FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Its now been eight months since our arrival at Rutgers and I think that its time we stopped and looked back and shared with you this course of events. As everyone knows, moving is a traumatic experience at best and in this case our trauma was accentuated by the fact that for some reason none of the Atlanta staff wanted to accompany me to New Jersey.

Our first month or so on George Street was marked by a continual battle to keep the telephones working. Lines would ring and then die when answered, lines would also die in the middle of conversations. Needless to say we got to know the telephone man by first name. Then there was the basement toilet which liked to cover the floor with sewage, but I will not go there. Nor will I dwell upon the squirrels that lived in the closet walls, or upon the day Karen Bryant saw a skunk run down a hole and into our basement. The Gods were kind, the squirrels were chased away and we never saw the skunk again, but we did get someone to plug the hole.

Having made our office more workable, this is still on-going, we turned our attention to replacing our staff. The Byzantine nature of the personnel system here is legend. Not only does it eat months of your time, but it continually classifies positions too low. This in turn leads to disappointing applicant pools which means that you must start all over again to reclassify the position. Inevitably you are told that the way around this is to hire temps. Got any idea what its like to hire temps when the economy is good? Suffice it say that we met one cheery lad who was able to process, with a multitude of errors, four panel proposals in a single day!

Then there was the problem with credit card charges. Somehow two stacks of paperwork got mixed up. One stack of member’s forms which was to be charged was not, while another stack was charged twice! You can imagine the frustration and embarrassment. We apologize and we have rectified the situation. If you were charged more than once, forward a copy of your statement and we will be happy to credit your card or forward a check. You might even consider letting us credit your 1999 membership. Hope was on the horizon in April. After a long search, and a round of reclassification, we were able to hire a membership coordinator. Within two months our great joy had turned to serious concern for our new friend’s health, later all agreed that extended medical leave was in order. Back to the bliss of life with temps, only this time around we have learned a thing or two. At the end of June we were fortunate to hire Kelli Minehan to coordinate our annual meeting. Though off to a slow start, this process is now well underway.
WE WELCOME NEW ASA MEMBERS

(who joined between March 1, 1998 and May 31, 1998)

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ASA’s New Address:
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PROVISIONAL MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday 21 March
9:00 AM (Chair Greene)
Present: Directors Sandra Greene (Chair); Keleto Atkin; Judith Byfield; Dorothy Hodgson; Frank Holmquist; Eileen Julien; Gwendolyn Mikkel; Julius Nyang’oro; Claire Robertson; Ormofablo A. Soyinka; David Wiley; Chris Koch (Executive Director); Jack Parson (Treasurer & AASP Representative)

1. Approval of Minutes The Minutes of the Fall Board of Directors Meeting were approved after corrections were noted.

2. Executive Committee Report (Greene) The Executive Committee met to discuss the draft procedures for the evaluation of the Executive Director of the ASA. These procedures were reviewed, amended and then approved in consultation with the Executive Director. The Executive Committee also reviewed and approved the contents of an evaluation of the Executive Director that covered the period from November 1997 to March 1998.

3. Report on the Retreat (Greene) At the retreat of the Board of Directors, held immediately before the Spring Board meeting, the Board considered proposals brought forward by both the Development Committee and other Board members that were designed to further the efforts of the Board to make the Association work more proactively on various projects that would be of interest to members and at the same time further the goals of the Association. These proposals included the Global Outreach Proposal introduced by Claire Robertson, a proposal concerning internet connectivity introduced by letter from Kenneth Harrow and the American Historical Association Global/Regional proposal introduced by Sandra E. Greene. After much discussion, the Board agreed to move forward in working with these proposals, all of which are still at a formative stage. Suggestions for modifications and amendments were to be forwarded to the groups working with these proposals.

4. Executive Director’s Report (Koch) Membership: As of March 20th we have 2,897 individual members who have paid dues for either 1997 or 1998, of these 79 are life members. There are 576 institutional members who have paid dues of either 1997 or 1998. The total membership, and circulation of members’ publications, is 3,552.

