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FROM THE SECRETARIAT...

As we go to press with this issue, we realize that it will get to our members at about the time many of us are going through a number of demands that come with the beginning of the new school year. Many of us are swamped by the familiar rituals of designing new courses, brushing up on old ones, preparing fall conferences, coping with new computer software, residential and electronic addresses, new assignments, professors, students, friends, and unanticipated demands from colleagues. Swamped by these competing demands, a few of our members barely have the time to look through the October/December issue of ASA News, while others miss their copies in the process of moving to new addresses. Incidentally, the October/December issue is usually the gem issue of ASA News because it contains the information our members need for the ASA annual meeting. We, therefore, wish to remind our members and friends who will be proposing papers for our meeting in Toronto next year that this issue belongs in the reference section of their libraries.

A related matter is the visa status of many of our members who are not citizens of the United States. Some of us who will unavoidably go through the protocol of applying for a visa to visit Canada should start thinking about it early enough to allow sufficient time for the unpredictable. We just thought we should remind our members of this matter for as the Igbo proverb says, *Onye were ututu tutuba, o wee ututu jie abo ya* (He who starts gathering early in the morning will fill the basket early).

We are reminded at this point to thank our readers who have sent us African proverbs that have appeared in ASA News. We have found those contributions invaluable and appreciate the comments of readers who have written to express their interest in the proverbs. It is our intention to continue this feature as we hope that our readers will continue to send us proverbs in African languages with English translations. Our contributor this month, Debra Spitulnik, sees the African language in terms of its dynamics in constructing and defining social roles. She provides us with a set of ChiBemba proverbs that are commonly used in everyday conversation to convey and encode familiar themes.

See you in Boston!
WE WELCOME NEW ASA MEMBERS
(who joined between June 1 and September 1)

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WE THANK ASA ENDOWMENT DONORS
(who contributed between June 1 and September 1)

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ENDOWMENT ALERT

The generous donations of our members and friends have continued to sustain the ASA Challenge Grant Campaign. Many ASA members responded to the plea from past presidents of the Association and included endowment gifts with their 1993 renewals. A large number of ASA members made first-time gifts this year; others who responded have given as many as four gifts to the campaign. With the endowment, the African Studies Association hopes to provide a degree of financial security for its operations and to allow for expansion of programming in areas central to its educational mission.

We thank the friends of Betsy Widenmann who have created a moving tribute to someone who was a loyal and active ASA member. It has been gratifying, too, to watch contributions arrive in honor of Gerald Hartwig, and to realize that though Jerry has been gone for more than a decade, his colleagues and friends remember him well.

We need your help to reach our goal of a $500,000 endowment fund. Your tax-deductible donation will be matched on a three-for-one basis by a gift from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please give today. Also, a $1200 lifetime membership fee can be paid in three annual installments of $400. Our accountant indicates that up to $800 may be eligible for federal tax deduction.
Dear Editor:

A recent article (Lillian Trager and LaRay Denzer, "American Students and Researchers in Nigeria: Relationships with Host Institutions, Academics and Communities," ASANews 26(2):7-9 (1993)) discussed the authors' perceptions of "exchange students, students assessing the possibilities of postgraduate research, independent students, postgraduate students carrying out research projects, post-doctoral scholars, and visiting professors." From 1989 to 1992, while resident in Ibadan, Nigeria, I fell into one of those categories. As such, I would like to comment on some of those opinions, from a student's-eye view.

The authors identified "money, time, and respect" as the core issues of research in Nigeria. They presented these as the "three central aspects to the maintenance of good relationships," and thus "crucial to success as a researcher in Nigeria." They made it clear that they considered money to be the most important of these, and so devoted the most ink to it. Time they placed as "the second aspect" and respect as "the third aspect." Insofar as they predicated research success on relationships with people, we are in agreement. But with their premise that relationships be based on "money, time, and respect," I must, respectfully, disagree.

As a young scholar, and therefore presumably as a member of what the authors define as "a new generation of students," it seems to me that research is about learning, that this learning is shaped by personal relationships, and that personal relationships cannot be reduced to money. Knowledge cannot be purchased, and neither can friendship, trust, or honesty. These were not mentioned by the authors, but they are the basis of any successful field research, and mutual respect is the most important. While its forms of expression vary with cultural and social contexts, mutual respect is fundamental to developing human relationships of trust, honesty, caring, friendship and commitment. It is through the development of such relationships that one learns. It is through learning that one does research.

In the process of learning, it is also natural to make mistakes. In emphasizing certain individual errors, the authors omitted the possibility of learning from mistakes. By the same token, they omitted to mention that the majority of their colleagues are basically good people who try to do what they need to do as best they can. Many of these colleagues, in Nigeria and elsewhere, gave freely of their wisdom and advice (and yes, their time), to enable me to avoid the most painful errors in Nigeria. As a result, I think of these people with gratitude, and must say that I saw no shortage of decency, kindness, generosity and humanity among them, regardless of their nationality. To omit respect for such colleagues is to do them a grave disservice.

