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Notice to members: The United States Postal System does not forward periodicals. We must receive written notification from you at least five weeks in advance of any change of address. Failure to notify us of your correct mailing address will result in suspension of mailings until we receive such notification. We can make address changes only when current dues are paid. Reinstatement of membership mailings after suspension may be made by payment of a \$5.00 reinstatement fee.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

On the bulletin board in my office on the second floor of 132 George Street, I have a cancelled personal check dated October 29, 1992, written to the African Studies Association. I wrote the check shortly after I discovered the ASA Annual Meeting while a graduate student at Princeton University. I had reviewed the preliminary program and grown excited at the possibility of attending a gathering of so many like-minded scholars interested in Africa. I had carefully highlighted every presentation on my topic (women and gender) and region (Sénégal) of interest and by a scholar's whose work I had read.

During the Seattle meeting that year, I attended panels and roundtables and the Women's Caucus Luncheon and met other graduate students. I introduced myself to scholars working on similar issues and asked them to share their work with me. They readily agreed. During that meeting, I came to realize that there was a community of individuals as committed to the continent as I was. It was at that meeting that I became a part of the Africanist community.

The check is a constant reminder of what ASA first meant to me and what I believe it still means to so many of our members. Our Association indeed provides Africanists with a place to gather, to exchange ideas, and to gain support from colleagues. Our mission is to promote African studies. I believe we do this by supporting Africanists and the work of Africanists as scholars of and activists for Africa.

While I would not be so presumptuous as to take credit for the ASA's many initiatives and successes during my three-year tenure as Executive Director, I am particularly proud to have participated in them. Among these projects are:

Claude Ake Memorial Award Program

Young Scholars Initiative

Children's Africana Book Award Seal, Awards Ceremony, and Poster

Digitizing ASA Journals

Rockefeller-funded African Higher Education Project

In addition to these projects, we have worked collectively and consistently to expand member services, to improve the Association's financial position, and to expand the content and reach of our Annual Meetings. This work could not have been done with out an outstanding staff, a committed membership, and a dedicated Board of Directors. I am grateful to all of you for your support of and work for the Association.

Next month I'll be leaving the ASA to pursue an exciting opportunity. I am taking my 1992 check with me to post in my new office. It will remind me of the ASA, of our current progress, and of the idealism and promise of young scholars. It will remind me of a community of Africanists committed to the pursuit of knowledge and to activism. It will forever remind me of ASA.

Should you share my appreciation of our Association, I encourage you to support ASA by making a contribution to the ASA endowment.*

* The African Studies Association is an approved nonprofit, taxexempt charitable organization under provisions of the Internal Revenue Service Code 501(c)(3) (Federal tax identification number 581832301), making endowment contributions fully deductible for Federal tax purposes.

WE WELCOME NEW ASA MEMBERS

(who joined between March 1, and July 31, 2002)

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WE THANK NEW ASA LIFETIME MEMBER

Perry, Donna

CORRECTION

In the statements of candidacy published in our last newsletter and on our website, it was stated that there were irregularities that came to light at the Emory Executive Directorate. In fact, anonymous allegations of improper conduct by the Executive Director, the Associate Director and the management of the ASA Secretariat were reported to the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association and then investigated by the Board in July 1994. Following a thorough investigation, the Board found that "there is no substance to the allegations" and "that the Secretariat has been and continues to be run professionally, with integrity, and in the interest of the membership of the association." Additionally, in an effort to enhance the election process, the Board published its election procedures in the ASA News, July/September 1995, 28:3.

the Caribbean and South Korea, Italy and Russia, Australia and Japan, Kenya, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Kuwait and India with a focus on rural development and the environment. Always proud of his Polish heritage, he had a fair command of Polish as well as French, and could read Russian as well. When his productive, creative life was cut short by a sudden and undefined cancer in June, he was about to leave for Ethiopia to give a keynote address, and was brimming with plans for the future.

Vanderpool served on several projects in Senegal as part of the Senegal Agricultural Research and Planning Project, working on issues related to agricultural and fisheries development in Senegal and other African nations. He participated in several linkage programs with African universities, including Senegal, South Africa and Libya. He developed a course on "International Problems of Change and Development," focusing on African development issues. Member of the Ocean Policy Committee of the National Academy of Sciences and participated in numerous collaborative workshops with African scholars on fisheries production, the social impact of marine resource development and coastal zone management in Senegal, and conducted the first assessment of U.S. policy on marine technical assistance, evaluating USAID's program and projects in fisheries and aquaculture primarily in Africa.

