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AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION



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LETTER FROM THE ASA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear ASA Community,

2023 was a year filled with special celebrations, unexpected changes, and new opportunities. ASA had an unusual start to the year when we discovered in January that the US government bought out all San Francisco hotel contracts to host the 2023 APEC summit during our regular meeting time. While we are very pleased to see such an investment in San Francisco communities hit by the pandemic, this delayed programming and logistics. After considering several beautiful cities, we were grateful to be able to remain in San Francisco, albeit later than usual. ASA had not met in northern California since 2010 and we were overjoyed to join our West Coast colleagues once again. The 66th ASA Annual Meeting boasted over 350 sessions and events and revealed that our Association has grown by nearly every metric. Our Annual Meeting data analysis illustrates strong local student engagement as well as greater accessibility for scholars traveling from Asian institutions.

We were thrilled to welcome new members to the Secretariat early in the year, including a programs manager, graduate assistants, and an undergraduate intern. While some staff were only temporary, their support and enthusiasm was widely appreciated by the membership. ASA also welcomed a new *African Studies Review* Editor-in-Chief and Deputy Editor who successfully navigated our transition to fully digital journal publication. The ASR team also launched the widely celebrated Neglected Voices in African Studies series, which highlights important, neglected, or understudied works by African and African diasporic thinkers whose contributions have broadened the horizons of their respective fields. In anticipation of its 50th Anniversary, *History in Africa* published its 50th issue featuring a diverse array of Historians in the field.

The ASA was honored to collaborate with the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), the African Studies Association of Africa (ASA-Africa), and Africa Is a Country (AIAC) to bring to fruition the Sixth International Congress of African and African Diaspora Studies (ICAADS). After four years of discussions and planning, each Association hosted ICAADS programming at their Annual Meeting in a multi-sited global event. These events served as an important forum to reflect on shared histories and contemporary realities, and to affirm the future destinies of continental Africans and African-descended people across the globe through concrete, transnational policy discussions. It was an exceptional opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration, first in Accra in July, then in Lubumbashi in October, and finally at our own San Francisco meeting in November.

As the head of ASA's fundraising efforts, it was a great pleasure to launch the ASA's first full-scale Capital Campaign in August 2023. While ASA has had several anniversary fundraisers in the past, none have been as comprehensive or ambitious as the Invest in a New Generation Campaign. The Campaign will strategically invest in Research & Knowledge Production, Training & Engagement, Accolades & Acknowledgement, and Sustainability over the next three years. In September, ASA announced the Campaign's first endowed fund: the Mahmoud Mohamed Taha Student Travel Award, made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Steve Howard. ASA celebrated this investment in our membership with Dr. Howard and special guest Asma Taha at the Awards Ceremony in San Francisco. This gave us an occasion to highlight the life-changing opportunities that endowed gifts create and demonstrate the positive impact of giving on the greater ASA community.

We remain grateful to our members, board, editors, program chairs, LAC members, volunteers, donors, exhibitors, sponsors, institutional partners, and broader community for your dedication to ASA and its mission. Thank you for your continued contributions and we look forward to another inspiring year together in 2024.

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 includes 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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Adeline Masquelier

2023 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 2023, ASA hosted two online Members Events; one with Fulbright for US based scholars and the second on the 2022 Aidoo-Snyder Prize Winner in partnership with the ASA Women's Caucus. The ASA, ASR, HiA, and ESN cohosted the Publishing Improvement Pipeline for Emerging Scholars (PIPES) for 30 emerging and early career scholars.

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

In 2023, ASA launched the quiet phase of its first comprehensive Capital Campaign promoting investment in a new generation of students and scholarship. The ASA also reevaluated its investment strategy for its restricted endowment, supporting better long term financial foundations for funded programs and awards.

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 2023, ASA continued to use OpenWater and its Guidebook app. ASA expanded the use of iPads at the Annual Meeting to improve member experiences onsite. The ASA also redesigned its website to improve and increase access to events, resources, and opportunities.

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 2023, ASA scholarly journals went fully digital, reducing subscription costs. Open Access articles continued to increase in 2023 to create greater global accessibility to 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.**

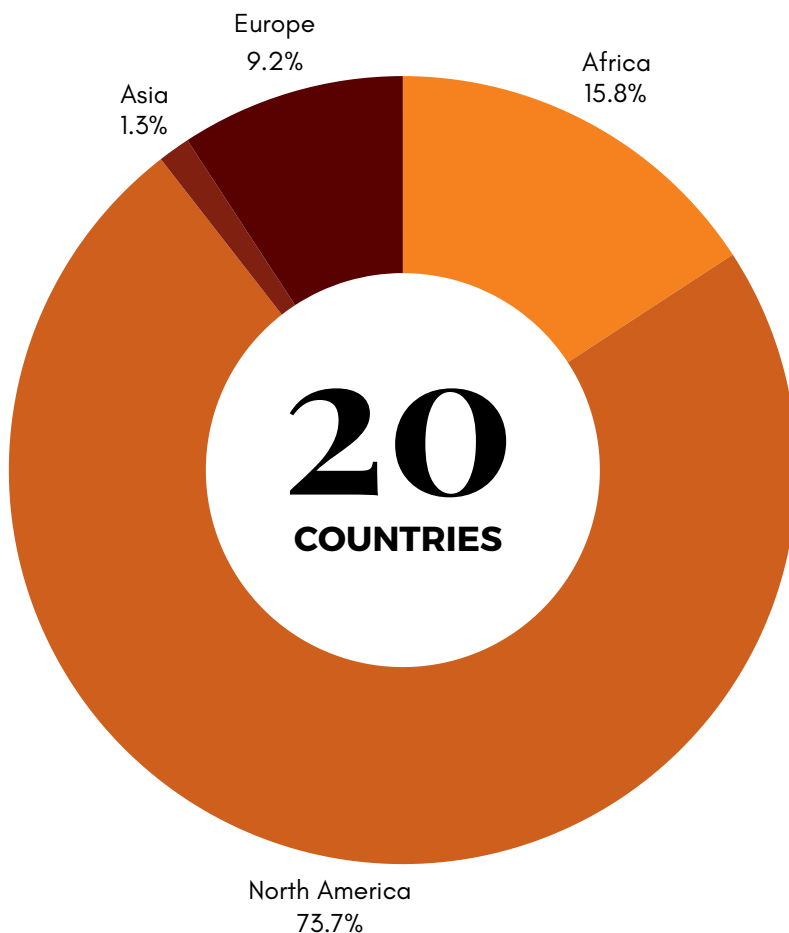
ASA participated in all three segments of the ICAADS collaborations with ASAA, ASWAD, and Africa is a Country to provide global joint programming in African and Diaspora Studies. ASA hosted 20 CCNY Fellows from the continent at the ASA Publishing Improvement Pipeline for Emerging Scholars (PIPES) Workshop and ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco.

