subject line. Please note: requests require 4-6 weeks to process. Requests received after September 30, 2008 will incur a \$25 administrative fee and the individual will pay the cost of any express courier that is requested.

Hotel Reservations Deadline October 22, 2008

Reserve your room early. Mention “African Studies Association” to receive the discounted rate at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Chicago, IL, while rooms are available.
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Annual Meeting Updates and Additional Information

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Questions? asaamc@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-8173 x15

REGISTRATION

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Please pay online by logging on to your ASA account at www.africanstudies.org. Payment can be made by check or credit card. International residents who experience difficulty with the online system can pay by check and mail it to the Secretariat on or before **September 30, 2008** to African Studies Association, Rutgers, The State U of New Jersey, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400. Individuals may also contact the ASA Secretariat to process credit cards manually: Tel: 732-932-8173 x11 or Fax: 732-932-3394 on or before **September 30, 2008**.

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**Missed the Pre-Registration Deadline?
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Non-Member with income \$34,999 and below	\$134
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EXHIBIT HALL APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 30, 2008

Or while booth space is available.

Early Bird Special: All applications for Exhibit Booths and/or Program Ads will receive an additional 10% discount if the payment is received on or before **May 15, 2008**.

KEY DATES

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July 2008: The Preliminary Program will be posted online to the ASA website: www.africanstudies.org. Once posted, the Preliminary Program will not be updated.

September 15, 2008: Deadline to make corrections to name, title, and institutional affiliation only. Corrections will be reflected in the Final Program, which will be distributed in Chicago.

September 30, 2008: Pre-registration closes 4:30 P.M. EST. Individuals will be required to register onsite after this date.

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Mark your calendar for future Annual Meetings

November 19-22, 2009	New Orleans Marriott Hotel	New Orleans, LA
November 18-21, 2010	Westin St. Francis Hotel	San Francisco, CA
November 17-20, 2011	Marriott Wardman Park Hotel	Washington, DC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

African Lutheran Research

The Archives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is completing a project to microfilm portions of the global mission records of the ELCA's predecessor churches dating from 1842 to the early 1960s. All global mission records are available for research to the public, and most are processed and cataloged with full finding aids. Information on the collection is available on-line through OCLC and the archives on-line web page. Microfilm can be requested via ILL. Also available on that web page is a listing of all missionaries through the year 2000 and a bibliography of historical sources related to ELCA global missions history, both of which are continuously undated and/or corrected. The lists and bibliographies are organized by country. A list of global missions collections in other American Lutheran repositories is also available.

For the African continent, significant holdings are available related to: Ethiopia, Liberia, Namibia, and Tanzania. The holdings also include several other countries: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar,

Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Zaire and Zimbabwe.

Among the records are those of the mission organizations including those created in the field and publications and minutes of the church organizations that developed. Significant correspondence with church leaders is included as well as among missionaries and mission board officials. Another large group of materials included in the processing and microfilming project are those related to women's missionary organizations. In addition to the narrative sources are audio visual materials including photographs, negatives, slides, motion picture films, audio and video recordings and selected artifacts. You may view some of the motion picture films on our web page. For Africa, the span of time included in these collections dates from the 1860s forward.

Onsite research, inquiries by letter, email and telephone are accepted. All records included in the microfilming project are available through inter-library loan. Other related American church records can also be found through the same online information and microfilm of those

collections are also available via ILL. Among those other collections are records relating to inter-Lutheran organizations, such as the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and Lutheran World Relief. Full listings of the organizational records at the ELCA Archives are available on the web site.

Among the personal papers collection are the following from former missionaries to Africa:

Ethiopia: Dr. Warren R. Pierson

Liberia: Esther Bacon; Charles H. Brosius; David A. Day; Morris Officer (microfilm only); Jens Christian Pedersen.

Madagascar: Viola Van Gilder

South Africa: Paul Gullander (microfilm only)

Tanzania: Elmer and Lillian Danielson; Donald C. Flatt; Alan J. Gottneid; George F. Hall; Inez Olson; Howard S. Olson.

More than one country: Ralph D. Hult, Walter Trobisch

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ASA Melville J. Herskovits Award

The ASA annually presents the Melville J. Herskovits Award to the author of an outstanding original scholarly work published on Africa in the previous year. The 2007 Award recipient was Barbara Cooper, Rutgers U, for *Evangelical Christians in the Muslim Sahel* (Indiana University Press, 2006). The members of the 2007 Award Committee were Elisabeth Cameron, Louise Meintjes, Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja, J.D.Y Peel, and Diana Wylie (Chair).

Nominations for the Herskovits Award are made directly by publishers who may nominate as many separate titles in a given year as they desire. Nominations must be sent to the Herskovits Award Committee members and postmarked on or before **May 1, 2008**. All nominations must meet the following criteria:

- Non-fiction scholarly works published in English in 2007 and distributed in the United States.
- Only books copyrighted in 2007 are eligible for the

2008 Herskovits Award.

- The subject matter must significantly deal with Africa and/or related areas (Cape Verde, Madagascar, or Indian Ocean Islands off the East African coast).

