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AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION



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LETTER FROM THE ASA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear ASA Community,

In early 2022, the ASA began to emerge from its COVID-19 programming to prepare for the return to in-person meetings in Philadelphia. The ASA Secretariat simultaneously entered a period of major transition unlike anything experienced in the last decade. Following the bittersweet departures of the Deputy Director, Program Manager, and Executive Director for new and exciting career opportunities, the ASA shifted its operations to a single full-time Interim director and a part-time graduate assistant. Based on member reports, ASA's experience paralleled that of many other small organizations and academic departments; after two years of exhausting pandemic-related pivoting, online program innovation, and Zoom fatigue, staff turnover was ubiquitous. We expect to see continued employment shifts in 2023 with further changes in the academic employment landscape.

Much of ASA's 2022 programming intentionally fostered conversations about the state of higher education. Most notable was the Emerging Scholars Network pre-conference workshop 'Beyond the Academy.' The workshop demystified industry application processes, empowering students to communicate their skills to potential employers and transform their CVs into professional résumés. Indeed, with 4.4 million jobs added to the economy in 2022 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics), there are many exciting, gainful opportunities for our talented graduates.

The ASA was honored to cohost a Members' Event with the ASA Women's Caucus to discuss their multi-year research and policy proposal concerning the gendered impacts of COVID in the academy. During the Fall Board Meeting, the ASA Board of Directors formally adopted the statement in solidarity. The continued pandemic impacts on women's publication, promotion, and tenure reviews were no doubt compounded by the shocking Supreme Court overturn of *Roe v. Wade* in June. The health and safety of all our members is essential to their flourishing in the field, at our events, and in their lives. ASA also advocated for the safety, fair treatment, and freedom of our international members, many of whom have been impacted by the Russian invasion of Ukraine and ensuing war as well as democratic backsliding in numerous countries including the US. It was a challenging year in many ways, making it all the more heartening to see many relevant roundtables and hear impassioned discussions on these topics throughout the 65th Annual Meeting.

It is an honor to serve our constituents throughout the year, and particularly during our events. The ASA's capacity to convene its members is one of its greatest assets. That was proven once again at the 65th Annual Meeting in November, which was a triumph in many respects. The event boasted over 300 sessions, keynotes, meetings, and special events. It was a joyous reunion marking a transition for the Association into a new era. While attrition was somewhat higher compared to past years due to COVID infections and visa delays, many were able to present in absentia with technological assistance. We were also pleased not to receive any reports of COVID infection at or as a result of the Annual Meeting.

ASA benefitted immensely from the thoughtful and dedicated leadership of our Board of Directors under President Ousseina Alidou, and from the initiative and dedication of key partners in the ASA community who led and collaborated on important projects throughout the year. I am honored to now serve as the official ASA Executive Director as of December 15 and look forward to serving the membership and institution. We are grateful for our editorial teams, volunteers, donors, sponsors, exhibitors, community partners, and membership for their unending support, commitment, and patience during this transition. Thank you and we look forward to another inspiring year together in 2023.

Alix Saba

ASA MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1957, the African Studies Association is the flagship membership organization devoted to enhancing the exchange of information about Africa.

The African Studies Association encourages the production and dissemination of historical and contemporary knowledge about Africa. The ASA is based in the United States and aims to cultivate a better understanding of the continent, taking a holistic approach to its areas of focus. This includes all facets of Africa's political, economic, social, cultural, artistic, scientific, and environmental landscapes, to name a few. Our global membership include scholars, students, teachers, activists, artists, development professionals, policymakers, and donors.

The ASA achieves its mission by:

- Providing access to path-breaking research and key debates in African Studies
- Facilitating interdisciplinary exchanges with African scholars and institutions
- Publishing high-quality research on Africa-related issues
- Fostering networks of Africanist scholars and practitioners through the Annual Meeting and other forums
- Addressing the challenges faced by universities engaged in research, teaching, and outreach related to Africa
- Broadening professional opportunities on African issues
- Promoting a better understanding of Africa through academia, policy-makers, NGOs, media, business, learned societies, and other interested communities

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Nathalie Agbessi, Office Administrative Assistant

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2022 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND RELATED INITIATIVES

The Strategic Priorities are set by the Board of Directors with support from the Executive Director. They are then accomplished through thoughtful programming and special initiatives. The ASA's current Strategic Priorities are listed below with progress updates and ongoing programming developed to further these goals.

1. **Increase our membership footprint, our member engagement, and the dissemination of our members' and coordinate organizations' work in a way that achieves our mission of increasing knowledge about and promoting a better understanding of Africa.**

In 2022, ASA implemented a more equitable dues structure to create greater accessibility. ASA programmed two online Members Events with Coordinate Organizations, one on Emerging Scholars and advocacy and second on the gendered impacts of COVID in the academy, as well as the ESN Careers Beyond the Academy PACT workshop and a Sports Africa Trivia Night.

2. **Diversify our financial model to reduce dependence on membership dues, meeting registration fees, and publication royalties for the association's survival.**

In 2022, ASA continued its Carnegie Corporation of New York funded programs and was awarded a Ford Foundation grant to support ICAADS programming. The ASA also renegotiated and renewed both its Rutgers and Cambridge University Press contracts to grow support.

3. **Ensure the ASA's implementation of innovative event management technologies and processes to improve the efficiency and impact of the ASA Annual Meeting, ancillary meetings, and other events organized by the association.**

In 2022, ASA continued to use OpenWater for digital abstract and scheduling management, reducing program errors and ensuring accurate submission tracking and management. A new Annual Meeting app was developed and launched in November.

4. **Ensure, through our own journals and wider engagement with African Studies publishers, that the field of African Studies publishing is robust, diverse, and accessible to emerging scholars and scholars based in non-North American institutions.**

In 2022, ASA scholarly journals received a total of 242 manuscripts representing 38 countries, with 23 countries represented in the final accepted publications. Open Access articles continued to increase in 2022 to create greater global accessibility to the knowledge produced in ASA journals.

