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The year past has been marked by milestones, achieved within the context of a national US election year with path breaking nominees, and an economic downturn that deepened to profound international proportions. Chicago, still vibrant with hope because resident Barack Obama will become America’s next president, was a welcoming venue for the ASA’s second 50th celebration: the 50th anniversary of the first Annual Meeting. It was a pleasure to work with the Program Chair Patrick Manning and Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Fassil Demissie and Lynette Jackson and their Committees. Their enthusiastic dedication for advancing and enhancing the program theme, “Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years,” culminated in wonderful success. Their exceptional efforts, along with the contributions of ASA members who volunteer their service on award and prize committees, as journal editors, and on the nominating and election committees, is key to the Association’s ability to recognize excellence in the field, to disseminate knowledge through outreach and publications, and, through the Annual Meeting, to provide a face-to-face venue for bringing together people with a scholarly and professional interest in Africa.

The inaugural Annual Report, which is posted on the ASA website, summarizes some of the highlights of calendar year 2007. The report hints at opportunities for greater engagement with Africa. The ASA is in an increasingly advantageous position to leverage its greatest resource – its members – to transform these opportunities into reality. As reported during the Business Meeting, the ASA achieved a surplus in 2007. This surplus has enabled the Association to invest in developing a more robust website that will facilitate greater transparency, allowing Board decisions to be disseminated more readily. The new website will also foster greater participation, for example, through online communities organized by the Association’s coordinate organizations. The launch is scheduled for early January. Watch www.africanstudies.org for the exciting details.

The triumphs of 2008 would not have been possible without the deep partnership between the ASA community and the Board’s elected and appointed leadership and the tireless efforts of the ASA Secretariat staff to implement Board policy and to manage the Association’s many relationships and activities. Significantly, the Association’s financial health continues to be carefully monitored and the Board voted a 2009 budget that was balanced without investment income - a remarkable feat in this volatile economy that was accomplished by making difficult decisions to stay within the ASA’s means, i.e., by controlling AV expenses at the Annual Meeting. Coupled with this good news is that the ASA remains certified for participation in the Combined Federal Campaign through the Aid for Africa Federation, and the 50 Year Anniversaries Fundraising Campaign, set to end on December 31, has received nearly $100,000 in contributions. Even better news, however, would be that the Association could restore programs that have been reduced due to financial realities, such as the International Visitor Award, and fund new activities, for example, through the Memorandum of Understanding that has just been signed with the Association of African Universities. Once the 50 Years Campaign has ended, the general endowment will be an increasingly important vehicle for ensuring that the Association will have the resources that it needs to enhance information exchange about Africa and to provide key support services to the Africanist community.

The future depends on the resolve of each one of us to make the ASA a priority for giving. We are counting on your continued support. Let’s face 2009 with a strengthened commitment to the ASA’s mission of promoting African Studies!
Friends and Members of the ASA:

I am writing to brief you on recent developments within our beloved association. Our 50th Annual Meeting held in Chicago last November was, by all accounts, a great success. Besides the excellent facilities and layout of the hotel that facilitated conversation and conviviality, Chicago was abuzz with the excitement of the election of Senator Barack Obama, who lives on Chicago’s South Side, as the next President of the United States. For members of our Association there was special cause for celebration given President-elect Obama’s strong personal African connections.

Altogether, approximately 1700 registrants attended 208 panels and roundtables and a poster session during the conference, including board sponsored roundtables and the Current Issues plenary. The Program Committee received 862 proposals and approved 95%, a much higher acceptance rate than last year. Among the highlights of the Annual Meeting was the keynote address by the President of the Chicago-based John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Jonathan Fanton, who expressed the Foundation’s commitment to Africa and African studies. The invitation to Dr. Fanton is part of the Association’s efforts to build relations with the philanthropic community and other constituencies working on Africa.

I am also happy to report that during the Annual Meeting a memorandum of understanding was signed between the ASA and the Association of African Universities. This will enable the two associations to work on joint programs of mutual interest and strengthen our engagements with our counterparts on the continent. We expect to sign similar agreements with other scholarly organizations based on the continent.

As most of you know, over the past few years the Association has been trying to improve its financial position through careful budgeting and fundraising. This has borne some fruit. The ASA’s budget has been balanced for the past two years and is balanced for the coming year. Also, through prudent investment and management, the Association has incurred much lower losses than other academic associations in the current financial crisis. The fundraising drive is making some progress, but membership donations could be higher. The more money we can raise internally, the easier it will be to convince external donors to contribute and build the Association’s endowment. So I appeal to all of you to continue making donations.

I am delighted to report that the ASA will be launching a new and more efficient platform for its website in the New Year, which will provide faster and easier communication between members and the secretariat and the board, as well as facilitate networking among members, and enable the Association to provide new services that will allow us to become a more robust community of scholars and advocates for Africa.

I thank you for your continued active membership and support and look forward to a successful year for the ASA.

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza
President
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• News about receiving a recent award or prize in the field of African studies
• News about a promotion or a new assignment
• News about the release of a new publication or a new published article in the field of African studies

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

2009 Membership Rates

Membership is based on the calendar year January 1 through December 31. You can renew or join the ASA online via our updated website beginning in January, 2009 at www.africanstudies.org. Questions? Contact Member Services at members@africanstudies.org or 732-932-8173 x11.

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Michael Baxandall, who has died aged 74, was an art historian of extraordinary perceptive and analytical powers whose writings on painting and sculpture are as important as they are original.

In 1958, Baxandall began formulating a thesis topic on concepts of decorum and restraint in the Italian Renaissance and, in 1959, he was awarded a two-year fellowship at the Warburg to work on this, under the direction of Ernst Gombrich. He began investigating how humanist literature on art was shaped by the traditions of classical rhetoric. Although this research never resulted in a PhD, it provided material for his acclaimed first book, *Giotto and the Orators* (1971), which acutely highlighted the limitations as well as the achievements of Renaissance discourse on art.