While devoting so many lines to money, it seems a curious omission that the authors did not mention the well-known monetary troubles of today's "new generation of students." It may not be out of place to mention that these troubles are not fables. Research costs money, yes, although maybe not in the ways the authors seemed to imply. In addition to household and living expenses, there are affiliation fees, access and processing fees of various types. There are the paraphernalia and logistical expenses as well, such as transport, supplies, photocopying, recording, photographing, developing, transcribing, typing, and so forth. There are medical expenses and medevac insurance. There are also financial obligations overseas, and student loans that come due.

Research certainly takes time and patience. The authors were right to remind us that desiring or needing assistance from a colleague may be viewed as an unnecessary demand on that colleague's time. They omitted to mention that research primarily requires the time of the researcher. Time and patience are needed to adjust to new surroundings, to adapt to new expectations, to make new friends, to learn. Because these experiences do not occur in a vacuum, portions of the lives, the time, and the patience of others are always involved. If the research is successful, then these are reciprocal, and take place in the context of developing personal relationships.

Unless the research topic is the academic community, most of these investments of self, time, patience, funds, adjustments, trust and caring may be expected to happen off campus. In the absence of any particular personal interest or friendship, colleagues on campus may not have a clear idea of what or how well a researcher is doing. If that is the case, then colleagues will not have sufficient information with which to judge what their fellow scholars do or do not do. In the final analysis, it is our respective publications that will show most clearly what and how well we have done.

Carolyn Keyes, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Lillian Trager writes in response.

I would like to thank Carolyn Keyes for her response to the commentary written by myself and LaRay Denzer; student perspectives on these issues are crucial. I think there is little fundamental difference between her views and ours. As we stated at the outset of our comments: "The maintenance of personal relationships with a wide variety of people is crucial to success as a researcher in Nigeria;
furthermore, this is what can make research in Nigeria so rewarding an experience…” If we seemed to devote more attention to money, it is because it was with regard to money that we saw a number of problems arise, particularly now that the Nigeria Naira is worth so little. We certainly had no intention of suggesting that personal relationships can be reduced to money.

While it is true that many researchers spend the majority of their time away from the university campuses, many others do live on campus and spend considerable amounts of time there. And since affiliation with a university or research institution is necessary, all must have some contact with Nigerian university colleagues, some of whom are feeling overburdened by increasing demands on their time and expertise in a context where it is increasingly difficult for them to carry out their own research. There is no doubt that most continue to be generous in helping visiting scholars. But it can also be useful to reduce some of the demands on them; our suggestions were made with this in mind.

Finally, we all make mistakes while carrying out research. And, hopefully, most of us also learn from our mistakes. But it is useful to try to avoid certain types of mistakes, and to learn from the experience of others. By focusing our comments on certain issues, we hoped to provide some suggestions that would assist others planning research in Nigeria.

Lillian Trager, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN ETHIOPIA

The following letter was shared with ASA News by Ed Alpers, ASA Vice-President.

The Hon. George Moose
Assistant Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

The Hon. Mark Baas
US Ambassador
United States Embassy
Addis Ababa
Ethiopia

Gentlemen:

We are a group of American academics whose association with Addis Ababa University spans four decades. We have watched with pride as a dedicated group of our Ethiopian colleagues led the university through peril and challenge to create one of Africa’s finest institutions of higher education. During the Haile Sellassie period and even during Mengistu Haile Mariam’s regime, the university continued its research and teaching functions largely unhindered by government. The institution now has suffered a severe crisis brought on by the decision of the Transitional Government of Ethiopia arbitrarily to impose extralegal and non-academic criteria as determinants of faculty competence.

As you know, on Friday, April 9, approximately forty members of AAU’s academic staff ranging in rank from lecturer to professor, were summarily dismissed from their positions. Among those fired are some of the university’s most distinguished academics, the director of its two leading research institutes in the social sciences and humanities, and its president, Dr. Alemeyehu Tefera, an excellent scholar and able administrator, whose detention is especially worrying.

The terminations, and the capricious manner in which they were carried out, gravely threaten the university’s reputation of academic integrity. They have created an atmosphere of intense anxiety and uncertainty among the remaining faculty and their fellows abroad. The TGE’s actions perplex and dismay those friends of the university and Ethiopia who, listening to the words of President Meles Zenawi, believed that there finally was in Addis Ababa a government that stood for freedom of speech and due process of law.

The United States Government and its plenipotentiary in Ethiopia are influential with the TGE. We urge you to use the full influence to persuade the government that it has made a critical mistake in unreasonably dismissing university staff and that it ought to take corrective steps, starting with full reinstatement of the dismissed faculty. Thereafter, if the TGE believes that it has grounds for legal action against university staff, then it ought formally to charge them under the law and adjudicate them in compliance with due process.