Finances: Into the third quarter of our fiscal year, we are under our proposed budget. This is due to the fact that we have been unable to fill three of our staff positions in a timely fashion. ASA Press sales are down 50% or more due to lack of staff.

5. Development: Development activities in the executive office are on hold until we firmly re-establish ourselves at Rutgers. Annual Meeting: Work has begun on this year’s annual meeting in Chicago. We plan to contract the production of the Call for Papers to Dr. Rainier Spencer, who has joined the University of Nevada. This will allow for the publication of ASA News while our office is in transition. The National Panels Chair, Paul Zeleza is working on the theme statement and has begun to put his committee in place.

Publications: Our publications program is on hold pending the re-establishment of the Press at Rutgers. We have asked Rutgers for space for ASA Press production and warehousing and there is every indication that it will be forth coming. In terms of membership publications African Studies Review 40 (1) and Issue 25 (1) are in the early stages of production and should appear mid-Summer. ASA News 31 (2) will also appear at that time. History in Africa and Arts of Africa will be published over the Summer.

The move to Rutgers University: The painting and general refurbishing of our new offices at Rutgers is almost complete. We have also hired Ms. Karen Bryant (new Assistant to the Executive Director), who was able to join us and learn from these meetings. We were not so lucky in our attempt to hire a secretary. Rutgers rated the position too low and after it was advertised no qualified applicants were found. We are now in the process of having this position upgraded and we will re-advertise it as soon as we can.

5.0 Finance Committee Report (Holmquist) The Committee was pleased that despite the uncertainties of the move to Rutgers, we were basically in line with budget projections. Unforeseen expenses were compensated by Atlanta staff leaving for other jobs while new positions were not immediately filled at Rutgers.

The Executive Director presented the Board with a budget for the coming year having a $4,700 surplus, or cushion, that may be needed because of the uncertain cost structure in the new Association location at Rutgers. Should unforeseen difficulties arise, the Executive Director reminded us that the Emergency Operating Fund stands at about $49,000.

The Committee noted that sales of Annual Meeting papers were down somewhat, and Annual Meeting registrations at the Columbus meeting were down $12,000. Registrations are expected to be higher in the Chicago location. It was noted that copying costs may be a bit high and he Committee discussed ways to cut costs. It was suggested that in future budgets, audio-visual costs and the cost of printing the program be itemized separately.

The Executive Director proposed $13,500 "new money" in the budget as a result of a 4%, as opposed to 3%, off-take from the endowment. The Committee approved the proposal noting that 4% was still rather conservative compared to the practices of other similar institutions. The new expenditure is designed to fund changes in the International Visitors Program and the Abiola Lecture. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the budget.

5.1 Endowment expenditures would be allocated as follows: International Visitors Program, $12,000; Abiola Lecture, $4,000; Distinguished Africanist Award, $1,500; Book Donations Project, $4,000; ASA Press, $3,000; Outreach, $5,000; and ASA Lectures at Rutgers, $2,500.

5.2 A proposal from Geller Financial Advisors to move the ASA investments from commission-based compensation to asset management fee-based compensation Fidelity accounts was approved. It was further agreed that the vice president would look into means of assessing the long-term results of Geller Financial Advisors.

6. Annual Meetings Committee Report The vice president raised several issues which were given to him by Cheryl Johnson-Odim. The committee expressed concern about the papers getting to the panel chair as was not at the meeting last year. The executive director mentioned that Zeleza had in fact visited the secretariat here at Rutgers before the spring meeting.

The high cost of banquets and luncheons was noted. Because we seem to be losing money on the banquet, it was suggested that the banquet and the awards ceremony could be combined.

The problems of child care at the meeting were discussed and it was noted that very few parents took advantage care when it was offered in the past and that the ASA lost considerable money on it. It was agreed that the Local Arrangements Committee should seek alternatives, such as linking parents with each other.

The 1999 Panels Chair, Tom Hale, submitted a draft theme statement. While the committee welcomed the statement it was felt that it was not inclusive enough in terms of disciplines, and should be returned to the chair to be re-drafted.