For more information visit the Awards and Prizes page at www.africanstudies.org, or contact Kristina Carle, Program Manager, Publications and Information Services, at asapub@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-8173 x16

Kenneth W. Mildener Prize

Competition in 2008 for Books Published in 2007

The Committee on Honors and Awards of the Modern Language Association invites authors to compete for the twenty-eighth annual Kenneth W. Mildener Prize, to be presented for an outstanding scholarly book in the fields of language, culture, literacy, or literature with strong application to the teaching of languages other than English. The prize will be awarded for a book published in 2007.

Entries for this competition will be accepted until May 1, 2008, and the award will be presented to the winning author at the Association's annual convention in December 2008. Authors of works competing for the prize need not be members of the Association.

To enter publications into the competition, authors or publishers should send four copies and identification of each work submitted to the Kenneth W. Mildener Prize, Modern Language Association, 26 Broadway, 3rd floor, New York, NY

10004-1789. Entries may be sent at any time but must be received by **May 1, 2008**.

The award for a winning book consists of \$1,000. In addition, all winners will receive a certificate and a one-year membership in the MLA. Publishers may enter more than one title. Shipping labels should indicate the names of the prizes for which the works are competing. For further information, call or write the Office of Special Projects, Modern Language Association (646 576-5141; awards@mla.org).

Small Medium Micro Enterprises (SMME) Awards

The 2008 Africa SMME Awards aim to recognize the success and vitality of the Africa SMME sector.

This unique annual awards program has been established specifically to acknowledge, encourage and celebrate excellence amongst African SMMEs by giving them the opportunity to gain valuable exposure and well-deserved recognition for their global expansion ambitions. Winners of the Awards will feature prominently in the

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Enter the 2008 Africa SMME Awards event and your enterprise might just be a category finalist and then eligible to win one of six 2008 Africa SMME of the Year category awards: (1) Industrial Sector Award; (2) Trade Sector Award; (3) Services Sector Award; (4) Best New Business Award; (5) Most Innovative Enterprise Award; and (6)

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The closing date for entries is **July 31, 2008**.

For entry criteria and an entry form, please contact Dina Potgieter, Africagrowth Institute.

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Dina will attach the information to her reply email for your submission.

William Sanders Scarborough Prize

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the life of the mind combined with community service. Established in 2001, the prize is awarded annually for an outstanding scholarly study of black American literature or culture published the previous year. Books that are primarily translations will not be considered. The prize, which consists of \$1,000 and a certificate, will be presented to the winning author at the Association's annual convention in December 2008.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

2009 American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) Annual Meeting

The American Association for the History of Medicine invites submissions in any area of medical history for its 82nd annual meeting, to be held in Cleveland, OH, April 23-26, 2009. The Association welcomes submissions on the

history of health and healing. Abstracts must be received by September 15, 2008. E-mail or faxed proposals cannot be accepted.

Deadline: September 15, 2008

The AAHM uses an online abstract submissions system which can be accessed along

with detailed information on submission at the main website at <http://histmed.org>.

Please address specific questions to:
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Winter 2009: Applications received by January 15; decision by March 1.

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RECENT DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

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Resource use and waste production at a semi-intensive, black tiger prawn *Penaeus monodon* farm [Madagascar]. PhD, Auburn U, 2007. 3273382.

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Babrowski, Kara B.

Ethnogenesis and genetic identity among the Taita and Mijikenda of Kenya: A mitochondrial DNA case study. PhD, U of Illinois at Chicago, 2007. 3266998.

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Bjork, Stephanie R.

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Boozer, Anna Lucille.

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Brennan, Vicki Laine.

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Batuku dance and Creole language: Cape Verdean women respond to economic globalization. PhD, Debreceni Orvostudományi Egyetem (Hungary), 2007. 3272950.

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Losing your place: Tourism and the making of enclaves in Luxor, Egypt. PhD, York U (Can.), 2007. NR29525.

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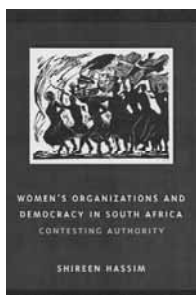
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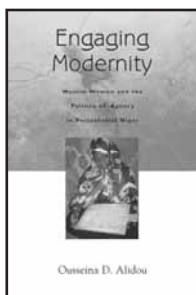


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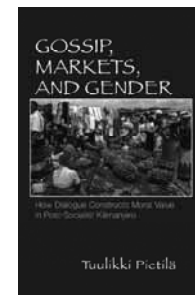
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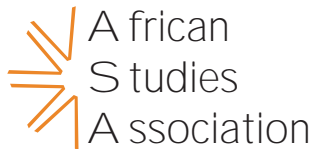


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