2023 ASA ICAADS BY THE NUMBERS

In 2023, ASA hosted one of three events as part of the Sixth International Congress of African and African Diasporic Studies (ICAADS) with the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora, the African Studies Association of Africa, and media partner, Africa Is a Country. The multi-sited ICAADS celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Organization of African Unity and the 50th anniversary of the Third International Congress of African Studies.

ICAADS partners began discussions in 2019, however the pandemic delayed planning and events. After four years of creative collaboration, all three associations hosted Congress events across the globe. Although ASA's ICAADS programming was a fraction of its Annual Meeting offerings, careful comparison of these statistics with the ASA's broader Annual Meeting reveal that ICAADS programming captured global engagement and diverse contributions to this historic event.

PRESENTER TRAVEL LOCATION OF ORIGIN



*location participants traveled from was self-reported

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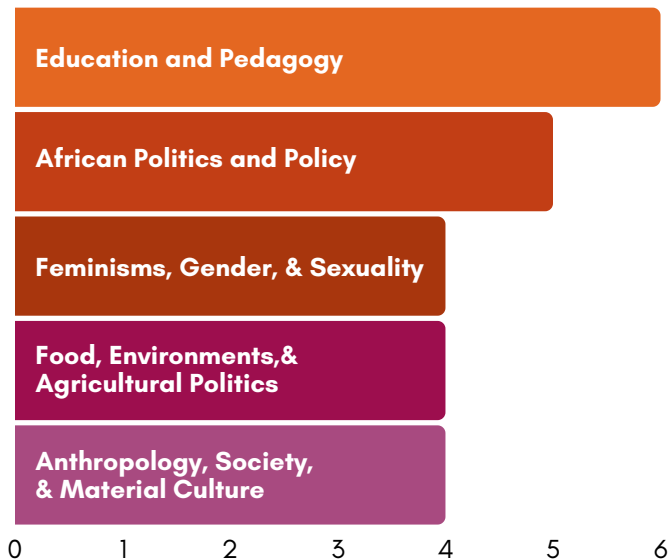
**ASA ICAADS
PRESENTERS
OVER 3 DAYS**

ICAADS programming was held in four rooms across all 12 session times covering a variety of important topics from primary school education to the future of environmental policy.

5

TOP ICAADS SUBTHEMES

ASA ICAADS asked participants to think about their expert impact on policy across 21 subthemes.



36

ICAADS SESSIONS AT ASA

ICAADS sessions included panels, roundtables, and Author Meets Critics across 12 subthemes.

ICAADS included a wide range of paper topics, from the repatriation of artifacts to teaching Africa in K-12.

115

SCHOLARLY PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2023 MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

14 MEMBERSHIP TIERS

New membership rates 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 tier that includes a tax deductible donation. ASA now has 14 membership tiers which has improved inclusivity.

INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

- Bryn Mawr College
- Georgetown University
- Rutgers University
- University of Kansas
- University of Michigan
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