7. Publications Committee Report It was reported that there was concern over the future of the ASA’s publication program. The first concern was about member’s periodicals. The issue of whether or not, or how, to out-source these has yet to be resolved. As well the future course of Issue is unknown. It was also noted that the reviewing of manuscripts was taking too long, in some cases up to two years. The future of staffing for the ASA Press was discussed.

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It was agreed that discussions with publishers regarding out-sourcing of journals would continue, with the exception of History in Africa; that the committee make a recommendation to the Board regarding issue in 2 to 3 months; and that the executive director hire an ASA Press person. It was also agreed that since two of the member publications have new editors, that the length of time of manuscript review be revisited later.

8. Development Committee Report The committee continued the discussion started during the retreat for the proposals of Claire Robertson and Kenneth Harrow and agreed to continue working on them. It was agreed that membership development would be handled by the Board members on the Nominations Committee.

8.1. Approval of Book Donation Grants Two book donation grants were approved. They were from: 1) Rosalind Hackett of the University of Tennessee to assist in sending approximately 20 boxes of books on Religious studies to the University of Jos, Nigeria; 2) Michael Bell of Iowa State University to assist in shipping sociology books to the University of the North, South Africa.

8.2. Approval of ASA Annual Meeting International Visitors In accordance with the increase in the funding level for this program, four International Visitors awards were made: 1) to Paul Zeleza (Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and 1998 Panels Chair) to sponsor Alois S. Mlambo from the University of Zimbabwe; 2) to Bill Derman and Anne Ferguson (Michigan State) to sponsor Calvin Nhira of the University of Zimbabwe; 3) to Phil E. Okeke and Funke Okome (ASA Women’s Caucus) to sponsor Kadi A. Sesay of UNDP, Ghana; and 4) to Maria C. Cattell (Millersville) to sponsor Titilayo O. Ufomata of the University of Benin.

9. Report from 1999 Panels Chair Tom Hale submitted a draft of the theme statement for the 1999 meeting. While the basic thrust of the statement was acceptable, it was agreed that revision was necessary to encourage a greater variety of disciplines.

10. Applications for Co-ordinate Organization Status were received from the following organizations: Association of African Women Scholars; Tanzania Studies Association; Ethiopian Research Council (all applied to become Associate Organizations); and the African Association for Political Science (to be a Foreign Affiliate Organization).

The Executive Director certified that all organizations met the appropriate criteria and the applications were approved.

11. Selection of three non-board members for Nominating Committee 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. The Executive Director was instructed to proceed by the short list to fill the positions. Subsequently, George Bond, Linda Hunter and Oppertune Zango agreed to serve this year.

12. Selection of new Herskovits Committee Member 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. The Executive Director was instructed to proceed by the short list to fill the position. Subsequently Nelson Kasfir agreed to serve.

13. A.O.B.

The African Studies Association and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey: A Partnership in Promoting African Area Studies

In order to promote African area studies, the African Studies Association and Rutgers University are acting as partners. Rutgers University has generously provided a physical facility and additional support to the Association’s executive office and Women’s Caucus. The ASA Board of Directors adopts the following policy and guidelines to support African area studies at Rutgers University:

1. The Board of Directors will normally hold its Spring board meeting on the Rutgers campus at least every other year;
2. Subject to availability and the interests of the Rutgers community, the Board will support one or more Board members arriving early or staying an additional day to give a seminar, public talk, or to engage in other collaborative activities at the invitation of Rutgers faculty;
3. When the Board of Directors meeting meets at Rutgers University it will sponsor a reception to facilitate interaction with the Rutgers community;
4. Each year the Board of Directors will sponsor an African Studies Association Lecture at Rutgers University. This lecture will normally be delivered by the president-elect of the Association on a topic of mutual agreement with the Rutgers Africanist community. During years in which the Board of Directors meets at Rutgers University, the lecture will occur in conjunction with the Board meeting and reception. In years when the Board does not meet at Rutgers University, the lecture will normally be delivered in the Spring, the date to be determined by the mutual agreement of the Rutgers Africanist community and the president-elect; and
5. The Board of Directors will establish a line item in the Association’s budget to support these activities.

