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FROM THE SECRETARIAT...

Endowments are perpetual trusts which provide income for perpetuity. The ASA endowment drive has been a long and hard road. As you read this the Association is about to pass a significant milestone along that road. The 31st of July 1996 deadline is the last day that your endowment contributions will count towards the matching Challenge Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. We must raise $25,000 to qualify for a match of $25,000 from the NEH. Prior to the Do it in June! campaign, we had raised $7,500. Members' response to the Do it in June! drive has been good and we have raised an additional $11,000. As you can see we are still $6,500 short of our goal.

We have re-printed in this issue some of the information from the Do it in June! campaign. By the time you read this you will have just a few days left to act. To help us meet the challenge you have only two choices.

1. Write a check and post it before 31 July 1996.

2. Call us at (404) 329-6410 and make a contribution using your Mastercard or Visa.

We ask members to respond, and respond generously. Endowment income is already funding special projects that we cannot otherwise support through the operating budget. This year, the ASA is bringing three African visitors to the Annual Meeting, and funding the Abiola Lecture. Three organizations were assisted in making Book Donations to African institutions. Earnings from the endowment also support a variety of Outreach activities.

The International Visitors Program is perhaps one of the highest profile projects, aside from the Annual Meeting, that the ASA engages in. This year 21 people applied to the IVF to attend our San Francisco meeting. Most of the applications were strong and had impressive support from both individual and institutional sponsors. But, in the end, there was only money for three visitors. I know that last year the story was the same, many good applicants but only three could be funded.

If you are able, you can help yourself and the ASA by enrolling as a Life Member. The $1,200 life membership fee can be paid in three annual increments of $400. Up to $800 may be eligible for federal tax deduction. Contribute as you can, but please Do It Now!
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July/September 1996
PROVISIONAL MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday 20 April 1996, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Board Room, Carlos Museum, Emory University

Present: Directors Iris Berger (Chair); Goran Hyden; Nancy Schmidt; Robert Bates; Carolyn Brown; Marina Ottaway; Keleto Atkin; Julius Nyan'goro; Claire Robertson; Gwladysen Mikell; Carol Eastman (Treasurer); Chris Koch (Executive Director); Francois Manchuelle (AASP Representative)

1.0 Approval of Minutes
Fall Board of Directors Meeting, the Business Meeting, and the Town Meeting minutes were approved (published in ASA News 29(2) with the following correction Town Meeting Minutes.

The last sentence should read "It was disappointing to see that at no time were there more than 30 members present for this meeting."

2.0 Report of the Executive Director (submitted by Koch)

Membership

As of yesterday, 1,794 individual members had renewed for 1996, while 453 institutional members have paid 1996 dues. There are currently 61 Life Members. Membership Census Data (based on all records in the database, paid or not)—Sex: Female 857 and Male 1,447 with 2,304 people self-reporting; Race: Asian 11, Black 237, White 475, and Other 3 with 726 people reporting.

Finances

We are well within our current budget for the fiscal year. Continuing this course will lead to a surplus and not the deficit of $8,650 anticipated in the budget. It will be necessary to replace some out-dated office equipment shortly. Thought should also be given to building up reserves in preparation for moving the Secretariat.

Development

The National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant Campaign continues. July 31, 1996 is our deadline and by that date we must raise an additional $25,000 which will be matched by NEH dollar per dollar. To date we have raised about $7,500; this leaves us with a balance of $17,500 to raise.

Annual Meeting

Plans for this year's meeting are well underway. Members of the Secretariat staff visited San Francisco in April to make final preparations. I also met with a member of the local arrangements committee. The National Panels Chair is preparing to meet later in May with the committee members to design the final program.

Publications

Member publications are in good order though they are running a bit late; we are working to get them back on schedule. Just off the press is Ralph Austen's The Elusive Epic, the latest volume in the African Historical Sources series. The copy for the fifth volume of Arts of Africa has just arrived from Janet Stanley. Production has begun on Jane Guyer's African Studies in the United States, which is being published in collaboration with the Ford Foundation.

2.1 The Executive Director is to contact the National Research Council and find out what sort of sex and racial data they have for area studies. This is to be a joint ASA/AASP contact.

2.2 The report was unanimously adopted.

3.0 Finance Committee Report (Bates)

The change, announced at the Fall Board Meeting, in the way the audit is reported has improved our accounting. Further improvement would come from the separation of our three income streams, membership, Annual Meeting, and ASA Press. Realistic figures should be used in the future when budgeting the International Visitors Program. Moneys should be set aside in reserve for relocating the Secretariat. A report on our investment portfolio will be presented at the Fall Board Meeting, after the Treasurer and Executive Director have had a chance to meet with the financial advisor. It was suggested that to save money we not have a full Spring Board meeting. This idea was rejected but it was decided to discuss how to reduce Spring Board Meeting costs at the at the Fall meeting of the Board. The banquet at the 1996 Annual Meeting will cost approximately $46 per ticket. In light of this the committee recommends that we experiment this year with combining the Presidential Address with the Awards Ceremony and Welcoming Reception. After debate, passage of the proposed 1996/1997 budget is recommended, though income projections for the Annual Meeting exhibits might be optimistic.

