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I am pleased to announce that an inaugural Annual Report soon will be published on the ASA website. The report highlights noteworthy activities and achievements during the year that marked the 50th Anniversary of the ASA’s founding, March 22-24, 1957, at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. In particular, I am thrilled to share the news about the ASA’s very positive financial performance in 2007. As many of you will recall, when I became Executive Director in March 2003, the ASA faced considerable financial challenges, with severe structural budget shortages coupled with largely stagnant endowment investments. Since then, the ASA Board, the Secretariat, and the Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee have worked hard to implement increasingly strategic fiscal measures and to make the tough decisions about dues and fees that resulted in a balanced budget in 2007 and in 2008. We have been mindful of the impact that these measures have had on the ASA membership, and we very much appreciate your continued support, as expressed by the growing number of lifetime members and sustained contributions to the Association’s endowment and to the “$50 for the 50th” campaign.

Other initiatives include further updates to the ASA Bylaws, a process that the ASA Board is undertaking in conjunction with the Ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee. The updates will be proposed for adoption by referendum and ASA members will receive an electronic alert about these new developments.

In addition, the Program Committee has nearly completed its work for the 50th anniversary of the first ASA Annual Meeting, “Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years,” which will be held in Chicago, November 13-16, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers. We’re pleased to return to the Chicago area in a larger venue, having outgrown the site of the inaugural Annual Meeting, which took place September 8-10, 1958, in Evanston, IL. The Local Arrangements Committee is hard at work fundraising and planning events, having secured from Mayor Daley a Proclamation declaring November 9 to 16 “African Week in Chicago.” On behalf of the Board of Directors I offer my sincere thanks to Patrick Manning, Program Chair, and the Program Committee, and to Fassil Demisse and Lynette Jackson, Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs and the Local Arrangements Committee for their leadership in organizing and planning what promises to be a wonderfully celebratory occasion of fifty years of annual meetings this fall. Please look for details in the Preliminary Program, which will be posted to the ASA website in July. Invite your colleagues and students, and make your arrangements to participate in this celebratory event!

We are pleased to invite ASA members to share their professional news with the ASA community through a new “Member News” feature that will begin with the next edition of the ASA News. Please see page 4 for further information. Guidelines also have been developed to enhance the vitality of the Coordinate Organization Corner. We look forward to having Coordinate Organization officers use this section for announcements of interest to their Africanist constituencies. Coordinate Organization officers are also invited to meet with Board members and other Coordinate Organization officers to share ideas and to discuss future collaboration on Sunday, November 16, during the Annual Meeting. The exact time and the venue for the meeting will be provided in the Preliminary Program.

Many of you may recall that the ASA inaugurated “ASA Online” with basic membership services in 2004, adding an online capacity for submitting and reviewing Annual Meeting proposals in 2005, online voting in 2006, and an online member directory in 2007. As some of you may have experienced, the functionality of the system has reached the limits of its potential. To be more responsive to the evolving needs of the ASA membership, the Secretariat has been hard at work to put in place a better integrated system that takes advantage of significant advances in web-based technology. The new system will enhance the ASA membership experience and facilitate greater information-sharing throughout the wider Africanist community, providing an unprecedented opportunity for the targeted access to Africa-related expertise and to the networks that form the bedrock of the ASA’s mission to promote African studies. The planned launch date is January 1, 2009. Stay tuned for updates.

To plan for ongoing operations and technological advances and to undertake new initiatives, the ASA counts on membership dues, Annual Meeting fees, publication sales, and the generosity of its members. Last year marked the 50th Anniversary of the ASA’s founding. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the first Annual Meeting. Your contribution to the 50 Year Anniversaries Campaign will help us to commemorate these doubly important milestones. We depend on your support to advance the ASA’s mission. I urge you to visit www.africanstudies.org with the knowledge that every contribution is important and every donation counts. With your help, we can “double the 50s.” Give $100 or give more generously. Most importantly, give what you can so that together, we can consolidate our gains and secure a future for the next fifty years and beyond. In Chicago, let’s celebrate “50 Years - 100% Participation!”
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Please visit our website to log on to your member record or to create a new record at www.africanstudies.org. International residents who experience difficulty with the online system can send their credit card information or check to the Secretariat: African Studies Association, Rutgers, The State U of New Jersey, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400. Or contact the ASA Secretariat to process credit cards manually: Tel: 732-932-8173 x11 or Fax: 732-932-3394.