6 LARGEST COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS



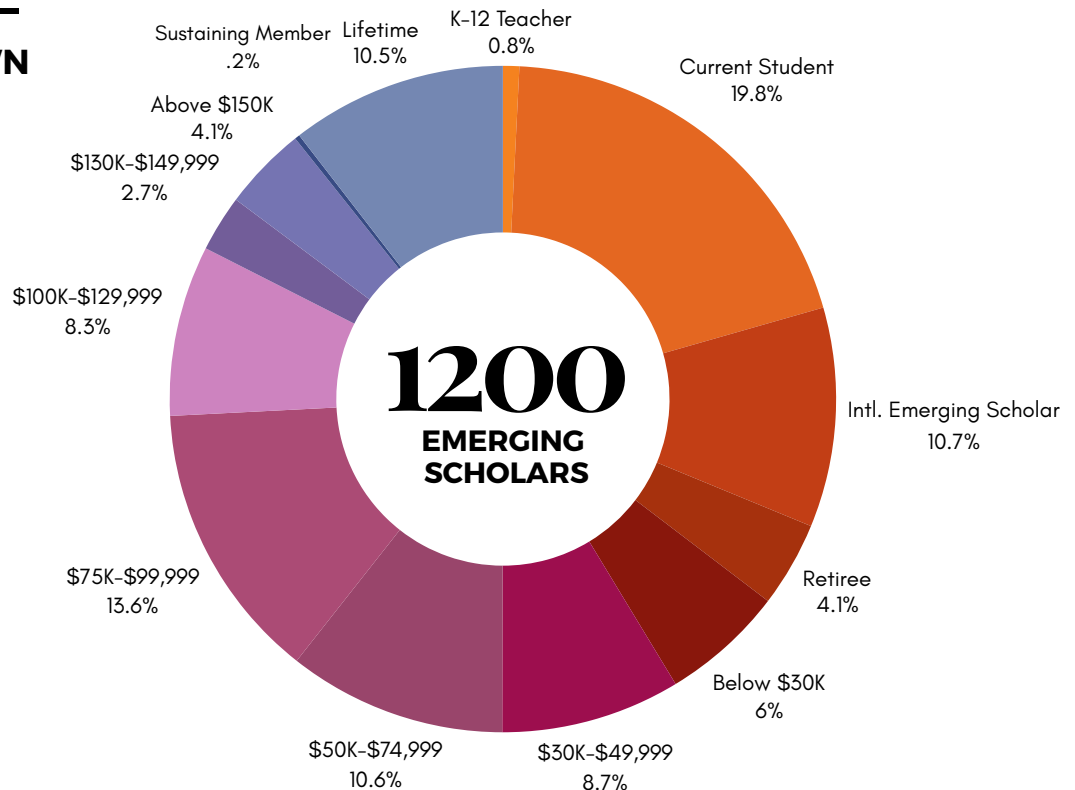
20%

OF OUR 2023 MEMBERS JOINED COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

We are thrilled that the number of global students and emerging scholars continues to grow. The proportion of non-Africa-based Emerging Scholars is higher than what is represented in this chart, as recent graduates based outside of Africa are included in the earners categories. The ASA boasts 1200 active Emerging Scholar contacts globally.

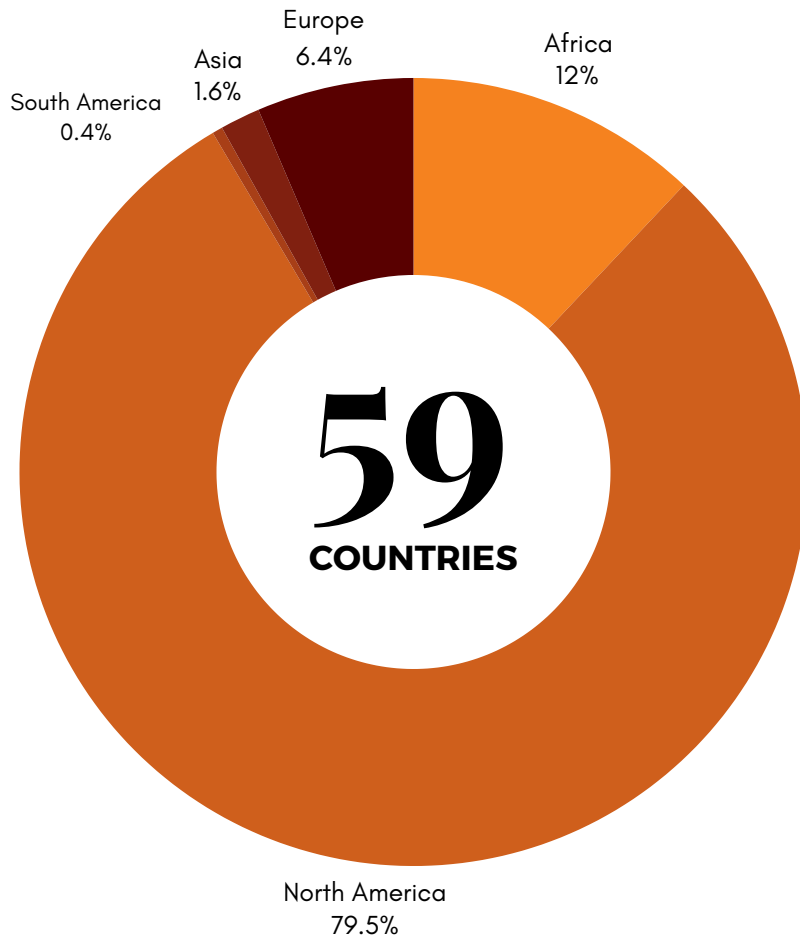
The ASA defines an Emerging Scholar as in pursuit of one's terminal degree, or within five years post completion.



2023 MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

CURRENT MEMBER GEOLOCATION

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560 INSTITUTIONS

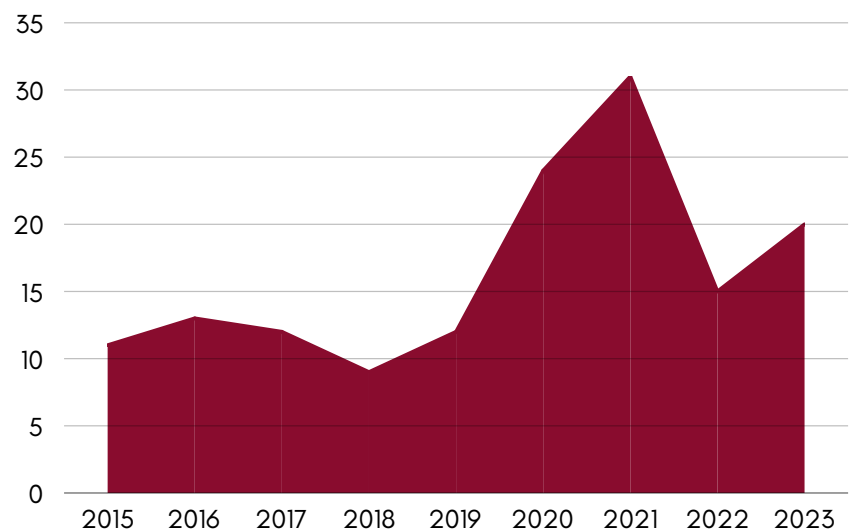
We are delighted to see growth in the types of institutions represented within the ASA including community colleges, public schools, museums, and publishers.