3.1 The report was unanimously adopted.

4.0 Annual Meetings Committee Report (Mikell)

Plans for the 1996 meeting are well underway. The National Panels Committee will be meeting in mid-May to finalize the program. National Panels Chair Falola should be asked for the criteria being used to accept or reject proposals and for any recommendations he has for inclusion in the future Annual Meeting guidelines. The panels chair for Columbus in 1997 will be Barbara Lewis, and Ahmed Sikainga will chair local arrangements. Tryambe Zeleza will be the panels chair, and Cheryl Johnson-Odim will organize the local arrangements committee for Chicago in 1998. Lee Cassanelli will be the 1999 local arrangements chair for Philadelphia. Priority should be given to Nashville for the 2000 meeting if the facilities are adequate.

4.1 The report was unanimously adopted.

5.0 Publications Committee Report (Hyden)

New works by Harvey Glickman, Ethnic Conflict and Democratization in Africa; and Ralph Austen, The Illusive Epic, are now in print. Arts of Africa volume 5 and Jane Guyer's African Studies in the United States are at various stages of production. ASA News is running almost two weeks late while African Studies Review is about two months behind schedule. Mark DeLancy wishes to step down as the editor of African Studies Review at the end of 1997. A call for a new general editor and a new book review editor should be carried in the next ASA News. Major questions face the ASA Press as we prepare to move the Secretariat. We will slow, though not stop, the publications program while stepping up marketing to reduce inventory. The last Membership Directory was published in 1992 and is now hopefully out of date. A new one should be produced and it should be made available to the membership on an at-cost basis.

5.1 At the Fall Board Meeting (November, 2 1995, Item 15), it was agreed that this committee would look into the manner in which all ASA awards are handled and report to the Spring Board. Because of the importance of this matter, it was agreed to treat it as a separate agenda item (see below Item 13 below).

5.2 The report was unanimously adopted.

6.0 Development Committee Report (submitted by Walsh)

Following the Orlando meeting, I compiled several lists from my files, as requested: a) Successful proposals; b) Unsuccessful proposals, with probable reasons for rejection; c) Active queries; and d) Suggestions from various brainstorming sessions.

I sent these lists to Chris Koch and Iris Berger, who responded with the welcome news that Goran Hyden and Claire Robertson had graduate assistants who could devote some time to development efforts. I sent them the lists noted above, copies of the information received from the most promising, and lists of information sources for fund-raising. My suggested plan of action was for the student assistants to check all available resources at their respective institutions, to find contact addresses and information on funding possibilities, and send letters of query. Spring break and other activities has slowed further activity.

At this time there are two possible avenues to pursue in trying to meet the NEH Challenge Deadline: 1) a final direct mail appeal to the membership and 2) a renewed appeal to the Ford Foundation.

My term of office as Chair of this committee will end with the end of the NEH Challenge in July. I will work with the Board's designees and any assistants that may be available to implement the several recommendations outlined above. Following the NEH Challenge, I recommend the following: 1) continue
endowment appeals several times a year; 2) pursue grant applications more vigorously for ASA activities; and 3) assure that all grant applications for ASA constituent organizations contain sufficient overhead so that they do not become a drain on ASA resources.

6.1 The report was unanimously adopted.

6.2 It was agreed that the following Book Donation projects be funded: the proposal made by Jean and John Comaroff to send anthropology books to the University of the Northwest (South Africa), $1,400; the Bucknell University proposal to send books to the University of Nigeria, $1,100; and the proposal to send materials on dance and music to the University of Ghana, $500.

6.3 The Board agreed on a prioritized list of applicants for the International Visitors Program and instructed the Executive Director to proceed by the list and fund three visitors. It was further agreed that a flyer should be distributed at the Annual Meeting to publicize the International Visitors Program.

7.0 Ad Hoc Outreach Committee Report (Brown)

The committee believes that closer attention should be paid to outreach by the Board and the ASA at large. Currently the Association's outreach activities are limited to K-12. New areas of outreach which reach adults should be explored, such as the African American and African expatriate communities. There are existing organizations, such as the Washington Office on Africa and the Pan African Caucus, which are also interested in ASA outreach. It is suggested that the ASA explore the possibility of a pamphlet series to reach these groups. The Association of African Studies Programs panel at the 1996 Annual Meeting is an outgrowth of this committee. Carolyn Brown will also organize an outreach roundtable at the next Annual Meeting on behalf of the Board. This committee will remain as ad hoc for the time being and will be called the 'Constituency Liaison Committee or CLC' to clearly separate its work from that of the Outreach Council.