We would be grateful to learn what action you have taken or will take in this matter.

John Cohen, Harvard University
Stanley Fisher, Boston University
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OBITUARY

J. Gus Liebenow, May 4, 1925-June 21, 1993

J. Gus Liebenow was born in Berwyn, Illinois. In a career of more than 40 years, he established a reputation as one of the leading authorities on African societies and poli­itics and was a driving force in the evolution and establish­ment of the field of African Studies in the US.

Even before completing his PhD at Northwestern University, Gus had begun his understanding of foreign cultures through service in the US Army medical corps in World War II, both in Western Europe and the Philippines, and later in a project for basic education and rural development sponsored by UNESCO and the American Friends Service Committee in Mexico. After World War II, he re­turned to Illinois and graduated with highest honors from the University of Illinois with a bachelor’s degree in 1949 and a master’s in 1950. Gus was a Goodwin Fellow from 1951-1952 at Harvard University and returned to the mid­west to earn his PhD in political science at Northwestern University in 1955. He taught for two years at the University of Texas, before joining the Department of Government faculty at Indiana University in 1958. He founded the African Studies Program in 1961 and directed the program for its first 11 years.

Gus played a formative role in the careers of genera­tions of graduate students who have subsequently distin­guished themselves as teachers, scholars and politicians. His students remain grateful to him for going the extra mile, both intellectually and in his personal support for them. Gus also helped to recruit a distinguished Africanist faculty at IU, representing more than a dozen academic disciplines. He served as Dean for Research and Advanced Studies from 1970-1972 and was Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs on the Bloomington campus from 1972-1974. In all of his administrative duties and obliga­tions, Gus exhibited great vision and integrity. Indeed, his colleagues in administration frequently noted that even as Vice President and Dean he was a great teacher. After leaving the university administration, Gus served as head of both the IU Bloomington Faculty Council and the university system-wide council, 1976-1977. He was also presi­dent of the IU Chapter of the American Association of Uni­versity Professors, 1979-1980.

Gus was a prolific writer on African politics, education, history, agriculture and urbanization. In 1956 his article concerning Africa in the American Political Science Review was only the second concerning Africa to appear in the prestigious journal. From then onward he was an active contributor to scholarship. As an innovative scholar in the development of political theory related to the continent, Gus made lasting contributions to both political science and African studies with such works as Liberia: The Evolu­tion of Privilege (Cornell University Press, 1969); Colonial Rule and Political Development in Tanzania: The Case of the Makonde (Northwestern University Press, 1971) which was published on three continents; and two award-winning books published by Indiana University Press, African Politics: Crises and Challenges (1986), and Liberia: The Quest for Democracy (1987).

Through his writings, speeches and teaching, Gus shaped the way decision makers, academics and world leaders looked at Africa; his influence was far-reaching. Gus lectured throughout the US for the University Field Staff International. He also testified as an expert on Liberia before several US Senate and House of Representa­tive committees. In 1987 he was named Rudy Professor Political Science at Indiana University in recognition of his local, na­tional and international contributions.

He was a founding member of the African Studies Association, and served as president during 1977 and 1978. This was a most difficult time in the organization’s history, when it needed the courageous and innovative leadership that he provided. He also served on the African Advisory Committee of the US Department of State and was a member of the executive council of the International African Institute in London.

After his retirement in 1990, Gus was selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Liberian Studies Association. It was the first such award in the 23-year history of the association, which includes several hundred scholars and others from the US, West Africa, Europe and Asia. Gus dedicated his life to Africa, to scholarship, and to those values that make universities centers of civility and exciting venues for the free exchange of ideas.

Survivors include his wife Beverly (Bellis) Liebenow; two daughters, Diane Liebenow Gray of Chicago, Illinois, and Debra Liebenow Daly of Tampa, Florida; two sons, Jay Stanton Liebenow of Washington, DC, and John Stuart Lie­benow of Columbus, Indiana; two sisters, Miki Montgomery and Gladys Sturnfield, and one brother, Gil Liebenow, all of Illinois; and eight grandchildren.

Patrick O'Meara, Indiana University
N. Brian Winchester, Indiana University

ChiBemba Zambian proverb submitted by Debra Spitalnik, Emory University

ukupangila insofu: kano uli na ifumo

threatening an elephant: unless you have a spear

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Call for Nominations
The 1994 Conover-Porter Award for Africana Bibliography or Reference Work

The Africana Librarians Council (formerly called Archives-Libraries Committee) of the African Studies Association (US) seeks nominations for the eighth biennial Conover-Porter Award for excellence in African bibliography or reference work. Any African-related reference work, bibliography or bibliographic essay published separately or as part of a larger work during 1991, 1992, 1993 can be nominated for the 1994 award, which includes a prize of $300 that will be presented during the 1994 annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Toronto, Canada. Nominations must be received by the end of January 1994. Please include a brief justification and at least one review.