6 AFRICAN COUNTRIES WITH LARGEST MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

1. South Africa
2. Nigeria
3. Ghana
4. Kenya
5. Cameroon
6. Tanzania

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 an integral part of the ASA Emerging Scholars Network community. In 2023, CCNY Fellows additionally attended a pre-conference publishing and peer-review workshop. 2023 marked the largest cohort of funded fellows onsite at its Annual Meeting.



PUBLICATIONS

AFRICAN STUDIES REVIEW

2023 marked the first full year of Cajetan Iheka's tenure as the *Africa Studies Review* Editor-in-Chief and Katherine Luongo served her first full year as Deputy Editor. The editorial team welcomed Naminata Diabate as Associate Editor for a three-year term and welcomed back Claudia Gastrow for a second three-year term. Paul Ocobock ended his leadership tenure as Senior Book Review Editor and the team welcomed Chris Day into the role. Rachel Gabara ended her leadership tenure as Senior Film Review Editor and the team welcomed Alessandro Jedlowski into the role. ASR also launched its Neglected Voices series in early 2023.

In 2023, the ASR published 41 peer-reviewed articles. The ASR published 69 individual book reviews, 4 scholarly review essays, and 19 film reviews.

In 2023, the *African Studies Review* awarded three prizes and additional honorable mentions:

The 2023 **ASR's Best Article Published in 2022** was awarded to Emanuella Amoh for the article, "The Dilemma of Diasporic Africans: Adger Emerson Player and Anti-Americanism in Kwame Nkrumah's Ghana."

The 2023 **ASR Prize for Best Africa-focused Anthology or Edited Collection** was awarded to B Camminga and John Marnell, *Queer and Trans African Mobilities: Migration, Asylum, and Diaspora* (Bloomsbury, 2022).

The 2023 **ASR Prize for Best Africa-based Doctoral Dissertation** was awarded to Abdul Shehu in History at Stellenbosch University for the thesis, "Procession, Pilgrimage and Protest: A Historical Study of the Qadiriyya-Nasiriyya and Islamic Movement in Nigeria, Public Religiosity in Northern Nigeria, 1952-2021."

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 1.85 and the 2023 impact factor is forthcoming.

HISTORY IN AFRICA

2023 marked the fourth year *History in Africa* was under the direction of Editor-in-Chief Lorelle Semley. In 2023, *History in Africa* published its 50th Volume with an opening essay entitled "Future Directions in History in Africa," and which included 15 peer-reviewed articles. The journal's impact factor application remains active.

During the ASA Annual Meeting, the journal editors participated in the Publishing Improvement Pipeline for Emerging Scholars (PIPES) workshop and co-hosted a special roundtable entitled "Publish That Article: Meet the Editors."

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.

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.

2023 ADVOCACY STATEMENTS

- ASA Co-signs American Council of Learned Societies Statement on Fighting for an Ambitious Vision of Public Higher Education in America
- ASA Co-Signs American Council of Learned Societies Statement on SCOTUS Ruling on Affirmative Action
- ASA Co-Signs American Council of Learned Societies Statement on The Effort to Undermine Academic Freedom in Florida House Bill 999
- ASA signed statement: American Historical Association Statement Opposing Florida House Bill 999
- ASA Co-Signs American Council of Learned Societies Statement In Support of Academic Freedom and New College of Florida

FELLOWSHIPS



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EXPANDING ASA FELLOWSHIPS

In 2022, the African Studies Association received a two-year grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) to continue its fellowship program through the 2023 Annual Meeting. As a result of this grant, the ASA expanded its fellowship program to invite 20 Africa-based emerging scholars to attend and present at the 66th ASA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. CCNY fellows were placed on one of four panels at the Annual Meeting, “Health Futures and Medical Science & Technologies,” “Afro-Futures: Science, Technology, & Innovation in Practice and Imagination,” “Gendering Urban Landscapes,” and “Climate Activism & Apathy.”

For more information about the CCNY partnership with the African Studies Association, please see this video [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o0IHLoJN2hA>].