5. **Advocate and work in support of inclusion and representation in the field of African Studies both through our own organization and partnerships and collaboration with related organizations.**

In 2022, ASA continued its ICAADS collaborations with ASAA, ASWAD, and Africa is a Country to provide global joint programming in African and Diaspora Studies. ASA hosted 15 CCNY Fellows from the continent at ASA programs and 8 CCNY Fellows at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

2022 CLIMATE AGENDA

At the Association of African Studies Programs (AASP) Spring Meeting, the ASA presented programmatic goals including shifting post-COVID priorities. During the Q&A, an African Studies department chair rightly pointed out that the ASA did not include any climate related assessments or programming to reduce climate impact in the agenda. While the reality of hotel waste and air travel will continue to be issues for Board assessment, the ASA will take on a climate impact review and subsequently implement programmatic and operational changes in line with the organization's mission. The following constitutes the 2022-2023 ASA Climate Agenda.

Immediate Action Plan:

- Increase the number of online events throughout the year to reduce travel related fossil fuels and increase accessibility.
- Reduce on-site meeting food waste by reducing buffets and increasing plated or boxed meals as well as making eco-friendly to-go containers available for food to be taken home rather than discarded whenever possible.
- Reduce on-site meeting swag waste by committing to evergreen branding. Evergreen items will no longer specify the year or contain content that cannot be reused the following year.
- Increase sustainability by selecting tote bags made from 100% natural fibers or 100% post-consumer recycled materials.
- Reduce on-site paper waste and fossil fuel use by reducing the length of the printed ASA Program book, limiting the number of copies printed to those that pre-register, and increasing the use of our Annual Meeting app. The ASA will revisit the length and number of printed programs every two years.
- Reduce annual paper waste and fossil fuel use by publishing our scholarly journals digitally. Both *African Studies Review* and *History in Africa* will cease to be available as print journals beginning January 1, 2023.

Long-term Climate Commitments:

The ASA Secretariat and Board of Directors commit to an annual review of these and other policies to continue to align our events, programs, and other activities with a commitment to reduce environmental impact. The ASA will also continue to host its environmentally-focused subtheme, currently Climate Change and Sustainability, to present cutting edge research on environmental issues impacting the continent. In honor of the 50th volume and the end of its print era, *History in Africa*, will publish its 2023 issue on histories of environments across Africa entitled **In Flux: Theorizing African Environments, Ancient to Future**.

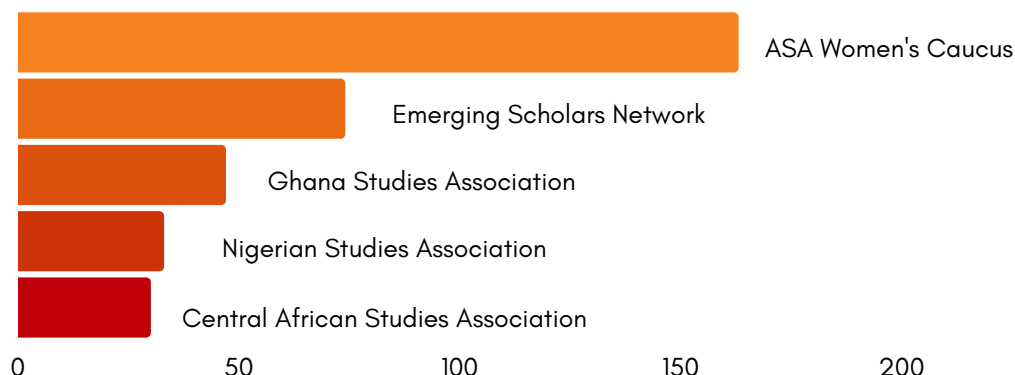
2022 MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

6 NEW MEMBERSHIP TIERS

In late 2021, the ASA announced a new dues structure to meet the shifting needs of the ASA community. The new structure, implemented in 2022, increased accessibility for underemployed and non-North American scholars by lowering student rates, creating 5 new financial tiers, expanding the \$5 International Emerging Scholar membership, and creating a Sustaining donor tier.