Helen Conover was senior bibliographer in the African Section of the Library of Congress, serving 32 years before her retirement in 1963. Dorothy Porter Wesley was librarian of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, retiring in 1973 after 45 years of service.


Please send nominations to Helene Baumann, International and Area Studies, Box 90195, Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708, USA (919-660-5847; fax, 919-684-2855; e-mail, hsb@mail.lib.duke.edu). For further information you may contact her or ALC Chair, Nancy J. Schmidt, Main Library E660, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405, USA (812-855-1481; fax, 812-855-8068).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Southern Africa Political and Economic Monthly**, published by the Southern Africa Political Economy Series (SAPES) Trust, is a monthly journal combining serious news analysis with scholarly articles on the political economy of the region. In order to truly serve scholars of the region, SAPES is published in both languages of Southern Africa, Portuguese and English, with a resident editor who is a Mozambican national. Besides being of wide interest, SAPES also serves the research network of the SAPES Trust, and serves as a forum for debate and discussion, and presentation of the results of research carried out by scholars in all the countries of the region. For more information contact SAPES Trust, P.O. Box MP 111, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe.

- The Society for Women in International Political Economy is a professional organization which offers its members a forum to discuss both professional issues (primarily but not exclusively gender related) and scholarly interests. Members receive a quarterly newsletter publicizing professional issues, publications, conferences, course syllabi and information on our organizational activities. Founded in 1991, SWIPE seeks new members interested in improving the status of women in the field of IPE broadly defined; our membership is not restricted by sex, professional status or disciplinary boundaries. For further information about SWIPE, contact Christine Ingebritsen, Scandinavian Department, DL 20, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195, (206) 543-0675, email, ingie@u.washington.edu, or Audie Klotz, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, 1007 W. Harrison Street, Chicago, IL, 60607-7137.

- Concerned Ethiopianist scholars are calling for financial support for 42 professors of Addis Ababa University. As of April 1993, internationally known scholars in the fields of humanities, social science, medicine, natural science, and engineering were arbitrarily dismissed from their posts at Addis Ababa University by the transitional government of Ethiopia. Continuing government harassment has prevented them from organizing themselves and they now face dire economic hardship. An ad hoc committee
seeks financial contributions to help relieve the sufferings of the dismissed faculty and their families. Make your check payable to the University of Illinois and indicate on the memo line that the payment is for the Ethiopian Academics Relief Fund. Mail to Center for African Studies, University of Illinois, 910 South Fifth Street, Room 210, Champaign, IL, 61820.

The African Mathematical Union Commission on the History of Mathematics in Africa (AMUCHMA), begun in 1986, was formed to improve communication among those interested in the history of mathematics in Africa; to promote active cooperation among scholars doing research in, or related to, the history of mathematics in Africa; and to promote research in the history of mathematics in Africa and the publication of its results.

AMUCHMA publishes a newsletter, is setting up a documentation center, and is organizing lectures on the history of mathematics at national, regional, continental and international congresses and conferences.

For further information contact Paulus Gerdes, P.O. Box 915, Maputo, Mozambique.

The National Endowment for the Humanities is now on the BITNET electronic mail system. The main goal at NEH is to make grants to individuals and institutions for projects that will further the research, education, preservation and public programs of the Humanities. With the BITNET system, NEH can assist those individuals and institutions by decreasing the turnaround time on their requests. For information contact Joy Evans or Suzanne Volpe at NEHOPA@GWUVM.

The following listings give the BITNET addresses for divisions and programs.

**NEH BITNET DIRECTORY**

**Public Information Office (OFFA)-NEHOPA@GWUVM**
provides information on all NEH programs, application deadlines, and guideline availability; Humanities magazine subscriptions; special reports and other special publications (The Overview of Endowment Programs; Annual Reports).

**Education Division-NEHEDU@GWUVM, Higher Education in the Humanities, Institutes for College and University Faculty, Science and Humanities Education, Core Curriculum Projects, Two-Year Colleges, Elementary and Secondary Education in the Humanities, Teacher-Scholar Program, Special Opportunities in Foreign Language Education, Challenge Grants for Education Division.**

**Fellowships & Seminars Division-NEHFELL@GWUVM,** Fellowships for University Teachers, Fellowships for College Teachers & Independent Scholars, Summer Stipend, Faculty Graduate Program for HBCU, Young Scholars, Study Grants for College and University Teachers, Summer Seminars for College Teachers, Summer Seminars for School Teachers.

**Preservation & Access Division-NEHHPRES@GWUVM,** Library and Archival Projects, Library and Archival Preservation/Access Projects, National Heritage Preservation Program, U.S. Newspaper Program.

**Public Programs Division-NEHPUB@GWUVM, Media Programs, Museums and Historical Organizations Program, Public Humanities Projects, Humanities Project in Libraries and Archives, Challenge Grants for Public Division.**


**Grants Office-NEHGRANT@GWUVM** provides information and services on Issuance & Administration of Awards, Government Regulations & Guidelines on Awards, and Audit Resolutions.

