OD-B-8 Responding to Needs: Individual and State Strategies to Managing Every Day Life
Chair: Monica Fagioli

Complexities of State-Building in Somaliland
Monica Fagioli, Independent Scholar

Okadas and Danfos: Citizenship, the State, and Privately Organized Public Transportation in Nigeria
Daniel Smith, Brown University

Volunteering for a Job: Tanzanian Youth, Class, and Volunteer Labor
Chelsea Cutright, University of Kentucky

Yuan Wang, University of Oxford

OD-C-6 Religious Responses to Pandemics
Chair: Laura Meek, University of Hong Kong

RELIGION AND PANDEMICS: INTERROGATING CHRISTIAN/MUSLIM RESPONSES TO COVID-19 IN NIGERIA
Egodi Uchendu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Chukwuemeka Agbo, The University of Texas at Austin

Jacob Katumusiime, Makerere Institute of Social Research (MISR)

Covid-19, T.B. Joshua, and Troubling Medical/Religious Divisions in Tanzania
Laura Meek, University of Hong Kong

Chair: Peter Alegi, Michigan State University

Msia Kibona Clark, Howard University
Kim Yi Dionne, University of California Riverside
Peter Alegi, Michigan State University
Reginold Royston, University of Wisconsin-Madison

OD-D-4 Roundtable: The Politics of the Archives: From the Print Era to the Digital Age Part I
Chair: Shola Adenekan, University of Bremen

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Liz Timbs, North Carolina State University
Amatoritsero Ede, University of the Bahamas
Stephanie Bosch Santana, UCLA

**OD-D-5 Roundtable: The Politics of the Archives: From the Print Era to the Digital Age Part II**
**Chair:** Kwabena Opoku-Agyemang, University of Ghana

Kwabena Opoku-Agyemang, University of Ghana
Kuukuwa Manful, SOAS
James Yeku, University of Kansas
Jennifer Hart, Wayne State University

**OD-E-4 From Ivory Towers to Ebony Towers: Transforming Humanities Curricula in South Africa, Africa, and African-American Studies**
**Chair:** Oluwaseun Tella, University of Johannesburg
**Co-Chair:** Shireen Motala, University of Johannesburg

Shireen Motala, University of Johannesburg
Adekeye Adebajo, University of Johannesburg
Pamela Khanakwa, Makerere University
David Owusu-Ansah, James Madison University
Krista Johnson, Howard University

**OD-E-5 Language, Education, and Belonging in Conflict**
**Chair:** Celia Reddick, Harvard University

“Without the language you cannot be identified”: Sudanese and South Sudanese refugee children’s sense of belonging in exile
Celia Reddick, Harvard University

*English as Resistance: South Sudan’s Unification Through Language in the New National Curriculum*
Orelia Jonathan, Harvard University

**Discussant:** Orelia Jonathan, Harvard University

**OD-F-5 Critical Conservation Studies**
**Chair:** Annette LaRocco, Florida Atlantic University

“Mr. Crane, the Faithful Husband”: Ugandans Rethinking Wetland Conservation, 1986 to Present
John Doyle-Raso, Michigan State University

*Post-Corona Wildlife Conservation in the Anthropocene: Botswana as an instructive case*
Parakh Hoon, South Puget Sound Community College

Willis Okech Oyugi, Sam Houston State University
Conservation and Political Conflict in Africa’s ‘Miracle’ State
Annette LaRocco, Florida Atlantic University

The African Case for Carbon Removal
Olúfẹ́mi O. Táiwọ́, Georgetown University

OD-F-6 Land, Resources, and Energy Use in Senegal: Past and Present
Chair: Stephen Wood, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

The Old is New: Renewable Energy and Biofuels in Postcolonial Senegal
John Cropper, College of Charleston

Experimental Rice Agriculture and Solutions to Saltwater Incursion in the Senegal River Basin, 1945-1990
Rebecca Wall, Stanford University

The Faltering Land Rush and the Limits to Extractive Capitalism in Senegal
Marie Gagné, University of Toronto,

Robyn d'Avignon, New York University

Discussant: Ashley Fent, Vassar College

OD-F-7 Water Insecurity In the Era of Global Climate Change
Chair: Allen Isaacman, University of Minnesota and University of Western Cape

Stephan Meischers, University of California, Santa Barbara
Dzodzi Tsikaata, University of Lagon
Harry Verhoeven, Georgetown University
Angie Zhanjin, Independent Scholar