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ASA MEMBER NEWS

The African Studies Association invites its members to submit their professional news to this new informational section of the ASA News. The "ASA Member News" section is aimed at providing our members the opportunity to communicate their news and achievements to their colleagues and fellow Africanists. ASA Member News announcements can include:

- News about receiving a recent award or prize in the field of African studies
- News about a promotion or a new assignment
- News about the release of a new publication or a new published article in the field of African studies

Announcements have a 250-character maximum and can be submitted as text in a word document. Please direct all questions and submissions to Kristina Carle, Program Manager, Publications and Information Services at asapub@rci.rutgers.edu with "ASA News – Member Announcement" in the subject line. The ASA reserves the right to edit submissions for space and other considerations. The deadline for submissions is December 1 for the January issue, March 1 for the April issue, and June 1 for the July issue.

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Your listing in the ASA Membership Directory is a benefit offered through ASA membership. The Directory is only as accurate as the information that is provided. We invite all ASA members to update their personal information and to authorize their listing in the Directory.

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Questions? members@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-8173 x11.
Robert Oakley Collins, 75, distinguished historian of Africa and of the Sudan and long-time professor and dean at the UC, Santa Barbara, passed away on April 11.

In a career devoted to the study of Africa’s Upper Nile Valley, particularly Sudan, historian Robert O. Collins wrote books and articles that were considered required reading for scholars and students of Africa.

The US government sought his insight on the conflict in Darfur and on Osama bin Laden. Hollywood filmmakers asked his advice in depicting the region on screen. A former president of Sudan presented Collins with a distinguished award for scholarship.

Robert Oakley Collins was born in Waukegan, IL, on April 1, 1933. His interest in Africa was ignited while browsing the library at Dartmouth University in the 1950s.

“He found the Africa area and he just became enthralled,” said his daughter, Catharine Collins Kristian. “At the time, it was an emerging area. All the colonial countries were either leaving or talking about granting independence.”

Collins traveled to Sudan in 1956, the year the country gained independence. It was the first of many trips and the beginning of a lifelong relationship with the nation, Kristian said.

After earning a bachelor’s degree from Dartmouth in 1954, Collins earned many other degrees in History: Bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Oxford University’s Balliol College in 1956 and 1960, as well as a master’s degree and a doctorate from Yale University in 1958 and 1959. He was fluent in Arabic.

Collins taught for brief periods at Williams College in Massachusetts and at Columbia University in New York before joining the faculty of UC, Santa Barbara in 1965.

For 10 years Collins served as dean of the graduate division. After his retirement in 1994 he continued to teach, write, and mentor. With his doctoral students he was demanding, affable and always available.

“He wanted us to have a holistic understanding of African history from the beginning of times to modern times. And he was tough,” said Scopas S. Poggo, a native of Sudan who is now an assistant professor of African American and African studies at Ohio State University.

Collins wrote or co-wrote at least 30 books and many articles. His book “Shadows in the Grass: Britain in the Southern Sudan, 1918-1956” won the John Ben Snow Foundation Prize for the best book in British studies in 1984.

An eloquent public speaker, Collins brought strong storytelling skills to his writing, melding them with meticulous research. “Alms for Jihad: Charity and Terrorism in the Islamic World” was also thoroughly researched, “our interpretations judicious, our conclusions made in good faith on the available evidence,” Collins wrote in his online essay.

In addition to his daughter, Collins is survived by two sons, Randolph William Collins of Healdsburg, CA, and Robert Ware Collins of San Jose; two brothers, Jack Gore Collins of Portland, OR, and George William Collins II of Chesterland, OH; and five grandchildren.