It is the intention of the African Studies Association Board of Directors, through these means, to reciprocate the generous support afforded the Association by Rutgers University, its faculty, and administration.


On behalf of the membership of the African Studies Association, the Board of Directors extends its deepest condolences to the family, the people of Nigeria, and the Nigerian democracy movement on the untimely and unfortunate death of Chief Bashorun Moshood K.O. Abiola. Chief Abiola was a recognized leader in the world of commerce and the likely winner of the 1993 Nigerian presidential election. He also was well-known for his philanthropic activities, and the Association benefited from his largesse.

In 1992, Chief Abiola became the largest single individual contributor to the Association’s endowment campaign when he endowed a lecture at the Association’s annual meeting. The Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola Distinguished Lecture is given annually by a senior African scholar and is designed to encourage linkages with African-based scholars.

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Letter to the Editor:

The Cooperative Africana Microform Collection (CAMP), based at the Center for Research Libraries, is pleased to welcome Rutgers University as a new member. Rutgers is greatly expanding its African Studies presence on the national scene. As the host site for the National Secretariat of the African Studies Association, they are building the foundation to develop a major African Studies Institute/Center.

Rutgers’ CAMP representative will be Lourdes Vazquez, Social Sciences Librarian for Latin America, Africa & Anthropology, Rutgers University Libraries.

CAMP is also pleased to welcome The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a new member. The University has decided to increase their participation in the cooperative area studies projects by joining all of the projects. North Carolina’s representative to CAMP is John B. Rutledge, Collection Development, Davis Library.

Marlys Rudeen
Microform Projects and Preservation Coordinator
Center for Research Libraries

Guilford College
Department of Sociology/Anthropology

Seeks a socio-cultural anthropologist for a tenure-track assistant professor position beginning 8/15/99. PhD required. Strong commitment to teaching undergraduates in a creative and interdisciplinary context is essential. Preference will be given to candidates with interest in teaching introduction to cultural anthropology; research methods and/or anthropological theory; and with a culture area of Africa and the African diaspora. Guilford College is committed to hiring people of color, both US nationals and non-nationals. Please send application letter describing interests, experience, and goals; vita; and names of three references by November 10 to Vernie Davis, Anthropology Search, Guilford College, 5800 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27410.

ASA Arts Council Bestows 1998 Arnold Rubin Outstanding Publication Award

The Arnold Rubin Outstanding Publication Award, first bestowed in 1989, honors publications for excellence in scholarship on the arts of Africa and the African Diaspora. The committee received nominations for close to sixty publications. The depth and breadth of subject matter these books addressed is truly impressive and evidence of the ever-expanding boundaries of our field and the rich creativity of the cultures they represent. Topics covered by these publications included North African, Malagasy, and Zanzibar architecture; Southern African rock painting; performance art; fashion; contemporary art; vodou; and Mardi Gras costumes.

As the boundaries of our field continue to expand, so too does this award. This is the first time we have given the award in two categories: one for works of original scholarship by one or two authors and the other for works by three or more authors. Among the nominations, we received several from publishers located in Africa that are deserving of special mention, and, as a committee, we felt strongly that ACASA could make more of an effort to help facilitate the participation of foreign presses, especially those in Africa and the African Diaspora.

It would be an understatement to say that our work on the committee has been daunting and difficult. This has truly been a humbling experience for us, and we would like to salute and recognize the hard work, care, and dedication that our colleagues have devoted to the preservation and dissemination of knowledge through their research and publications. We recognize the important contributions they are making to our disciplines and to enhancing awareness and appreciation of the arts and expressive cultures of Africa and the African Diaspora.