On Africa, he published "Food Security and Social Impact Assessment: Agricultural and Fisheries Production Systems in Senegal," World Congress for Rural Sociology, 1988; "Issues of Development: A Decade of Uncertainty," in International Cooperation in Marine Technology, Science and Fisheries: The Future of U.S. Role in Development, Washington: Academy Press, 1981; "Marine Science and The Law of The Sea," Social Studies of Science 13, 1983; "Marine Resource Development and Developing Countries" The Right to Food, Montreal, 1987, and other works.

Chris was a mentor and served on the graduate committees of literally dozens of African and Africanist students at MSU, who always found a sympathetic and perceptive advisor. He also was Chair and Associate Chair of the MSU Sociology Department for more than two decades. Staff members who worked with him over the past two decades loved and valued him. Self-effacing and allergic to oppression of any sort, he was a man who believed and practiced the ethic of treating

people fairly and with dignity. His collaborators regarded him as an ideal partner in scholarly activity, always curious, intellectually alert, and scrupulously objective. He had an exciting mind, a gracious presentation of self, a contagious sense of humor, and indubitable loyalty and reliability as a friend.

Chris will be vividly and fondly remembered by his many friends, colleagues, and students at Michigan State University and throughout the United States and the countries in which he left his mark. Above all he will be deeply missed by his wife, Dr. Mariam Sticklen, a professor at MSU; his two sons, Eric and Aaron Vanderpool; his stepdaughter Mitra Sticklen; his sister Gail (Gene) Hoban, niece and nephew Becca and Bill Hoban, and other relatives who will long recall his uncommon kindness and grace.

Submitted by Profs. Rubem Rumbaut and David Wiley, Department of Sociology, Michigan State University, March 21,2002.

CONFERENCES

OCTOBER

October 3-5, 2002—"Kiswahili Language, Literature, and Modern Thought." The University of Nairobi, Department of Kiswahili (CEES), in collaboration with the Department of Linguistics and African Languages (CHSS) & Chama cha Kiswahili cha Taifa (CHAKITA-Kenya), presents an international conference. The conference will cover issues relating to the language and its literature, as well as the study of these issues within the context of wider/global scholarship and discourses. The issues cannot be divorced from dissemination of knowledge/research findings; hence the need to also examine publishing in or on Kiswahili language and Literature. The conference languages are English and Kiswahili, although participants are encouraged to use the latter in light of the theme of the conference. For further information contact: Organizing Committee, Kiswahili Conference 2002, Department of Kiswahili, CEES, P.O. Box 30197, Nairobi; Email: kiswahili@uonbi.ac.ke.

October 25, 2002—"War and Peace in Contemporary Africa." The African Studies Consortium (comprised of the University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore) will host its 10th Annual African Studies Consortium

Workshop at the University Pennsylvania. There will be a combination of formal and informal panels and/or roundtables and possibly sessions devoted to discussing current initiatives for peace in places such as Liberia, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Part of the program will also be devoted to artistic. literary and musical representations of 'war and peace' on the continent. For further information, contact: Paul J. Kaiser, Associate Director, African Studies Center University of Pennsylvania, Williams Hall 646. Philadelphia. PA 19104: Tel: (215) 898-6449; Fax: (215) 573-7379; Email: pkaiser@sas.upenn.edu.

NOVEMBER

November 7 - 9, 2002—"Africa's Intellectual Caravans: Bilad As Sudan And Al Maghaarib." The founding committee of the Sudanic/Maghaaribi Studies Unit presents its inaugural International Symposium to be held at Vassar College. Poughkeepsie New York. Vassar College, The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) and Mohammed al Khamis University, Rabat, Morocco support the symposium. The Sudanic Maghaaribi Studies Unit (SMSU) will be a research center within the Program in Africana Studies, at Vassar College. The Unit will support scholars who research the historical, linguistic, sociopolitical, ethnographic and cultural relationships between Maghaaribi and Sudanic Africa. SMSU will publish an electronic and a traditional English/Arabic dual language journal and through it promote collaborative research, coordinate conferences and curricula innovation. For further information contact: Dr. Mohammed Ezroura, Vice Dean College of Arts and Humaine Sciences, Mohammed Khamis al University, Rabat, Morocco, Tel/Fax: 212 37 77 33 08;Email:ezroura@arcnet.net.ma or Dr. Constance E. Berkley; Tel: 845-437-7487;Email:coberkley@vassar.edu.