8.0 Task Force on the Future of African Studies Report (Hyden)

It was reported that the future of African Studies would be brighter if we stress the fact that it is a comparative discipline; after all Africa is not a single country despite much of public opinion, and that many African countries participate on the global scene. Hyden noted that the Social Science Research Council shares the ASA's concerns about the future of Area Studies. He also stressed that the Association must stay in touch with the major funding sources for African Studies.

8.1 It was agreed that Iris Berger would write to the American Council of Learned Societies, and the Carnegie, Ford, and Mellon Foundations to urge them to keep African issues among their priorities.

9.0 Future ASA Host Institution

It was noted that Emory University does not wish to extend the current contract with the ASA when it expires in December of 1997. It was also noted that the ASA had relocated approximately every ten years and that the ASA had been hosted by Columbia University, Brandeis University, University of California, Los Angeles, and Emory University.

9.1 It was agreed that a 'Call for Bids' be carried in the next ASA News and that an advertisement be placed in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

9.2 It was agreed that the Executive Director would, with the guidance of the President and Vice-President, write a profile which stresses the multi-disciplinary, multi-cultural, and global nature of the Association. That the profile, along with an outline of the institutional needs of the Association, shall be combined with other relevant materials in a way that was suitable for presentation to non-Africanists as well as Africanists.

10.0 Contacts with Colleagues in Africa

10.1 CODESRIA: Holding a joint conference with CODESRIA is a good idea but time would be required to find sufficient funding. It was agreed that Gwendolyn Mikel would contact CODESRIA.

10.2 Japanese-American joint meeting in Ghana: The ASA encourages this group to find funding for this endeavor. Coran Hyden to coordinate with Merrick Posansky, who will be asked to report to the Board in the Fall.

10.3 West Africa Research Association meeting in Dakar: It was agreed that the ASA would authorize Barbara Lewis to coordinate with WARA to organize a presence at the meeting.

11.0 Applications for Coordinate Organization Status

11.0.0 Matthew Roberts requested that the Board recognize Gays and Lesbians in African Studies (GLAS) as an ASA Sponsored Organization. The Executive Director certified that the group met the necessary criteria.

11.1 The request was unanimously granted.

11.2.0 David Conrad requested that the Board recognize the West Africa Research Association (WARA) as an Associate Organization of the ASA. The Executive Director certified that the group met the necessary criteria.

11.2.1 The request was unanimously granted.

11.3.0 Cynthia Brantley, Melvin Page, and Harold Marcus requested that the Board recognize H-Africa List as an Affiliate Organization of the ASA. The Executive Director certified that the group met the necessary criteria.

11.3.1 The request was unanimously granted.

11.4.0 The Board reviewed the current criteria for the recognition of Sponsored Organizations. It was agreed that until July 1997 the policy, as contained in the Manual of Policies and Procedures will remain in effect. After that date, organizations will first have to be granted Associate status, after three years of demonstrated scholarly and professional activity they will be able to apply for Sponsored status.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday 21 April 1996, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Tate Room, Carlos Museum, Emory University

Present: Directors Iris Berger (Chair); Coran Hyden; Nancy Schmidt; Robert Bates; Carolyn Brown; Marina Ottaway; Kelelso Atkins; Julius "Nyan'go; Claire Robertson; Gwendolyn Mikel; Carol Eastman (Treasurer); Chris Koch (Executive Director); Francois Manchuelle (AASP Representative).

12.0 Selection of One New Herskovits Committee Member, Three Non-Board Nominating Committee Members, and Two Non-Board Distinguished Africanist Committee Members

Committee appointments were dealt with in turn. Nominations were made by board members with regard to the diversity of the Association, and a vote was taken to compile a prioritized short list for each position. The Executive Director was instructed to proceed by the short lists to fill each position. Subsequently:

12.1 Rowland Abiodun agreed to serve from 1997 to 1999 on the Herskovits Committee.

12.2 Kofi Akwabi-Ameyaw, Thomas A. Hale, and Micheline Rice-Maxim agreed to serve as non-Board members on the 1996 Nominating Committee.

12.3 Christaud M. Geary agreed to serve two years, through 1997, and Samuel Nolutshungu agreed to serve three years, through 1998, on the Distinguished Africanist Committee.

13.0 Procedures for Awards and Nominations

Draft information was provided to the Board by David Henige and Gretchen Walsh regarding the Text Prize and the Book Donation Awards respectively. This information was discussed along with the Herskovits and the Distinguished Africanist Committee.

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Awards. General guidelines, developed by the Publications Committee, for all book awards were discussed and adopted. The Executive Director will send them to the book award committee chairs.

13.1 It was agreed that in the future the Distinguished Africanist Committee will be chaired by the Past President and that it will meet at the Annual Meeting so that its recommendations may be presented to the Spring Board Meeting.

13.2 It was agreed that in the future all Board members are to receive Book Donation Project applications from the Secretariat.

13.3 It was agreed to return to the matter of procedures for nominations and awards at the next Fall Board Meeting.

14.0 Any Other Business

14.1 It was agreed that Thandike Mkandawire, the Executive Secretary of CODESRIA, be nominated for the 50th Anniversary Distinguished Fulbright Fellowship.