OD-G-10 Political Engagement and Economic Empowerment of Women in Uganda
Chair: Paige Schneider, University of the South

Income Generation and Empowerment Pathways for Rural Women of Jagusi Parish, Uganda: A Double Sided Sword
Robin Marsh, University of California, Berkeley

Resisting Women’s Political Leadership: The Experiences of Local Councilors in Uganda
Paige Schneider, University of the South

Of ‘Yellow Girls’ and Banana Leaves: Women and the Removal of Executive Term Limits in Uganda
Amanda Edgell, University of Alabama
OD-G-11 Rethinking Women in South Africa’s Congress Movement(s)
Chair: Jill Kelly, Southern Methodist University
Shireen Hassim, Carleton University
Rachel Sandwell, McGill University
Joel Cabrita, Stanford University
Meghan Healy-Clancy, Bridgewater State University
Sisonke Msimang, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research

OD-G-13 What About Widows Part I: The Resilience Of Widows
Chair: Claire Robertson, Ohio State University
Co-Chair: Benjamin Lawrance, University of Arizona

*The Children’s Fight: The Centrality of Motherhood to Widowhood in Rural Sierra Leone*
Catherine E. Bolten, University of Notre Dame

*Widows, Sex, & Death*
Joanna Davidson, Boston University

*Willful Quiescence, Powerless Resistance, or Ambiguous Militarization: Exploring the Socio-Political Belonging of Nigerian Army Widows of The Boko Haram Insurgency*
Fisayo Ajala, Stellenbosch University

*Fleeing Levirate, Sororate, and Witch Camps: African Widow Self-Reliance and Western Asylum Claiming*
Benjamin N. Lawrance, University of Arizona

*Discussant*: Jacqueline-Bethel Mougoué, University of Wisconsin, Madison

OD-G-14 What About Widows Part II: Slavery, Inheritance, & Slave-Trading Widows
Chair: Walter Hawthorne, Michigan State University
Co-Chair: Benjamin Lawrance, University of Arizona

*The Demonization of Wealthy African Women in 17th-century Upper Guinea*
Vanícóia Silva Santos, University of Pennsylvania

*The Signares of Senegal: marriage, widowhood, heritage and autonomy in the 18th and 19th centuries*
Juliana Barreto Farias, Universidade da Integração Internacional da Lusofonia Afro-brasileira,

*Slave Owning Widows from Portuguese Mozambique during the Late Nineteenth Century*
Daniel B. Domingues da Silva, Rice University

*Widows, ‘Ordinary’ Men, and the Politics of Marriage in the Early Colonial French Soudan*
Wallace Teska, Stanford University

*Discussant*: Richard Roberts, Stanford University
OD-G-15 What About Widows Part III: Widowhood, Law, & Custom
Chair: Brett Shadle, Virginia Tech
Co-Chair: Benjamin Lawrance, University of Arizona

Marriage, Widowhood, and Law in Angola, 1850-1880
Mariana Candido, Notre Dame University & Emory University

Of Guns and Widows: The Gender of Inheritance and Accumulation in Late Colonial French Soudan (colonial Mali)
Emily Burrill, Univ. of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Between Laws and Customs: A Treacherous Widowhood Journey in Nigeria
Wesley Innocent Alubo, National Human Rights Commission, Nigeria,

Refusing ‘Native Law’: Widows and the Remaking of Custom in Colonial Natal, 1875-1905
Liz Thornberry, Johns Hopkins University

Discussant: Katie Luongo, Northeastern University

OD-G-16 What About Widows Part IV: Inheritance Rights and Wrongs
Chair: Rachel Jean-Baptiste, University of California Davis
Co-Chair: Benjamin Lawrance, University of Arizona

Challenges, Coping Strategies and Consequences of Bereavement for Middle-Aged Widows and Widowers in Effutu Municipality, Central Region, Ghana
Pearl Kumi, University of Cape Coast

Upstanding Veuves: Redefining Women's Public Status in Post-Emancipation Gorée
Sarah Kumi Western Washington University

Resisting and Owning: Widowhood fatwas in 19th and early 20th Century Mauritania
Abbass Braham, University of Arizona

The social context of widowhood rites and women’s human rights in Cameroon
Mathias Fubah Alubafi, HRSC