5 LARGEST COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS



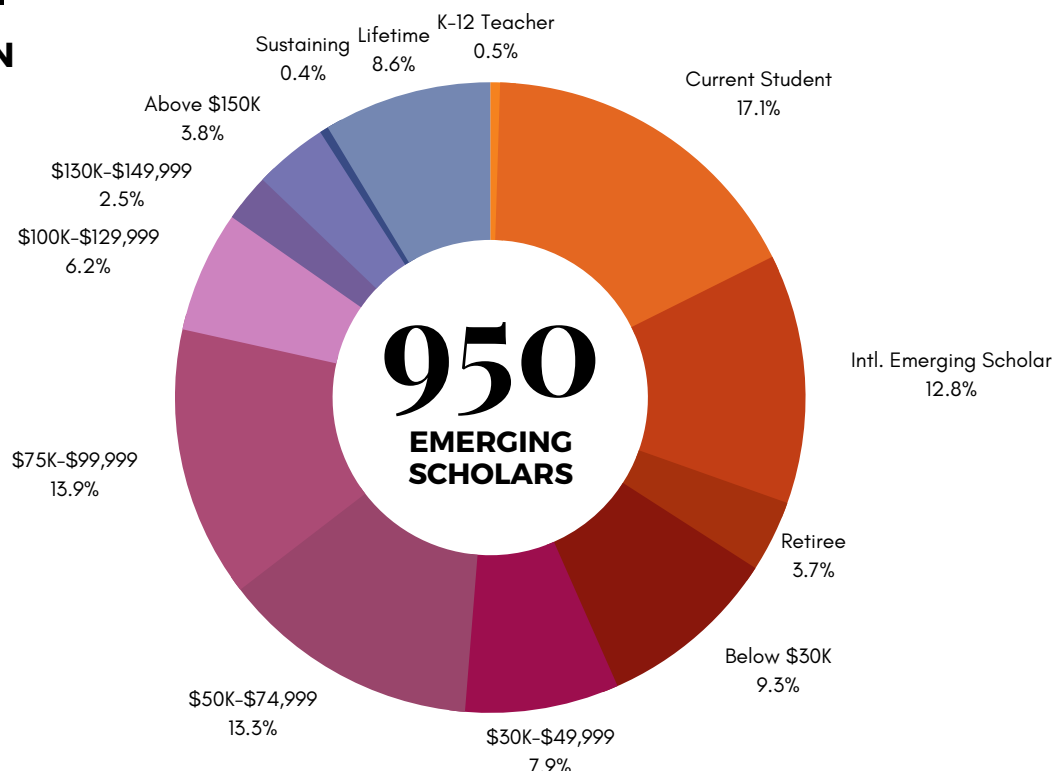
20%

OF OUR 2022 MEMBERS
JOINED COORDINATE
ORGANIZATIONS

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

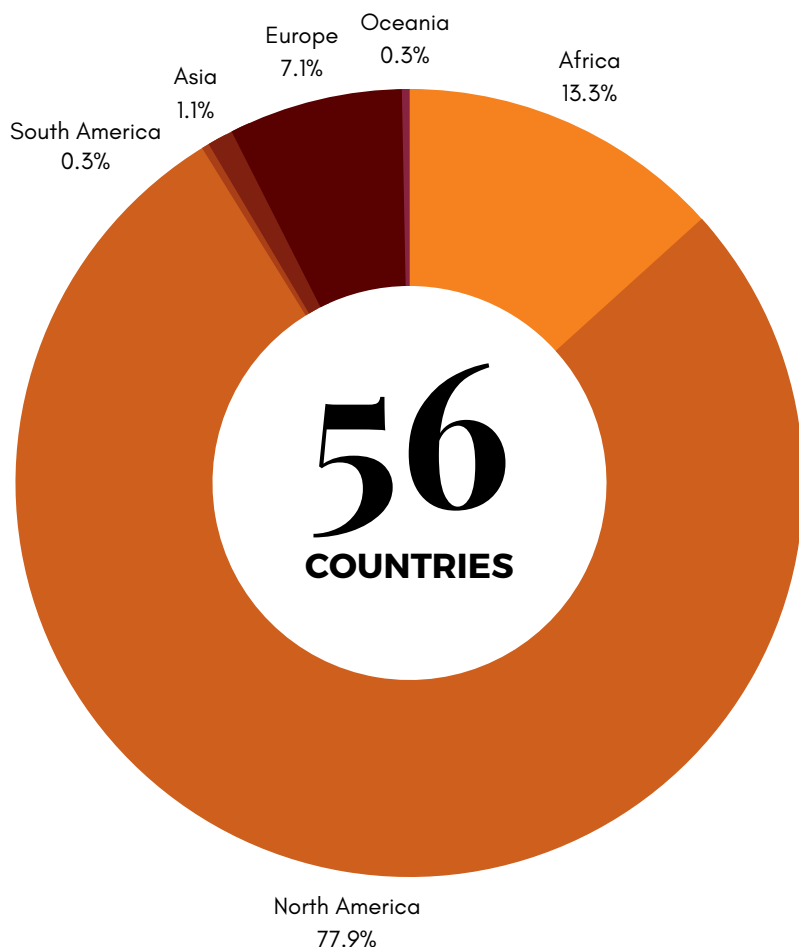
We are thrilled that the number of global students and Emerging Scholars continues to grow. The proportion of Emerging Scholars is even higher than what is represented in this chart, as recent graduates based in the Global North are included in the income categories. In 2022, the ASA boasted 950 active Emerging Scholar contacts globally.

The ASA defines an Emerging Scholar as in pursuit of one's terminal degree, or within five years post completion.



2022 MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

CURRENT MEMBER GEOLOCATION



* location was self-reported

530 INSTITUTIONS

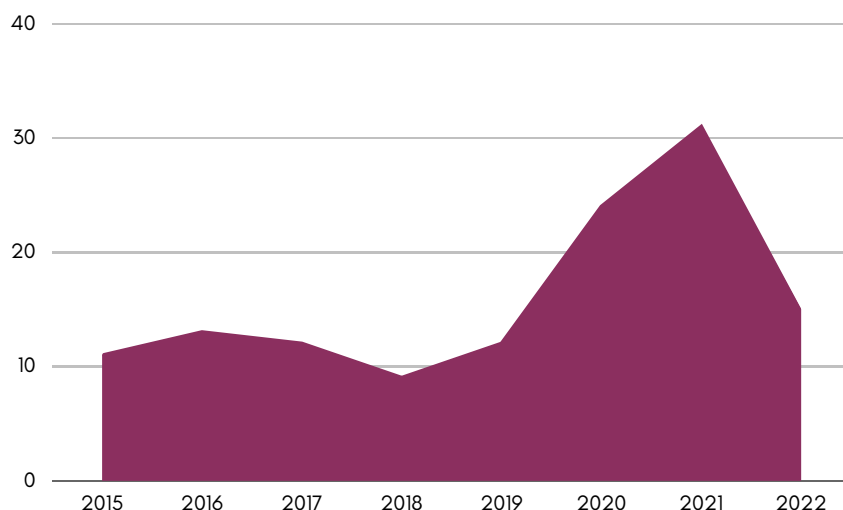
We are delighted to see growth in the types of institutions represented within the ASA including community colleges, public schools, museums, and think-tanks.

5 AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

1. Nigeria
2. South Africa
3. Kenya
4. Ghana
5. Uganda

CARNEGIE FELLOWS

Each year the African Studies Association works with the Carnegie Corporation of New York to invite Africa-based emerging scholars to attend and present at the ASA Annual Meeting as CCNY Fellows. In addition to presenting on special panels, the CCNY Fellows become ASA Members and each cohort becomes an integral part of the ASA Emerging Scholars Network community. In 2022, the ASA expanded its program to include an online skills development workshop for 15 funded fellows in advance of the Annual Meeting.



PUBLICATIONS

AFRICAN STUDIES REVIEW

2022 marked the final year of Benjamin Lawrance's five-year tenure as the *Africa Studies Review* Editor in Chief. In November, former Deputy Editor Cajetan Iheka was appointed Editor in Chief for a five-year term, and Katherine Luongo was appointed Deputy Editor for a three-year term. A celebration was held at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia to honor the journal's leadership transition and progress under the former leadership. The editorial team welcomed Roseline Wanjiru for a three-year term and welcomed back Akosua Darkwah for a second three-year term.