He returned to the Warburg in 1965, as a lecturer in renaissance studies. The course on the Renaissance which he taught to undergraduates exploited this experience and bore fruit in the bestselling *Painting and Experience in Fifteenth-Century Italy* (1972). Lucid and provocative, this “primer in the social history of pictorial style”, as he called it, continues to interest countless readers in early Renaissance pictures and the society in which they were created. It was this book that introduced the concept of “the period eye;” Baxandall’s idea was that at different times and places, certain features of the knowledge and culture of viewers attuned them to aspects of images which are not naturally picked up today, but which the historian, with the help of texts and contexts, can elucidate and recover. The notion was further refined in relation to sculpture in *The Limewood Sculptors of Renaissance Germany* (1980), in which, for example, the scrolls of Nuremberg calligraphy were related to stylistic elements. This book, which evolved from the Slade lectures at Oxford in 1974, was awarded the Mitchell prize for the history of art.

He came to reflect more and more on the difficulties of the historian’s task. These issues, articulated in *Patterns of Intention* (1986), were encouraged by his friendship and then collaboration and close association with Svetlana Alpers. Together they wrote *Tiepolo and the Pictorial Intelligence* (1994), an intriguing mix not only of art criticism and art history but of the styles of two contrasting personalities.

By the time these latter works were published, Baxandall was an academic celebrity. He had been given a London University chair in 1981 and been elected to the British Academy in 1982; he had also held a visiting professorship at Cornell University in New York state and a fellowship in Berlin, and been awarded prizes by the University of Hamburg and the MacArthur Foundation (both 1988). Since 1986 he had held a part-time post at the University of California, Berkeley, initially in combination with his job at the Warburg Institute. Thereafter, until his retirement in 1996, he spent part of the year in California. But he retained old habits of thought along with old ties and loyalties. The work of Gombrich on perception remained an important point of reference as he himself became increasingly interested in modern as well as historical theories about visual attention, especially primary focus and peripheral vision. The most important publication of his later years, however, was *Shadows and the Enlightenment* (1995), in its persuasive juxtaposition of scientific analyses of shadows with the pictorial practice of 18th-century artists, notably the quiet, but “in some ways slyly showy” Chardin.

Baxandall’s last years were lived under the shadow of Parkinson’s disease. He had never relished large gatherings and with the progression of illness, he tended to avoid any encounters in public places. His last book, *Words for Pictures* (2003), a collection of essays that returned to the subject of art and humanism, also included a long piece on Piero della Francesca’s Resurrection.

He is survived by Kay Simon, daughter Lucy and son Tom.

Michael David Kighley Baxandall, art historian, born August 18 1933; died August 12 2008

Submitted by Michael Conner, September 7, 2008
It is with profound sadness, and a deep and abiding sense of obligation, that the community of indigenous historians of Sierra Leone, and allied enthusiasts, has received news of the passing of the much-revered Dean of the history of Sierra Leone, Christopher Fyfe. Christopher devoted enormous energies, time, and resources to his research and writing on Freetown and its Krio community, and the ties between that group and the other ethnic societies of Sierra Leone. With great insight, profound dedication, and an uncommon empathy, Christopher told the story of a people that were much misunderstood in the literature of slavery’s abolition, and he charted, with great circumspection, their progress in the colonial state through timeless reviews of families, institutions, and personalities drawn from a wide range of social classes. To name Christopher Fyfe the pioneer of Sierra Leone’s historiography is to acknowledge a reality that can never be controverted, and one that has been much celebrated in that nation’s scholarly community. The inspiration that has found expression in significant scholarly contributions by locals over the years came, unquestionably, from Christopher’s seminal reflections, and, as a people, Sierra Leoneans will always be in the debt of this illustrious man of letters who wore his considerable erudition ever so lightly.

Sierra Leone has lost a true friend, a worthy champion of its past, a devoted mentor to several generations of young scholars, and a compassionate and eager listener and promoter of all things scholarly, whose door was always open to those who came his way, be it in Edinburgh, or, more recently, at Spangate, in London. No one Sierra Leonean was too insignificant for his attentions; no topic on Freetown too marginal for his interest and disquisition. How can we ever forget those generous checks that came our way over the years; that penetrating and incisive critique, ever so politely delivered, that made your writing better. He was for us, his appreciative students and junior colleagues, the little man with the very big heart, who brought new meaning to “multum in parvo.”

Submitted by Charles Becker, August 31, 2008

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

- publishing two journals: *African Studies Review*, and *History in Africa*
- publishing a professional e-newsletter, *ASA News*
- supporting programs for Young Scholars
- sponsoring initiatives targeted to Technology Development and African Higher Education
- providing the African Higher Education Resource Directory
- underwriting the African e-Journals Project
- providing information and support to the Africanist community

Every contribution is important and every donation counts. Visit [www.africanstudies.org](http://www.africanstudies.org) and click on the “Donate Today” link.

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

ASA Members receive:
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• A subscription to the African Studies Review
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• Abiola Lecture
• ASA Presidential Lecture
• Awards Ceremony
  • Distinguished Africanist Award
  • Graduate Student Paper Prize
  • Melville J. Herskovits Award
• Coordinate Organization business meetings, receptions, and special events
• Exhibit Hall featuring Africa-related books and materials
• Panels, roundtables, plenary sessions and discussion groups
• Video Marketplace and film screenings
• Welcome Reception and Dance Party

PUBLICATIONS
• African Studies Review, a leading peer reviewed journal of African studies scholarship. Published in April, September and December. This publication is included as part of ASA annual membership.
• ASA News, a professional newsletter published online in January, April and July.
• History in Africa: A Journal of Method publishes textual analysis and criticism, historiographical and biographical essays, archival reports and articles on the role of theory in historical investigation. History in Africa is published in September.

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

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Dear Fellow Members of the African Studies Association,

For the past three years I have had the great honor to serve the Association as Chair of the 50th Anniversaries Campaign. You have all received numerous calls for support of the campaign from me and the four Co-Chairs of the campaign—Benetta Jules-Rosette, Ali Mazrui, Howard Wolpe, and Crawford Young—as well as from successive Presidents of the Association and Executive Director Carol Martin. Many of you have responded enthusiastically to our calls and we deeply appreciate your generosity.