2023 CARNEGIE CORPORATION OF NEW YORK FELLOWS

Hasiyatu Abubakari, University of Ghana, Legon

Richardson Addai-Mununkum, University of Education, Winneba Ghana

Kudus Adebayo, University of Ibadan

Catherine Akurut, Nelson Mandela University

Godwin Upoki Anywar, Makerere University

Boakye Kwaku Rabi Asante, University of Ghana, Legon

Ralph Borland, University of Cape Town

Emmanuel Chukwuma, Nnamdi Azikiwe University

Isaac Dery, SD Dombo University of Business and Integrated Development Studies

Theresah Patrine Ennin, University of Cape Coast

Daniel Yaw Fiaveh, University of Cape Coast

Annapoorna Karthika, Makerere University

Edmond Madhuha, University of the Witwatersrand

Innocent Ngulube, University of Malawi

Kiale Nyiayaana, University of Port Harcourt

Hauwa Mohammed Sani, Ahmadu Bello University

Amina Alaoui Soulimani, University of Cape Town

Bezaye Tessema, Rice University

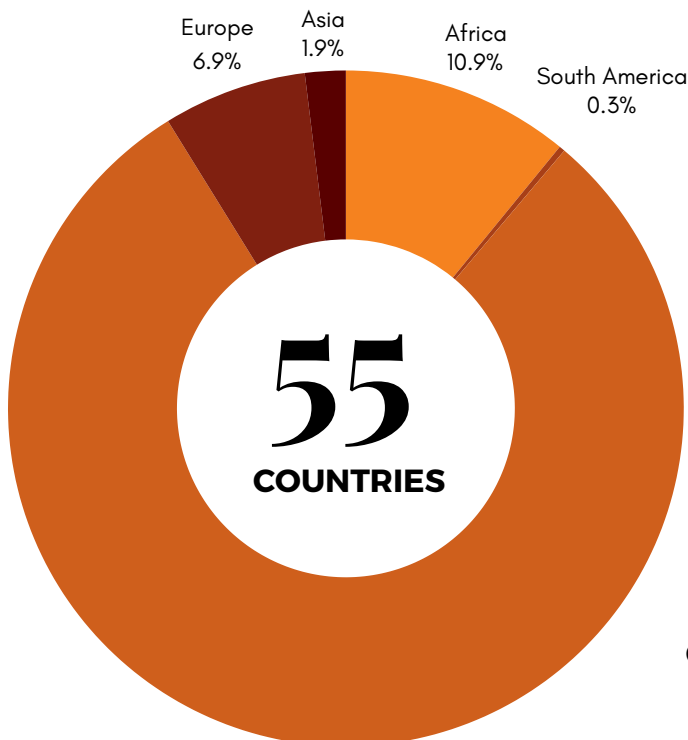
Chikezie Uzuegbunam, Rhodes University

Rapheal Wangalwa, Mbarara University of Science and Technology

2023 ANNUAL MEETING BY THE NUMBERS

The 66th 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. This allows us to better serve the changing needs of our membership. In 2023, we saw a significant increase in the percentages of roundtable and AfricaNow! submissions.

PARTICIPANT TRAVEL LOCATION OF ORIGIN



*Travel location was self-reported

North America
80%

1,496

ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRANTS

33%

OF OUR 2023 PRESENTERS WERE EMERGING SCHOLARS

The Emerging Scholars Network, founded in 2015 and revitalized in 2021, offers professional development opportunities and supports innovative research for emerging scholars in our membership.

"As an emerging scholar, ASA offered me the opportunity to network and connect with scholars, both established and emerging, from diverse scholarly backgrounds. This is something I cannot take for granted."

–Survey Respondent

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CCNY SCHOLARS

Thanks to the generous support of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the African Studies Association hosted 20 Emerging Scholars from the Continent.

Our Exhibitors, Sponsors, & Advertisers offered dozens of discounts in the spacious Exhibit Hall, which provided ample networking space for attendees.

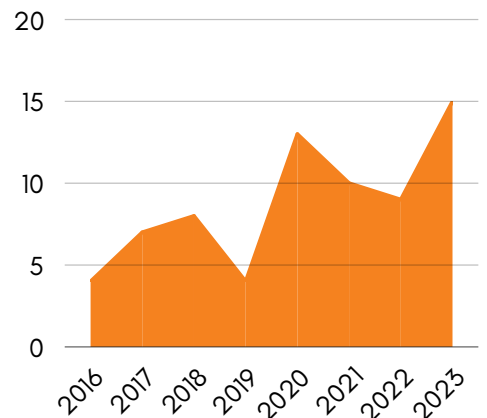
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EXHIBITORS

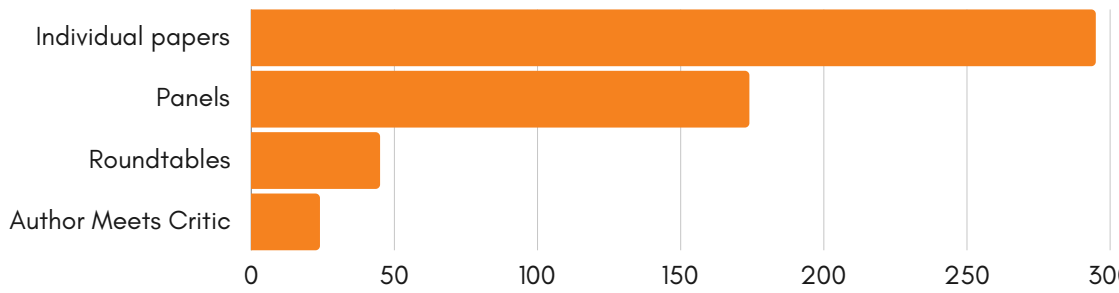
GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER PRIZE SUBMISSIONS

2023 saw the largest number of submissions to the Graduate Student Paper Prize since its establishment in 2001 with 15 submissions.

The ASA will continue to encourage more submissions with the goal of having ¼ of Graduate Student presenters polish and submit a paper annually.



SUBMISSIONS BY SESSION TYPE



594

TOTAL SUBMISSIONS

Submissions increased over 25% from the previous year.