In 2022, the ASR published 39 peer-reviewed articles. The ASR published 63 individual book reviews, 13 scholarly review essays, and 22 film reviews.

In 2020, the *African Studies Review* expanded its prizes and in 2022 awarded three prizes and additional honorable mentions:

The 2022 **ASR's Best Article Published in 2021** was awarded to Kristien Geenen for the exceptional article, "Gnawing Away at the City: Narratives of Domestic Precarity in a Congolese Mining Town."

The 2022 **ASR Prize for the Best Africa-focused Anthology or Edited Collection** was awarded to Adekeye Adebajo, *The Pan-African Pantheon: Prophets, Poets, and Philosophers* (Manchester University Press, 2021).

The 2022 **ASR Prize for the Best Africa-based Doctoral Dissertation** was awarded to Abdulhadi Nadir Nasidi in Fine Arts at Amadu Bello University for the thesis, "A Contextual Analysis of Sufi Saint Paintings in Kano, Nigeria."

Beginning in 2011, the ASR qualified for rating in the Journal of Citation Reports (JCR), published by Thomson-Reuters. Only the journals that are indexed by Thomson-Reuters are included in the calculation, but because they index a large number of the most respected journals, the impact factor indicates how many active scholars cite articles published in a particular journal. In 2022, the ASR received an impact factor of 1.82 - the highest the journal has ever received.

HISTORY IN AFRICA

2022 marked the third year *History in Africa* was under the tenure of Editor in Chief Lorelle Semley and the new editorial team. In 2022, *History in Africa* published its 49th Volume entitled "African History's Interdisciplinary Roots, Ruts, and Routes," which included 16 peer-reviewed articles. *History in Africa's* impact factor application remains active.

During the ASA Annual Meeting, the journal editors hosted a special roundtable entitled "Pivoting, Planning, and Publishing in *History in Africa*."

ASA ADVOCACY

GROWING ASA ADVOCACY

The Advocacy Committee of the Board was established in 2015, after then President Dorothy Hodgson proposed an Advocacy Policy to guide the Association and the committee. The policy was adopted in Fall 2015. Prior to this policy, the Executive Committee of the Board would issue advocacy statements and directives on an ad hoc basis. The Policy was updated and expanded in 2021 under the leadership of Advocacy Committee Chair Lahra Smith.

Pursuant to the directive of the Board, the ASA Secretariat joined advocacy organizations such as the National Humanities Alliance (NHA), the Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), and NAFSA: Association of International Educators. ASA staff had already begun attending conferences of these organizations in 2014. The ASA continued its active engagement with the Coalition for International Education (CIE). We proudly engage in these organizations each year to support international education, language and area studies funding, and the proliferation of humanities & social science education.

TASK FORCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM

In 2018, under the leadership of Derek Peterson, the ASA Advocacy Committee created the Task Force for the Protection of Academic Freedom. The Task Force works to defend and advance scholars' ability to freely pursue, distribute, and discuss their research in academia and in public life. Through the Task Force, the ASA monitors infringements on academic freedom worldwide but specifically in Africa and the United States. While the Advocacy Committee Members serve on the Task Force, the Task Force is an entirely separate entity and includes representatives from ASA Coordinate and Affiliate Organizations.

2022 ADVOCACY STATEMENTS

- Statement by the African Studies Association on Discriminatory Treatment meted out to Africans, including Scholars and Students, fleeing the war in Ukraine
- ASA Signed Statement: Bomb Threats against HBCUs: A History of Domestic Terrorism by the American Historical Association

2022 ADVOCACY AWARDEES

- Reed Couvillon, Rutgers University
- Utitofon Inyang, University of California, Riverside
- Eric Schmidt, Boston University
- Sarah A. Stefanos, University of Wisconsin, Madison

FELLOWSHIPS



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In 2022, the African Studies Association received a two-year grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) to continue its fellowship program. As a result of this grant, the ASA expanded its programming to invite 15 Africa-based emerging scholars to three topical workshop groups: **African Urbanities: Dynamic Histories, Contemporary Spaces, Women's Role & Representation in Health, Healing, & Disability**, and **Building Sustainable Futures: Climate Change, Policy, & Urbanism**. Eight of the workshop participants were also invited to attend and present at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

For more information about the CCNY partnership with the African Studies Association, please see [our video via YouTube](https://youtu.be/o0IHL0JN2hA?si=rBVH2mcXjPyfWGNp) [https://youtu.be/o0IHL0JN2hA?si=rBVH2mcXjPyfWGNp].

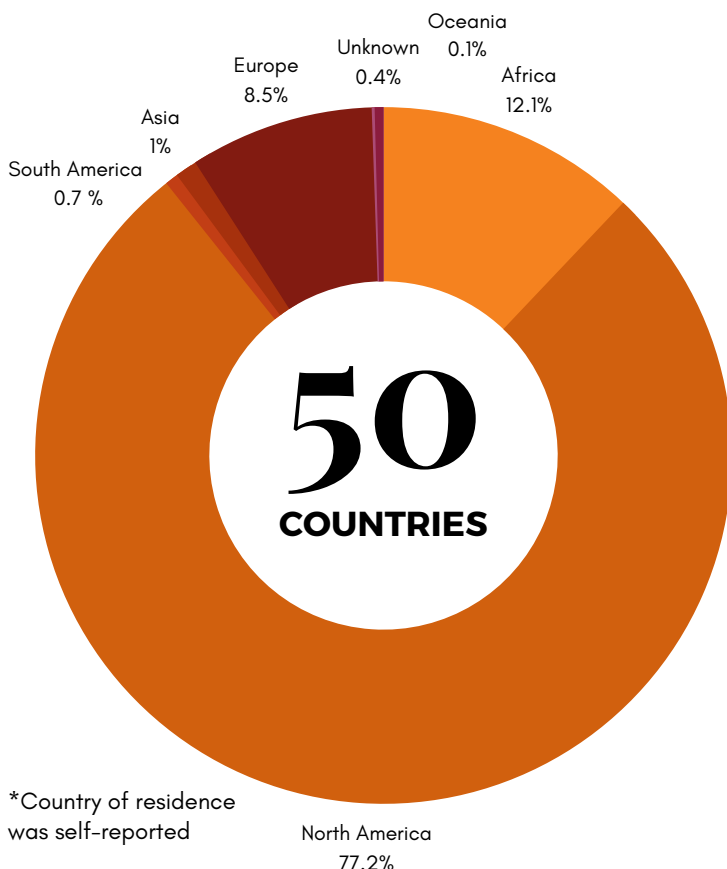
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Kudus Adebayo, University of Ibadan
Benyin Akande, University of Calabar
Macham Mangut, University of Jos
Rufaro Mushonga, University of Witwatersrand
Natasha Mwila, University of Zambia
Sawuya Nakijoba, University of Cape Town
Jane Namukobe, Makerere University
Pascal Fuseini Nbelayim, University of Ghana
Jacinta Chiamaka Nwaka, University of Benin
Henrietta Nyamnjoh, University of Cape Town
Imani Sanga, University of Dar es Salaam
Kaze Tindo Saturnin, The University of Yaounde I
Mandisa Simamane, University of Witwatersrand
David Ssekamatte, Uganda Management Institute
Bezaye Tessema, Addis Ababa University and Rhodes University