14.2 Richard Chowning requested that the Electronic Technology Group be funded to provide a booth at the Annual Meeting to educate members in the use of information technology in African Studies. It was agreed to provide a one-time award of $800 and to urge the ETG to seek outside funding in the future.

14.3 It was agreed that Sponsored Organizations should tell the Board what they wanted to accomplish and how they can work with the ASA. The Executive Director will write to each group and enclose a copy of the ASA mission statement when making this request.

14.4 It was agreed that membership census data would be supplied to the chair of the Nomination Committee prior to the Annual Meeting.

14.5 The ASA’s need for a contract with Conferon was discussed. It was agreed that a one-page information sheet be prepared for the Board detailing the Association’s relationship with Conferon.

14.6 It was agreed that inclusion of individuals from small institutions on ASA committees be discussed at the Fall meeting of the board.

Letters:

To the Editor:

You’ve asked for letters, and this subject has been on my mind for a while. Is ASA only for academics? I joined ASA about ten years ago because of my scholarly and practical interest in Africa. I never intended to go into academia. I remain self-employed, mostly vending, but doing some consulting and technical assistance. Part of my value to some clients is my experience and knowledge in my area of specialization—Southern African Development Community.

Hans Panofsky has always been very supportive, but I get very little support from those in academia. Do you ever ask yourselves, “How many of my students will go on to become academic Africanists?” ASA members have elitist attitudes. I’ve had Africanists tell me I couldn’t be an Africanist or an Anthropologist because I am not connected to an institution. Really! Is it any wonder interest in Africanists and Anthropology are not growing?

I cherish my African experiences, my African friends, and Africa as much as any academic does. I’ve contributed to development in African communities, where I’ve been told by many Africans that you and your students did your research and left nothing, not even copies of your finished papers. If our mission is to “extend the body of knowledge on Africa,” we must modernize our thoughts and the marketing of ASA. Returned Peace Corps volunteers and business people (particularly tour operators and importers) are very interested in the history, politics, cultures, economics, and social dynamics of African communities. Are we going to snub them because of their (my) lack of ongoing research, or are we going to continue the ridiculous practice of presenting papers to each other?

The pragmatic question academia must ask is, “What more can we do to spread the word that Africa is not the jungle, and people there had developed cultures before Europeans were bathing regularly?”

Robyn Michaels
Chicago, IL

AFRICAN STUDIES REVIEW

CALL FOR EDITOR(S)

The editorship of the African Studies Review, the journal of the African Studies Association, will become vacant at the end of 1997. The Board of Directors of the ASA solicits proposals from ASA members who wish to be considered. Proposals may take one of three forms: 1) Editor, in charge of both the scholarly articles and the book reviews; 2) Editor, in charge of only the scholarly articles; and 3) Book Review Editor, in charge of only the book reviews.

The length of term is negotiable, however three to five years is envisaged. Information on the nature of support which the prospective editor could expect from their home institution should be included.

The ASR offers an important opportunity for the editor to shape the direction of scholarly debate on African topics and to promote the interdisciplinary quality of African studies research. The ASA Board would welcome creative ideas on how the journal might be used to:

1) communicate the excitement and significance of recent research in one discipline to scholars in other disciplines;
2) explore particular themes from different disciplinary perspectives, showing how each either complement each other or foster debate; and
3) discuss emerging themes, issues, and methodologies in the field.

Members interested in making proposals should contact the ASA Secretariat, Emory University, Credit Union Building, Atlanta GA 30322, Tel: (404) 329-64108.5

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NNAMDI AZIKIWE (1904–1996)

A Personal Remembrance
by Richard L. Sklar, UCLA

I first met Nnamdi Azikiwe in the London springtime of 1957. Colin Legum, then African affairs correspondent for the London Observer, introduced me to him at a reception honoring delegates to the Nigerian constitutional conference. Zik (his popular nickname) expressed a keen interest in my forthcoming doctoral research on Nigerian political parties and told me about the lecture that he would soon deliver on that very subject at Rhodes House, Oxford University. Like most of Zik’s formal addresses, that one proved to have lasting scholarly value.

The following day, I experienced my first exposure to Zik’s immense presence as a public man when Nigerian and British delegates to the constitutional conference assembled for its formal opening at Lancaster House. On that occasion, Zik was neither more eloquent nor more important than his two peers in the “big three” of Nigerian politics, namely Chief Obafemi Awolowo and Alhaji Ahmadu, the Sardauna of Sokoto. Yet when he rose to speak, he noticed a surprising deference and warmth in the prolonged applause. Only later did I understand that this was a tribute, in good British form, to the senior nationalist whose political career had nearly been snuffed out by a British tribunal of inquiry into the relationship between his banking interests and his conduct as Premier of Eastern Nigeria. My subsequent account of that incident was favorable to Zik. I remain confident that it is also objective.