365

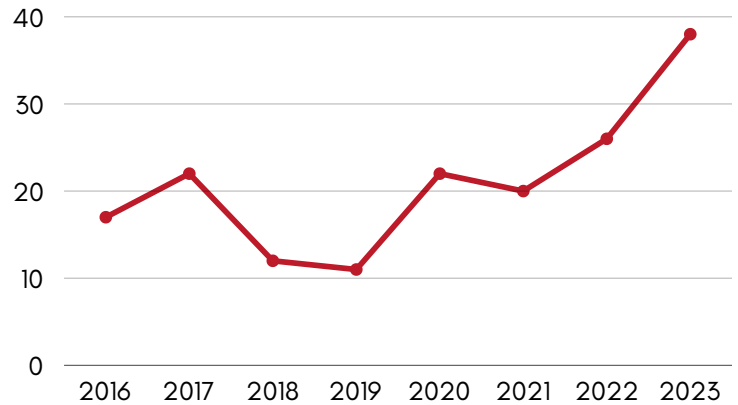
SESSIONS & EVENTS

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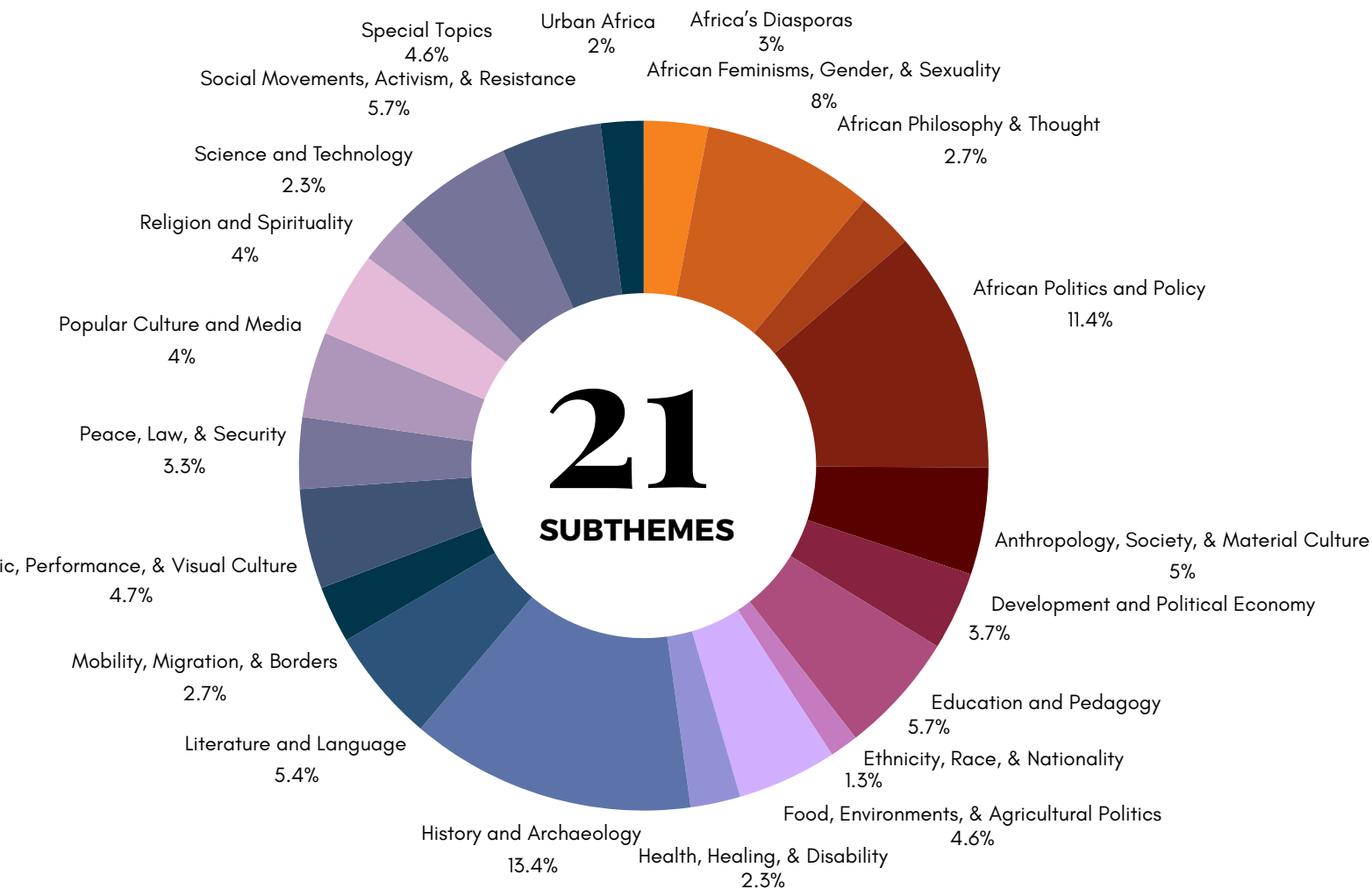
SPONSORED SESSIONS

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, December 2, 2023 during the awards ceremony of the association's 66th Annual Meeting.

DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD

Each year, the African Studies Association presents the Distinguished Africanist Award to a member of the association who has made extraordinary contributions to the field. Considered in deliberations are the candidate's research productivity, cumulative research impact; impact on teaching; impact on publishing; editorial work; graduate supervision; impact on transformative policies or institutional building in Africa, community outreach; and impact on professional organizations.

The Distinguished Africanist Award honored the life work of **Richard Joseph**, Northwestern University and **Kenneth Harrow**, Michigan State University.

Previous honorees include: Pearl Robinson, Emmanuel Gyimah-Boadi, and Iris Berger.

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 **Mariana P. Candido**, *Wealth, Land, and Property in Angola: A History of Dispossession, Slavery, and Inequality* (Cambridge University Press, 2022).