There will be no public memorial service. Memorial donations may be sent to the Sudan-American Foundation for Education (SAFE), 141 N. Henderson Road, No. 1205, Arlington, VA 22203.

Dr. Jill Dias, professor of African History and Anthropology at the Universidade Nova in Lisbon, died suddenly in her home on Monday, April 28, 2008.

Jill Rosemary Rainey Dias was born in the UK in 1944, and obtained her BA Honors degree in History at York University, her PhD in History in 1973. Thereafter she initiated archival research in Luanda into the history of nineteenth century Angola, also on a grant provided by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. From 1979 onwards she began her collaboration with the then Junta de Investigação Científica do Ultramar, currently the Instituto de Investigação Científica Tropical (IICT) in Lisbon and in 1982 with the Universidade Nova in Lisbon where she embarked on a teaching career. Jill Dias became director of the Centro de Estudos Africanos e Asiáticos of the IICT in 1986, where she founded the Revista Internacional de Estudos Africanos. As professor catedrática in the Faculty of the Social Sciences at the Universidade Nova, she ultimately taught a number of courses including African History and the seminar on the History of Sub-Saharan Africa at the MA level as well as the History of Anthropology, acting as supervisor of many PhD and MA theses on Lusophone Africa. In the meantime, she continued her research into the social and anthropological history of Angola from the eighteenth century to the present, publishing a series of studies that appeared in books and academic reviews, while organizing a number of conferences and seminars in Portugal and in Africa. She also participated in external assessments of courses in the social sciences and in project and grant evaluation committees in Portugal.

Jill Dias was always available for her students and colleagues, taking an active interest in and supporting their academic development and careers. Her passing away is a very sad loss to her family and closest friends, but also to all those in academia involved in African studies. Her invaluable contribution to academic teaching and research has left its distinct mark on the study of the history and anthropology of Lusophone Africa and of Angola in particular, having influenced and inspired generations of scholars by her great dedication, kindness, wit and academic skills.


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2008 ASA Election

Please watch the website, www.africanstudies.org, for information concerning the 2008 elections for officers and members of the Board of Directors. All individual and lifetime members and who renewed their membership between January 1 and August 15 will be eligible to vote online. Mail ballots will be sent to individuals residing in Africa, who will have the option to vote online or by mail. Online ballots must be cast on or before September 1, 2008. Mail ballots must be returned in the distinctive colored envelope with a postmark on or before September 1, 2008.
The African Studies Association was founded in 1957 to bring together people with a scholarly and professional interest in Africa.

JOIN THE ASA!

MEMBERSHIP

ASA Members may:
• Vote to elect officers and members of the Board of Directors
• Serve on ASA Committees
• Nominate individuals for the Distinguished Africanist Award

ASA Members receive:
• A discount rate to attend the ASA Annual Meeting
• A subscription to the African Studies Review
• Access to the members only ASA Membership Directory which includes such details as members’ disciplines, areas of interest, and personal website link.

ANNUAL MEETING
• Abiola Lecture
• ASA Presidential Lecture
• Awards Ceremony
  Conover-Porter Prize
  Distinguished Africanist Award
  Graduate Student Paper Prize
  Melville J. Herskovits Award
• Coordinate Organization business meetings, receptions, and special events
• Exhibit Hall featuring Africa-related books and materials
• Panels, roundtables, plenary sessions and discussion groups
• Video Marketplace and film screenings
• Welcome Reception and Dance Party

PUBLICATIONS
• African Studies Review, a leading peer reviewed journal of African studies scholarship. Published in April, September and December. This publication is included as part of ASA annual membership.

• ASA News, a professional newsletter published online in January, April and July.

• History in Africa: A Journal of Method publishes textual analysis and criticism, historiographical and biographical essays, archival reports and articles on the role of theory in historical investigation. History in Africa is published in September.

