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Dear ASA Leadership:

Founded in the early 1970s, the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) has routinely held biannual meetings for forty-five years at leading African studies centers, universities, and small colleges throughout the Southeast. In these extraordinary times, we declared our first political statement, a resolution supporting the "ASA Board of Directors Condemns Executive Order Restricting Entry into the U.S." It follows:

The participants at the Spring Meeting of the Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies (SERSAS) meeting at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina on February 4, 2017 unanimously endorse the statement of the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association on the executive order relating to immigration.

Thank you for your leadership on this crucial matter.

Yours very truly,

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