When I arrived in Nigeria a few months later, Zik was in seclusion, reportedly ill. It was always in the air that his periodic illnesses were actually political stratagems. I did not see him until the national convention of his party (the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons) in October 1957. When someone questioned my presence at a plenary session that was closed to the public, Zik, who had authorized my admission but not spoken to me since London, said something like this: I would like to introduce Mr. Sklar from the United States. He is writing a doctoral dissertation on Nigerian political parties, not just our party but all parties in this country. I think that everyone should cooperate with him. My research was launched.

Later on I also attended a few tense meetings of the party’s national executive committee. Each time someone questioned the propriety of my presence and Zik would always respond in this manner: Mr. Sklar has been at his research here for some time and I am disposed to allow him to remain. Zik was always the scholar. His devotion to academia was lifelong. It is well known that as a student in the United States he resolved to establish a university in Nigeria. Like Thomas Jefferson, he leaves as legacies to his country a university and some profound essays as well as addresses on diverse topics for which Nigerians will be eternally grateful.

I came closest to Zik, the man, during two long interviews in March 1958. His (eastern regional) government was then in the midst of a serious crisis occasioned by the reintroduction of school fees, and his mother and father had both died within the past month. He appeared to be very tired and I felt guilty imposing upon the time of such a burdened man for my research. Yet he insisted on answering all of my questions to my satisfaction. I shall always picture him tall and weary, walking with me into the courtyard to chat cheerily with my friend, C. C. Anah, the party secretary for the division of Onitsha. His manner toward everyone was invariably cordial and respectful. In those days I was often present when Zik spoke in public. However formal the address, he appeared to communicate with every member of the audience. He was the most effective public speaker I have ever heard, in a class with Franklin Roosevelt, whose style and thought he may have emulated. He had the common touch. I could never bring myself to write or refer to him in the stilted official style of “Your” or “His Excellency,” not even when he was Governor General. Mr. President or plain Dr. Azikiwe seemed far more respectful.

Zik loved America. He inspired and encouraged many young West Africans, among them Kwame Nkrumah, to seek their academic fortunes in the United States. And he brought American style journalism to West Africa. But for the greater part of his political career he was not in the good books of the American government, which usually preferred his opponents. The nadir of his relationship with the U.S. government was his letter of condolence to President Lyndon Johnson on the day after John Kennedy was assassinated. Blindly he linked that tragedy to the fact that “some Americans still hate blacks.” His outburst was resented by many Americans in Nigeria, who did not understand that his was an American outburst, choked with frustration at what America should and could be, but stubbornly refused to become. Several months earlier, Zik, the President of Nigeria, had ignored protocol and written an extraordinary reply to a letter from an American schoolgirl in which he admonished Americans to stand up for racial equality, political self determination, and freedom from want. Once, as an impoverished and downtrodden sojourner in America he had drifted to the brink of suicide. Like his disciple, Mbonu Ojike, he might have entitled his memoirs “I Have Two Countries.”

Zik was a versatile sportsman a keen competitor who peppered his political remarks with images and metaphors from the sporting world. Twenty one years ago he wrote me, “At 70, I am still at the wicket, batting strong.” It was ennobling to know him. He was grand enough to merit the kind of judgement that history alone can make.
ASA Calendar of Events & Deadlines

1996

31 July Last day Endowment contributions count towards NEH match
1 August Deadline to return ballots for 1996 ASA election
15 October Deadline for proposals to host ASA Secretariat
18 October Deadline for pre-registration for Annual Meeting
23 October Deadline for meeting-rate Hyatt reservations for the Annual Meeting
1 September Deadline for submissions to ASA News
23-26 November 39th ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco
1 December Deadline for submissions to ASA News

1997

1 March Deadline for submissions to ASA News
1 March Deadline for proposals for the Book Donation Program
15 March Deadline for submission of proposals for 1997 Annual Meeting
15 March Deadline for nominations for the International Visitors Program
15 March Deadline for nominations for the Distinguished Africanist Award
1 April Deadline to nominate members to the Nominating and Herskovits Award Committees
1 May Deadline for publishers to nominate for the Herskovits Award
1 June Deadline for submissions to ASA News
1 September Deadline for submissions to ASA News
12-15 November 40th ASA Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio
1 December Deadline for submissions to ASA News

1998

15 March Deadline for submission of proposals for 1998 Annual Meeting
28 October- 4/11 41st ASA Annual Meeting, Chicago

DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST NOMINATIONS

The African Studies Association offers a Distinguished Africanist Award in recognition of lifetime distinguished contributions to African studies. Presented at the annual meeting, the award consists of a lifetime membership in the African Studies Association.

Any member of the Association is eligible to propose a candidate for the Distinguished Africanist Award. The nomination must include a vitae of the nominee, a detailed letter of nomination justifying candidature in terms of the criteria for the award, and three similar letters from ASA members seconding the nomination. At least two of the latter must be affiliated with institutions other than that of the nominee. The complete dossier of the candidate must be submitted to the Secretariat of the Association by March 15, 1997, for 1997 consideration.