November 22 - 24, 2002-"Gendering the Diaspora Conference: Women, Culture and Historical Change in the Caribbean and the Nigerian Hinterland." The Dartmouth College/York University-UNESCO Nigerian Hinterland Project/Text and Testimony Collective (UWI-Mona) present a conference at Dartmouth College. Hanover, New Hampshire. The aims of the conference are three-fold. First, it will bring together scholars of the Caribbean and the Nigerian hinterland to examine the experiences of women from both regions in comparative perspective and to historicize the

linkages between the Caribbean and the Nigerian hinterland. The region identified as the Nigerian hinterland includes Nigeria and the Republic of Benin as well as Togo. Ghana, Niger and Cameroon. Second, it will locate these analyses in the broader context of the African Diaspora. Third, it aims to encourage the production of scholarship that both extends and challenges our current writing of African and Caribbean women's history/cultures, and integrates gender analysis more systematically into our conceptualization of the African Diaspora. For further information contact: Verene Shepherd, Department fof History, UWIMona, Email: verenalber@yahoo.com Veronica Gregg, Department of Black and Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College; Email:vgregg @hunter.cuny.edu; or Judith Byfield, Department of History, Dartmouth College; Email:jbyfield@dartmouth.edu.

JULY

July 10 - 12, 2003-"British World Conference II." The second conference in a series of conferences based on the assumption that the British Empire was held together not merely by ties of trade and defense but by a shared sense of British identity, which linked British communities around the globe will be held at the University of Calgary in Canada. The focus of the conferences will continue to be on Britain and the "Old Dominions." A preponderance of papers focusing on the country in which the conference is being held will be expected, but papers focusing on the other Dominions and, where appropriate, on other parts of the Empire are welcomed. The long-term goal of the conferences is the creation of a network of scholars who are interested in the comparative study of the different "British" societies, which formed part of the British World. The University of Melbourne will host the 2004 conference, the University of Auckland, will host the 2005 conference, and the Institute of Commonwealth Studies will host the 2006 conference. Intended participants of the Calgary conference, who wish to be a contributor or persons who wish to be added to the general mailing list, can contact Professor Phillip Buckner at: Institute of Commonwealth Studies. University of London, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS;Email:phillip@pbuckner.freeserve.co. uk.

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

World Congress of African Linguistics & Annual Conference on African Linguistics The 4th World Congress of African Linguistics (WOCAL 4) and the 34th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 34), will both be held on June 17-22, 2003, at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, USA. Abstracts for both conferences may be submitted in English or French by email (PDF or postscript attachments only) to the following email address: wocal4@rci.rutgers.edu. Abstracts are accepted until December 17, 2002. For further information and to submit abstract by mail contact: Akinbiyi Akinlabi, Chair, Local Organizing Committee, 34th Annual conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 34) WOCAL 4, Department of Linguistics, Rutgers University, 18 Seminary Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, USA; Website: www.wocal4.rutgers.edu.

Harriet Tubman Resource Center on the AfricanDiaspora

The Harriet Tubman Resource Center on the African Diaspora announces a conference to be held at York University, Toronto, Canada, April 24-26, 2003. The theme is "Slavery, Islam, and Diaspora." The conference aims at bringing scholars together from different fields to share their knowledge on the themes listed below. Scholars working on issues concerning Islam and slavery in various parts of the world are invited to send a title and one-page abstract. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2002. Abstracts can be submitted via email to the organizers at Nigerian@yorku.ca. For further information contact the Conference Organizing Committee:Bashir Salau, bashir@yorku.ca; Ismael Musah Montana, iumusah@yorku.c; Behnaz Mirzai Asl, bmirzai@yorku.ca; Jennifer Lofkrantz, lofkrant@yorku.ca; Fa x:416-650-8173; Website:www.yorku. ca/nhp/conferences/york2003/callforpapers.htm.

Philosophical Society of Southern Africa

The Philosophical Society of Southern Africa presents its 29th Annual Conference on January 19-22, 2003, at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa. The conference has no theme, and papers in any area of philosophy are welcomed. Proposal abstract should be no more than 250 words. The deadline for proposals is **September 30, 2002**. Proposals can be submitted via email to: t.martin@ru.ac.za or by mail to: Dr. Tom Martin (PSSA), Department of Philosophy, Rhodes

University Box 94, Grahamstown 6140, SouthAfrica.