**ACCESS,** under contract with the United States Institute of Peace, is conducting a survey of organizations and individuals that are engaged in conflict resolution. Respondents would be included in an international database on this area. We are interested in surveying conflict resolution practitioners and others involved in education, training and research. If you are aware of any individuals or organizations that we should include in this project, please let us know. We are particularly interested in efforts of indigenous groups and individuals. Please contact Lisa Alfred at (202) 783-6050 or by fax at (202) 783-4767 for further information. ACCESS is a non-profit, non-partisan clearing house of information on international relations, peace, and world affairs.

**Environmental Briefs** is a non-profit organization formed to help environmental professionals in Africa access research findings. In October 1993 we will begin publishing a free quarterly newsletter containing summaries of journal articles and annotated mini-bibliographies of related recent articles. Send the names and addresses of potential recipients. Please subsidize any recipients you suggest by making a donation to Environmental Briefs. E.B. is available on-line, and we encourage its use outside Africa as a teaching tool. In addition to gaining an international perspective on the environment, students are exposed to
the methodology of science through the use of journal abstracts and discussions of mathematical models. Readers should remember that donations are vital to ensuring the distribution of E.B. in Africa. A $10 tax-deductible contribution sponsors one African reader for a year Contact Environmental Briefs Corporation, 22 Willowdale Road, Winchester, MA 01890, (617) 729-8749 (voice/fax), e-mail ccampboyle@igc.org.

Esther A. Dagan, the editor of Galerie Amrad African Art Publications, is looking for contributing authors for The Spirit's Dance in Africa. As the concept of this book is based on an interdisciplinary approach, Africanist PhD scholars from diverse disciplines, including the performing arts, ethnomusicology, dance, anthropology, ethnology, sociology, folklore, and art history (particularly experts in rock and cave paintings) are invited to send their synopsis describing the essence of their essay, which in its final form will not exceed 2000 words, and include a few illustrations. The authors whose titles are chosen will be immediately informed and should be able to send their finished essays within four weeks.

If you are interested in publishing your essay in this book, please fax your synopsis to (514) 931-4747 (begin transmission after second beep) or send to Galerie Amrad African Arts Publication, 42 Anwoth, Westmount, Quebec, H3Y 2E7 Canada.

The Fourth Africare Bishop John T. Walker Memorial Dinner—a celebration of diversity for the benefit of Africa—will take place on Thursday evening, 14 October 1993, in Washington, DC.

About 2,500 international and corporate leaders, and supporters from cities nationwide, are expected to attend the 1993 Africare Dinner. President Clinton is the event's Honorary Patron, with Salim Ahmed Salim, Secretary General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), representing the nations of Africa as International Honorary Patron. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown will deliver the evening's keynote address. Other outstanding speakers, such as the noted journalist Bill Moyer, will join Secretary Brown on the dais. Richard M. Oster, Chief Executive Officer of the Cookson Group, a London-based multinational, is the 1993 Africare Dinner's National Chair.

For tickets to the event, call the 1993 Africare Dinner office at (202) 328-5376.

California Newsreel's Library of African Cinema has announced the release of seven new African documentaries and feature films. These titles join eight others to form the most comprehensive film and video collection of contemporary African cinema available in the United States today.

Each of the seven new releases focuses on a different aspect of the struggle for democratic social renewal sweeping Africa today. These award-winning films from Cameroon, Mali, Zaire, Senegal and Guinea illustrate this continent-wide movement—sometimes called "Africa's Second Independence."

Accompanying this collection is a 32 page resource guide designed to help teachers use the new films in a wide variety of college courses. It contains brief introductory essays on each film, teaching suggestions and select bibliographies. The expanded Library of African Cinema collection enables colleges and public libraries to build in-depth video collections of African cinema.

For further information and a free copy of the Library of African Cinema resource guide please contact California Newsreel, 149 Ninth Street, Suite 420, San Francisco, CA 94103, (415) 621-6196.
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

• The Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for African Studies invite junior and senior scholars to participate in an interdisciplinary program on Afro-American identity and cultural diversity in the Americas, including the Caribbean, Brazil, and the US, as well as the sending areas of Africa. Funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, the program will enable visiting scholars in the area of the humanities to spend a year or a semester at the university of Florida to do research in this area. The program will focus on three interrelated issues: 1. (1993-94) the intersection of race, class and gender as seen in research on women and the family, slavery and race relations, social movements, and migration; 2. (1994-95) studies in literature, religion and popular culture which reveal the ways in which Afro-American culture has transcended national boundaries and brought together people living in different regions; 3. (1995-96) studies on historical processes of adaptation to the physical environment and the built environment.