For more information, please visit the ASA website at www.africanstudies.org

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$500,000.00

Total Contributions:
$86,329.00

Amount to Raise:
$413,671.00

Percentage of Goal:
17.27%
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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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.
Tel: 312-464-1000 or Fax: 312-464-9140

Travel Reservations: Travizon
Mention “ASA” to receive the discounted rate.
Tel: 800-462-6461 or 585-436-1701

Annual Meeting Updates and Additional Information

Questions? asaamc@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-8173 x15
REGISTRATION
All Annual Meeting participants are required to pay the registration fee. Individuals who wish to receive the pre-registration discount must pre-register on or before September 30, 2008. Individuals residing in Africa who wish to attend the Annual Meeting may contact the Secretariat in writing on or before September 30, 2008 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.

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 postmarked 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.

Pre-Registration Rates

Members
Member with income $35,000 and above ................................................................. $155
Member with income $34,999 and below ................................................................. $98
Member Student (send a copy of a valid ID) ............................................................ $98

Non-Members
Non-Member with income $35,000 and above ....................................................... $196
Non-Member with income $34,999 and below ....................................................... $119
Non-Member Student (send a copy of a valid ID) .................................................. $119

Missed the September 30 Pre-Registration Deadline?
You can register for the Annual Meeting onsite beginning November 13, 2008 at the following rates:

Onsite Registration Rates

Members
Member with income $35,000 and above ................................................................. $175
Member with income $34,999 and below ................................................................. $103
Member Student (present a copy of a valid ID) .................................................... $103

Non-Members
Non-Member with income $35,000 and above ....................................................... $237
Non-Member with income $34,999 and below ....................................................... $134
Non-Member Student (present a copy of a valid ID) ............................................. $134

Day Passes
Individuals with income $35,000 and above .......................................................... $139
Individuals with income $34,999 and below .......................................................... $67
Students (present a copy of a valid ID) ................................................................. $67
EXHIBIT BOOTH APPLICATION

Space is going fast!

Applications will be accepted while booth space is still available.

Watch the ASA website for the exhibitor listing.

Please contact Kimme Carlos, Program Manager, Annual Meeting Services at asaamc@rci.rutgers.edu or 732-932-8173 x15 for details and pricing.

KEY DATES

51st ANNUAL MEETING
Chicago, IL ~ November 13-16, 2008

"Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years"

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 onsite in Chicago.

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

September 30, 2008: Deadline for Africa residents to contact the Secretariat in writing to request authorization to pay registration onsite in Chicago, IL at the pre-registration rate.

September 30, 2008: Requests for Letters of Invitation are due. Requests received after this date will incur a $25 administrative fee.

October 22, 2008: Closing date to be guaranteed the ASA discount rate at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers, Chicago, IL. Reserve your room early, while rooms are available. Tel: 312-464-1000 or Fax: 312-464-9140

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS!

As many of you may know, the ASA’s first Annual Meeting was held September 8-10, 1958 in Evanston, IL, just north of Chicago. Join us at the 51st Annual Meeting, November 13-16, 2008 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers and celebrate the 50 Annual Meetings that have contributed to “Promoting African Studies Since 1957.”
To apply to become an ASA sponsored, affiliate, or associate organization, contact the Program Manager, Publications and Information Services at asapub@rci.rutgers.edu and provide information about the purpose of the organization and your membership list, indicating the ASA members as appropriate. The Board of Directors reviews applications during its biannual meetings. For more information visit: http://www.africanstudies.org/?page=organizations
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This list is accurate from the ASA’s last communication with each Coordinate Organization. Should you discover an error in the information, please email your corrections to asapub@rci.rutgers.edu. For questions, call 732-932-8173 x16.
The African Studies Association invites its Coordinate Organization officers to submit their organization’s news for publication in the “ASA Coordinate Organization Corner” section. ASA Coordinate Organization announcements can include:

- General news about your organization
- News about recent award/prize recipients in the field of African studies
- Upcoming events
- An introduction to a new Coordinate Organization officer
- A new release of a publication by your organization’s member
- Notice about a newly published article or manuscript in the field of African studies
- And other news and achievements you would like to share with the ASA community.