The winner in this category is: Veit Erlmann, for Nightsong: Performance, Power, and Practice in South Africa, published by the University of Chicago Press. This book provides the first comprehensive interpretation of the South African vocal genre known as isicathamiya, performed by a cappella choirs composed of Zulu migrant workers during all night competitions in South African cities. Erlmann’s work incorporates a deep understanding of the music’s history and its place within South African history. Part of the history of this genre is conveyed through the illustrations of album covers, programs, posters, and photographs of the performers. The publication effectively addresses the dynamism of isicathamiya performances and issues of class, race, oppression, struggle, triumph, and creativity. Like the music itself, Erlmann’s interpretation shifts in tempo, at times providing the theoretical and social frames within which the performances are grounded, at other times offering us the perspective of performers or members of the audience. The work is nicely framed by the thoughts of renowned isicathamiya performer Joseph Shabalala, leader of the acclaimed Durban group Ladysmith Black Mambazo.

Receiving Honorable Mentions in the category of “outstanding publication by three or more authors” are, in alphabetical order by editor: Status and Identity in West Africa: Nyamakalaw of Mande, edited by David C. Conrad and Barbara E. Frank; Seven Stories about Modern Art in Africa, edited by Clementine Deliss; Memory: Luba Art and the Making of History, edited by Mary Nooter Roberts and Allen F. Roberts; and Let’s Get it On: The Politics of Black Performance, edited by Catherine Ugwu.

The winner in this category is: Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou, edited by Donald J. Cosentino and published by the UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History. This volume of essays is a tour-de-force that addresses in a sensitive manner a challenging and potentially politically charged topic. Much as the dramatic display of vodou flags shimmers and sparkles in the wonderful exhibition that the publication accompanies, this beautifully produced, full-color, almost Continued on next page
The National Summit on Africa

The National Summit on Africa (NSA) is part of a wider Policy Initiative, which has as its main goals to "improve the environment in which the United States formulates its Africa policy and to strengthen U.S./Africa relations." (The African Policy Initiative: Improving the United States Policy Environment for Africa's Renewed Development, 1997-2000, p.1) Conceived in 1994 by Tim Bork, then Director of the Ford Foundation, the development of the Policy Initiative took place over two years and reflects the consensus that emerged as a result of consultations with a wide range of interested policy and development organizations, institutions and individuals interested in Africa. The above goals of the Policy Initiative are to be accomplished through four principal objectives:

To facilitate and inspire the development of a more enlightened set of Africa policies, based upon a fundamental repositioning of thought on U.S. national interests and Africa's importance to a new world order;

To widen, reinforce and heighten the profile of a network of organizations, institutions and individuals who comprise Africa's constituency in the U.S. and to establish a comprehensive data base of several million African advocates;

To support the production of balanced, engaging educational resources and media information on Africa; and

To heighten awareness of African issues and a commitment to the region among the U.S. public at large through innovative policy, cultural and educational activities.

While the principal focus of this article is the National Summit on Africa, the Policy Initiative also involves two other major activities, a multimedia documentary series entitled Horizon directed by Henry Hampton—who produced the television series Eyes of the Prize—and Kwah Ansah, a Ghanaian film maker, and finally, a multi-year African arts and cultural program, The African Odyssey, organized by The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. This extraordinary commitment to raise the level of awareness in the United States about the importance of Africa is funded principally by the Ford Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation and the Kellogg Foundation.

Established on the eve of the 21st century, this Policy Initiative comes at a time of significant transformation in Africa and in the global economy. It presents a unique opportunity to recraft America's historical relationship with Africa into a new mutually beneficial partnership.

Modeled after the world conferences organized by the United Nations, the National Summit on Africa process involves seven preparatory Regional Summits in the United States and a National Summit on Africa in Washington, D.C. in November 1999. In addition to involving Africans resident in the United States in every stage of the process, the National Summit on Africa, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Economic Commission on Africa, is planning a conference in Africa on the five NSA themes: (1) Economic Development Trade and Investment and Job Creation; (2) Democracy and Human Rights; (3) Sustainable Development, Quality of Life and the Environment; (4) Peace and Security; and (5) Education and Culture. The African conference is tentatively scheduled for March 1999 in Addis Ababa.

