ADD YOUR NAME TO THE ASA MEMBER SPECIALIST DIRECTORY

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The African Studies Association is pleased to announce the launch of the ASA Member Specialist Directory. A new initiative in 2021, this directory showcases the expertise of ASA members available to the general public. The ASA recognizes the critical role our members play in disseminating historical and contemporary knowledge about Africa. This directory will facilitate more consistent exchange of information about Africa between members of the ASA and those outside the community with a need for a better understanding of issues relating to African Studies, and current events in Africa.

Members have the opportunity to volunteer their knowledge to serve as country experts for asylum claims, provide media commentary, or other professional services. The ASA routinely receives requests from asylum lawyers for country experts, translation service requests, and more. This directory will facilitate connections between ASA members and news programs, print publications, radio shows, and a variety of other professionals seeking specific expertise. A modern-day rolodex, inclusion in this directory will provide members an opportunity to widen their networks, see a greater impact of their research findings, and add freelance jobs and services to their resumes.

ASA members are invited to complete the Specialists Directory Profile Builder, available on myASA only. Members are encouraged to include expertise keywords that will be featured in the homepage of the Specialists Directory, along with a more detailed biography, and additional information (personal webpages, Twitter handles, etc.) as desired. Members will have the option to indicate if they would like to be contacted for any or all of the following categories: Media Commentary; Asylum Claims; and Other Professional Services.