



Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

**Fall 2005 SERSAS Conference
30 September - 1 October 2005**

**[Maryville College](#)
Maryville, Tennessee, USA**

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Directions to Maryville College

NORTH FROM GEORGIA AND ALABAMA

Take I-75N toward Knoxville. Exit at Lenoir City, Highway 321 (just before getting to Knoxville) and turn right off the exit. Continue on 321 for approximately 20 miles (through Lenoir City) and you will come into Maryville. Continue straight and the college will be on the right (you will go under a "bridge" with Maryville College written on it; the campus is the second right turn).

SOUTH FROM VIRGINIA

Take I-81S toward Knoxville. At the Asheville/Knoxville split, take I-40W toward Knoxville. As you come into Knoxville stay on I-40W until you take the Smoky Mountain/Alcoa Hwy exit, Hwy 129S. As you exit the road will split; bear to the left, following the airport signs. After you pass the airport, bear to the left at fork and follow the MC signs through Alcoa. Continue straight through six traffic lights. At the seventh light you will see the campus; turn right onto 321S (Lamar Alexander Parkway). Turn immediately left into the college.

SOUTH FROM KENTUCKY

Take I-75S toward Knoxville. After exit 108 (Merchants Road) in Knoxville, I-75 splits into I-75/I-640 (to Chattanooga) and I-275 (to Knoxville). Take I-275S to Knoxville. I-275 ends after approximately 3 miles. Take I-40W for about one mile. From I-40, look for the Smoky Mountain/Alcoa Hwy exit, Hwy 129S. Continue on 129S through Alcoa for approximately 20 miles. Upon entering Maryville, continue straight through six traffic lights. At the seventh light, you will see the campus; turn right onto 321S (Lamar Alexander Parkway). Turn immediately left into the college.

WEST FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Take I-40W toward Knoxville. As you come into Knoxville stay on I-40W until you take the Smoky Mountain/Alcoa Hwy. Exit. Hwy 129S. As you exit the road will split; bear to the left, following the airport signs. Continue on 129S through Alcoa for approximately 20 miles. Upon entering Maryville, continue straight through six traffic lights. At the seventh light you will see the campus; turn right onto 321S (Lamar Alexander Parkway). Turn immediately left into the college.

Welcome and Reception

African Dinner cooked by students (Please RSVP)
Friday, September 30, 2005
5:30-7:30 p.m.
House in the Woods
To get there follow the road behind the football field to its end

Reception at home of Dr. Chad Berry, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
128 West Goddard Street, off Court Street by Southwest corner of Maryville College campus.

Conference Program
Panels and Roundtable Discussion
Saturday, 1 October 2005
8:30 am - 4:00 p.m.

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Maryville College

(**Presenters:** Please send an electronic copy of your paper to your chair/discussant and Kenneth Wilburn (email: wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu) as soon as possible before the conference.)

8:30 - 8:45: Coffee and donuts

8:45 - 9:00: Welcome by Coordinators

9:00 - 10:45: PANEL I: "The Struggle for Democracy and Social justice in Northeast Africa: The case of Oromos. Chair and discussant: Asafa Jalata, University of Tennessee at Knoxville

1. Dima Noggo, 'The Oromo Struggle for Justice', University of Tennessee, Knoxville
2. Harwood Schaffer, 'Trade Liberalization, Globalization, and Agriculture in Oromia', University of Tennessee, Knoxville
3. Addisu Tolesa, 'Original African Democracy: The Oromo Gada System', University of Tennessee, Knoxville

10:45 - 11:00: Break

11:00 - 12:30: PANEL II: "Africa and the U.S.A.: Policies and Issues," Chair and discussant: Thomas Conte, Maryville College

1. Nonso Okereafoezeke, Norfolk State University, 'What really Can the United States Do to Transform 21st Century African Society?'
2. Mario Azevedo, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, 'The Organization of African Unity-African Union: Africa's Response to Sept. 11, 2001 and its aftermath'
3. Gwendolyn Prater, Jackson State University, 'Child Welfare Policy and Practice in South Africa'

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.: African Lunch in Proffitt Dining Room of Pierson's Hall

1. "Coordinators' Report"
2. "Report on the SERSAS Web Site and SERSAS-L," by Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS, East Carolina University

1:30 - 3:00: PANEL III: "Reflections on Nationalism, Identity and Aesthetics in Western and Southern Africa." Chair and Discussant: Aran MacKinnon, University of West Georgia

1. William Dewey, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 'Repatriation of a National Symbol'
2. Margaret Delong, University of Georgia, 'Oriki: Yoruba Oral Poetry'

3:00-3:15: Break 3:15 - 4:30: Round Table on Study Abroad." Chair: Dr. Chad Berry, Maryville College,
Chad.Berry@maryvillecollege.edu

4:30: Concluding Remarks by Coordinators, SERSAS Sponsors, and Members

SERSAS takes great pride in providing a friendly and collegial atmosphere which facilitates the open exchange of scholarly perspectives. Faculty are encouraged to bring graduate and undergraduate students as a means of introducing them to the workings of an academic conference.

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