Each fellow will receive a maximum stipend of $35,000 for the academic year, or half that for the semester. Applicants will be selected on a competitive basis related to their expertise and research in these areas. By 3 February 1994, candidates should submit (1) a 100 word abstract, (2) an essay of approximately 1500 words detailing the proposed research, (3) a full curriculum vita, and (4) two letters of recommendation. Send applications to Dr. Helen I. Safa, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, PO Box 115530, Gainesville, FL 32611-5530, (904) 392-0375, fax (904) 392-7682.

• The National Endowment for the Humanities invites applications for College Younger Scholars Awards. These awards support individuals who wish to conduct research and writing projects in the humanities during the summer of 1994. Award recipients will be expected to work full time for nine weeks during the summer, doing research and writing a paper under the close supervision of a humanities scholar.

College Younger Scholars awards are made to undergraduates below the level of senior. Awards are $2,500, which includes $500 for the project adviser. Applicants must be US citizens or foreign nationals who have lived in the United States for at least three consecutive years at the time of application. Individuals who will have received or expect to receive a bachelor's degree by 1 October 1994, are not eligible to apply.

In both subject matter and methodology, projects must be firmly grounded in one or more of the disciplines of the humanities. Previous proposals have ranged widely over topics that interpret important works of literature and the arts, explore historical questions, analyze philosophical and religious texts, or attempt to achieve greater understanding of the humanities disciplines.

Applications must be postmarked no later than 1 November 1993. (The deadline for 1995 awards is 1 November 1994.) To request guidelines and application forms for Young-
Applications are invited for Visiting Fellowships in the Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, in 1995. Each year the centre concentrates upon a special theme. In 1995 the theme will be "Africa." The centre intends to organize three conferences around this theme as well as a conference on "National Biography and National Identity.

Applications from scholars working in any area of the humanities are welcomed, as a proportion of each year's fellowships is reserved for those without special interest in the year's theme; the majority of fellowships, however, will be awarded to those whose work is relevant to the annual theme or the subsidiary conference. Fellows are expected to work at the centre, but are encouraged also to visit other Australian universities. Grants usually include a travel component and a weekly living allowance.

Prospective applicants must obtain further particulars and application forms from the Centre Administrator, Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University, Canberra, ACT 0200, Australia. Phone (06) 249-2700, fax (06) 248-0054. Applications should reach the Registrar, ANU, by 31 October 1993. EOE.

The Rockefeller Foundation is pleased to announce Population Sciences Fellowships 1994/1995, a program of advanced training and research for men and women of promise worldwide who can make a significant contribution to population sciences in developing countries. Fellowships are awarded in demography/social science and in reproductive biology/medicine.

Selections are based on the recommendations of distinguished scholars in the field of population. Selection criteria stress academic excellence and potential contributions to the population field in developing countries. Preference is given to persons from developing countries who are affiliated with an institution in their home countries and are firmly committed to returning to their own countries after finishing their training. Fellowship training undertaken in the US must be done with a J-1 student exchange visa.

Awards are contingent upon admission by a training or research institution with a strong graduate or research program in population studies, regardless of geographic location. It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain admission to the institution or university of his or her choice. Awards are made for up to two years.

Postdoctoral study awards are intended for persons 40 years of age or under having a recent doctoral or medical degree (or equivalent) who wish to undertake postdoctoral training and/or research with a population specialization. Applicants applying without the PhD degree who are selected must furnish verification that the degree has been received before the final award will be made.

Graduate study awards are intended for persons 35 years of age or under who have completed their work, except the writing of the dissertation, toward the PhD degree (or equivalent) in one of the social sciences with specialization in population.

There are no standard application forms. For information on materials that should be submitted, contact Fellowships in Population Sciences, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-6755. Completed application should be received at the Foundation by 15 November 1993. Decisions will be made by mid-March, 1994.

Doctoral students from sub-Saharan Africa are invited to apply to The Rockefeller Foundation for dissertation research support. The program enables PhD students enrolled in US and Canadian universities to return to Africa for extensive research involving field observation or use of primary sources available only in Africa. Priority is given to research topics in the fields of agriculture, environment, health, life sciences, and schooling.

Applicants are responsible for arranging affiliation with an African institution able to provide needed research support, such as laboratory facilities, access to study sites, and technical advice. The candidate's faculty adviser, the host institution in Africa, and the agency with primary responsibility for financing the student's graduate work must all send letters of endorsement.

Deadlines for applications are 1 October 1993 and 1 March 1994. Candidates should apply well in advance of the expected field work starting date.

For a full description of the competition and the application requirements, write to African Dissertation Internship Awards, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036.

ChiBemba Zambian proverb submitted by Debra Spitulnik, Emory University

uwaice balemulanga umweshi: aleemona umunwe
a child, they are showing him the moon: he is seeing a finger

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Swarthmore College
Department of History

Assistant Professor, tenure-track position to begin fall 1994. Principal field in sub-Saharan Africa. Comparative and interdisciplinary interests, as well as teaching experience, are highly desirable. PhD, or nearly completed PhD is required. Send letter and dossier to Robert S. DuPlessis, Acting Chair, Department of History, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA 19081-1397. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. Application deadline 15 November 1993. We intend to hold interviews at the African Studies Association annual convention. EOE.