The other finalists for the prize were: Omolade Adunbi, *Enclaves of Exception: Special Economic Zones and Extractive Practices in Nigeria* (Indiana University Press, 2022); Jordanna Matlon, *A Man Among Other Men: The Crisis of Black Masculinity in Racial Capitalism* (Cornell University Press, 2022); Uchenna Okeja, *Deliberative Agency: A Study in Modern African Political Philosophy* (Indiana University Press, 2022); Peer Schouten, *Roadblock Politics: The Origins of Violence in Central Africa* (Cambridge University Press, 2022); and Claire L. Wendland, *Partial Stories: Maternal Death from Six Angles* (University of Chicago Press, 2022).

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.

The Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize was awarded to **Claire L. Wendland**, *Partial Stories: Maternal Death from Six Angles* (University of Chicago Press).

AWARDS AND PRIZES

The other finalists for the prize were: Michael Degani, *The City Electric: Infrastructure and Ingenuity in Postsocialist Tanzania* (Duke University Press); Holly Elizabeth Hanson, *To Speak and be Heard: Speaking Good Government in Uganda, ca. 1500 -2015* (Ohio University Press, 2022); and Rhiannon Stephens, *Poverty and Wealth in East Africa: A Conceptual History* (Duke University Press, 2022).

OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

The ASA presented the 2023 Outstanding Service Award to **Elias Wondimu**, CEO and Editorial Director of Tsehai Publishers.

Each year, the African Studies Association presents the Outstanding Service Award to a member of the association 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.

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 winners of the 2023 Graduate Student Paper Prize were **Mahder Habtemariam** Serekerberhan, "Political Possibilities: The 2019 Sudanese Uprising" and **Kuukuwa Manful**, "Building Classes: Secondary Schools and Sociopolitical Stratification in Ghana."

In 2023, the committee selected one Honorable Mention: Georgia Brunner, "Chaos, Possibility, and Foreclosure for Women's Futures in Revolutionary Rwanda."

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 African continent.

The 2023 ASA Film Prize committee selected **Colette & Justin** directed by Alain Kassanda (2022) as this year's winner. The film was screened at the ASA Annual Meeting and was followed by a Q&A with the director.

In 2023, the committee selected two exceptional runners up: *Under the Fig Trees* dr. Erige Sehiri (2021), and *Dent Pour Dent* dr. Otis Ba Mamadou (2022).

AWARDS AND PRIZES

GRETCHEN WALSH BOOK DONATION AWARD

The African Studies Association, with the support of the Africana Librarians Council Gretchen Walsh Book Donation Committee, offers an annual grant to assist book donation projects with shipping costs to send books to African libraries and schools. The award was established in 1993.

The Gretchen Walsh Book Donation Award committee selected one recipient for 2023: **Jesuit Historical Institute in Africa, Hekima University College, Kenya** (JHIA)

ASA TRAVEL GRANT AWARD

The African Studies Association made a one-year travel micro-stipend available prioritizing the applications of emerging scholars participating in the 2023 ICAADS programming.

The 2023 recipients were: **Christabel Tsoto, Joshua Osondu, Ousmane Lecoq Diop, Esihle Lupindo, Peace Mukazi Ndekezi, and Yekatit G. Tsehayu.**

NEW ASA AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT



The African Studies Association was pleased to announce the establishment of the **Mahmoud Mohamed Taha Student Travel Award** to support research and the exchange of ideas for African studies students on September 22, 2023.

The Mahmoud Mohamed Taha Student Travel Award was made possible by a generous gift from Dr. Steve Howard. The award is named in honor of the life, work, and teachings of Mahmoud Mohamed Taha (1909-1985), an author and founder of the “Republican Brotherhood,” a Sudanese Islamic reform movement.

ASA was honored to host both Dr. Steve Howard and special guest Asma Taha, daughter of the award’s namesake, at the ASA Annual Meeting. Both spoke movingly about the current crisis in Sudan, Mahmoud Mohamed Taha’s legacy, and the value of community and mentorship.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

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 34 Affiliate Organizations that range in mission, size, and geolocation. ASA was excited to welcome Priority Africa Network as its newest Affiliate in late 2023.

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 autonomous elements of the Association, bound by the Association's policies and procedures and legal status. The ASA has 15 Coordinate Organizations under its umbrella. Below is a short profile on each Coordinate Organization which provides a snapshot of their leadership and activity highlights in 2023.

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.

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

ALC held its Spring Meeting on March 29-31, 2023, in Nashville, Tennessee, hosted by Vanderbilt University in conjunction with meetings of the Title VI African Studies Center Librarians Group, and the Cooperative Africana Materials Project, which is administered by the Center for Research Libraries.

At the 2023 ASA Annual Meeting, ALC organized a successful panel, Seeking Inclusive Knowledge, on the impact of technological developments and publishing industry trends on access to Africana library and archival collections. The ASA Board co-sponsored the panel.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

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 Spring Meeting online and hosted a roundtable at the ASA Annual Meeting entitled Resources for Teaching African Studies in the College Classroom.

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 hosted two well attended sessions at the ASA Annual Meeting entitled The United Nations and Conflict Resolutions in Africa. The Tricky Task between Humanitarianism and Geopolitical Stakes and Crossing Imperial Boundaries: Transimperial Circulations and Anti-colonial Strategies as well as its annual Business meeting.

EMERGING SCHOLARS NETWORK

Mission Statement

The ASA Emerging Scholars Network (ESN) supports the innovative research and professional goals of graduate students and early-career members of the ASA.

Activity Highlights

In 2023, the ESN held a webinar to inform emerging scholars about the process of submitting to the ASA Annual Meeting CFP. The ESN posted its own Call for Co-Panelists in the ASA online forum, which received over 20 abstracts from emerging scholars globally.

ESN organized and hosted one Annual Meeting informational session in November as well as two Mock-Presentation workshops for emerging scholars presenting at ASA.

