

**Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)
Fall Meeting, 14 - 16 September 2007
Hosted at the College of Charleston
Charleston, South Carolina
Program**

Registration, Coffee, Breakfast Items (8:30 – 9:00 a.m.)

Welcome and Introductions (9:00 – 9:15 a.m.)

Roundtable on Study Abroad Opportunities and Challenges in Africa (9:15 – 10:30 a.m.)

A. Jack Parson, College of Charleston: Morocco - A Moslem, European, and African Country - Studying the Crossroads of Culture and History

B. Ken Wilburn and David Dennard, East Carolina University: Ghana - ECU Summer Study Abroad Program

C. Aran MacKinnon, University of West Georgia: Going Global in South Africa. Global Studies Abroad

Chair and Discussant: Professor Mario Azevedo, Jackson State University

Break (10:15 – 10:30 a.m.)

Panel 1: South Africa in Transition and in Comparative Perspective (10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)

A. Kevin Mulhearn, University of South Carolina Upstate: "Colour Me: the Work of Berni Searle"

B. Elaine MacKinnon, University of West Georgia: "Grasping at the Whirlwind: Transitional Leadership in Comparative Perspective: the Case Studies of Mikhail Gorbachev and F.W. de Klerk"

Chair and Discussant: Professor Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University

Lunch and Business Meeting (12 noon – 1:30 p.m.)

**Panels 2 and 3 (Combined): Nigeria: the Crossroads of Democracy ;
Commercial Highways, Byways and Hunger: A Colonial Exploration**
(1:30 – 3:45 p.m.)

A. Musa Umar, National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, Kuru, Nigeria and the University of Jos: “Ethnic Contestations and Democratic Consolidation in Nigeria”

B. Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University: "A Hard Man' run Aground: River Travel, Commercial Rivalries, and Political Divides in Oskar Lenz's Gabon Voyages, 1874-1877,”

C. Tim Carmichael, College of Charleston: "When Satiety Marries Avarice, Hunger Is Born: an Anti-Colonial 'Folktale' from 1950s Ethiopia."

Chair and Discussant: Professor Aran MacKinnon, University of West Georgia

Closing of the Seminar (3:45 p.m.)