

***African Studies Review* Pipeline for Emerging African Scholars Workshop  
In Collaboration with the African Studies Association of Africa  
October 23, 2019  
United States International University-Africa, Nairobi, Kenya**

The *African Studies Review* (ASR) convenes Pipeline for Emerging African Studies Scholars (PEASS) Workshops, in collaboration with the African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA <http://www.as-aa.org>), to stimulate, solicit, and further develop high quality journal submissions from Africa-based scholars under the close mentorship of senior Africanists from the continent and beyond. In collaboration with the ASAA the ASR will sponsor a PEASS workshop at the United States International University-Africa, on October 23, 2019. Scholars who wish to submit a proposal are, ideally, post-doctoral researchers, newly minted PhDs with works-in-progress currently underway, and soon-to-submit PhD students. Emerging scholars will have an opportunity to work closely with senior scholars to re-work a pre-circulated draft article.

The broader goals of PEASS are:

1. To increase submissions from emerging Africa-based scholars to top-rated journals, especially *ASR*;
2. To improve the quality of submissions from emerging Africa-based scholars;
3. To increase the R&R (revise and resubmission) rate from emerging Africa-based scholars;
4. To improve access to the *ASR* for emerging Africa-based scholars; and,
5. To increase participation of emerging Africa-based scholars in review process.

**Eligibility & Application Criteria:**

1. Applications may be submitted in English **BY AUGUST 2, 2019**;
2. All applicants shall be members of ASAA [<http://www.as-aa.org/index.php/membership>] and be an accepted presenter at the ASAA 2019 annual conference to be held at the United States International University-Africa [see <http://www.as-aa.org/index.php/asaa-2019-conference/call-for-papers-posters-and-panels>];
3. PhD student applicants shall be in the second year of their program or higher;
4. Early career applicants shall have completed their PhD within the past five years; and,
5. Women and minorities, as well as scholars of disciplines underrepresented in the *African Studies Review* are encouraged to apply.

**Submission Process:**

Applicants for a PEASS workshop must prepare the following **BY AUGUST 2, 2019**:

1. A cover letter that outlines the applicant's broad academic goals and interests, and gives an express commitment to revise and submit the material of the workshop to the *ASR* for peer-review and possible publication;

2. A current curriculum vitae listing all educational qualifications, research funding received, pending applications, publications, and employment history;
3. A polished *draft* article of between 5,000-10,000 words, with complete citations. The article must include an abstract written in accordance with the ASR guide for writing an effective abstract [see <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/african-studies-review/information/writing-an-effective-abstract>];
4. A list of questions, concerns, etc., about the submitted draft article to help workshop organizers identify how participation in the workshop will benefit the author in finalizing the draft article to prepare for submission to a journal;
5. One letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with the applicant, addressed to the ASR's Editor-in-Chief, Benjamin N. Lawrance, that includes, but is not limited to (a) confirmation that the recommender has read either the submission or previous work by the applicant; (b) an evaluation of the draft work; (c) confirmation that the recommender considers the work well enough developed to be on the path to submission to a journal; and (d) confirmation of the academic standing and progress of the applicant as represented in the accompanying CV;
6. *Either*, evidence of status as a PhD student, including year in program, *or*, for early career applicants, a letter from their Head of Department indicating their status;
7. For early career applicants ONLY, a copy of PhD certificate/diploma awarded.

The entire dossier shall be compiled as a single PDF file and submitted by email to ASR Managing Editor Kathryn Salucka at [kathryn@africanstudies.org](mailto:kathryn@africanstudies.org) with "ASR PEASS Nairobi" in the subject line.

**Selection Criteria:**

Space will be limited to approximately 10 emerging scholars, and decisions will be made with a view to diversity of background, experience, theme, discipline, and other concerns, subject to availability of suitable mentors. Applicants selected for participation will be notified by the ASR's Managing Editor after confirmation of the applicant's ASAA membership registration, by **SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**.

All successful applicants shall receive the following:

1. Payment of ASAA conference registration fee;
2. Accommodation for two nights and,
3. Meals for two days and nights.

Applicants are responsible for their own travel and all other costs incurred.

General queries may be directed to Kathryn Salucka [kathryn@africanstudies.org](mailto:kathryn@africanstudies.org) or Benjamin Lawrance [chiefeditor@africanstudiesreview.org](mailto:chiefeditor@africanstudiesreview.org) with "ASR PEASS Nairobi" in the subject line.

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