As of September 30, 2008 we have raised a total of $87,514. Recognizing the difficult economic times that are upon us, I nevertheless write to appeal to every member of the Association to dig deep into your pockets so that we can achieve a goal of $100,000 by the time of the Annual Meeting in Chicago in November. If we can demonstrate that the members of the Association have committed $100,000 of their own funds to establish this endowment, it will enable the Board of Directors and the Executive Director to make a strong case to potential donors to the Association to match that commitment. Since the Campaign was launched, the Board has worked successfully to bring financial order to the ASA’s budget; this endowment will help it to enhance and broaden ASA programs and services.

For the past two years you have heard the call for members to contribute $50 for the 50th. If all of us working together give at least that sum, we will certainly achieve our goal. To make a contribution online, go to www.africanstudies.org and click on Donate Today, or send a check to the ASA at its Rutgers University headquarters.

The African Studies Association is ours. The annual meeting provides an intellectual space where Africanists from diverse disciplines, backgrounds, and perspectives can meet and exchange ideas in a unique atmosphere. The Association’s member services and outreach activities are important contributions to promoting African Studies. Let’s show our commitment to this most important community of scholars and students of Africa by helping to raise $100,000 by the Annual Meeting!

Please also remember to continue to support the 50 year Anniversaries Campaign through December 31, 2008. Thank you!

Respectfully,

Ned Alpers
ASA Members may submit nominations for ASA Awards and serve on ASA Award Committees. Contact the Executive Director should you be interested in serving on any of the Award Committees. The ASA Board of Directors congratulates all the Award recipients and extends its appreciation to the members of the Award and Prize Committees for their service to the Association.

**BASHORUN M.K.O. ABIOLA LECTURE**

The Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola Lecture was established in 1992 with a generous grant from the Honorable Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola to provide for a lecture by a senior African scholar selected by the ASA Board of Directors. The 2008 Abiola Lecturer was Bethwell Ogot, Moi University, with his lecture entitled, “Re-reading the History and Historiography of Epistemic Domination and Resistance in Africa.”

**DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD**

The ASA Distinguished Africanist Award was established in the 1980s to recognize and honor individuals who have contributed a lifetime record of outstanding scholarship in their respective field of African studies and service to the Africanist community. The winner of the 2008 Distinguished Africanist Award was Edmond J. Keller, Department Chair of Political Science, University of California - Los Angeles. The Award Committee for 2008 consisted of the Prize Committee of the Board of Directors and non-Board members Mary Jo Arnoldi, Smithsonian Institution and Bogumil Jewsiewicki, Université Laval.

Any member of the African Studies Association is eligible to propose a candidate. Criteria for the Award are the distinction of contribution to Africanist scholarship, as measured by a lifetime of accomplishment and service in the field of African studies. The nomination must include a vitae of the nominee, a detailed letter of nomination justifying the 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. All nomination materials must be provided in English. The complete dossier of the candidate must be submitted on letterhead as a PDF emailed to publications@africanstudies.org on or before February 15, 2009 or by postal mail postmarked on or before February 15, 2009 to African Studies Association, Distinguished Africanist Award, Rutgers University, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400.

**CONOVER-PORTER BOOK AWARD**

The ASA Conover-Porter Book Award is presented in even-numbered years to recognize outstanding contributions to Africanist bibliography or reference works. The Award Committee for 2008 consisted of Lauris Olson, Chair, U of Pennsylvania, Marieta L Harper, Library of Congress, and Peter Limb, Michigan State University.

Graduate Student Paper Prize

The African Studies Association Board of Directors instituted the Graduate Student Paper Prize in 2001 to recognize the best paper presented by a graduate student during an Annual Meeting. The 2008 recipient of the Graduate Student Paper Prize was Kristin D. Phillips, University of Wisconsin-Madison, for “Consuming the State: Hunger, Healing, and Citizenship in Rural Tanzania” presented at the 50th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, October 18-21, 2007 in New York, NY.

All papers presented by graduate students at the 51st Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL are eligible for the Graduate Student Paper Prize, which will be awarded at the 52nd Annual Meeting in 2009. To apply for the Graduate Student Paper Prize, graduate students must submit their paper with a letter of recommendation from their advisor as a PDF emailed to publications@africanstudies.org on or before January 15, 2009 or by postal mail postmarked on or before January 15, 2009 to African Studies Association, Graduate Student Paper Prize, Rutgers University, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400. Please note that ASA member graduate and undergraduate students with valid identification cards can take advantage of a special discounted Annual Meeting student registration rates.

Melville J. Herskovits Award

The ASA annually presents the Melville J. Herskovits Award to the author of an outstanding original scholarly work published on Africa in the previous year. The 2008 Award recipients were Linda M. Heywood, Boston University, and John K. Thornton, Boston University for Central Africans, Atlantic Creoles, and the Foundation of the Americas, 1585-1660 (Cambridge University Press, 2007) and Parker Shipton, Boston University for The Nature of Entrustment: Intimacy, Exchange, and the Sacred in Africa (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2007). The members of the 2008 Award Committee consisted of Diana Wylie, Chair, Boston University; Adam Ashforth, Northwestern University; Elisabeth Cameron, University of California-Santa Cruz; Toyin Falola, University of Texas; and Louise Meintjes, Duke University.

Nominations for the Herskovits Award are made directly by publishers who may nominate as many separate titles in a given year as they desire. Nominations must be sent to the Herskovits Award Committee members and postmarked on or before May 1, 2009. All nominations must meet the following criteria:

* Non-fiction scholarly works published in English in 2008 and distributed in the United States.
* Only books copyrighted in 2008 are eligible for the 2009 Herskovits Award.
* The subject matter must significantly deal with Africa and/or related areas (Cape Verde, Madagascar, or Indian Ocean Islands off the East African coast).

Additional information about the nomination process is available at http://www.africanstudies.org/?page=herskovits

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This list is accurate from the ASA’s last communication with each Coordinate Organization. Should you discover an error in the information, please email your corrections to publications@africanstudies.org. For questions, call 732-932-8173 x16.
2008 ASA Election Results

Vice President:
Charles Ambler, U of Texas at El Paso

Members of the Board of Directors:
Emmanuel Akyeampong, Harvard University
Mary Johnson Osirim, Bryn Mawr College
M. Anne Pitcher, Colgate University

The ASA Board of Directors congratulates the new officer and directors and extends its sincerest appreciation to all the candidates for their willingness to serve the Association.