Discussant: Dorothy Hodgson, Brandeis University

OD-G-17 What About Widows Part V: Widow Rights and Widowhood Rites
Chair: Richard L. Roberts, Stanford University
Co-Chair: Benjamin Lawrance, University of Arizona

Crossing the River: Journeys into widowhood through mourning rituals in contemporary Lesotho
Seithati Rafoneke, University of Pretoria,

Four Months, Ten Days and Beyond: Widowhood Rites in a Muslim Sudanese Village
Rogaia Mustafa Abusharaf, SFSQ-Georgetown University
Widows and their worth: the gendered politics of intestate succession in postcolonial Ghana
Kate Skinner, University of Birmingham

The Children’s Fight: The Centrality of Motherhood to Widowhood in Rural Sierra Leone
Catherine Bolten, University of Notre Dame

Discussant: Benjamin Lawrance, University of Arizona

OD-G-18 Women as Agents and Actors in Digital Media and Performing Arts
Chair: Dotun Ayobade, Brown University

Authority (of and in) Drama and Film on Female Genital Mutilation
Tobe Levin von Gleichen, Hutchins Center Harvard

Women’s Talk in Ugochi Onyewu’s F.I.E.R.C.E Igbo Women’s Initiative Podcast: A Pragmatic Study
Ukachi Wachuku, Alvan Ikoku Federal College of Education

Facing the Music: AIDS, Struggle and Life after Fela Kuti
Dotun Ayobade, Brown University

OD-H-4 Challenging Settled Narratives: Disability Research and the Experience of Disability in Ghana
Chair: Jeff Grischow, Wilfrid Laurier University

Disrupting the Discourse: Using Disability Studies and Media in the Educational Curriculum in Africa
Sefakor Komabu-Pomeyie, University of Vermont

Rethinking Alliances and Contestations of Citizenship: Disabled People’s Experiences with Cash Transfer Programs in Ghana
Chris-Mike, Stony Brook University

Methodological Challenges in Doing Mental Health Research in Ghanaiian Cultural Communities
Magnus Mfoafo-M’Carthy, Wilfrid Laurier University

Jeff Grischow, Wilfrid Laurier University

Discussant: Jonathan Reynolds, Northern Kentucky University

OD-H-6 Health, Disease and Environment
Chair: Madia Thomson, Independent Scholar

Community-based Healthcare Governance and Service Delivery: Chiefs and Rural Health Services in South-Western Nigeria, c. 1920 – c. the 1950
Adedamola Adetiba, Adekunle Ajasin University
Chikungunya and Dengue in the 1870s Indian Ocean World: Grappling with “Mistaken Identity” and Etiologic Confusion” in Durban, South Africa  
Philip Rotz, Boston University

Livestock Diseases, the Environment, and History in Zimbabwe, 1890-1954  
Francis Dube, Morgan State University

The Post-Independence Transformation of Maputo’s Central Hospital  
David Morton, University of British Columbia

**OD-I-18 A Multi-Sited Perspective on the History of Slavery: “Following the People Who Don’t Fit” within Histories of Enslavement and of the Post-Abolition Era**  
**Chair:** Asligul Berktay, NYU Shanghai

Mousses and Mothers: Social Suffering and Death in the Atlantic’s Womb.  
Ousmane Traore, Pomona College

I will not keep my wealth in people!: Going Against Slave Ownership in Nineteenth-Century Salvador  
Asligul Berktay, NYU Shanghai

Making Sense of the Colonial Abolition in the Context of Algerian Resistance against Colonialism  
Yacine Daddi Addoun, The University of Kansas

**Discussant:** Chouki El-Hamel, Arizona State University

**OD-I-19 African Penal Histories**  
**Chair:** Erin Braatz, Suffolk University Law School

Prisoner Amnesties in Postcolonial Uganda  
Katherine Bruce-Lockhart, University of Waterloo

The Podor Affair: A Tale of Murder, Politics, and Execution in 1890s French Senegal  
Dior Konate, South Carolina State University

Intersections of Fascist and Colonial Violence in Contemporary Literature of Equatorial Guinea  
Anna Mester, University of Massachusetts Boston

Achake Selliatou Aibouko: Human Trafficker or Defamed Market Woman?  
Jessica Reuther, Ball State University