Announcements have a 250-character maximum and can be submitted as text in a word document. Please direct all questions and submissions to Kristina Carle, Program Manager, Publications and Information Services at asapub@rci.rutgers.edu with “ASA News – CO Announcement” in the subject line. The ASA reserves the right to edit submissions for space and other considerations. The deadline for submissions is December 1 for the January issue, March 1 for the April issue, and June 1 for the July issue.

 Coordinate Organization Meeting at the 2008 ASA Annual Meeting

All ASA Coordinate Organization officers are invited to a voluntary meeting with ASA Board members and other Coordinate Organization officers to share ideas and to discuss future collaboration on Sunday morning, November 16, 2008 at the ASA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Consult the Preliminary Program for the time and venue. The Preliminary Program will be published on the ASA website in July. All interested Coordinate Organization officers should send agenda items by September 1, 2008 to Kristina Carle, Program Manager, Publications and Information Services, at asapub@rci.rutgers.edu with “CO Agenda Items” in the subject line.
Call For Nominations

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 media. The Africagrowth Institute’s goal is, therefore, to help the Africa SMME business sector grow and prosper, and to market Africa as an investment destination for the rest of the world.

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) Young Enterprise Award. All six category winners will become finalists for the overall African Union SMME of the Year Award.

The closing date for entries is July 31, 2008.

For entry criteria and an entry form, please contact:

Dina Potgieter
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Fax: +(021) 946 1652
Website: www.africagrowth.com
Email: dina@africagrowth.com.
Dina will attach the information to her reply email for your submission.

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We ask you to join us in supporting the ASA in achieving its mission. The ASA was founded in 1957 as a non-profit organization open to all individuals and institutions interested in African affairs. Its mission is to bring together people with a scholarly and professional interest in Africa. It is now the largest organization that promotes African studies by:

• publishing two journals: African Studies Review, and History in Africa
• publishing a professional e-newsletter, ASA News
• supporting programs for Young Scholars
• sponsoring initiatives targeted to Technology Development and African Higher Education
• providing the African Higher Education Resource Directory
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Every contribution is important and every donation counts. Visit www.africanstudies.org and click on the “Donate Today” link. Your contributions are tax deductible. Please contact your employer about a Matching Gift Form, and matching a spouse’s contribution.

Thank you!
**Call for Papers**

**AEGIS 3rd European Conference on African Studies (ECAS 3)**
Leipzig, June 4-7, 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 June 4-7, 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.


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 globalization, regionalization, transnationalization, re-nationalization 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
African Literature Association

35TH Annual Conference, April 15-19, 2009, University of Vermont

THEME: Africa and Blackness in World Literature and Visual Arts

The past two ALA conferences focused on various ways African and African Diaspora literature has functioned as a cultural catalyst that nurtures black people’s subjectivity in the age of globalization. As a conclusion to the series, the 35th Annual ALA Conference will focus on the ways creative writers and artists from other cultural traditions imagined Africa and blackness in the past as well as the extent to which that imagining has evolved and can be said to foster intersubjective dialogue in the age of globalization. As always, the conference will also welcome panels on other unexplored or inadequately explored aspects of African and African Diaspora literature.

SUBTHEMES:
- Africa and Blackness in Classical Literature and Visual Arts
- Africa and Blackness in Modern Literature and Visual Arts
- Africa and Blackness in Contemporary Literature and Visual Arts
- Africa in African Immigrant Writers’ Literature and Visual Arts
- Africa in African American and African Caribbean Literature and Visual Arts
- Black Artists and Reconstitution of Black People’s Subjectivity
- Cosmopolitanism in African and African Diaspora Literature
- African and African Diaspora Literary Criticism and Global Cultural Dynamisms

- Postcolonialism and Postcoloniality in Relation to Africa and Blackness
- Approaches to Teaching African and African Diaspora Literature (Teachers Workshop)
- Other aspects of African and African Diaspora Literature


Please send a short abstract to the conveners at ALA.conference@uvm.edu or by mail to Lokangaka Losambe, Department of English, University of Vermont, 400 Old Mill, Burlington, VT 05405, USA. For more information please visit the 2009 ALA conference website at http://www.uvm.edu/conferences/ALA2009.