2022 ANNUAL MEETING BY THE NUMBERS

The 65th Annual Meeting statistics below are meant to illuminate the singular event as well as provide points of comparison over time. As we continue to improve and refine our data collection annually, we will have an increasingly clear picture of our Annual Meeting participants, academic trends, and strategic growth opportunities. For example: In 2020, the Secretariat increased communications about individual paper submissions to encourage pre-constituted sessions (which have a lower rate of attrition). Data tracking has shown the relative success of that campaign, which we will continue in future years.

PARTICIPANT ORIGINATING LOCATION



1,524
ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRANTS

32% OF OUR 2022 PARTICIPANTS WERE EMERGING SCHOLARS

The Emerging Scholars Network, founded in 2015 and revitalized in 2021, hosted a pre-conference workshop for scholars looking to pursue careers in industry. This was part of the Professional and Career Training Workshop series held in even number years.

"It was an enriching experience. Being my first attendance to [an] ASA event I found it elating that such a space exists where all aspects of Africanness can be promoted and celebrated."
—Survey Respondent

8 CCNY SCHOLARS

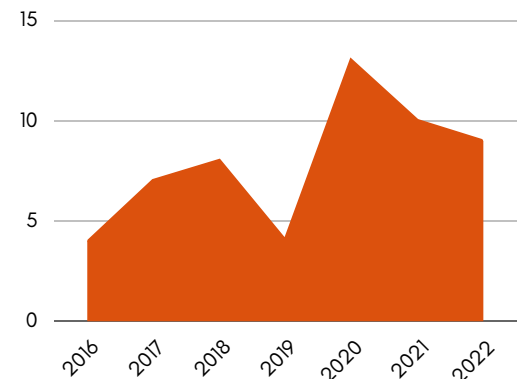
Thanks to the generous support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the African Studies Association hosted 8 Emerging Scholars from the Continent.

Our Exhibitors and Sponsors met with prospective authors throughout the three-day event and offered discounts on African area studies publications to Annual Meeting attendees.

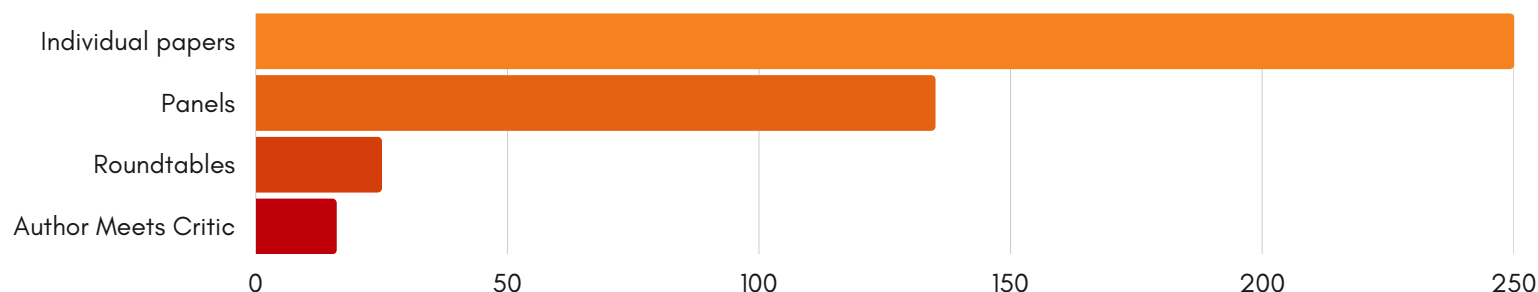
32 EXHIBITORS

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE SUBMISSIONS

Although submissions have increased overall since the prize was established in 2001, we still have a long way to go before even 1/4 of our Graduate Student presenters polish and submit a paper annually.