Criteria for the award are the distinction of contributions to Africanist scholarship, as measured by a lifetime of accomplishment and service in the field of African studies. Contributions to scholarship within and without the academic community are considered.

The selection committee for the award is composed of the Past President, the President, the Vice President, and two ASA members designated by the ASA Board of Directors. The recommendation of the selection committee is presented to the Board of Directors at its spring meeting and the final choice is made by the Board.

HERSKOVITS PRIZE NOMINATIONS

The ASA each year solicits nominations for the Herskovits Award from nearly 400 publishers of Africana in the US and (to a lesser extent) abroad. Despite our long list, we occasionally miss a publisher with a new African title. If you know of books that should be considered for the prize for 1997 and wish to be assured that they are being considered, or if you are the author of a book published in 1996, you may contact the publisher and recommend nomination of the title. A description of the criteria for nomination is listed below. Publishers may nominate as many separate titles in a given year as they desire. The deadline for nominations is May 1, 1997.
1997 INT'L VISITORS PROGRAM

Members are invited to nominate scholars based outside of North America for travel support to present papers at the 1996 Annual Meeting. Write or e-mail the Secretariat in Atlanta to request a nomination form. Forms must be returned to the Secretariat by March 15, 1997. Individuals selected for support will be notified in July.

Nominators must arrange itineraries and financial support for about eight days for their visitors. Nominees may be of any nationality though the preponderance of awards will be made to Africans. Preference is given to women, junior scholars, and individuals who have not visited North America recently.

ASA-FUNDED BOOK DONATION PROJECTS

The ASA makes available up to $3000 annually to assist groups with shipping costs for book donations to African libraries and schools. These grants are intended to encourage innovative projects that incorporate essential elements, including:

1. Recipient participation

Ideally all book donation programs will be part of a broader academic liaison between institutions in Africa and the US. While large-scale donations of container-loads of books can be effective, the ASA is trying to fill a perceived gap by increasing the number of small to medium-sized projects that focus on specific, articulated needs.

2. High quality materials

While books need not be new, they should be in good condition and relevant to the recipient's needs. Books can be procured from libraries' duplicates, personal libraries, book stores, students and publishers.

3. Attention to details of logistics

The project plan should include a place to store the books as they are being collected, a means of reviewing the books for physical quality and relevance to the recipient's requests, materials and manpower for packing, a means of shipping to Africa, and all necessary paperwork for customs and shipping. The ASA cannot offer any services in arranging shipping or other logistics. Our role is to supply funding to the extent possible.

Applications for Funding

1. Project description

Send a 1-3 page description covering:
- the recipient and relationship to donor
- the materials requested (specific titles or subject areas)
- the number of books, and means of obtaining them
- shipping and other logistical plans
- status of the project—is it already underway, or just in the idea stage?
- who will administer the project? Who is the liaison in Africa?

2. Budget

What are total costs of the project? How much is the request to the ASA? How will ASA funds be used?

3. Deadline

Applications are due in the ASA Secretariat, Credit Union Building, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30022 no later than March 1, 1997.

A report on the project and brief summary for ASA News are required at the project's completion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Organization of Memorial Fund

A memorial fund has been organized for Aoka Pierrette, daughter of Osumaka Likaka. The Fund will be given to the Institut Maelo of Kisangani, Zaire. All contributors will be advised of the final disposition of the funds collected. All donations will be acknowledged as well, but not (except upon request) until after the Fund has been delivered to the Institut Maelo and its use has been clarified. Contact Pier M. Larson, Department of History, 108 Weaver Building, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, 16802. Tel: (814) 863-8950, email: pml9@psu.edu.

ASA Member Appointed Regional Director

ASA member Kevin Brennan has been appointed Regional Director of Africa for the School of International Training's college semester abroad programs. In addition to overseeing the daily operation of fourteen semester abroad programs throughout Africa, Brennan is charged with the research and development of new programs. Said Brennan, "I'm happy to be combining my training at SIT and my experiences in Africa in a job that deals with African Studies."

Projects in Africa

The Institute for International Cooperation and Development, Inc., announces the following projects in Africa:

- Angola: Tree planting and community health projects.
- Zimbabwe: An education project for disadvantaged youth, and work in rural health campaigns.
- Mozambique: Teaching in schools for street children, and vocational schools.
- Southern Africa: Travel and study in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, and South Africa.

For information contact Josef Jonsson at (413) 458-9828.

International Book Fair

The 1996 Zimbabwe International Book Fair will take place from July 26-August 3, 1996, in Harare, on the theme of "Books for Business." For more information contact Margaret Ling, ZIBF (UK), 25 Endymion Road, London N4 1EE, UK. Tel: +44 181 348 8463, fax: +44 181 348 4403, e-mail: margaret.ling@eo2.poptel.org.uk.