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**OD-I-20 Biographies and Ethnonyms from the Era of Trans-Atlantic Slavery**  
**Chair:** Henry Lovejoy, University of Colorado Boulder
“Of the tribe of the Foulahs;” Tracing Biographical Information on Liberated Africans entered into the Royal Navy
Suzanne Schwarz, University of Worcester, UK

Inside of the Households: The search for Liberated African children biographies through the analysis of the Apprenticeship system in Sierra Leone (1808-1864)
Erika Melek Delgado, King's College London

Enslavement on the Gold Coast in the Eighteenth Century: A Biographical Approach
Sean Kelley, University of Essex

Biographies of Yoruba Liberated African Missionaries of the Church Missionary Society in the Nineteenth Century
Leidy Alpizar-Alpizar, York University

Discussant: Paul E Lovejoy, York University

OD-I-21 Children, Youth, and Globalization
Chair: Lynne Stillings, The Graduate Center, CUNY

A Crisis of Childhood? The Contested Globalization of Children’s Bodies in 1950s Kenya
Thomas Bouril, Syracuse University

African Aid, Child Evacuees, and Medical Research During the Nigeria-Biafra War
Bill Sharman, Duke University

Senegalese Childhood, Global Children’s Rights: Sen P’tit Gallé and the Politics of Musical Participation
Lynne Stillings, The Graduate Center, CUNY

OD-I-23 The House in West African History
Chair: Sarah Balakrishnan, University of Virginia

The Incorporated Fabric of the Home in the Lagos Colony in 1913
Adedoyin Teriba, Vassar College

Sheltering the Protector: Material and Spiritual Transactions in the Construction of Shrines in Asante
Tony Yeboah, Yale University

The Household and the Boundary: Spatial Order During the Gold Coast Slave Trade
Sarah Balakrishnan, University of Virginia

The Lagos House
Mark Duerksen, Department of State

Discussant: Ato Quayson, Stanford University
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**Chair:** Cajetan Iheka, Yale University

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Katie Luongo, Northeastern University

*Youth*
Abbey Youth, UNC Chapel Hill, Youth

*Epistemology*
Cheikh Thiam, School of International Training, Dakar

*Pan-Africanism*
Christopher Ouma, University of Cape Town

**Discussant:** Claudia Gastrow, University of Johannesburg

**OD-K-3 Transregional African Studies**

**Chair:** Tatiana Carayannis, SSRC

Jamie Monson, Michigan State University
Gilbert Khadiagala, University of Witwatersrand
Bob Wekesa, University of Witwatersrand
Ramatoulaye Diagne, University of Thies
Cyril Obi, SSRC

**OD-L-9 Empathy and Trauma in African Literature**

**Chair:** Joya Uraizee, Saint Louis University

*“I AM JUMPING ON HER CHEST KPWUD KPWUD”: PERVERTED INITIATION AND EDUCATION IN UZODINMA IWEALA’S BEASTS OF NO NATION*
Cecilia Addei, University of Mines and Technology

*Empathy and the Representation of Postcolonial African Conflict: Hisham Matar’s In the Country of Men*
Saumya Lal, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

*The Power of Persistence: Aher Arop Bol’s "The Lost Boy" and Sulaiman Addonia’s "Silence is My Mother Tongue"*
Joya Uraizee, Saint Louis University

*“the one who leaves never returns “: Migration, Trauma and Construction of Madness in Tosin Gbogi’s the tongues of a shattered s-k-y and locomotifs & other songs*
Daniel Oluwafemi, Technische Universität Chemnitz
OD-L-10 New Theoretical Approaches to African Literary Studies
Chair: Susanna Sacks, College of Wooster

The Invention of the Ancestors: The Portuguese in Rider Haggard’s Narrative
Francesco Genovesi La Sapienza University of Rome

Poetics of Prosperity and Paucity: An Introduction to Postcolonial Economic Criticism
Daniel Chukwuemeka University of Bristol

Trash Children: Wasteful Futurity in Contemporary Malawian Literature
Susanna Sacks, College of Wooster

OD-M-3 Complicating Borders for Refugees and the Forcibly Displaced
Chair: Margaret Monyani, University of Witwatersrand

Refugees in the Great Lakes Region: challenges, power dynamics, durable solutions and possibilities
Julius Omona, Makerere University

Just Being Around? The Relationship between Nation State, Borders, and Refugees in Perspective
Margaret Monyani, University of Witwatersrand