SUBMISSIONS BY SESSION TYPE

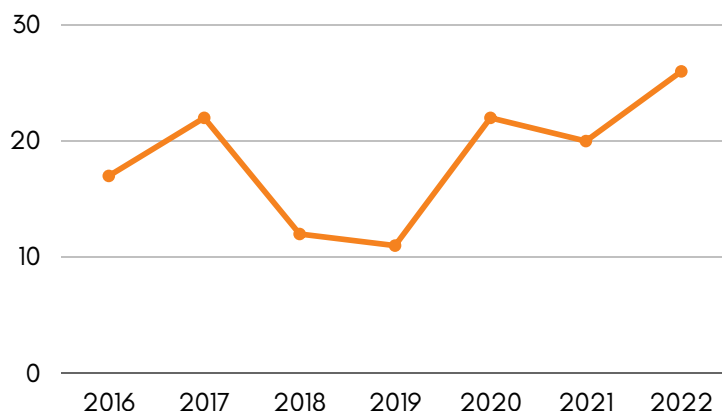


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SESSIONS & EVENTS

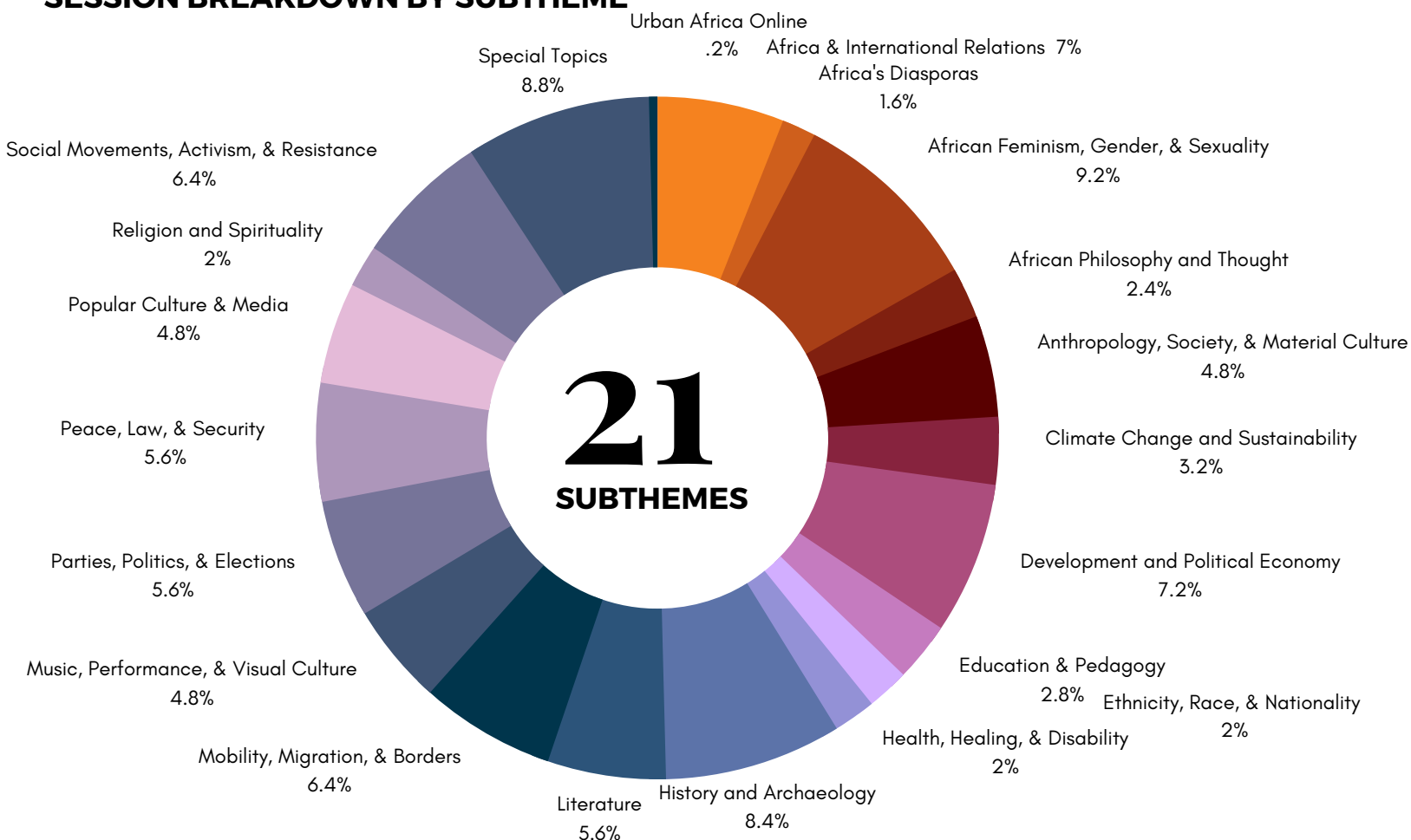
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SPONSORED
SESSIONS

AFRICANOW! PRESENTATIONS

Originally this non-peer reviewed format was added to the ASA Annual Meeting program to support current events content. Over time, the submission category has evolved to also include practitioner reports, new research, alternative presentation formats, and memorials.



SESSION BREAKDOWN BY SUBTHEME



AWARDS AND PRIZES

The ASA announced the winners of its annual awards on Saturday, November 19, 2022 during the awards ceremony of the Association's 65th Annual Meeting.

DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD

Each year, the ASA presents the Distinguished Africanist Award to a member who has made extraordinary contributions to the field. In an unprecedented decision, the ASA Prize Committee has made a temporary expansion of the award to honor and acknowledge two distinguished scholars. This expansion is an effort to correct years of scholarly bias and acknowledge the exceptional value of scholarship often relegated to the margins as 'service.' Committee members felt that this extraordinary post-pandemic context presented an opportunity to eliminate these discrepancies and inequalities.

The ASA presented the Distinguished Africanist Award to honor the life work of **Steve Howard**, Ohio University and **Brenda Randolph**, Howard University.

ASA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

ASA presented the 2022 Outstanding Service Award to the **African Language Teachers' Association (ALTA)** via their President, Mariame Sy. The Outstanding Service Award recognizes a member or institution who has distinguished themselves through their dedication to the ASA's mission by facilitating the production of knowledge about Africa and its diasporas; its dissemination within the academy or in civil society; or by establishing or supporting collaborations and exchanges between institutions in the global north and in Africa.

ASA BEST BOOK PRIZE

The ASA Best Book Prize recognizes the most important scholarly work in African studies published in English and distributed in the United States during the preceding year. The ASA began awarding the prize in 1965.

The ASA Best Book Prize was awarded to **Cajetan Iheka**, *African Ecomedia: Network Forms, Planetary Politics* (Duke University Press, 2021).

The other finalists for the prize were: Serena Owusua Dankwa, *Knowing Women: Same-Sex Intimacy, Gender, and Identity in Postcolonial Ghana* (Cambridge University Press, 2021); Marissa Mika, *Africanizing Oncology: Creativity, Crisis, and Cancer in Uganda* (Ohio University Press, 2021); James H. Smith, *The Eyes of the World: Mining the Digital Age in the Eastern DR Congo* (University of Chicago Press, 2021); and Laura Ann Twagira, *Embodied Engineering: Gendered Labor, Food Security, and Taste in Twentieth-Century Mali* (Ohio University Press, 2021).