The ASA Board of Directors also wishes to thank the ASA members who served on the 2008 Election Committee: Mark Darko, Jubilee Revival Center, and Sean Jacobs, Brooklyn, NY. The ballot count was observed by Barbara Weldon, Rutgers University and managed by Carol L. Martin, ASA Executive Director.

New and Improved ASA Website in 2009!

In January 2009, the African Studies Association will launch an updated and more robust version of the ASA website. The website will provide ASA members, Annual Meeting attendees, and others interested in the ASA’s services with new and improved features including:

• ASA Communities: Online discussion boards and communities will allow ASA members to network around their academic and regional areas of interest.

• Online Surveying, Polling, and Voting: Participate in polls and surveys online. New online voting system for the election of the ASA Board of Directors.

• File and Resource Sharing: Share documents, photos, and even videos with your colleagues via a new file-sharing system.

• Improved Call for Proposals Process: Streamlined process for submitting proposals for the Annual Meeting, instant online access to the preliminary program, and online itinerary creator to plan your participation in annual meeting sessions.

• Updated ASA Member Directory: Connect with your ASA colleagues through this searchable directory. Expanded search capabilities allow you to find specific individuals by institution or area of interest. Improved privacy customization allows you to self-manage the information you wish to display in the directory.

• Improved Shopping Cart Functionality: Payment for your purchases with new payment methods, including internationally issued credit cards, American Express, and Discover.

• ASA journal back issues and ASA Press publications will be available for purchase online.

• Support the ASA’s activities by volunteering or donating online.

Anyone with a valid email address in the current ASA database will have access to the updated website, but many of these new features, including the Member Directory, File and Resource Sharing, and ASA communities will only be available to current ASA Members. Visit www.africanstudies.org beginning in January 2009 to access the updated site.
Call for Proposals Deadline
March 15, 2009
Beginning in January 2009, the Annual Meeting Online Proposal System will become accessible to individuals who have paid membership dues and the pre-registration fee or the non-member pre-registration fee. Please see the registration information below if you reside in Africa.

Final Program Deadline for Corrections
September 15, 2009
Individuals may make updates to name, title, and institutional affiliation only by updating her/his member record. Proposal title changes may be made by sending an email to annualmeeting@africanstudies.org.

Africa Resident Registration Deadline
September 30, 2009
Individuals residing in Africa who wish to attend the Annual Meeting may contact the Secretariat in writing to request authorization to pay registration onsite in New Orleans, LA at the pre-registration rate. Requests may be sent via email with “Africa Resident Registration” in the subject line to members@africanstudies.org or by fax to 732-932-3394. Individuals may check the status of their registration and print receipts by logging on to their ASA account at www.africanstudies.org.

Letters of Invitation Deadline
September 30, 2009
A request for a Letter of Invitation can be made by sending an email to annualmeeting@africanstudies.org with “Letter of Invitation” in the subject line. Please note: requests require 4-6 weeks to process. Requests received after September 30, 2009 are not guaranteed to be processed.

Annual Meeting Pre-registration Deadline
September 30, 2009
Please see the registration information below.

Hotel Reservations Deadline
October 23, 2009
Reserve your room early. Mention “African Studies Association” to receive the discounted rate at the Marriott New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, while rooms are available.
Tel: 504-553-5642 or Fax: 504-581-5749

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

Annual Meeting Updates and Additional Information

Questions? annualmeeting@africanstudies.org or 732-932-8173 x15

52ND ANNUAL MEETING KEY INFORMATION
New Orleans, LA ~ November 19-22, 2009
“Africa at a Crossroads”

Program Chair: Aili Tripp, University of Wisconsin-Madison, atripp@wisc.edu
Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs:
Romanus Ejiaga, Southern University-New Orleans
James P. Mokhiber, University of New Orleans
Steven Salm, Xavier University of Louisiana
REGISTRATION
All Annual Meeting participants are required to pay the registration fee. Individuals who wish to receive the pre-registration discount must pre-register on or before September 30, 2009. Individuals residing in Africa who wish to attend the Annual Meeting may contact the Secretariat in writing on or before September 30, 2009 to request authorization to pay registration onsite in New Orleans, LA at the pre-registration rate. Requests may be sent via email with “Africa Resident Registration” in the subject line to members@africanstudies.org or by fax to 732-932-3394. Individuals may check the status of their registration and print receipts by logging on to their ASA account at www.africanstudies.org.

Please pay online by logging on to your ASA account at www.africanstudies.org. Payment can be made by check or credit card. International residents who experience difficulty with the online system can pay by check and mail it to the Secretariat on or before September 30, 2009 to African Studies Association, Rutgers, The State U of New Jersey, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400. Individuals may also contact the ASA Secretariat to process credit cards manually: Tel: 732-932-8173 x11 or Fax: 732-932-3394 on or before September 30, 2009.

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Onsite Registration Rates

You can register for the Annual Meeting on-site in New Orleans, LA beginning November 18, 2009 at the following rates:

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Key Dates
52nd Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA ~ November 19-22, 2009

January 2009:
The Annual Meeting Online Proposal System will become accessible to individuals with paid 2009 ASA membership dues and pre-registration or individuals who have paid the non-member pre-registration fee. Individuals residing in Africa may pay onsite in New Orleans, LA upon written request to members@africanstudies.org with “Africa Resident Registration” in the subject line.

March 15, 2009:
The Annual Meeting Online Proposal System will close at 11:59pm EST.

March 15, 2009:
Coordinate Organization Panel and Roundtable proposals are due.

April 30, 2009:
Coordinate Organization business meeting requests are due.

July 2009:
The Preliminary Program will be posted to the ASA website: www.africanstudies.org. No corrections will be made to the online Preliminary Program.

September 15, 2009:
Deadline to make corrections to name, title, and institutional affiliation to be reflected in the Annual Meeting Program. The Annual Meeting Program will be distributed onsite in New Orleans, LA.

September 30, 2009:
Pre-registration will close at 11:59pm EST. Individuals will be required to register onsite after this date.

September 30, 2009:
Deadline for Africa residents to contact the Secretariat in writing to request authorization to pay registration onsite in New Orleans, LA at the pre-registration rate.