Gender & History

The editors of Gender & History seek submissions for an upcoming special issue on the African Diaspora to be published in November 2003. The editors are seeking essays that theorize the concept of Diaspora and the problematize ways in which the term has typically been deployed in Western scholarship. Analyses of sexuality are welcomed. The deadline for submission is **October 1**, **2002**. For further information contact:mmitch@umich.edu.

University of Texas-Austin

The University of Texas-Austin invites submission for a conference to be held March 28-30, 2003. The theme is "African Urban Spaces: History and Culture" and the conference will focus on issues involving the African experiences in urban environments from the earliest settlements to twenty-first century cities. The conference will examine the issue of the migration of Africans to cities within and outside of the continent, changing the political, economic, social, and cultural environments around them and how urban research has rarely kept pace with these changes. The conference will encompass a wide range of disciplines and perspectives. Graduate students are encouraged to attend and present papers. Selected papers from the conference will be published in book form. The deadline for submitting proposals is October 1, 2002. Proposals should include a 250-word abstract along with author's name, address, telephone, email, and institutional affiliation. All inquiries and submissions should be addressed via email to: Toyin Falola, Email: toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu or Steven Salm, s.j.salm@mail.utexas.edu or via mail to: Toyin Falola, Department of History, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin. Texas 78712: Website: uts.cc.utexas.edu/~hisweb/AfricaConferen ce.

Ìrìnkèrindò: A Journal of African Migration

Irinkèrindò: A Journal of African Migration with institutional support from Brooklyn College will make online research material on African migration available. The journal will facilitate connections between the users of technology and research scholars, analysts, and writers in the area of African immigration that enable them to debate, dialogue, and present the results of their research. For immigrants, the journal will serve as a record of their life experiences.

Paper submissions should be 25 to 30 pages. Papers should be original and previously unpublished. Papers can be written either in English or French. Intended participants are asked to include a coversheet and a brief biographical description. All publication decisions will be made by blind review. Intended participants are asked to ensure that their name does not appear on any page other than the coversheet. Intended participants are asked to mail a print copy and send an electronic version along with the print copy on a 3.5" floppy disk, or by email attachment to either of the editors. The electronic version must be in either Microsoft Word or Wordperfect. Please use endnotes rather than footnotes and include a bibliography. For further information and submission contact: Mojúbàolú Olufúnké Okome, Assistant Professor, Brooklyn College-CUNY, Department of Political Science, 3409 James Hall, 2900 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11210; Tel: (718) 951-4318: Fax: (718)951-4833: Email:MOkome@brooklyn.cuny.edu; BertradeNgo-Ngijol Banoum, Email: bertrade@alpha.lehman.cuny.edu; Websites:www.geocities.com/ojogbon; www.africaresource.com/scholar/okome;w ww.jendajournal.com.

Women's Studies Quarterly

Women's Studies Quarterly, an educational project of the Feminist Press at the City University of New York in Cooperation with Rochester Institute of Technology, seeks papers for a special issue, entitled "Women and Development: Rethinking Policy and Reconceptualizing Practice," scheduled for publication in Spring/Summer 2004. Submission of case studies from persons engaged in post-development scholarship and activism along with submission from persons who create and implement policies and programs for development organizations are encouraged. The articles, essays, creative writing, teaching strategies and syllabi, and book reviews will address questions about the meaning of development and post-development in an era of globalization; the impact of the Cold War. decolonialization, and neo-liberalism on development programs in the areas of education, employment, health, and politics; and the future of feminist development theory and practice in light of the challenges posed by the anti-globalization and subsistence movements. The deadline for submission is November 29, 2002. Intended participants are asked to send a disk and three hard copies (20-page limit, APA citation style) to: Professor Frances Vavrus.

