ASA 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting
2020 Preliminary Program
Updated: 9/18/20

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B. **Anthropology**

I-B-1 Studying International Interventions in Contemporary Africa: Decolonizing Projects, Historical and Ethnographic Approaches, Part I

II-B-2 Studying International Interventions in Contemporary Africa: Decolonizing Projects, Historical and Ethnographic Approaches Part II

VIII-B-3 Geopoetics of Care and Repair in the Postcolony Part I: Materiality of Repair and Care Across African Landscapes of Labour

IX-B-4 Geopoetics of Care and Repair in the Postcolony Part II: The Politics and Intimacies of Health Care

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XV-B-6 Geopoetics of Care and Repair in the Postcolony Part III: Towards an Ethics of Care in Postcolonial Governance?

XVI-B-7 Geopoetics of Care and Repair in the Postcolony Part IV: Care and Repair in Digitopian presents and Futures

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C. **COVID-19**

XIX-C-1 Realities of COVID-19 and Africa

D. **Digital Humanities**

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OD-D-3 Podcasts and the Study of Africa: A Digital Technology’s Impact on Research, Teaching, and Public Engagement

OD-D-4 The Politics of the Archives: From the Print Era to the Digital Age Part I

OD-D-5 The Politics of the Archives: From the Print Era to the Digital Age Part II
Gendered Troubles: Gender, Class and Ethnicity
Making and Resisting Colonialism Through Law
Edward W. Blyden’s Intellectual Transformations
Atomic Junction: Nuclear Power in Africa after Independence
Local, Revolutionary politics and International Relations
Knowledge, Identity and Uncertainty along Networks of Liberation and Counter-Insurgency
Museums, Archaeology, and the State in Colonial and Post-Colonial Nigeria
Decolonizing the Archive? Power and Persistence in Archival Practices and Historiography
Debates on Restitution and Repatriation Claims: African Heritage in the Museum
Militarizing Marriage Meets Critics
Sport and African History: The Case of Kenya
Liberated Africans and Libertos in the Western Indian Ocean
Publishing in the Journal of West African History
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
African Penal Histories
Biographies and Ethnonyms from the Era of Trans-Atlantic Slavery
Children, Youth and Globalization
Nigerian Societies in Transition (Sponsored by the Lagos Studies Association)
The House in West African History

Indian Ocean Studies
Indian Ocean Epistemologies and African-Asian Studies
Language and Living on the Swahili Coast

Interrogating African Studies
Knowledge Production in Africa: Thinking Africa and the World from Africa
African Studies Review Keywords
Transregional African Studies

Literature
Africa in Performance
The Asian Presence in East Africa: History, Community, and Identity
African Children, Agency, and the Politics of Representation Part I
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Subversive Traditions
At Penpoint: African Literatures, Postcolonial Studies, and the Cold War
Soft Power Censorship in African Literatures, Film, Visual Arts, and Public Cultures
Empathy and Trauma in African Literature
New Theoretical Approaches to African Literary Studies

Migration, Border Studies, & Refugees
Being and Belonging Across Boundaries
Consumers, Entrepreneurs, Students, and Translators: Peopling China-Africa Relations
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