September 30, 2009:
Requests for Letters of Invitation are due. Requests received after September 30, 2009 are not guaranteed to be processed.

October 23, 2009:
Closing date to be guaranteed the ASA discount rate at the Marriott New Orleans, New Orleans, LA. Reserve your room early while rooms are available. Tel: 504-553-5642 or Fax: 504-581-5749
ASA CALL FOR PROPOSALS DEADLINE

Proposals for the November 19-22, 2009 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA will be due on:

March 15, 2009

For more information, please visit our website: www.africanstudies.org

All proposals must be submitted through the Annual Meeting Online Proposal System by logging into your ASA account at www.africanstudies.org. Proposals that are submitted by email, hardcopy, or fax WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED. Beginning in July, individuals may check the status of their proposal by logging onto their ASA account or by visiting the ASA website, www.africanstudies.org, to consult the Preliminary Program.

EXHIBIT HALL APPLICATION DEADLINE

June 30, 2009
Or while booth space is available.

Early Bird Special: All applications for Exhibit Booths and/or Program Ads will receive an additional 10% discount if the payment is received on or before May 15, 2009.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for future Annual Meetings

November 18-21, 2010  Westin St. Francis Hotel  San Francisco, CA
November 17-20, 2011  Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  Washington, DC
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DEADLINE: March 15, 2009

52nd Annual Meeting
November 19–22, 2009
Marriott New Orleans Hotel
New Orleans, LA

“Africa at a Crossroads”

Program Chair: Aili M. Tripp, University of Wisconsin-Madison, atripp@wisc.edu

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION
All proposals must be submitted online at www.africanstudies.org beginning in January. Watch the ASA website for details. Proposals sent via email, hard copy, or fax WILL NOT be acknowledged.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION
PLEASE NOTE: Membership dues and the pre-registration fee or the non-member pre-registration fee must be paid before a Panel, Paper, Roundtable, and/or Poster Session proposal can be submitted. The panel/roundtable chair must submit the panel/roundtable proposal and indicate the names of all participants.

Individuals who reside in Africa may request to pay the non-member pre-registration fee onsite at the Annual Meeting hotel. All requests to pay non-member pre-registration onsite from residents of Africa are automatically granted upon receipt of written contact via email with “Africa Resident Registration” in the subject line at members@africanstudies.org or via fax at 732-932-3394. Please include full name, institution or affiliation name, and contact information in the written request.

Other prospective participants who do not reside in the US may contact the Secretariat if they are unable to submit funds from overseas because of difficulties in obtaining foreign currency. PLEASE NOTE: The imposition of a fee for a US money order does not constitute difficulty in obtaining foreign exchange. The ASA does not provide funds for individuals to attend the Annual Meeting.

Each individual may make only one presentation, as a paper presenter, a roundtable participant, a poster session presenter, or a discussant. Individuals may chair one panel or roundtable in addition to making one presentation. The ASA online system will not allow the submission of more than one Panel, Paper, Roundtable, and/or Poster Session proposal per individual. The Program Committee will not review an incomplete proposal.

AFRICA RESIDENT REQUESTS TO PAY ONSITE
Individuals who reside in Africa may request to pay the non-member pre-registration fee onsite at the Annual Meeting hotel. All requests to pay the non-member pre-registration fee onsite from
residents of Africa are automatically granted upon receipt of written contact via email with “African Resident Registration” in the subject line at members@africanstudies.org or via fax at 732-932-3394. Please include full name, institution or affiliation name, and contact information in the written request.

**LETTERS OF INVITATION**
The ASA can provide a Letter of Invitation to assist individuals in expediting visas and securing funding. A request for a Letter of Invitation can be made by sending an email to annualmeeting@africanstudies.org with “Letter of Invitation” in the subject line. **Please note:** requests require 4-6 weeks to process. Requests received after September 30, 2009 are not guaranteed to be processed.

**ASA POLICY ON PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCES**
The Program Chair, working with the Program Committee, bears final responsibility for accepting or declining all Annual Meeting proposals in accordance with guidelines that have been established by the ASA Board of Directors.

All paper proposals will be reviewed separately, whether they have been submitted individually or as part of a panel. The Program Committee has full authority to add or to delete presentations on a panel in order to accommodate proposals for individual papers and to enhance the overall quality of the program. Efforts will be made to contact the chair of the panel affected by a change when it is made. Publication deadlines, however, may take precedence over such notification.

**NOTIFICATION**
Accepted proposals will be listed in the Preliminary Program, which will appear on the ASA website, www.africanstudies.org, in July. Notice that the Preliminary Program has been posted to the website will be sent via email. Prospective presenters may also view the status of their proposal in their online record.

**NON-ATTENDANCE/WITHDRAWALS**
If a panel/poster/roundtable presenter cannot attend the Annual Meeting, the individual’s paper cannot be presented. Individuals may not substitute as presenters for another individual in a panel/poster/roundtable session. Presenters should notify the Secretariat in writing as soon as possible if they will not be able to attend. The information will be included in the Final Program or in the Final Program addendum. Replacement presenters cannot be added after the Call for Proposals has closed.

**REPLACEMENT CHAIRS**
If a person assigned as a Panel or Roundtable Chair cannot attend the Annual Meeting, the replacement chair will be selected from the other panel/roundtable presenters on the basis of alphabetical order by last name. Efforts will be made to contact the chair of the panel affected by a change when it is made. Publication deadlines, however, may take precedence over such notification.

**REFUND POLICY**
As per policy established during the 2008 Fall Board Meeting, Annual Meeting pre-registration fees will only be refunded if an individual’s paper, panel, poster, or roundtable proposal has been declined and the individual will not be attending the Annual Meeting. All pre-registration fee refunds for declined proposals must be made in writing via email to members@africanstudies.org or via fax at 732-932-3394. Membership dues cannot be refunded. Membership dues and pre-registration fees are not transferrable.

