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AFRICAN STUDIES (SERSAS)

Africa and the Environment

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FRIDAY: 26 SEPTEMBER

Atrium, 1911 Building (next to Withers Hall)

6:30-9:30 pm: Reception

SATURDAY: 27 SEPTEMBER

Withers Hall, Room 140

8:30- 9:00 am: Registration (*tea, coffee*)

9:00-9:15 am: Official welcome (CHASS Dean's Office)

Session 1: 9:15-10:30 am

Environmental Challenges and Artistic Expression in Africa

Chair and Discussant: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University

Kofi Boone, North Carolina State University, *Is My Street Killing Me: Investigating Environmental Health Challenges of Urban Streets in Ghana*

Leah Lyons, Middle Tennessee State University, *Can Africa Be Funny?: Humor in Francophone African Cinema*

Amy Schwartzott, University of Florida, *Urban Mozambican Arts: Recycled Materials as Media of Contemporary Expression*

William R. Godfrey, Environic Foundation International, *Environic Foundation International, Sustainable Societies in Africa: Modules on Education for Sustainable Development*

Session 2: 10:40-12:10am

Environmental Connections in African History

Chair and Discussant: Jeffery Rich, Middle Tennessee State University

David Decker, University of South Carolina – Sumter, *El-Obeid, 1820-1885: A Study of the Intra-and Inter-Urban Development of a Sudanese Urban Complex*

Gary Marquardt, Virginia Commonwealth University, *Colonial Policy and Indigenous Management: Connections between Cattle Disease, Environment, and the Origins of the Langeberg Rebellion in South Africa, c. 1896-1898*

Lunch and business meeting 12:15-1:30

Session 3: 1:45-3:15pm
Tourism and Hunting in Africa

Chair and Discussant: Owen J.M. Kalinga, North Carolina State University

Scott Brunger, Maryville College, *Local Initiative in Shaping Sustainable Ecotourism in the Dogon Region of Mali*

Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University, *Kings of the Gun: Guns, Animals, and Colonialism in Southern Gabon, ca. 1890-1940*

Session 4: 3:30-5:00pm
Science and the Environment in Contemporary Africa

Chair and Discussant: Mario Azevedo, Jackson State University

Mario Azevedo, Jackson State University, *Diabetes and Obesity in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Jacqueline Maximilian, University of Idaho, *Towards Sustainable Harvesting of Africa's Largest Medicinal Plant Export (*Prunus africanus*): A Case Study in Tanzania*

Myralyn O.A. Nartey, University of California Los Angeles, *Climate and Women's Health in Sub-Saharan Africa*