



Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

**Fall Meeting
1 - 2 October 2010**

**Co-Sponsored by Maryville College's Office of the
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and the

**University of Tennessee Knoxville's International House,
Black Cultural Center, and the Africana Studies Program**

Accommodations:

Driving East or West on Interstate 40, exit at Alcoa Highway 129 South in Knoxville. Continue 10 miles to hotels by the Knoxville Airport.

Jameson Inn, tel. 865.984.6800 offers a special rate for Maryville College visitors.

Fairfield Inn, tel. 865.984.9350

Hampton Inn, tel. 865.983.1101

Reception -- Friday, 1 October 2010, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Maryville College Clayton Center for the Arts--Main Building, Faculty Lounge, Room 301

Follow Highway 129 South from the Knoxville Airport. After one mile take the left split on Hall Road through Alcoa, which becomes Washington in Maryville after five miles. At the seventh traffic light for Highway 321 jog right and then turn left to enter the Maryville College campus. Park in the Clayton Center for the Arts parking lot on the right near the entrance. Walk along the road dividing the Clayton Center from the rest of the campus to the entrance opposite the tower with the flag. Go to the third floor. The Faculty Lounge is right over the entrance, Room 301.

Program -- Saturday, 2 October 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sessions at the International House in University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

<http://www.utk.edu/maps/>

Take Highway 129 North from the Knoxville Airport 10 miles and exit just over the Tennessee River right onto Cumberland Avenue. Follow Cumberland Avenue and turn right on Melrose Place near the top of the hill. International House is straight ahead dominating the hill. After one block start looking for a parking place.

8:30 - 9:00: Registration

9:00 - 9:30: Formal Introductions

9:30 - 11:00: African History and Civil Society

“Colonial Terrorism and the Incorporation of Africa into the Capitalist World System,”
Asafa Jalata, University of Tennessee Knoxville

“Milk as Cash: The Reality of Producer Cooperatives in Post-Colonial Malawi,”
Owen Kalinga, North Carolina State University

“Mau Mau and the Great Mount Kenya Trench: Colonial Brutality in Embu,”
Nyaga Mwaniki, Western Carolina University and Munene Mwaniki, University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign

“Human Rights and Elite Privilege in French Colonial Africa: The Gabonese *Ligue des Droits de l’Homme*, 1916-1939,”
Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University

11:00 - 11:15: Break

11:15 - 12:45: Civil Society in Post-Colonial Africa

“Civil Society in Morocco,”
Mohammed Belhaj, Mohammed V University, Rabat, Morocco

“Mobilizing Civil Society: Activist Scholarship in Durban, South Africa,”
Kea Gordon, College of Charleston

“Claiming Kabale: Indians, Africans and the Morality of Urban Citizenship,”
Edgar Taylor, University of Michigan

12:45 – 1:45: Lunch and Business Meeting

1:45 - 3:15: Spirituality, the Environment, and Civil Society

“Bénin's 'Madoff Scandal': Role of l'Église du Christianisme Céleste,”
Scott Brunger, Maryville College

“Space and Value in the Colonial State: Cityscapes in the Communes of Senegal,”
Shannon Harris, King’s College

“Multiple Perspectives on Kenyan National Parks: Historiography and Practice,”
Amanda Lewis, Michigan State University

“The *Kobra*’s Bellybutton: Nalú Worldview in a Changing World,” Brandon Lundy,
Kennesaw State University

3:30-4:45: Roundtable on Study Abroad Programs to Africa

Kea Gorden, College of Charleston (South Africa)
Frances Henderson and Douglas Sofer, Maryville College (Ghana)
Nyaga Mwaniki, Western Carolina University (Kenya)
Amadou Sall, University of Tennessee, Knoxville (Ghana)
Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University (South Africa)