The Regional Summits serve three main purposes: to obtain a regional perspective on the Draft Plan of Action, to provide a vehicle to develop, or further strengthen, programs and activities related to Africa in a given region and to elect delegates who will represent that region at the National Summit on Africa. The documentation available at each Regional Summit Each Regional Summit includes working papers on the five main thematic policy issues cited above, a Regional Assessment document, which outlines the major contacts between African countries and the states participating in the Regional Summit and the Draft Plan of Action. Inspired by the five thematic papers, the identical Draft Plan of Action will be available at each of the seven Regional Summits planned in the United States.

At the end of the seven of Regional Summits, the National Summit on Africa Secretariat will incorporate the various recommendations adopted by those deliberative sessions and prepare the Revised Plan of Action that will be debated and "marked up" at the National Summit in Washington in November 1999. This National Summit in Washington will bring together elected and at-large delegates from across the nation representing the government, labor, business, the media, religious organizations, educators, a variety of private voluntary organizations, advocacy groups and individual citizens. The Plan of Action adopted by the National Summit will be disseminated to the Clinton administration, the Congress, policy relevant non-governmental institutions, the business and academic communities and to the American people.

If the turnout for the Regional Summit on Africa for seven states in the southeast held in Atlanta May 6-10, 1998, is any indication, the American people have a growing interest in Africa. Although slightly more than 500 were expected, more than 3,500 persons participated in the Regional Summit policy conference (Deliberative Process) and the parallel activities held during those four days, including Secretary of Transportation Rodney Slater, Assistant Secretary for African Affairs Susan Rice, United Nations Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, H.E. Konan Bedie, President of the of Côte d'Ivoire, Founding President of Tanzania Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, at least five African Ministers and nine African Ambassadors to the United States, representatives of labor, educational, religious, developmental, human rights, women's and environmental organizations, as well as elected officials. Andrew Young, former Congressman, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and former Mayor of the city of Atlanta served as the Chair of the Regional Summit. All of

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ASA ADMITS NEW CO-ORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

One of the great strengths of the ASA is the intellectual diversity which exists within the Association. Applications for Co-ordinate Organization Status were approved for the following organizations: Association of African Women Scholars; Tanzania Studies Association; Ethiopian Research Council, all are to become Associate Organizations; and the African Association for Political Science becomes ASA's first Foreign Affiliate Organization.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

1998-1999 — ACLS Fellowships & Grants
• The ACLS Fellowship Program, cornerstone of ACLS support for scholars in the humanities and humanities-related social sciences announces fellowship and grant competitions. See <http://www.acls.org/fellows.htm> for further information.

October 1, 1998—Institute of Peace
• The United States Institute of Peace invites applications for the 1999-2000 Senior Fellowship competition in the Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace. The Institute funds projects related to preventive diplomacy, ethnic and regional conflicts, peacekeeping and peace operations, peace settlements, post-conflict reconstruction and reconciliation, democratization and the rule of law, cross-cultural negotiations, U.S. foreign policy in the 21st century, and related topics. All application materials must be received in our offices by October 1, 1998. For more information and an application form, please visit the Institute's website at <www.usip.org>, or contact the Jennings Randolph Program, U.S. Institute of Peace, 1550 M Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005, USA, phone: 202.429.3886, fax: 202.429.6063, e-mail: jrprogram@usip.org.

October 1, 1999—NEH Summer Stipends
• Supports two months of full-time work on projects that will make a significant contribution to the humanities. For further information, call 202/606/8551, e-mail: stipend@neh.gov or write to NEH Summer Stipends, Room 318 National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20506

Information on NEH programs is also available at http://www.neh.gov

October 1, 1998 & March 1, 1999—Africa Dissertation Internship Awards and Workshops
• Offered by the Rockefeller Foundation to doctoral students from sub-Saharan Africa for dissertation research support. Deadlines for applications are October 1, 1998 and March 1, 1999.
• Under the auspices of the African Development Dissertation Workshop Program, doctoral students from sub-Saharan Africa are invited to apply for dissertation workshops. Deadlines vary by host institution for workshops to be held February - June, 1999.
• Alumni of the ADIA program and African scholars who have received support from other Rockefeller Foundation programs are invited to apply for African Science-Based Development Career Awards. For a full description of the competition and requirements, please write to Africa Dissertation Internship Awards, The Rockefeller Foundation, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018-2702 USA. Web: http://www.rockfound.org. Choose "The Programs," then "African Initiatives."
MEETING CALENDAR