Teachers College, Columbia University, 525 W.120th Street, Box 55, New York, NY 10027, USA. Queries should be sent to one of the guest editors: Fran Vavrus, Email: fv84@columbia.edu or Lisa Ann Richey, Email:lri@cdr.dk.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Northwestern University

The Program of African Studies at Northwestern University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor of African literature (pending final budgetary approval), with appointment to begin September 1, 2003. Formal appointment will be made in the appropriate disciplinary department, but the successful candidate is expected to teach in both the department and in the Program of Comparative Literary Studies and to participate in the activities of the Program of African Studies, Northwestern boasts a diverse faculty in literatures and in African studies who are actively engaged in graduate and undergraduate interdisciplinary training and interareal study. The deadline for applications is October 15, 2002. Interested scholars should submit a letter of application, current vitae, examples of written work, and arrange to have three letters of reference sent to: David Schoenbrun, Chair, African Literature Search Committee, Program of African Studies, 620 Library Place, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 60208-4110.

St. Lawrence University

St. Lawrence University invites applications and nominations for a Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy, beginning fall 2002 and renewable up to three years. Applicants with Ph.D. are preferred. Applications from candidates who can offer courses in African or Africana philosophy are especially welcomed. Excellence in teaching and evidence of productive scholarly commitments are essential to this position. The standard workload is three courses per semester, including at least one in introduction to philosophy or critical thinking. Candidates should send a letter of application specifically addressing their reasons for wanting to teach in a liberal arts college. A curriculum vita, letters of recommendation, and evidence of scholarly commitments and excellent teaching should accompany the letter. Application review will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Applications should be sent to Grant Cornwell, Chair, Philosophy Department, St. Lawrence University,

Canton, NY 13617.

Refugee Services of Lansing

Refugee Services of Lansing, Michigan is seeking motivated students for internships and volunteer positions for the fall semester of 2002. Positions include providing services such as establishing employment, assisting with school enrollment, health care, immigration, and a variety of other services for clients. Interns and volunteers must be comfortable working with non-English or limited English speakers. Fluency in another language, however, is not necessary. Interns and volunteers must be able to work efficiently in an office environment. Interested persons should contact: Vincent Delgado at Refugee Services, 2722 East Michigan Avenue, Suite 100-B, Lansing, MI 48912; Tel: (517) 484-1010, Ext.165.

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

West African Research Association Residencies

In the interest of enhancing transatlantic exchange and collaboration, the West African Research Association (WARA) introduces a new program of Residencies for West African Scholars in WARA member institutions. Each residency will last 4-8 weeks and will provide the visiting scholar with opportunities for library research, guest lecturing or teaching, and/or collaborative work with American colleagues. Applications are made by WARA member institutions on behalf of scholars based in West Africa whom they wish to host. WARA will pay the round-trip travel costs of the selected scholars as well as a stipend of \$2,500 to cover their meals and local transport costs. Host institutions are encouraged to provide additional support (e.g. housing, conference participation) for the period of the residency. WARA will offer three residencies in 2003. Interested member institutions should submit a proposal of a maximum of 5 double-spaced pages, profiling the visiting scholar they wish to host, his or her proposed residency activities, expected impact or outcome of the residency, and any additional contribution or support the institution can offer. Application materials should also include the visiting scholar's curriculum vitae and a letter of interest from the scholar, as well as a letter of support from a relevant administrator (dean, department chair, etc.) at the host institution. An original and three copies of all materials should be submitted. These should be included in the application pack-

et in envelopes sealed and signed by the referee. Letters of reference sent separately will not be considered. Upon completion of their internship, interns are required to submit a detailed report of their work experience. This report will be subsequently published in the biannual WARA newsletter. The deadline for applications is November 1, 2002, for residencies to take place in spring or fall 2003. Interested persons should direct inquiries about institutional membership and submit applications to: WARA, African Studies Center, Boston University, 270 Bay State Road, Boston MA 02215. Tel: 617-353-8902. Fax: 617-353-04975; Email:wara@bu.edu; Website:www. warc-croa.org.

West African Research Center Travel Grant

The West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal is offering travel bursaries of up to \$2500 to West African scholars and graduate students. These funds may be used to: attend and read papers at academic conferences relevant to the applicant's field of research; visit libraries or archives that contain resources necessary to the applicant's current academic work; and/or travel to a research site. Submitted applications should include the following: a description (6 double-spaced pages maximum) of the applicant's research and how the proposed travel is relevant to this work; CV with research and teaching record when applicable; an abstract of the paper to be read and a letter of acceptance to the conference (for those wishing to attend meetings); and a description of the collections to be consulted and their significance to the applicant's research (for those wishing to travel to libraries or archives). Graduate student applicants should, in addition, submit a letter of recommendation by the professor overseeing their research. There are two deadlines for the 2002-2003 academic year: September 15, 2002 for travel to take place between January 1, 2003 and June 30, 2003; and March 15, 2003 for travel to take place between July 1, 2003 and December 31, 2003. For further information and to submit application West African Research contact: Center/Centre de Recherche Ouest Africaine, B.P. 5456 (Fann Residence), Rue E x Léon G. Damas, Dakar, Senegal; Tel: 221-865-22-77; Fax: 221-824-20-58; Email:assist@mail.ucad.sn/nenediop@hot mail.com: Website: www.warc-croa.org.