Deconstructing Borders: Mobility Strategies of South-Sudanese Refugees in Northern Uganda
Sarah Vancluysen, University of Antwerp

Rebel Targeting of Refugee Camps in Africa
Beth Whitaker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

OD-M-5 Seeking Something Different Through International Migration
Chair: Hewan Girma, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Migrate, Return, Repeat: An Insight into Ethiopian Circular Migration Movements
Hewan Girma, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Threshold Mobilities: Sub-saharan African Women Migrants in Morocco
Amber Scarborough, University of Illinois Urbana, Champaign

Ethnic Identity and Employment Seeking Behavior of Young Internal Migrants in Ghana
Joseph Assan, Brandeis University

African Diaspora in India: The ethics of living and survival strategies
Shambhavi Bhushan, University of Florida

How African citizens form international migration intentions
Justin Schon, University of Virginia

OD-M-6 African Music Documentary: Screenings and Conversations with Filmmakers
**OD-M-7 Preservation and Exploration of Tradition**

**Chair:** Brendan Kibbee, City University of New York

- *Jomion and the Uklos: Hwedo-Jazz and Vodun in the New African Diaspora in New York City*
  Sarah Politz, University of Florida

- *Islam, the Arts, and Urban Order: Modou Kara’s Revolution Musicale in Dakar, Senegal*
  Brendan Kibbee, City University of New York

- *A Sonorous Philosophy of Swahili Culture: Musical Composition as Intellectual Practice in Mombasa*
  Andrew Eisenberg, NYU Abu Dhabi

**OD-O-6 Addressing the Challenges of Conflicts, Nation-Statehood and Security in Africa: Rethinking Conventional Explanations and Strategies**

**Chair:** Rashid Nur, Howard University

- Daryl Jones, Howard University
- Canice Enylaka, Howard University
- Alem Hailu, Howard University
- Yohannes Halle, Howard University

**OD-O-7 Colonial Violence and Armed Struggle in Southern Africa**

**Chair:** Daniel Douek, McGill University

- *War In the Shadows: Umkhonto we Sizwe vs. UNITA in Angola, 1975-1989*
  Daniel Douek, McGill University

- *Fear of a Black International: African Liberation, the CIA, and Richard Gibson*
  Toivo Asheeke, Vassar College

- *The Unmourned Civil War: South Africa and the end of apartheid*
  Jacob Dlamini, Princeton University

**Discussant:** Allen Isaacman, University of Minnesota

**OD-O-8 Problematics and Paradigms of Peacebuilding and Development**

**Chair:** Mareike Schomerus, Busara Centre
A new paradigm for development after violent conflict
Mareike Schomerus, Busara Centre

Beware the magic crocodile: Chiefs and transformative peace in Malawi
Emily Maiden, University of North Florida

Questioning liberal Peacebuilding – Answer from a Civil-Peace-Service
Samantha Ruppel, Goethe University Frankfurt

Making Peace Safe for Civilians: Escalation and De-Escalation During Elite Negotiations in South Sudan
Sophia Dawkins, Yale University

OD-P-17 A New Agenda for Security Assistance and Human Rights
Chair: Carl LeVan, American University
Adotei Akwei, Amnesty International
Vanita Datta, U.S. Agency for International
Stephen Schwartz, State Department
Salih Booker, Center for International Policy

OD-P-18 African Worldmaking: New Frames in Global Engagement
Chair: Rita KikiEdozie, University of Massachusetts Boston

Contested Transnational Justice Cascades: The ICC in Africa vs. the African RCC (Regional Criminal Court)
Rita Kiki Edozie, University of Massachusetts, Boston

African Intellectuals and Institutions and World Norm-Making: International Human Rights
Eunice Sahle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Africa’s Global Security Regionalism: Pushing Up from the Bottom Tier
Moses Khisa, North Carolina State University

Kwame Nkrumah, Decolonization, and Global IR Movements
Thomas Kwasi Tieku, King’s University College at Western University

Discussant: Michael Woldemariam, Boston University
Co-Discussant: Dennis Jjuuko, University of Massachusetts Boston

OD-P-20 Institutional Actors in African Development and Sovereignty
Chair: Anika Wilson, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Fractal Sovereignty in Sierra Leone
Susan Shepler, American University

“This is Cruelty at its best”: Fluid interpretations of custom and violence in Malawian Courts
Anika Wilson, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Faith-Based Organizations and Region-Building in Africa
Okey Iheduru, Arizona State University