BETHWELL A. OGOT BOOK PRIZE

The ASA presents the Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize annually to the author of the best book on East African studies published in the previous calendar. The prize began in 2012 and is named in honor of Prof. Bethwell A. Ogot, a leading Kenyan historian, public servant and public intellectual, through a generous bequest from the estate of Prof. Kennell Jackson, Jr., of Stanford University.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

The Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize was awarded to **David L. Schoenbrun**, *The Names of the Python: Belonging in East Africa, 900 to 1930* (University of Wisconsin Press, 2021).

The other finalists for the prize were: Joshua Grace, *African Motors: Technology, Gender and the History of Development* (Duke University Press, 2021); Marissa Mika, *Africanizing Oncology: Creativity, Crisis, and Cancer in Uganda*, (Ohio University Press, 2021); and Rebecca Tapscott, *Arbitrary states: Social control and modern Authoritarianism in Museveni's Uganda* (Oxford University Press, 2021).

GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

The ASA Board of Directors established the annual Graduate Student Paper Prize in 2001 and singles out an essay presented at the previous year's Annual Meeting.

The winner of the 2022 ASA Graduate Student Paper Prize was **Adaugo Pamela Nwakanma** for "The Gendered Economics of Political Empowerment: Lessons from Nigeria, Africa's Largest Economy"

In 2022, the committee selected one Honorable Mention: Diekara Oloruntoba-Oju, "The Body Politic(s) of Resistance: State Violence and Youth Bodies in Nigeria's #Endsars Movement."

ASA FILM PRIZE

The ASA Film Prize was established in 2018 and is awarded for an outstanding film, whether fiction or documentary, made in the preceding two calendar years by an African filmmaker. Films must be innovative, probing, work that helps audiences think about social, political, economic, and cultural questions pertinent to the lives of Africans and dynamics on the continent.

The prize committee selected ***When a Farm Goes Aflame*** directed by Jide Tom Akinleminu (2021) as the winner of the 2022 ASA Film Prize. The film was screened at the Annual Meeting and was followed by a Q&A with the director and two of the protagonists.

In 2022, the committee selected two runners up, *Delphine's Prayer* dr. Rosine Mbakam (2021), and *Abu Saddam* dr. Nadine Kahn (2021).

CONOVER-PORTER AWARD

The Conover-Porter Award was established in 1980 in honor of two pioneers in African studies bibliography: Helen F. Conover and Dorothy B. Porter Wesley. The Conover-Porter Award is the most prestigious award for published works of bibliography or reference on Africa, jointly awarded by the Africana Librarians Council and the ASA.

The award committee selected one recipient for the 2022 Conover-Porter Award for Africana Bibliography or Reference Work: *A dictionary of Mozambican history and society* (Revised), by **Colin Darch & Amélia Neves de Souto**. 2022. HSRC Press.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS



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The African Studies Association has two primary categories of organizations that are affiliated with it: **Coordinate Organizations** and **Affiliate Organizations**.

Affiliate organizations consist of organizations that have a scholarly and professional interest in Africa and operate entirely independently of the ASA but are encouraged to participate in and collaborate on ASA activities including at the Annual Meeting. The ASA has 33 Affiliate Organizations that range in mission, size, and, geolocation.

Coordinate Organizations build communities around specific areas or interests within the field of African Studies with the primary focus of facilitating the exchange of ideas, information, and research findings within the ASA. They function as semi-autonomous elements of the Association, bound by the Association's policies and procedures and 501(c)3 status. They are ASA's first partners for special programming and funding opportunities.

ASA welcomed two new Coordinate Organizations in 2021, the **Central African Studies Association** and the **Queer African Studies Association** which brought the ASA's total to 14 Coordinate Organizations for 2022. Below is a short profile on each Coordinate Organization which provides a snapshot of their leadership and activities in 2022.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHTS

ASA OUTREACH COUNCIL

Mission Statement

The ASA Outreach Council aims to promote the teaching of Africa in K-16 schools in the local, regional, and national communities throughout the United States and provide information, resources, workshops, and other opportunities to promote and encourage the teaching of Africa.

Activity Highlights

The ASA Outreach Council hosted its annual Teachers' Workshop in November 2022. The event engaged more than 100 educators from across the U.S.

The Council awarded the three categories of the Children's Africana Book Award to *Kwame Nkrumah Midnight Speech for Independence* (Just us Books, Inc., 2021) by Useni Eugene Perkins & Laura Freeman (illus.), *African Proverbs for all Ages* (Roaring Brook Press, 2021) by Johnnetta Betsch Cole & Nelda LaTeef (illus.) and *Home is Not a Country* (Make Me a World, Random House, 2021) by Safia Elhillo.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL

Mission Statement

The Africana Librarians Council (ALC) was founded in 1957 as part of the ASA and is comprised of librarians, archivists, and documentalists working with materials from and about Africa and scholars interested in the preservation of or access to Africana.

Activity Highlights

The Africana Librarians Council hosted their Annual Business Meeting at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. The ALC sponsored a session on equity and advocacy within African studies collaborations at the 2022 ASA Annual Meeting.

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS

Mission Statement

The AASP is an organization made up of the Deans, Directors, Chairpersons, Committee Heads, or individuals who have the responsibility for organizing or leading the African Studies program at their college or university. Members range from Directors of the large Title VI centers to colleagues who keep the flame of African Studies alive in quite isolated settings.

Activity Highlights

AASP held their annual Spring Meeting in 2022.

CENTRAL AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

The Central African Studies Association is a professional scholarly organization with the goal of fostering a close collaboration between Central African, European and American researchers and enhancing the presence and visibility of academic research in Central Africa. We are a Coordinate Organization of the African Studies Association in the US.