Deadline: October 30, 2008

African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) and Monash University are now inviting papers for the 31st African Studies Conference - “Building a Common Future - Africa and Australasia.”

The conference will be held November 26-28, 2008 concurrently at Monash University Clayton Campus in Melbourne, Australia and Monash South Africa in Johannesburg.

Given the cross-institutional and in this case, cross-continental nature of the AFSAAP Conference, we will welcome papers on any topic relating to Africa, but suggest the following as focus areas:
- HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa
- Peace and conflict studies in Africa
- The African Diaspora
- Africans in Australia
- Africa in comparative context
- African literature and cultures
- Business and Economics in Africa
- Africa and China
- Africa, climate change and sustainable development
- Education and development

Submission:
Authors are invited to submit electronically to:
catherine.bevan-jones@adm.monash.edu.au

All authors will receive an e-mail acknowledgement regarding receipt of their papers. Alternatively, authors may fax their abstracts to Catherine Bevan-Jones on +61 3 9905 5340.

Deadline: July 28, 2008

American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM) 2009 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.

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:
Howard Markel, M.D.
Program Committee Chair
Tel: 734-647-6914
Email: howard@umich.edu

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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Mark your calendar for future ASA 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
Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program: Summer 2009

The Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program provides opportunities for overseas experience. The program is open to educators and administrators with responsibilities for curriculum development in fields related to humanities, languages, and area studies. All seminars are in non-western European countries. Seminars are designed to provide a broad and introductory cultural orientation to a particular country(ies). The program is geared towards those educators with little or no experience in the host country(ies) who demonstrate the need to develop and enhance their curriculum through short-term study and travel abroad. There are nine seminars being offered for Summer 2009 with 16 positions per seminar, subject to the availability of funds. Seminars take place from late June to mid-August for a duration of four to six weeks.

Terms of the award include round-trip economy airfare, room and board, fees, and program-related travel within the host country(ies). Participants are responsible for a cost share, $400.00.

Those Qualified To Apply:
- Elementary School Teachers in the fields of social sciences, humanities, including languages
- Middle or High School Educators in the fields of social sciences, humanities, including languages
- Administrators or Curriculum Specialists who have responsibility for curriculum in the fields of social sciences, humanities, including languages
- Librarians, Museum Educators or Media or Resource Specialists who have responsibility for curriculum in the fields of social sciences, humanities, including languages
- Faculty or Administrators from public or private, 2- or 4-year institutions of higher education whose discipline is related to the social sciences, humanities, languages and/or area studies.

Basic Eligibility Requirements:
- Citizenship - must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident.
- Academic Preparation - must hold at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.
- Professional Experience - (1) must have at least 3 years of education-related full-time experience - by the time of departure for the seminar- (2) must be currently employed full-time in a U.S. school system, institution of higher education, Local Education Agency, State Education Agency, library, or museum.
- Health - The candidate must be physically and psychologically able to participate in all phases of the seminar. Award recipients must provide a physician's statement to reflect participant’s readiness for travel.
- Those individuals who have participated previously in short-term (under two months) Fulbright awards such as the Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program, or the Fulbright Memorial Fund Program, may become eligible to participate again two years after completion of a previous program.

Application Inquiries:
Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program, US Department of Education International Education Programs Service 1990 K Street, N.W., 6th Floor Washington, DC 20006-8521

Gale Holdren: gale.holdren@ed.gov
Michelle Ward: michelle.ward@ed.gov

Application: http://e-grants.ed.gov/

Deadline: September 12, 2008
**National Endowment for the Humanities: Summer Stipends**

Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to scholars and general audiences in the humanities. Recipients usually produce articles, monographs, books, digital materials, archaeological site reports, translations, editions, and other scholarly tools. Summer Stipends support full-time work on a humanities project for a period of two months. Summer Stipends support projects at any stage of development and are awarded to individual scholars.

The Summer Stipends program accepts applications from researchers, teachers, and writers regardless of their institutional affiliations. Applicants with college or university affiliations, however, must be nominated by their institutions.

