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African Studies Association Announces the Carolyn Brown and Judith Byfield Outreach Fund

PISCATAWAY, New Jersey—The African Studies Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Carolyn Brown and Judith Byfield Outreach Fund** created to support the Brown-Byfield Outreach Education Initiatives.

The Carolyn Brown and Judith Byfield Outreach Fund will support the longstanding **ASA Children's Africana Book Award** which recognizes the authors and illustrators of the best children's and young adult books on Africa. The Carolyn Brown and Judith Byfield Outreach Fund also supports the new **Teacher Workshops and Resources Grant** to champion programming, projects, and events that benefit K-16 students.

The Fund was made possible by generous gifts from Drs. Carolyn A. Brown and Judith A. Byfield. Carolyn A. Brown is Professor Emeritus of History at Rutgers University (1992-2024). She earned her PhD from Columbia University in 1985 and is a social historian of African urban and labor history and the history of slavery. She is the author of *We Are All Slaves: African Miners, Culture, and Resistance at the Enugu Government Colliery, Nigeria, 1914-1950* (Heinemann, 2001) and co-editor of *Africa and World War II* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) with Judith Byfield, Timothy Parsons, and Ahmad Sikainga. She has published numerous articles on African labor history, the colonial labor process, racism, and the relationship between masculinity and labor militancy. She served on the editorial board of the Cambridge University Press Africa Series and is former senior editor of *International Labor and Working Class History*. She is the former Director of the Center for African Studies at Rutgers University and served as President of the African Studies Association in 2021.

Judith A. Byfield is the Stephen '59 and Madeline '60 Anbinder Professor of History at Cornell University. She earned her PhD from Columbia University in 1993 and is a social and economic historian of women in colonial Nigeria. Her research began with an interest in African art and literature and evolved to include the colonial state, nationalism, women's history, and the Anglophone Caribbean African Diaspora. She is most recently the author of *A Great Upheaval: Women and Nation in Post-War Nigeria* (Ohio University Press, 2021) and the co-editor of *Africa and World War II* with Carolyn Brown, Timothy Parsons, Ahmad Sikainga (Cambridge University Press, 2015) a*nd Global Africa: Into the Twenty-First Century* with Dorothy Hodgson (University of California Press, 2017). She served as President of the African Studies Association in 2011. She is currently a Fulbright Global Scholar researching a new project on West Indian women in 20th century Lagos.

The Carolyn Brown and Judith Byfield Outreach Fund is named in honor of their fifty-year friendship and mutual commitment to integrating knowledge about Africa and its diasporas into every level of education. Please find these biographies and more information on the Brown-Byfield Outreach Education Initiatives page.

About the ASA
Established in 1957, the African Studies Association is the flagship membership organization devoted to enhancing the exchange of information about Africa. Based in the U.S., the ASA cultivates a holistic understanding of the continent and its diasporas through a globally representative membership. The ASA Annual Meeting fosters interdisciplinary global networks by convening people with scholarly and professional interests in Africa. The organization publishes two leading journals, *African Studies Review* and *History in Africa,* and promotes high-quality research in the field.