September 5–9, 1998—Papyri and Inscriptions
- The Center of Papyrological Studies and Inscriptions of Ain-Shams University will hold an International Congress on the theme, “Palestine on the Light of Papyri and Inscriptions.” Contact Alia Hanafi, Center of Papyrological Studies and Inscriptions, Ain-Shams University, Alexandria, Cairo 11566, Egypt. Tel: 00202 2844200, fax: 00202 2859251.

October 22–24, 1998—SORAC 98
- International Three-Day Conference on Africa hosted by the Society of Research on African Cultures, at Montclair State University, NJ. Theme: “Images of Africa: Stereotypes and Realities.” Contact Daniel Mengara, Department of French, Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043. Tel: (973) 655-5143, e-mail: mengara@chss.montclair.edu.

November 8–9, 1998—Millenial Studies
- Third annual conference of the Center for Millenial Studies, to be held at Boston University. Theme: “Knowing of a Time, Knowing the Time.” For information: PO Box 239, Allston, MA 02134. Tel: (617) 975-0299, e-mail: cms@mille.org.

June 1999—Post-Emancipation Mauritius
- Conference organized by the Centre for Mauritian Studies, MGI, and the African Cultural Centre commemorating the 160th Anniversary of the ending of Apprenticeship on the theme, “Post-emancipation Mauritius.” Comparative perspectives welcomed. For list of panels and more details, contact Moka Mauritius, fax: (230) 433-2235; or Vijaya Teelock, e-mail: velia@iafrica.com. Further details may be found on the Congress Website at http://www.udw.ac.za/iahr

October, 1998—Academic Linkages with South Africa
- Partnerships with South Africans For Mutual Capacity Building” takes place October 18-21, Michigan State University, East Lansing. Co-sponsored by three South African higher education associations - the South African Universities' Vice Chancellors' Association, the Committee of Technikon Principals, and the Historically Disadvantaged Institutions Forum. The program, schedule, and registration information may be viewed on the conference website <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/partnership on Africa Calendar>. To register contact MSU Moses Turner, <singotit@pilot.msu.edu>.

PAPER CALENDAR

April 15, 1999—Belgian Legacy On Africa
- Submissions for the University of Gent's International Conference, to be held October 28-30, 1999, on the theme “Belgium's Africa: Assessing The Belgian Legacy in and on Africa”. - International Conference, University of Gent, Belgium. October 28-30, 1999. Contact University of Gent, African Languages & Cultures, Conference Secretariat, Rozier 44, B-9000 Gent, Belgium, tel 32-9-2643705, fax 32-9-2644180, e-mail: jan.blommaert@rug.ac.be

November 30, 1998—History of Religions
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Mountain West Region (Late Feb. 1999): Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Utah, South Dakota, Wyoming, Hub City - Denver

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Ten years ago when we moved from Los Angeles to Atlanta the ASA consisted of a half-time executive secretary, a work study or two, official records, and a bunch of boxes. During the ASA's ten years in Atlanta the membership doubled and the annual grew tremendously. When we left Atlanta our earthly goods filled a 56' moving van and our staff numbered 5 1/2 full time equivalents.

Taking the ASA out of the box and putting it back together has been more than a full time job for all of us concerned. We are grateful that Norma Miller of our Atlanta staff could spend four months with us at Rutgers. We are fortunate that most of our members are kind and understanding people. We are equally fortunate that our friends and supporters among the Rutgers faculty and staff have stood by us through this transition.

I am confident that we have now turned the corner and that member services will continue to improve. Shortly you will receive the first numbers of African Studies Review and Issue, both of which are under new editorship this year. We shall endeavor to bring our publications back on schedule by the end of the year. So bare with us a bit longer as we continue to reassemble the largest association in the world concerned with the scholarly study of Africa.
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