China and Japan’s Higher Education Aid to Africa: Modalities, Motivations, and Outcomes
Mingru Li, Harvard University

OD-Q-16 African Political Economy: Long-Run Perspectives, Part I
Chair: Marlous van Waijenburg, University of Michigan

Leigh Gardner, London School of Economics

Historical Perspectives on Power Sector Reforms in Nigeria, 1909-1985
Damilola Adebayo, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Gareth Austin, Cambridge University,

Discussant: Paul Ocobock, University of Notre Dame

OD-Q-17 African Political Economy: Long-run Perspectives, Part II
Chair: Leigh Gardner, London School of Economics

When Women March: The 1929 Aba Women’s Tax Revolt, Prisons and Political Participation in Nigeria
Belinda Archibong, Columbia University, Barnard College

Inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa from Pre-colonial times to the Present
Marlous van Waijenburg, University of Michigan

Postcoloniality in Historical Perspective: Europe, Overseas Empire and Globalization
Ralph Austen, University of Chicago

Discussant: Paul Ocobock, University of Notre Dame

OD-Q-19 Challenges of Power and Leadership Transition
Chair: Safia Farole, UCLA

Local Election Candidate Nominations and Ethnic Party Transformation in South Africa
Safia Farole, UCLA

Electoral Blind Spot in Africa
Takashi Nagatsuji (Waseda University)

The Power of Partisanship: Explaining variations in ruling party dominance
Paul Friesen, University of Notre Dame
OD-Q-20 Electoral Politics in Africa
Chair: Jaimie Bleck, Notre Dame

Who Votes with the Chief? Evaluating Traditional Authority in the Ghana-Togo Borderlands
Martha Wilfahrt, UC Berkeley

The generational-shift factor in Uganda’s 2021 elections Opposition coordination in Uganda’s 2021 election: new opportunities and old challenges
Moses Khisa, North Carolina State

Political Finance in Africa: What We Know and What We Don’t
Rachel Sigman, Naval Postgraduate School

Democratic Resilience and State Capacity in Low Income Africa
Nicolas van de walle, Cornell University

Discussant: Nicholas Kerr, University of Florida

OD-Q-21 Let There Be Money: The Social, Financial, and Political Worlds of Zimbabwean Currencies
Chair: Jeremy Jones, College of the Holy Cross

Soldiering MONEY: In and outside Zimbabwe Barrack
Godfrey Maringira, Sol Plaatje University

The Moniness of Everyday Money: Currencies, enduring legacies and the post 2000 financial crisis in Zimbabwe
Tinashe Nyamunda, North West University, South Africa

“Access” to money and banking services during the crisis period in Zimbabwe, 2006 to 2009
Tapiwa Madimu, University of the Free State, South Africa

Weimar on the Mukuvisi: The Anatomy of Hyperinflationary Comparisons
Jeremy Jones, College of the Holy Cross,

Discussant: Jeremy Jones, College of the Holy Cross

OD-Q-22 Political Violence
Chair: Kristin McKie, St. Lawrence University

The Road to Post-war Authoritarianism: Violence and Divergent Regime Trajectories in Uganda and Rwanda
Gerald Bareebe, University of Toronto

Political Violence and National Identification in Cameroon
Joseph Lasky, Cornell University

Post-coup protest and its consequences
Sebastian Elischer, University of Florida
Markets and Violence in Nigeria: How Market Associations Condition Exposure to Electoral Violence
Andrew Miller, MIT

OD-Q-23 Political, Institutional, and Diplomatic Development in Ghana
Chair: Janet Kwami, Furman University

No Lowering of Standards: the failures within the creation of the Ghanaian bureaucracy
Osei Boakye, Stanford University

‘Soft Power’ and the Impact of the Bui Hydropower dam on China – Ghana Relationship
Kwame Adovor Tsikudo, University of Illinois

Informational Rents and Programmatic Policies
Jeremy Bowles, Harvard University

OD-Q-24 Understanding the Congolese State
Chair: Jason Stearns, Simon Fraser University

When grievance begets violence: State legitimacy and the Kamuina Nsapu rebellion
Joshua Walker, New York University

The Involuted State: The Congolese state, its interests, and armed conflict
Jason Stearns, Simon Fraser

Government outsourced: State-mimicking, violent subcontracting and proxy wars in eastern Congo
Christoph Vogel, Ghent University