National Humanities Center
The National Humanities Center
announces its 2003-2004 Fellowship
Awards. The National Humanities Center

offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced study. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent scholarly credentials. A record of publication is expected. Both senior and younger scholars are eligible for fellowships, but the latter should be engaged in research other than the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Fellowships are for the academic year (September through May). Scholars from any nation and humanistically inclined individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life, as well as from all fields of the humanities, are eligible. Most of the Center's fellowships are unrestricted. The following designated awards, however, are available for the academic year 2003-04: three fellowships for scholars in any humanistic field whose research concerns religion or theology; a fellowship in art history or visual culture; a fellowship for French history or culture; a fellowship in Asian studies. Fellowships up to \$50,000 are individually determined, the amount depending upon the needs of the Fellow and the Center's ability to meet them. The Center provides travel expenses for Fellows and their dependents to and from North Carolina. The Center is located in the Research Triangle Park of North Carolina, near Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh. Fellowships are supported by the Center's endowment, by private foundation grants, and by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Applicants should submit the Center's form supported by a curriculum vitae, a 1000-word project proposal. and three letters of recommendation. Applicants can request material from Fellowship Program, National Humanities Center, Post Office Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709-2256, or obtain the form and instructions from the Center's website. Applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by October 15, 2002; Email: nhc@ga.unc. edu; Website: www.nhc.rtp.nc.us.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars announces the opening of its 2003-2004 Fellowship competition. The Center awards academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. Projects should have relevance to the world of public policy or provide the historical and/or cultural framework to illumine policy issues of contemporary importance. Fellows are provided stipends, which

include round trip travel, private offices, access to the Library of Congress, Windows-based personal computers, and research assistants. The application deadline is October 1, 2002. For eligibility requirements and application guidelines contact the Center at: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Scholar Selection and Services Office, One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20004-3027; Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001; Email: fellowships@wwic.si.edu. Applications can be downloaded at: www.wilsoncenter.org.

Social Science Research Council/ American Council of Learned Societies

The Social Science Research Council in partnership with the American Council of Learned Societies is proud to announce the selection of 47 fellows from a pool of 744 applicants in the 2002 International Dissertation Fellowship (IDRF) Program competition. For a listing of the newest IDRF fellows conducting research in Africa and for further information on the IDRF program, visit the website: www.ssrc.org. The application deadline for the next IDRF competition is **November 12, 2002**.

American Council of Learned Societies The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) announces the opening of the 2002-2003 competition year for fellowships and grants. Updated information has now been posted for all ACLS programs. For detailed information on all fellowships and grants to the website at: go www.acls.org/fel-comp.htm. Application forms are available for online completion at:www.acls.org/ofa/register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

California Newsreel announces the publication of its 2002 Library of African Cinema catalogue that showcases the rich diversity of themes, styles and genres in contemporary African film from 25 different countries. The 64 different film titles in the Library of African Cinema collection include 14 new films (including three shorts under one title) and represent the single largest and economically accessible collection of African films available in North America. The cataloque features several significant firsts. Most prominent is California Newsreel's release of its first film by Ousmane Sembene, the "founding father" of African cinema. Sembene's latest work, Faat Kine,

is heralded for its realistic portrayal of the condition of women in contemporary Senegal and was named one of the ten best films of 2001 by the New York Times. The Senegalese film Karmen Gei, a film festival and movie theater hit, is the colorful and vibrant adaptation of the "Carmen" story and the first African musical film. The collection also includes the first feature films from Chad: Daresalam, a poignant story about civil war, and Bye Bye Africa, an adventurous film within a film on cinema and the country's failing infrastructure. Thunderbolt is the collection's first representative from the burgeoning and often outrageous Nigerian video industry. The remaining "firsts" are the first works in the collection from Gabon, Ethiopia, Zanzibar and Sudan. Scholars and educators in African Studies, French, Cinema Studies. Anthropology, Women's Studies, and other disciplines should find the films of interest. All the titles are available for purchase on video. Some of the films are available for rental on film and projection quality video formats to media arts centers. The Library of African Cinema is a project of California Newsreel, one of the country's oldest non-profit film distributors. For the free 48-page catalogue, contact California Newsreel, Tel: 800-621-6196; Website:www.newsreel.org. To order videocassettes: Tel: 877-811-7495 or Email:contact@newsreel.org.