**COORDINATE ORGANIZATION PROPOSALS**
**PLEASE NOTE:** ASA Sponsored Organizations may submit two proposals (i.e. two panels, two roundtables, or one panel and one roundtable) to be accepted without review by the Program Committee. ASA Associate Organizations may submit one proposal (i.e. one panel, or one roundtable) to be accepted without review by the Program Committee. ASA Affiliate Organization proposals are subject to review by the Program Committee and are not guaranteed acceptance. The panel/roundtable chair must submit the panel/roundtable proposal and indicate the names of all participants. Proposals must meet all the requirements for participation that are listed above. All proposals must be submitted on or before the Call for Proposals deadline of March 15, 2009.
ACCESS POLICY
The African Studies Association is committed to ensuring that its services and meetings are accessible to all Africanists. If you have any special needs or require special assistance to participate in an ASA event, please contact Suzanne Moyer, Senior Program Manager, at 932-732-8173 x10 or by email at suzanne.moyer@africanstudies.org.

SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL
All proposals must be submitted online at www.africanstudies.org beginning in January. Watch the website for details. Proposals sent via e-mail, hardcopy, or fax WILL NOT be acknowledged.

The Program Committee will not review an incomplete proposal. All proposals must be submitted on or before the March 15, 2009 Call for Proposals deadline.

CO-AUTHORS
Co-authors who reside in Africa and who WILL NOT be attending the Annual Meeting are not required to pay pre-registration fees. Requests to waive payment for a non-attending Africa resident co-author will be granted upon receipt of written contact via email with "Non-Attending Africa-Resident Co-Author" in the subject line at members@africanstudies.org or via fax at 732-932-3394. Please include the co-author’s full name, institution or affiliation name, and contact information. PLEASE NOTE: A co-author cannot be added after a paper has been accepted by the Program Committee.

PANEL PROPOSALS
All proposals must be submitted online at www.africanstudies.org beginning in January. Watch the ASA website for details. Proposals sent via email, hard copy, or fax WILL NOT be acknowledged.

A panel typically has a chair, at least two or up to four paper presenters, and a discussant. A panel proposal consists of the “Panel Proposal” form, the panel abstract, and a “Paper Proposal” form with an abstract for each paper presenter. The panel abstract should consist of a statement about the topic and a brief summary of the main argument(s) to be explored (approximately one paragraph, or 8-10 sentences).

The quality of the panel abstract is the main criterion for acceptance; a panel with a weak abstract or with two or more weak paper abstracts is unlikely to be accepted. PLEASE NOTE: The Program Committee may add individual papers to a proposed panel and/or a discussant if one has not been indicated.

All panel chairs are required to complete a Chair Evaluation Form at the conclusion of session. Evaluation forms will be provided onsite at the Annual Meeting hotel.

PAPER PROPOSALS/POSTER SESSION PROPOSALS
All proposals must be submitted online at www.africanstudies.org beginning in January. Watch the ASA website for details. Proposals sent via email, hard copy, or fax WILL NOT be acknowledged.

The “Paper Proposal” form should be completed for each paper that is being proposed for a panel or for individual submission. The paper or poster session abstract should consist of a statement about the topic, the nature and extent of the research on which the paper or poster session is based and a brief summary of the main argument(s) (approximately one paragraph, or 8-10 sentences). The quality of the paper or poster session abstract is the main criterion for acceptance.

The Program Committee will create panels from individual submissions with common themes and identify a panel chair and, if possible, a discussant. Individual proposals may also be added to proposed panels at the discretion of the Program Committee. Potential presenters strongly are encouraged to submit a paper proposal as part of a panel.
ROUND TABLE PROPOSALS
All proposals must be submitted online at www.africanstudies.org beginning in January. Watch the ASA website for details. Proposals sent via email, hard copy, or fax WILL NOT be acknowledged.

A roundtable typically consists of a chair and at least two or up to four presenters. A roundtable proposal consists of the “Roundtable Proposal” form, the roundtable abstract, and the proposed roundtable participants. The roundtable abstract should consist of a statement about the topic and a brief summary of the main argument(s) to be explored (approximately one paragraph, or 8-10 sentences). The quality of the roundtable abstract is the main criterion for acceptance. A roundtable with a weak abstract is unlikely to be accepted.

YOUNG SCHOLAR INITIATIVE
The Young Scholar Panels were initiated by the ASA Board of Directors in order to highlight graduate student research in progress and reports from the field. Graduate students were scheduled to present on a panel chaired by a senior scholar. Beginning in 2008, the “Young Scholar Panel” designation has been discontinued. Graduate students are encouraged to organize their own panels and roundtables.

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE
The ASA Board of Directors established the Graduate Student Paper Prize in 2001 to recognize the best graduate student paper presented at the previous year’s Annual Meeting. All papers presented by graduate students at the Annual Meeting are eligible for the prize, which is awarded at the subsequent Annual Meeting. The editors of the African Studies Review will coordinate an expedited peer review process for possible publication of the prize-winning paper. Graduate students may submit their paper with a letter of recommendation from their advisor postmarked on or before January 15 of the year following the Annual Meeting to: Graduate Student Paper Prize Competition, African Studies Association, Rutgers University, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400, or emailed as a PDF attachment to publications@africanstudies.org.

INDICATING A SUB-THEME
All proposals should designate the section for which the proposal is most appropriate. The theme for 2009, Africa at a Crossroads, is divided into 15 thematic sections labeled A through P. Please review the theme statement below for a listing of the sub-themes. All proposals are reviewed by the Sub-theme Chair(s), who, together with the Program Chair, constitute the Program Committee.

AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT
The ASA will provide complimentary screens ONLY. Poster session presenters may also request a chalkboard and/or a corkboard by sending an email to annualmeeting@africanstudies.org with “Poster Session Materials” in the subject line, on or before September 1, 2009.

Presenters who wish to rent AV equipment through the ASA’s contracted AV vendor may consult the contact information that will be on this page on or before August 15, 2009. Presenters may also bring their own AV projection equipment onsite.