Call for Submissions

- Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society seeks submissions for a special issue in Feminisms and Youth Cultures, slated for publication in the spring of 1998. For further information, contact Signs, "Feminisms and Youth Cultures," PO Box 354345, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-4345.

Call for Submissions

Current World Leaders: International Issues is accepting papers for publication for 1997. The three issues of the publication in 1997 will focus respectively on: "Media and Politics," "Nationalism and Ethnic Politics," and "Women and Politics." For information contact Thomas S. Garrison, Editorial Director, Current World Leaders, 800 Garden Street, Suite D, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Tel: (805) 965-6017, fax: (805) 965-5010, e-mail: iasb@iac.apc.org.

Call for Submissions

The editors of a scholarly anthology are seeking contact with academics and other professionals working on the topic of death squads. We are seeking national and regional case studies, particularly those from Africa and the Middle East. Historians or those using an historical approach are particularly invited to contact Arthur Brenner, Dept. of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211-1462.


AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

September 1, 1996—National Endowment for the Humanities

• Applications for collaborative research grants supporting original research undertaken by two or more scholars and projects coordinated by individual scholars, which because of their scope, complexity, or duration, cannot be accomplished through one-year fellowships. Information and application guidelines and forms are available at the NEH website www.neh.gov or by contacting the program office, Division of Research and Education Programs, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506. Tel: (202) 606-8210, email: research@neh.gov.

October 1, 1996—Wilson Fellowships

• Applications for Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Contact Fellowships Office, Woodrow Wilson Center, 1000 Jefferson Drive SW, SI MRC 022, Washington, DC 20560. Tel: (202) 357-2841, fax: (202) 357-4439, e-mail: wc fellow@siw.si.edu.

October 15, 1996—National Humanities Center

• Applications for 1997–98 fellowships from the National Humanities Center. Contact Fellowships Program, National Humanities Center, PO Box 12556, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709-2256. E-mail: nhc@unc.edu.

October 23, 1996—Spencer Foundation


November 1, 1996—Getty Trust

• Applications for 1997 Doctoral Fellowships in Art Education awarded by the Getty Center for Education in the Arts. Contact Elizabeth S. Paul, The Getty Center for Education in the Arts, 1200 Getty Center Drive, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90049-1683. E-mail: epaul@getty.edu.

November 1, 1996—Council for International Exchange of Scholars

• Application for Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program from the Council for International Exchange of Scholars. Contact CIES, 3007 Tilden Street NW, Suite 5M, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Tel: (202) 686-4000, fax: (202) 362-3442, e-mail: info@ciesnet.cies.org.

November 15, 1996—Institute for Advanced Study

• Applications for 1997–98 Visiting Member Awards in the School of Social Science of the Institute for Advanced Study. Focus for 1997–98 is “Cultural Globalization.” Contact Administrative Officer, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 08540.

November 15, 1996—Social Science Research Council


PAPER CALENDAR

July 30, 1996—Multicultural Studies

• Proposals on the theme of “Unity in Diversity” for the First Annual Multicultural Studies Conference sponsored by Allen University, South Carolina from October 18–19, 1996. Contact Wanda L. Crenshaw, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Allen University, 1530 Harden Street, Columbia, SC 29204. Tel: (803) 779-6132, fax: (803) 376-5709, e-mail: auiniv@ mindspring.com.

September 1996—South Africa

• Proposals on the theme of “Land and Social Problems in the History of South Africa” for the next biennial conference of the South African Historical Society. July 6–9, 1997, at the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. Contact Kobus Ferreira, SAHS Secretary, Department of History and Cultural History, University of Pretoria, 0002, South Africa. Fax: 012-420709, e-mail: vniekerk@libarts.up.ac.za.

October 15, 1996—History

• Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are solicited for the 40th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference to be held in Omaha, NE from March 6–8, 1997. Contact Lorraine Gesick, Program Chair, MVHC, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE 68102.

February 1, 1997—Diasporal Values and Ideas

• Proposals on the theme of “More than Cool Reason: Black Responses to Enslavement, Exile, and Resettlement” for conference sponsored by the Institute of Early American History and Culture, and the Haifa University American Studies Program in 1988. Contact Ronald Hoffman, Institute of Early American History and Culture, PO Box 8879, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8879. Tel: (804) 221-1133, fax: (804) 221-1047, e-mail: iseschl@factsaff.wm.edu.

MEETING CALENDAR

June 24–August 16, 1996—Social Science

• Center for Afroamerican and African Studies of the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor 1996 Summer Institute on Social Science Methods and African Studies. Contact 1996 Summer Institute, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, 200 West Engineering Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1092. Tel: (313) 764-5513, fax: (313) 763-0543, e-mail: caasinformation@umich.edu.

September 3–6, 1996—Archaeology


October 18–19, 1996—Multicultural Studies

• First Annual Multicultural Studies Conference sponsored by Allen University, South Carolina. Theme: “Unity in Diversity.” Contact Wanda L. Crenshaw, Department of English and Foreign Languages, Allen University, 1530 Harden Street, Columbia, SC 29204. Tel: (803) 779-6132, fax: (803) 376-5709, e-mail: auiniv@mindspring.com.