The ESN held two panels at the ASA Annual Meeting as well as an informational session and business meeting.

In December, ESN held successful elections, selecting three new emerging scholars to serve in the ESN Executive Council for a two-year term.

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

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 two sessions at the ASA 2023 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The GSA hosted its annual business meeting in San Francisco and elected David Afriyie Donkor (Texas A&M University) as the new GSA President.

HEALTH, SCIENCE, MEDICINE & TECHNOLOGY

Activity Highlights

ASA HSMT (informally) held a succesful panel presentation at the ASA Annual Meeting sponsored by ASA & the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The presenters included Amina Alaoui Soulimani, Rapheal Wangalwa and Edmond Madhuha and were facilitated by Prof. Julia Cummiskey with Dr. Kudus Adebayo as the discussant.

The organization held a meeting with the Executive Director of ASA focused on discussions of leadership of the group. Prof. Julia Cummiskey shared her experiences since she joined the HSMT and agreed to remain an advisor during a leadership transition.

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 hosted seven well-attended sessions at the ASA Annual Meeting including: Gender(ing) Philosophy in the Senegambia; New Approaches to the History of Reform Movements in Nineteenth Century West Africa; The Aftermath of Slavery in Northwest Africa: Enslavement, Race, Gender, and Blackness Parts I, II & III; Madīh Poetry in the Bilād al-Sūdān: Composition, Reception, Performance: A Panel in Honor of the Career of Prof. Ousmane Kane; The Aesthetic Strategies of Islam in Africa; and New Trends in the Study of Islam in Africa. The three-part series was co-sponsored with the West African Research Association.

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 successfully elected a new President in early 2023. LASO organized a well-attended session on Samora Machel at the ASA Annual Meeting, where it also hosted its annual Business 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.

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 hosted its annual Business Meeting at the ASA Annual Meeting as well as two well-attended sessions on Cameroonian politics and policy.

QUEER AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

QASA aims to facilitate communication, develop networks, and share information among scholars, activists, students, and artists working in the areas of gender, sexuality, and queer studies in Africa.

Activity Highlights

At the ASA Annual Conference 2023, QASA sponsored an Author Meets Critic Roundtable on Amanda Lock-Swarr's *Sex In Transition: Remaking Gender and Race in South Africa* (Duke, March 2023), another Author Meets Critic Roundtable on Kwame Edwin Otu's *Amphibious Subjects: Sasso and the Contested Politics of Queer Self-Making in Neoliberal Ghana* (University of California Press, 2022), and the roundtable, "Trans Studies/African Studies."

COORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS

SENEGAMBIAN STUDIES GROUP

Mission Statement

The Senegambian Studies Group is a nonpartisan forum made up of academics from institutions of higher education and independent scholars that seek to promote the study of Senegambia world-wide from a broad analytical perspectives. We facilitate interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, and cross-national research collaboration and engage with current socio-political and economic issues in Senegambia in accessible and wide-ranging formats.

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 hosted its 15th Sports Africa Conference “Inclusive and Exclusive Communities: Minorities, Women, and Youth in African Sport,” March 23-25 at the University of Florida, co-hosted with the UF Center for African Studies.

Sports Africa launched the SportsAfrica Scholarly forum to foster engaging discussion on unpublished research. The first Forum was a review of Dr. Jorg Wiegatz’s paper “The Dynamics of the Commercialization of Football in Africa: The Case of Uganda.”

Sports Africa hosted SportsAfrica Live sessions, virtual roundtables focusing on specific themes related to African sports.

At the ASA Annual Meeting, Sports Africa sponsored three panels including Politics of Social Movements in Sports, Telling Sporting Stories, and Struggle over African Football Dreams.

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 2023 Aidoo-Snyder Book Prize to Judith Byfield, for *The Great Upheaval: Women and Nation in Postwar Nigeria* (Ohio University Press, 2022).

The Women's Caucus hosted their annual luncheon and lecture in 2023, which included a lecture by author and translator, Wangui wa Goro.

The Women's Caucus co-hosted a Members' Event with ASA on the Aidoo-Snyder prize winner and sponsored seven well-attended sessions at the Annual Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Assets

Cash	\$ 185,808
Accounts Receivable	63,292
Contributions Receivable	221,210
Contributions Receivable - facilities	371,957
Prepaid expenses and other assets	20,040
Investments	<u>1,483,610</u>

Total Assets

\$ 2,345,917

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 248,636
Deferred revenue	<u>40,112</u>

\$ 288,748

Total Liabilities

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	\$ 1,076,637
With donor restrictions	<u>907,016</u>

Total Net Assets

2,057,169

Total Liabilities and Net Assets

\$ 2,345,917

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

Revenue and Support

Grants and contributions	\$ 7,504	\$ 129,907	\$ 137,411
Membership dues	204,025	-	204,025
Publications	127,266	-	127,266
Annual meeting	276,331	-	276,331
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>326,101</u>	<u>(326,101)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue and Support	<u>941,227</u>	<u>(196,194)</u>	<u>745,033</u>

Expenses

Program services	888,197	-	888,197
Supporting service			
General and administrative	<u>201,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,030</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,089,227</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,089,227</u>

Change in Net Assets Before Other Changes

(148,000)	(196,194)	(344,194)
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Other Changes

Investment Income (loss)	<u>190,752</u>	<u>22,094</u>	<u>212,846</u>
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Change in Net Assets

42,752	(174,100)	(131,348)
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Net Assets

Beginning of year	<u>1,107,401</u>	<u>1,081,116</u>	<u>2,188,517</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,150,153</u>	<u>\$ 907,016</u>	<u>\$ 2,057,169</u>