PLEASE NOTE: Should you decide to use the ASA contracted AV vendor or to bring your own equipment onsite the African Studies Association assumes no liability. Panel/roundtable chairs are requested to ensure that the AV equipment use does not prejudice the time that is allotted for others.
Africa is at a watershed. It is on the cusp of some major changes in its economies, politics, technologies, cultures, and engagement with the rest of the world. This moment, like all moments of transition, is full of exciting possibilities but also many daunting challenges. The theme, “Africa at a Crossroads,” invites participants of the 2009 ASA Annual Meeting to look at Africa with a new appreciation for some of the rapid changes the continent is undergoing and to examine both the opportunities and the dilemmas posed by these developments. It invites us to think about new ways of repositioning Africa in the popular imagination and global discourse. The theme also allows us to ask: Who are the leading visionaries in Africa today and how are their ideas shaping the continent? How have Africans envisioned their futures in the past and how have these visions been realized? To mention a few of these transformations:

Africa today is experiencing the fastest economic growth rates it has seen since independence: While Africa’s economies are among the most fragile in the world as evident in the continent wide food crisis, real average GDP growth rates today are over 5.7% for the continent and no African country has succumbed to negative GDP growth rates since 1999. Africa is experiencing increases in exports, foreign reserves, remittances, and foreign direct investment, while its debt has decreased. China and India are emerging as important trading partners. In 2004, inflation overall in Africa fell below double digits to its lowest rate in a quarter of century and these rates subsequently have been maintained.

These developments have been the result of overall continued improvement in monetary and fiscal policies, somewhat better access to markets in the global North, increased foreign aid and debt relief, as well as higher commodity prices. There also has been increased spending on pro-poor measures: major allocations of money by governments, as well as by multilateral and bilateral donors, towards education, health and other social services, including AIDS programs, improvements in infrastructure, and a larger role for microfinance institutions. The decrease in the numbers of major civil conflicts also has allowed for recovery in many countries.

However, the global financial crisis and high food and energy prices are putting whatever gains have been made through economic reform and growth strategies in peril. The benefits of this growth have not been uniformly felt across the continent, nor have they been enjoyed by the poorest members of society. Very few countries have maintained the 7% growth rates that would be necessary to reduce poverty. Agricultural development remains seriously ignored along with the major agricultural producers, e.g., women. Job creation remains the number one concern in opinion polls across Africa. This is an especially pressing concern given the youthfulness of the continent, with 62% of the population in Africa under the age of 24. The quest for oil and other strategic resources has expanded foreign interest in Africa, but it also brings with it its own threats of subverting African initiatives and priorities. The tax base is still limited, with implications for state building. Africa still lacks the necessary commodity diversification, making it vulnerable to changes in international markets and climatic changes. Competitiveness is hampered by weaknesses in infrastructure, governance structures, skills and technology base.

There has been a steady decline in major conflicts in countries like South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique, Burundi, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Angola. This can be attributed to factors like the end of the Cold War, the increased importance of international and regional peacekeeping initiatives, greater international scrutiny of the activities of warlords and rebels, and the rise in influence of peace movements and women’s movements. International awareness has heightened around issues relating to child soldiers, blood diamonds, and violence against civilians, resulting in changing norms and practices. Panel/roundtable/poster session proposers might ask, can these trends be sustained given that the conditions that gave rise to conflict remain in its aftermath?
There has been a shift, albeit tentative, towards political liberalization and democratization in Africa since the 1990s. We have witnessed an increase in civilian-led regimes, constitutional revisions and reforms in almost all countries, the introduction of multipartyism, the holding of contested elections in most countries, greater freedom of expression and association, and an increase in political and civil liberties. The number of democratic countries has increased since 1990 while most African countries today could be considered semi-democratic regimes that are neither fully democratic, nor are they the autocracies of the past. For the first time, we are observing signs that legislatures and judiciaries are beginning to assert themselves in the face of efforts to expand executive powers. Panel/roundtable/poster session proposers might ask, for example: How might the opportunities created by these political openings lead to more productive synergies between government, private sector, civil society, donor and other actors?

The growth of civil society and an independent media has been one of the most important transformations since the 1990s. Civil society has taken advantage of new openings in political space to advocate for their concerns regarding the environment, human rights, women’s rights, land rights, presidential term limits, customary laws and practices, media and NGO autonomy, and many other concerns. Since the 1990s, and especially since 2000, development and human rights discourses merged to form new rights-based approaches in Africa and also globally. Panel/roundtable/poster session proposers might explore what the lack of full civil and political liberties means to the strengthening of this sector and the future of advocacy on the continent.

Women have become visible in new ways in African politics and societies over the past decade, often in unexpected ways, setting new precedents. Rwanda’s parliament has the highest percentage of women in the world (56%). In fact, Africa has some of the highest rates of female legislative representation in the world, with women claiming over 30% of the parliamentary seats in Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, and Burundi. In November 2005, Liberia’s Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf became the first elected woman president in Africa. Uganda had a female vice president for a decade and there have been six female prime ministers in Africa since the mid-1990s. These are just a few of the dramatic changes in women’s status that are underway in Africa today. While women have emerged onto the political landscape, often as a result of the perception that they are not tainted by corruption, warmongering, and politicized ethnicity, we might ask what difference can they make and can they withstand the powerful institutional constraints that have promoted entrenched systems of patrimonial politics?

No discussion of new futures can ignore the role and predicament of the youth. Papers, roundtables, and poster sessions might explore the experiences of youth and the implications for harnessing and redirecting their energies through vocational training and other measures so that they are not relegated to lives of desperation, marginality and unemployment. The role of young people in the informal economy is of particular importance, given the creative and challenging solutions they are devising in response to betrayals by those in power.

In the area of social services, many of the traditional gaps slowly are closing, some in the context of the challenge of meeting the Millenium Development Goals. The net primary school enrollment rate in Africa increased by 20% between 1991 to 2005, reaching an average rate of 71%. The gap between girls and boys enrollment has decreased significantly at the primary and secondary levels. In at least seven African countries the number of women exceeds that of men at the university level.

In the area of health, the changes have been painfully slow. While there are some bright spots (e.g., drops in mortality rates for children under 5 years of age), the average life expectancy went up by only two years to 49 years of age between 1975 and 2005 and maternal mortality rates are still very high and have only decreased minimally over the past quarter of a century.