The Research, Action & Information Network for the Bodily Integrity of Woman (RAINBOW) announces the launch of AMANITARE Voices, the biannual newsletter of AMANITARE, the African Partnership for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of Women and Girls. Each issue of AMANITARE Voices will focus on one of AMANITARE's three implementing action groups: (1) advocating for freedom from gender-based violence, (2) integrating women's rights into health care delivery, and (3) reaching-out to new generations. For more information, contact: RAINBO

US, 915 Broadway, Suite 1109, New York, NY 10010 USA; RAINBO UK & Aminitare Editorial, Studio 5A, Queens Studio, 121 Salsbury Road, London NW6 6RG; Tel: 44-20-7265-3400; Fax: 44-20-76-25-2999; Website:www.amanitare.org; Email: info@amanitare.org.

WEB.SITES

This new section will highlight web sites of interest to Africanists. Please submit web sites to micpete@rci.rutqers.edu.

www.afrikatalks.org Frankly Speaking is a discussion board targeting Ghanaian professionals and faculty. However, everyone with a healthy interest in Ghana is welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Reminder: Ballots for the 2002 African Studies Association Elections are due in the ASA office by September 30, 2002.

ASA ANNOUNCES THE CANDIDATES FOR ITS 2002 ELECTION

The following persons have been nominated to stand for election as officers and members of the African Studies Association Board of Directors.

Candidates for Vice President:

Mario Azevedo -History,* University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Sandra Barnes - Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

Candidates for Board of Directors:

Maria Grosz-Ngate - Anthropology, Indiana University

Lidwein Kapteijns - History, Wellesley College

Kapanga M. Kasongo - Literature, University of Richmond

Lisa McNee - French, Queens University

Aili Tripp - Political Science, University of Wisconsin

^{*}Please note that Mario Azevedo's discipline is History and not Political Science as it appears on the ballot. We do apologize for this error.

The Five College African Scholars Program

The Five College African Scholars Residency Program works to strengthen intellectual capacity in African universities and to enrich Africa-focused scholarship at the Five Colleges and internationally. It does so by bringing junior and mid-level African scholars, employed by and teaching in African universities and with active research projects with an African focus, for 5- and 10-month research residencies at Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, neighboring institutions associated in the Five College Consortium centered in Amherst, Massachusetts.

The program information/requirements are:

- Residents will be expected to complete scholarly projects aimed to result in publication.
- Each scholar will be provided with a laptop computer, which s/he may retain once the residency is complete, so as to sustain subsequent contact by e-mail.
- Each scholar will be hosted by one of the five institutions, which will supply office space, telephone and web access, and partnership with a local faculty sponsor.
- Each resident will have access to library and other research facilities at all five institutions.
- All residents will participate in an interdisciplinary Residents Research Seminar including fellow residents and Africanist faculty from the five colleges, and will be expected to present their work to the seminar, which will be conducted in English.
- Teaching is not a requirement of the residency, although residents may be invited as guest speakers in courses offered at the five campuses.

Eligibility for Residencies is limited to junior and mid-level African scholars employed by and teaching at African universities who intend to return to their institutions in Africa upon completion of their residencies.

Academic leave authorization must be certified by the applicant's home institution at the time of application, as well as the right of the Resident to return to his or her position upon completion of the Residency.

Applications are welcome from scholars in all disciplines and may be comparative in nature with an African focus.

Applicants must submit with their application a proposal describing a research project to be completed during the residency term. Interdisciplinary projects are encouraged.

Note: the US Immigration authorities will be asked to issue a J-1 visa for persons invited to be Residents. The current US immigration regulations require that an individual who leaves the United States, having been here on a J-1 visa, may not return under another J-1 visa until twelve months have elapsed.

The first residencies begin in January 2003 and the program is expected to continue at least into 2007. The deadlines for application are: Residency deadline August 1-December 31, preceding December 1; August 1- May 31, preceding December 1.