All applicants must have completed their formal education by the application deadline. While applicants need not have advanced degrees, individuals currently enrolled in a degree-granting program are ineligible to apply. Applicants who have satisfied all the requirements for a degree and are awaiting its conferral may apply, but such applicants need a letter from the dean of the conferring school attesting to the applicant’s status as of October 1, 2008. This letter must be faxed to the Summer Stipends program at 202-606-8204.

For more information: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html

Questions:
Contact NEH’s Division of Research Programs at 202-606-8200 or stipends@neh.gov Hearing-impaired applicants can contact NEH via TDD at 1-866-372-2930.

Deadline: October 1, 2008

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**Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowships**

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) invites applications from across Africa to its Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program. Established in 2001 to enable democracy practitioners and scholars from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and enhance their ability to promote democratic change, the program is based at NED’s International Forum for Democratic Studies, in Washington, DC.

The program offers five-month fellowships for practitioners to improve strategies and techniques for building democracy abroad and five- to ten-month fellowships for scholars to conduct original research for publication. Practitioners may include activists, lawyers, journalists, and other civil society professionals; scholars may include professors, research analysts, and other writers. Projects may focus on the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of democratic development and may include a range of methodologies and approaches.

Eligibility:
The fellows program is intended primarily to support practitioners and scholars from new and aspiring democracies. Distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program.

Application:
For more information and to download our application materials, please visit us online at www.ned.org/forum/reagan-fascell.html

Questions:
Tel: (202) 378-9700
Fax: (202) 378-9407
E-mail: fellowships@ned.org
Internet: www.ned.org

Deadline: November 3, 2008
Scholar Rescue Fund Fellowships

The Institute of International Education’s Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) provides fellowships for established scholars whose lives and work are threatened in their home countries. These fellowships permit professors, researchers and other senior academics to find temporary refuge at universities and colleges anywhere in the world, enabling them to pursue their academic work and to continue to share their knowledge with students, colleagues, and the community at large.

When conditions improve, these scholars will return home to help rebuild universities and societies ravaged by fear, conflict and repression. During the fellowship, conditions in a scholar’s home country may improve, permitting safe return; if safe return is not possible, the scholar may use the fellowship period to identify a longer-term opportunity.

* Professors, established researchers and other senior academics from any country, field or discipline may qualify. Preference is given to scholars with a PhD or other highest degree in their field; who have extensive teaching or research experience at a university, college or other institution of higher learning; who demonstrate superior academic accomplishment or promise; and whose selection is likely to benefit the academic community in the home and/or host country or region. Applications from female scholars and under-represented groups are strongly encouraged.

* Fellowship recipients are expected to resume their teaching, lecturing, research, writing and publishing at an academic institution outside the region of threat.

* Fellowships are awarded for visiting academic positions ranging from 3 months to one calendar year. The maximum award is US $20,000, plus health insurance.

* Fellowships are disbursed through host academic institutions for direct support of scholar-grantees. In most cases, host campuses are asked to match the SRF fellowship award through partial salary/stipend support, research materials, medical insurance, and other in-kind assistance.

* Applications are accepted at any time. Emergency applications receive urgent consideration.

To apply, please download the information and application materials from: http://www.iie.org/programs/srf/apply.htm

For universities and colleges interested in hosting an SRF scholar, please visit: http://www.iie.org/programs/srf/host.htm

We welcome your questions and comments. Please contact us at:

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Web: www.iie.org/SRF

Fall Deadline:
October 1, 2008

Winter Deadline:
January 15, 2008
Compiled by Joseph J. Lauer (Michigan State University)

The US and Canadian theses listed below were reported in Dissertation Abstracts International (DAI), vol. 68, no. 9-11 (March-May 2008). Each citation ends with the order number, if any. American and Canadian theses usually are available from Proquest. See UMI Dissertation Publishing at http://www.proquest.com/products_umi/dissertations/ for abstracts and other details. This is the 78th supplement to American and Canadian Doctoral Dissertations and Master’s Theses on Africa, 1974-1987 (1989).

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Lee, Dwaine Erik.

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