The picture regarding AIDS is somewhat brighter in several countries. Today, HIV/AIDS affects Africa more than any other region in the world. Based on the latest 2008 data submitted to the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS, there have been significant drops in HIV infection rates in Africa since 2001 and a leveling off in some of the worst affected countries in southern Africa. These developments are related to changing behavior, including increased use of condoms, delay of first sexual experience, and fewer sexual partners. Panels/roundtable/poster session proposers might explore some of the continuing challenges in this area: universal access to healthcare services, adopting a comprehensive response that addresses all aspects of health and nutrition, violence against women, prevention and treatment strategies, and the human rights aspects of the disease.
New means of communications are revolutionizing the continent, as Internet and cell phone use has grown at an exponential rate. The new rates of increased Internet use are almost triple that of the rest of the world since 2000. Although coverage still is limited throughout most of Africa, the Internet already has been used for extraordinary and innovative purposes. For example, women in parts of rural Uganda use the Internet to track agricultural prices. New community multipurpose telecenters are being formed. New blogging communities have emerged throughout Africa, communicating in English, French, Portuguese, Arabic and Swahilii. There are interactive news sites, including the reporting and tracking of outbreaks of violence by local NGOs on a map during the unrest in Kenya after the 2007 elections (Ushahidi.com). Africa also has the world’s fastest growing mobile phone market with an average growth rate (65%) that is double that of the rest of the world. Cell phones are an especially attractive medium because they do not require full literacy or the ability to read in a foreign language. The expansion of these new technologies and their various uses continues to raise questions of access while bringing attention to the creative new uses to which they are being applied.

African culture, which is constantly in flux, historically has borrowed from and influenced global trends. Popular religion, music, dance, football and other forms of culture create a range of possibilities for envisioning different sorts of futures. Afrobeat continues to evolve and claim new enthusiasts around the world, while an African hip hop scene has exploded, challenging repression, violence, and materialism. The wildly popular ndombolo, originating in Congo, has spread quickly across many parts of Africa as did kwassa kwassa two decades earlier. Nollywood films and soap operas have taken Africa by storm, becoming the third largest film industry worldwide. The largest African film festival across the continent, the FESPACO (Panafričan Film and TV Festival of Ouagadougou), has been energized by the digital revolution and by the arrival of South Africa on the cinematic scene. Other art forms, like cartooning and popular theater, are evolving rapidly and have taken on new salience in the context of political critique. There also has been a flowering of literary creativity throughout the continent.

Periods of rapid change also pose particular challenges to communities, which seek new meaning and ways to understand their role in a globalizing world. Panel/roundtable/poster session proposers might consider the tensions between competing values, sources of knowledge and symbolic systems and efforts to redefine them through greater awareness of the past.

Finally, our program should feature and engage some of the voices within Africa who are articulating new visions for the continent’s future. A few of these visionaries include:

- Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (former finance minister of Nigeria and current Managing Director of the World Bank)
- Mo Ibrahim (Sudanese entrepreneur and philanthropist)
- Herman Chinery-Hesse (owner of SoftTribe, the leading computer technology company in West Africa, pioneering “tropically tolerant software”)
- Neil Turok (founder of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in South Africa who is opening 15 new math centers across Africa)
- Ivorian architect and designer Issa Diabate
- Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (winner of the 2007 Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction for Half of a Yellow Sun, Nigeria)
- Youssou Ndour (Senegalese musician and mbalax innovator)
- Vubah Gayflor (Minister of Gender, Liberia)
- Founders of the African Women’s Development Fund: Joana Foster (Ghana), Hilda Tadria (Uganda) and Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi (Nigeria/UK)
- Journalists Andrew Mwenda (Uganda) and Sydney Masamvu (Zimbabwe)
- AIDS activists Dr. Noerine Kaleeba (founder, TASO - AIDS Support Organization, Uganda) and Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge (former Deputy Minister of Health, South Africa)
• Maina Kiai (Chairman of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights)
• Jacqueline Moudeina (lawyer and human rights activist, Chad)
• Wangari Maathai (Nobel Prize winner, environmentalist)
• Corneille Ewango (forest conservationist working in the Ituri Forest of Eastern Congo)
• Zainab Bangura (Foreign Minister, Sierra Leone, and spokesperson regarding food crisis)
• Dr. Leon Ngoma Miezi Kintaudi (reviving the devastated health-care system of Congo)
• Sylvia Tamale (Dean of Faculty of Law at Makerere University, Uganda, leading human rights, gay rights and gender studies scholar)
• Idi Alphadi (Nigerian fashion designer; instigator of recent African fashion show in Kenya with focus on peace and reconciliation).

These are just a few of the many individuals who are engaged in some of the most forward thinking on the continent today.

The program themes will include the following:

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I. The Challenges of Youth
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3. Environment and natural resources
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Further enquiries can be made to Dr Gerard Hagg, Democracy and Governance Research Programme, Human Sciences Research Council, P Bag X41, Pretoria, 0001, South Africa; E-mail: Ghagg@hsrc.ac.za; Fax: +27 12 302 2801. Or Dr Peter Kagwanja, Africa Policy Institute, pkagwanja@africapi.org. Alternative contact: Dr Priscilla Wamucii, pwamucii@hsrc.ac.za.

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For details on the Initiative, contact Teshome Alemneh at talemneh@HEDprogram.org. For additional information on CBNRM, contact Marilyn Crane at mcrane@hedprogram.org. Program officers are also available by phone at 202-243-7680.


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## 2009 ASA DEADLINES

*Materials must be postmarked on or before the deadline. If the date falls on a holiday or a weekend, the materials are due the following business day.*

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| April    | 30   | Coordinate Organizations  
|          |      | • ASA Coordinate Organization Annual Reports deadline (maximum of 5 pages)  
|          |      | • Coordinate Organization Reporting Form deadline (including Business Meeting requests) |
| May      | 1    | Melville J. Herskovits Award nominations deadline. |
| June     | 1    | ASA News deadline for payment and ad submission for the July issue. |
| July     | 1    | African Studies Review deadline for payment and ad submission for the September issue. |
|          | 1    | History in Africa deadline for payment and ad submission for the September issue. |
| September| 1    | Annual Meeting Program deadline for payment and ad submission. |
|          | 1    | Deadline to cast a vote for the ASA Officers and Board of Directors Elections. |
|          | 30   | Annual Meeting pre-registration deadline. |
| October  | 30   | Letters of Invitation requests deadline. |
| December | 1    | African Studies Review deadline for payment and ad submission for the December issue. |
|          | 1    | ASA News deadline for payment and ad submission for the January issue. |

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