Support to residents will include airfare to and from Africa, a monthly stipend of \$3,000, housing or a housing allowance, and health insurance for Residents who meet the U.S. Department of State requirements for J-1 exchange visitors. Reimbursement of certain research expenses (books, research materials, travel to conferences within the United States, etc.) is also available up to \$600 for five-month Residencies and up to \$1200 for ten-month Residencies.

For further information and application details contact: Five College African Scholars Program, Herter Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA 01003, USA; Tel: (413) 577-3778; Fax: (413) 577-3781; Email: asp@fivecolleges.edu. Website: www.fivecolleges.edu/asp/. PAGE

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROGRAM OFFICER: EDUCATION, MEDIA, ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM (#304)

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: Working with the Representative in Lagos and other Ford Foundation staff, the Program Officer will be responsible for developing, monitoring and evaluating the Foundation's West Africa programming in media, arts and culture. This is one of four programs in the office. Its overall goal is to promote the use of media, arts and culture as key resources for strengthening social and economic development. The program covers two areas: (1) strengthening media pluralism; and (2) strengthening the capacity of arts and culture institutions and promoting the civic role of the arts. The program officer will assess and evaluate the line of work on media pluralism in order to help define future directions. The Program Officer will also craft new initiatives which build on the work in arts and culture focusing on promoting arts and culture enterprises, including but not limited to strengthening support for individual artists and culture workers and their institutions.

The Program Officer will develop grantmaking strategies; identify prospective grantees; solicit, review and respond to grant proposals; and prepare recommendations for Foundation funding. In addition to developing the media, arts and culture agenda, the Program Officer is expected to contribute to the office's overall strategic direction for the region. The Program Officer will also collaborate with colleagues in the Foundation's other offices to advance a worldwide agenda around the Foundation's goals in the media, arts and culture fields.

QUALIFICATIONS: A degree in the arts, humanities, media or other cultural disciplines (preferably an advanced degree); substantial professional experience in the arts, culture and the media; an understanding of program development and the ability to conceptualize programmatic ideas and strategies; strong managerial, organizational and interpersonal skills; excellent analytical and writing skills in English; and strong facilitating skills. Experience in West Africa is highly desirable, as is grant-making experience and proficiency in French.

LOCATION: Lagos, Nigeria

Salary is based on experience and the Foundation's commitment to internal equity. A generous benefits package is provided. To apply for employment, please send resume, substantive cover letter, and brief writing sample (5-20 pages of original work) to Ms. D. Gandolfo at the above address or preferably by e-mail to (resumes@fordfound.org). Please include "Position #304" in the subject line of your message.

PROGRAM OFFICER: PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE HUMAN RIGHTS & INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (#208)

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: Working with the Representative in Lagos and other Ford Foundation staff, the Program Officer will be responsible for the Foundation's West Africa programming on human rights issues in the region. The position involves collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in efforts to improve the civil, political, social, economic or cultural rights of people in the region. The portfolio focuses on strengthening human rights enforcement mechanisms, improving access of vulnerable groups to the law, and building local support for human rights. The Program Officer will review these lines of work; develop grantmaking strategies and initiatives; identify prospective grantees; solicit, review and respond to grant proposals; monitor grants and developments in the human rights field; and prepare recommendations for Foundation funding.

In addition to developing the human rights agenda, the Program Officer is expected to contribute to the office's overall strategic direction for the region. The Program Officer will also collaborate with colleagues in the Foundation's other offices to advance a worldwide agenda around the Foundation's goals in the human rights field.

QUALIFICATIONS: Substantial professional experience working on human rights issues internationally; an understanding of program development and the ability to conceptualize programmatic ideas and strategies; strong managerial, organizational and interpersonal skills; excellent analytical and writing skills in English; and strong facilitating skills. Experience in West Africa and an advanced degree in law, public policy, or any other relevant field are highly desirable, as is grant-making experience and proficiency in French.

LOCATION: Lagos, Nigeria

Salary is based on experience and the Foundation's commitment to internal equity. A generous benefits package is included. To apply for employment, please send resume, substantive cover letter, and brief writing sample (5-20 pages of original work) to Ms. S. Ashton at the above address or preferably by e-mail to (resumes@fordfound.org). Please include "Position #208" in the subject line of your message.

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RECENT DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS

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