October 30–November 2, 1996—Ethnomusicology

• 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Ethnomusicology. Joint meeting with the Canadian Society for Traditional Music. Contact Beverly Diamond, Music Department, York University, 4700 Keele St., North York, Ontario, Canada, M3J 1P3. E-mail: bdiamond@yorku.ca
November 11-20, 1996—Power and Culture
A Center for Afroamerican and African Studies of the University of Michigan-Akron 1996 International Workshop. Theme: "Transformations of Power and Culture in Africa." Contact 1996 International Workshop, Center for Afroamerican and African Studies, 200 West Engineering Building, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Ml 48109-1092. Tel: (313) 764-5913, fax: (313) 763-1042, e-mail: caasinformation@umich.edu.

November 13-15, 1996—Land Tenure and Administration
A University of Florida (Gainesville) International Conference on Land Tenure and Administration. Contact: Grenville Barnes, Surveying and Mapping Program, Department of Civil Engineering, 345 Weil Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, 32611. Tel: (352) 392-4998, fax: (352) 392-4957, e-mail: gbarnes@ce.ufl.edu.

November 15-17, 1996—Religion and Art
A International symposium on "Art and Rituals of Divination in Central and West Africa," hosted by the Department of Religion, Amherst College. Contact John Pemberton III, Department of Religion, Amherst College, Amherst, MA 01002. Tel: (413) 542-2211, fax: (413) 542-2727.

November 23-26, 1996—African Studies

January 2-5, 1997—History
A Annual meeting of the American Historical Association, in New York City. Theme: "Human Rights." Contact Margaret Strobel, Women's Studies Program, Office of Social Science Research, B-110 BSB, 1007 W. Harrison, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL 60607-7136.

Mid-February, 1997—Images and Empire
A Conference to be held at Yale University. Theme: "Images in Africa that Bear the Mark of Empire." Contact Paul S. Landau, Dept of History, PO Box 208324, Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520. E-mail: plandau@microw.cis.yale.edu.

March 6-8, 1997—History
A 40th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference to be held in Omaha, NE from March 6-8, 1997. Contact Lorraine Gesick, Program Chair, MVHC, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE 68102.

March 21-23, 1997—Theatre Studies
A Conference sponsored jointly by the University of Bristol Drama Department and the Colston Research Society. Theme: "New Approaches to Theatre Studies and Performance Analysis." Contact Günther Berghaus, Department of Drama, University of Bristol, Cantocks Close, Woodland Road, Bristol, BS8 1UP, UK. Tel: 0117/928 78 33, fax: 0117/928 82 51, e-mail: mark.sinfield@bris.ac.uk.

July 6-9, 1997—South Africa
A Biennial conference of the South African Historical Society, at the University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa. Theme "Land and Social Problems in the History of South Africa." Contact Cobus Ferreira, SAHS Secretary, Department of History and Cultural History, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, 0002, South Africa. Fax: 012-4295678, e-mail: vnierkerk@librats.up.ac.za.

1988—Diasporal Values and ideas
A Conference sponsored by the Institute of Early American History and Culture, and the Haifa University American Studies Program. Theme: "More than Cool Reason: Black Responses to Enslavement, Exile, and Resettlement." Contact Ronald Hoffman, Institute of Early American History and Culture, PO Box 8781, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8781. Tel: (804) 221-1133, fax: (804) 221-1047, e-mail: ieahc1@factsaff.wm.edu.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Africa Program Associate
A The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee seeks an Africa program associate for its International Programs Department. Contact Human Resources-Africa, UUSC, 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. Fax: (617) 868-7102, e-mail: ivrdum@uuusc.org.

Radio Broadcast Supervisor

African Art Museum Director
A The National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution, seeks a Director. Contact Barbara Schneider, Secretary to the Search Committee, Smithsonian Institution, Room SI 124, MRC 013, 1000 Jefferson Drive, Washington, DC 20560.

RECENT DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

Compiled by Joseph J. Lauer (Michigan State University) and Daniel Britz (Northwestern University)

The theses listed below were reported in Dissertation Abstracts International (DAI), vol. 56, no. 9-11 (Mar.-May, 1996), parts A and B, and Index to Theses with Abstracts Accepted for Higher Degrees by the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland... (Aslib), v. 44, no. 2 (1995). Each citation ends with the order number, if any. American theses are usually available from University Microfilms International (PO Box 1346, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1346); Canadian theses (with NW prefix), from the National Library of Canada (395 Wellington St., Ottawa K1A ON4); and British (UK) theses, from British Library. See DAI or Aslib for abstracts, pagination, and details on ordering copies. This is the 31th quarterly supplement to American and Canadian Doctoral Dissertations and Master's Theses on Africa, 1974-1987 (Atlanta: Crossroads Press, 1989). This series lists the U.S. Canadian and British dissertations about Africa.

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