University of Oregon
Department of History

The Department of History at the University of Oregon invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position at the assistant professor level in African history, with the appointment to begin September 1994. Applicants may specialize in any region or period. PhD at time of appointment and strong commitment to scholarship required. Teaching experience and teaching breadth are desirable. Send cv, a letter describing research and teaching interests, samples of publications and written work, and three letters of recommendation to Quintard Taylor, Chair, Africa Search, Department of History, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403 by 24 November 1993. AA/EO institution committed to cultural diversity.

Virginia Commonwealth University
Afro-American Studies

Seeking Director, Afro-American Studies. Qualifications include an earned doctorate and a record of teaching, research, scholarship, and professional service that will merit the rank of professor with tenure in a discipline within the College of Humanities and Sciences. Prior administrative experience is desirable. Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and will continue until candidate is selected. Appointment will begin 1 July 1994. Applicants should send a letter of interest, cv, and the names and phone numbers of three references to Dr. Susan Estabrook Kennedy, Associate Dean, College of Humanities and Sciences, Box 2019, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA 23284-2019. AA/EOE.

University of Florida
Department of History

The University of Florida invites applications for a position as tenure-track assistant professor in west or western equatorial African history, beginning August 1994. Applicants must possess PhD by the time of appointment; teaching experience is welcome. Starting salary is negotiable. Applications are due by 24 November 1993; interviews will be scheduled for the December 4-7 African Studies Association meeting. Submit letter of application, cv, three letters of recommendation, and supporting materials to Steven Feierman, University of Florida, Department of History, 4131 Turlington Hall, Gainesville, FL 32611. AA/EOE.

University of Florida
Center for African Studies

The Center for African Studies at the University of Florida is seeking applicants for the position of assistant/associate in African Studies to serve as Outreach Director of the 1994/1995 academic year beginning on or about 13 August 1994. This is a nine month, non-tenure accruing, renewable appointment.

Responsibilities include the development of existing program to K-12, regional colleges, and universities; planning/directing workshops/seminars; developing curriculum materials; preparing grant proposals; and representing the Center to the public. Qualifications include an advanced degree(s) in a field related to African Studies, preferably with African field work; experience in public relations or program development is desirable.

Applicants should send a cv; a letter detailing relevant background, pertinent interests and publications; and three letters of recommendation before 1 December 1993 to Director, Outreach Search Committee, Center for African Studies, 427 Grinter Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611, (904) 392-2183. EE/AAE. Anyone requiring special accommodation to complete this application should contact the Search Committee chair.

apali umunwe: e pali ibala

where there's a finger: it's where there's a garden

ChiBemba Zambian proverb submitted by Debra Spitulnik, Emory University
Future Meetings & Calls for Papers

The 37th annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, 1-12 March 1994. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Such proposals, accompanied with one-page abstract and vitae, should be sent by 15 October 1993. Contact Dale Gaeddert, Chair, MVHC, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182.

The International Studies Association, an organization that vigorously promotes research and education about international affairs, will hold its 1994 convention on 28 March - 1 April in Washington, DC. The theme is "The New Agenda of World Politics," a focus that invites members to consider ways in which the profound changes that have recently swept the world may and should influence how we study politics among and within states. The program chair is Neil Richardson, Political Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706. The deadline for proposing participation in the program is mid-September 1993, but in exceptional circumstances individuals may be added later. For more information contact Neil Richardson at (608) 263-2019, fax (608) 265-2663.

The cost of a one-year membership is $30 to $75, depending on annual income, and includes subscriptions to all the ISA's journals and publications. ISA members receive ten issues annually of a newsletter that includes information on job openings, grants and fellowships, and conferences, as well as ISA news.

The University of Zimbabwe History Department, and the National Museums and Monuments of Zimbabwe are pleased to announce that they will jointly host the 10th Congress of the Pan African Association of Prehistory and Related Studies. The last Congress was held in Jos, Nigeria, 10 years ago. The Congress will be held over 5 days at the University of Zimbabwe in early September 1995. The actual dates will be given in the second announcement.


For further information write Gilbert Pwiti, History Department (PAA), University of Zimbabwe, PO Box MPI67, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe.

PUBLICATION NEWS

The Sub-Saharan Africa Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has just published the second and third volumes in its Science in Africa series, inaugurated in 1991 with Science in Africa: Achievements and Prospects. The second volume, Science in Africa: Setting Research Priorities, is the proceedings from a AAAS Annual Meeting Symposium held in February 1992 in Chicago.

In May 1992, the Sub-Saharan Africa Program convened a forum to review the revitalization of science and engineering programs that is now occurring within African universities. Science in Africa: Innovations in Higher Education contains the six presentations made at the forum, including the keynote address delivered by Donald Ekong, Secretary General of the Association of African Universities.