Activity Highlights

CASA sponsored four panels and roundtables at the ASA Annual Conference in Philadelphia: a) "Natural Resources Exploitation, Social Instability, & Ecological Disaster in Central Africa"; b) "Examining the State of the African State in the 21st Century. Part 1: Violent Conflict in Africa: Trends and Possible Causes"; c) "Social Movements in a Changing Africa: Trends and Challenges"; d) "Mobility and Belonging in Central Africa and Its Diaspora." Two members published books: a) Pedro Monaville, *Students of the World. Global 1968 and Decolonization in the Congo*, Duke University Press; b) Jason Stearns, *The War That Doesn't Say Its Name: The Unending Conflict in the Congo*, Princeton University Press, 2022. CASA held its annual business meeting at the 65th Annual Meeting of the ASA as well as special elections in 2022.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

EMERGING SCHOLARS NETWORK

Activity Highlights

The ESN organized the 2022 Professionalization and Career Training Workshop (PACT) serving approximately 30 scholars at the ASA Annual Meeting. They also sponsored two sessions highlighting cutting edge student research at the ASA Annual Meeting.

GHANA STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

The Ghana Studies Association (GSA) began as the Akan Studies Council (ASC) in 1988. It is a multidisciplinary organization of scholars based in Africa, North America, Europe and Asia whose research focuses on the the West African state of Ghana.

Activity Highlights

The GSA sponsored a session on new perspectives on Ghana's economy at the 2022 ASA Annual Meeting. The GSA also hosted its annual Keynote Lecture and Business Meeting at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

The GSA hosted an inspiring Triennial Conference in Tamale, Ghana in July 2022.

HEALTH, SCIENCE, MEDICINE & TECHNOLOGY

Activity Highlights

Heath, Science, Medicine, & Technology was unable to host any events in 2022 due to a leadership transition and looks forward to returning to regular events soon.

ISLAM IN AFRICA STUDIES GROUP

Mission Statement

The Islam in Africa Studies Group (IASG) was established in the United States in 2016. The IASG aims to promote scholarly research, both within and outside Africa, in all areas and disciplines of the social sciences and humanities relevant to Islam in Africa.

Activity Highlights

The IASG sponsored three well received sessions at the ASA Annual Meeting, and held a membership meeting held in November, 2022.

April 5 2022, IASG held a panel as part of the "Timbuktu Talks" lecture series at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign featuring: "Hiding in Plain Sight: Truly Local Knowledge Traditions in the Libraries of Timbuktu," "The Recent Works of the Ahmed Baba Institute," and "Reworking the Historic "Core Curriculum" in Islamic West Africa" moderated by Bruce Hall.

In December Assan Sarr delivered "The Making of a Tijaniyya Muslim Community in Southern Senegambia: Itinerant Fula Clerics in the Gambia, Upper Casamance and Guinea-Bissau, c. 1870s-1997," as part of the "Timbuktu Talks" series.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

LUSOPHONE AFRICAN STUDIES ORGANIZATION

Mission Statement

The Lusophone African Studies Organization (LASO) encourages scholars to share ideas, post queries, and engage with a broad network of people interested in Lusophone Africa.

Activity Highlights

LASO sponsored two sessions at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and hosted their annual General Meeting.

NIGERIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

The Nigerian Studies Association is a scholarly, nonpolitical professional association of all persons interested in Nigerian studies. The NSA promotes interest in and scholarly study of Nigeria, provides means for the publication of scholarly research and other materials designed to promote Nigerian studies, and promotes cooperative activities and exchange of information within the field of Nigerian studies.

Activity Highlights

The NSA sponsored a panel on Nigerian Women in the Nigerian Political System at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

QUEER AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

QASA is an inclusive group of scholars and activists interrogating what “queer” and “African” mean. We do not presume that they are monolithic and separate; they are multi-sited interactions. QASA welcomes anyone interested in these questions. QASA is more than an intellectual group; we recognize that there are queer lives and bodies on the continent that deserve advocacy. QASA supports African queer scholars and activists raising their voices and seeks to connect queer African studies scholarship to wider audiences.

Activity Highlights

The Queer African Studies Association Prize for Best Published Scholarly Essay by a Junior Scholar was awarded to two essays: (1) Asante, Godfried. “Queer (Un)like Me’: Contesting Sameness, Im/possibilities of Queer/Trans Allyship In Transnational Contexts.” *QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking* 8, no. 2 (2021): 145-152. (2) Ellapen, Jordache A. “Performing Blackness as Transgressive Erotics: African Futurities and Black Queer Sex in South African Live Art.” *Feminist Formations* 33, no. 2 (2021): 52-78.

The Queer African Studies Association Prize for Best Published Scholarly Essay by a Graduate Student was awarded to: Oudenhuijsen, Loes. “Quietly Queer(Ing): the Normative Value of Sutura and Its Potential for Young Women in Urban Senegal.” *Africa* 91, no. 3 (2021): 434-52.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOLARS ON CAMEROON

Mission Statement

The North American Association of Scholars on Cameroon is based in North America, but includes any scholar with an interest in Cameroon, regardless of geographical residence.

Activity Highlights

NAASC sponsored a session on the Cameroon Anglophone Political Crisis at the ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

SENEGAMBIAN STUDIES GROUP

Activity Highlights

The Senegambian Studies Group organized four well-received sessions at ASA that included participants from US, Europe, and West Africa. They also held a business meeting and launched a series of virtual events for SSG members.

SPORTS AFRICA

Mission Statement

Sports Africa was founded in 2003 with the goal of making African sport studies an interdisciplinary, inclusive, accessible and integral part of the global conversation and scholarship on sports by engaging an intellectually vibrant, creative and passionate community of practitioners and academics.

Activity Highlights

Sports Africa co-hosted the first ASA Sports Africa Trivia Night at the 65th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia as well as sponsored three successful sessions at the meeting.

WOMEN'S CAUCUS OF THE ASA

Mission Statement

The African Studies Association's Women's Caucus was established in 1970 to promote the study of women and gender within the various disciplines of African studies, to promote the greater inclusion of African women in scholarship and in the ASA, to ensure an active and representative role for women within the ASA at all levels of leadership and engagement, and to develop scholarly and activist links with women in Africa.

Activity Highlights

The Women's Caucus awarded the 2022 Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize to Fabienne Kanor, for *Humus* (University of Virginia Press, 2020).

The Women's Caucus hosted their annual luncheon and lecture in 2022, which included a performance by poet Amarachi Attamah and talk by Moroccan author Loubna Serraj.

The Women's Caucus co-hosted a Members' Event with ASA on the gendered impacts of COVID in the academy and sponsored six well-attended sessions at the Annual Meeting.