Congo, the proto-state: A theoretical discussion of state dysfunction in the DR Congo
Nissé Mughendi, Université du Graben

Discussant: Kristof Titeca, University of Antwerp

OD-Q-25 Year II of Félix-Antoine Tshisekedi’s Presidency, Diverse Perspectives
Chair: Kasongo Kapanga, University of Richmond
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Roger Alfani, Seton Hall University
Kasereka Kasomo, The Claremont Graduate University
Muadi Mukenge, Congolese Studies Association
Emmanuel Sekiyoba, University of Southern Mississippi

OD-R-8 Influencers of Past and Present
Chair: Abayomi Ola, Spelman College
POSTPROVERBIALS: IDENTITY FORMATION AND SELF-FASHIONING IN FUJI MUSIC
Stephen Boluwaduro, University of Ibadan

“The Bones Keep Rising’: The Enduring and Evolving Presence of Nehanda Nyakasikana in Zimbabwean Popular Culture”
Shingi Mavima, University of Toledo

Newspaper Framing and Public Perception of China's Trade Investment in Nigeria
Victor C. Eze, University of Ibadan

Gender, Power and Parody in the Anglophone West African Newspapers (1950-70)
Abayomi Ola, Spelman College

OD-U-2 Decolonizing Africana Sociologies
Chair: Assata Zerai, University of New Mexico
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‘The Third Paradigm in Cultural Studies: The Africana Paradigm’
Biko Agozino, Virginia Tech

Teaching Urban Rebellions as Pedagogy for an Anti-Racist Praxis
Ken Salo, University of Illinois

Radical black feminism, scholar-activism, and the decolonial research methodology
Assata Zerai, University of New Mexico

Social difference and individual agency in the school-to-work transitions of Ghanaian tertiary graduates
Nana Akua Anyidoho, University of Ghana

Discussant: Jerry Dibua, Morgan State University

OD-U-3 Decolonizing Africana Sociology of Literature
Chair: Biko Agozino, Virginia Tech

Black Speculative Fiction as a Praxis of Moten’s “Nothingness”: Visions, Hallucinations, and Other Unpackings of Material Freedoms
Paige Grant, University of Toronto

Circles of Belonging
Obinkaram Echewa, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

The Autobiography of Nne Nne
Obinkaram Echewa, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Discussant: Biko Agozino, Virginia Tech
OD-V-15 African Academic Diasporas and Higher Education in Africa: Towards Consolidation and Sustainability
Chair: Samuel Ojo Oloruntoba, Carleton University

L. Pauline Rankin, Carleton University
Abdoulaye Gueye, University of Ottawa
Mary Setrana, University of Ghana
Wangui Kimari, University of Cape Town

OD-V-16 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Opportunities in Africa
Chair: Kimberly Williams, Institute of International Education

Gretchen Bauer, Institute of International Education
Amy Forss, Institute of International Education
Kimberly Williams, Institute of International Education

OD-V-17 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Rwandan Culture, Society and History
Chair: Alison MacAulay, University of Toronto

_Rwandan Oral Storytelling Through Graphic Novels_
Jerome Irankunda, University of Tourism, Technology, and Business Studies

“Commune” archives in Rwanda and the study of the genocide against the Tutsi
Philibert Gakwenzire, University of Rwanda

_Mourning Practices in Traditional Rwandan Culture and Implications for Genocide Memory_
Samantha Lakin, Clark University

_Intore as Cultural Icon: Filming Practices in Colonial Rwanda_
Alison MacAulay, University of Toronto

OD-V-18 Re-Visiting the 2014 African Studies Association Conference in Indianapolis: Strategies Used to Enhance Participation of the African Diaspora
Chair: Bessie House Soremekun, JSU

Adrianna Midamba, United States Agency for International Development
Vimal Patel, Hindu University of America
John Loflin, Vorcreatex Foundation
Ernest Berry, Alabama African American History Association
Shelia Boyd, Americore

OD-W-5 Contestations of Race, Class, and Citizenship in the African City
Chair: Chase Barney, University of Arkansas
An Exploration on Asmara a Modernist, and a Divided African city  
Tekle Woldemikael, Chapman University

Segregated Salisbury: Policing, Paternalism, and Post-War Americanization in Late Colonial Salisbury  
Chase Barney, University of Arkansas

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