For further information on obtaining these publications, contact Amy Auerbacher Wilson, Director, Sub-Saharan Africa Program, 1333 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Contemporary African Politics and Development: A Comprehensive Bibliography (Vol. 1: 1981-1990) will be available this fall from Lynne Rienner Publishers. Each of the bibliography’s more than 16,000 citations (both English and French sources are included) is annotated with the relevant subject terms and keywords, and all citations from 1986 through 1990 include an abstract summarizing the material’s theoretical and substantive focus. Chapters in edited volumes, as well as journal articles, are treated as individual citations.

Compiled by the staff of UCLA’s African Bibliography Project, this thoroughly indexed volume, with some 1,000 pages in an 8-1/2 in. X 11 in. format, is being offered at a reduced prepublication price of $130. For more information or to order, contact Lynne Rienner Publications, 1800 30th Street, Boulder, CO 80301, (303) 444-6684.
A Message from the Boston Panels Chair

The 1993 Annual Meeting of the ASA will be held in Boston, December 4-7, the first year in three that the ASA will be held in the northeastern US. The concentration of Africa-related programs in the region, Boston's proximity to eastern Canada, Europe, and Africa, and a theme that was well received, all served to generate an extraordinary number of paper proposals from the membership. We received more than 1100 such proposals in all—and some continue to arrive! This in itself is testimony to the continued vitality of scholarship on Africa in many disciplines. It also represents the growing membership of the organization and the enormous effort on the part of those who organized panels and proposed papers for the meeting. Even more important, it was not only the numbers that were impressive: the proposals testified to the very high quality of research being done for work on Africa, across a broad range of disciplines.

Overall this speaks well for African studies. But these numbers also dramatize the variety of structural issues that face the ASA in this time of expansion. Since the Annual Meeting provides the opportunity to bring together the disparate membership of the ASA, and defines us as colleagues with shared interests even beyond our disciplinary or regional differences, these issues most immediately and directly affect the organization of that meeting. This year these structural issues loom large and will need to elicit a full discussion by the membership and the Board.

Several years ago, under very different conditions than we now face, the ASA Board passed a resolution which limited the annual meeting to a maximum of 160 panels, and this year's arrangements with the Westin Hotel were based on that figure. Following the convention of four papers per panel this rubric provided a maximum of 640 formal presentations. By various mechanisms, this year we have managed to include about 750 paper presentations—a larger figure than ever before included on the program—even while respecting the limitations on the number of panels. Nonetheless, despite every effort, we were still unable to find places for over 30% of those who submitted abstracts; in absolute numbers, that translated to more than 300 paper proposals. This clearly raises long-term issues which the Board will need to consider. But it also raises the question of the procedures followed under these circumstances.

The committee was carefully selected to provide input from a broad range of discipline, gender, generation, region of research specialization, and geographical region in North America. It included:

- Jane Guyer (Anthropology, Boston University);
- Elisabeth Mudimbe-Boyi (Romance Languages and Literature, Duke University);
- David Newbury (History, University of North Carolina);
- Jane Farpart (History, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia);
- Merrick Posansky (Archeology, UCLA);
- Allen Roberts (Anthropology, Art, and Development Issues, University of Iowa); and
- Meredith Turshen (Urban Studies and Public Health, Rutgers).

The central concern of the committee was to assure a program which reflects the diversity of the organization as a whole, incorporating a wide range of regions, disciplines, and intellectual approaches. This year, more than ever before, the program includes broader representation among fields poorly represented in the past: in archeology, journalism, literature, and economic issues, for example; some regions relatively neglected in the past, notably northeast Africa, have been covered more fully as well.

The number of panels submitted far exceeded the numbers of previous years. But so did the number of individual papers. Indeed, because of the dispersal of scholarship on Africa in this country among many different universities, and because of the strong tradition of interdisciplinary inquiry which characterizes the ASA, the organization has always welcomed—indeed encouraged—the submission of individual paper proposals to the Annual Meeting. It has been our concern not to discriminate against those who submitted individual papers. Therefore each abstract, whether submitted individually or as part of a previously formal panel, was considered individually, and assessed on its own merits. In the selection process, the committee evaluated the abstracts blind, as we were instructed to do by the ASA and as explained in the ASA News—without reference to author, institution, or panel affiliation. This distinguishes the ASA from many other professional organizations, where the practice has been to accept only panel proposals for inclusion on their program; the ASA has never set this condition to participation, and did not do so this year. Consequently, no panel was accepted or rejected on its own terms; each paper was treated individually.

Given the numbers involved, it was the overwhelming priority of the committee to include as many participants on the program as possible—whether or not their papers were originally submitted as part of an organized panel. In those instances where all the papers on a proposed panel were accepted, we made every effort to retain that panel intact on the program. Still, the committee received many more panel submissions than the total places provided for...


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