



SERSAS-L Notebook Archive of Postings
11 January 2003 – 13 January 2020
Edited January – March 2020
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC, USA
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SERSAS-L, the listserv of the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, was moderated by Dr. Kenneth Wilburn and supported by staff from East Carolina University. The entire edited archive of SERSAS-L from 2002 to 2020 follows this introduction.

Instances of gibberish, often generated by postings sent to SERSAS-L with attachments or in html instead of ascii text, have been deleted. Examples include commands and technical descriptive language related to MIME, Content-Type, attachments (which listserv could not post), long message identification strings, and Content-Transfer-Encoding, among other technical insertions generated by listserv. The editor regrets any instances where such gibberish may remain.

Other edited deletions include unintentional private email messages posted during the early unedited setting of SERSAS-L. Occasional discussion threads created by hand often contained repeated postings as SERSASians contributed new postings to ongoing discussions. Where this occurs, needless repetitions have been deleted.

Style was usually determined by mechanizations inside listserv, but restrictions on ascii text required adaptation. For example, book titles could not be emboldened or italicized in postings. Instead, your editor presented book titles as Living with Africa. Sometimes email addresses appear inside < >; occasionally they do not. Listserv created a major nuisance when it frequently inserted equal signs after each line of text downloaded from the archive. Several thousand equal signs were deleted and margins were reset here.

Conference announcements, programs, and SERSAS business on many topics make up the content of SERSAS-L. Many links still work, especially those that begin with <https://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>, but others outside the ECU domain may not. Some technical information created by listserv may remain.

Finally, SERSAS-L ["East Carolina University African Studies (History)"] SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU and its companion SERSAS home page [<https://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>](https://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/) are now legacies. SERSAS-L has been replaced by SERSAS-2@LISTSERV.COFC.EDU, archived at the College of Charleston and edited by SERSAS coordinator Chris Day, dayc@cofc.edu. The new SERSAS home page is <https://www.sersas.org/>, also edited by Chris Day. Both came online during the 2019-2020 academic year. SERSASians are very grateful both to ECU for its strong support of SERSAS and to the College of Charleston and Chris Day for continuing the invaluable online presence of the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies.

-----Original Message-----

From: ECU LISTSERV Server (16.5) <LISTSERV@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 4:50 AM
To: Wilburn, Kenneth <WILBURNK@ECU.EDU>
Subject: File: "SERSAS-L NOTEBOOK"

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<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "East Carolina University African Studies (History)"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: SERSAS Test Message

This is a test message to the SERSAS-L listserv.

Kenneth Wilburn

Date: Tue, 14 Jan 2003 09:57:51 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Here is the last test to Kenneth as the Sole Subscriber

Hello SERSAS

Date: Tue, 14 Jan 2003 21:46:08 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Welcome to SERSAS-L

Welcome! As a member or friend of SERSAS, you have been subscribed to SERSAS-L, a private, unmoderated, Africanist listserv maintained by East Carolina University. Encouraged to do so by SERSAS members, Ken Wilburn has established SERSAS-L to facilitate communication and discussion.

Please print out this important information for your records. Consider starting a SERSAS folder on your pc and save this email there as well.

Use the following email address to send your professional SERSAS messages to all subscribers:

SERSAS-L@ecumail7.ecu.edu

Occasionally, you may want to adjust your subscription settings. To edit your subscription or to unsubscribe, please email the appropriate one-line command from the list below to LISTSERV@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU from the email address where you received this welcome message. Send the email with a blank subject and nothing but the command in the body. Note that LISTSERV is a machine, not a person.

COMMANDS (Do not send the explanatory notes with the commands!)

signoff SERSAS-L
Unsubscribes you from SERSAS-L

set SERSAS-L ack
Listserv will notify you that it has posted your message to the list

set SERSAS-L noack
Listserv will post the message without notifying you

set SERSAS-L rep
Listserv will send you a copy of any message you send to the list

set SERSAS-L norep
Listserv will not send you copies of messages you send the list

set SERSAS-L nomail
Stops all SERSAS-L mail from coming to your account until further notice.

set SERSAS-L mail
Resets all SERSAS-L mail to come to your account.

ind SERSAS-L
Sends you a directory of SERSAS-L's available archive files.

help SERSAS-L
Sends you a list of commands.

review SERSAS-L
Sends you a subscriber list

For help see <http://www.ecu.edu/itcs/listserv/general.htm> or email Ken Wilburn, <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>.

SERSAS Homepage: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

SERSAS-L First Online: 14 January 2003

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Date: Wed, 22 Jan 2003 17:26:32 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Lecture Series Announcement

Dear SERSAS Colleagues,

Bradly W. Reed has sent us the following announcement for distribution. I have tried to attach the announcement. Just in case, below is an email form of the attachment. Best.

Ken Wilburn,
Web Editor, SERSAS
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The Corcoran Department of History, in conjunction with The Carter-Woodson Institute, The Office of African-American Affairs, and the History Club of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Presents A Lecture Series

“Slavery as History: A Global Approach”

By

Joseph C. Miller
T. Cary Johnson Jr. Professor of History
University of Virginia

Lecture I
The Problem of Slavery as History
Wednesday, January 29
3:30

125 Minor Hall
Reception to Follow

Lecture II
History and Slaving as Problems in Africa
Thursday, January 30
6:30
108 Clark Hall

Lecture III
Problematizing Slavery in the Americas as History
Friday, January 31
1:30
108 Clark Hall

Bradly W. Reed
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bwr4k@virginia.edu

Date: Tue, 28 Jan 2003 09:47:55 -0500
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<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Fw: WARA Summer Institute in Dakar

Dear SERSAS Colleagues,

Below and attached are messages from Ann Dunbar and Leo Villalon.

All the best.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS-L

Dear Colleagues,

Leonardo Villalon, Director of the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida and current President of the West African Research Association, has just announced a summer institute for college and university faculty under WARA's auspices to be held in Senegal, June 15-29, 2003 entitled "Contemporary Islam in West Africa: Senegal in Perspective." It looks like a wonderful program. Please spread the word!

Copies of the flyer and of an application form are attached.

Best regards,
Ann Dunbar

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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Aran MacKinnon <amackinn@WESTGA.EDU>
Subject: SERSAS COORDINATOR

Dear Fellow SERSASians

Greetings. Your humble Sersas Coordinators, Nonso Okereafoezeke and I, would like to invite members to make nominations (self-nominations are welcome) for a new coordinator or coordinators. While Nonso will continue to serve, my term is, technically, coming to an end this Spring. I have agreed, unless there are any objections, to continue to help as an ex-officio coordinator, but we really do need some new blood. Please send your nominations to either myself or Nonso as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Dr. Aran S. MacKinnon
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Date: Thu, 6 Feb 2003 11:11:42 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: "Azevedo, Mario" <mjazeved@EMAIL.UNCC.EDU>
Subject: Re: SERSAS COORDINATOR

Hey, Aran: I nominate Resa Ellovich, Anthropology, NC State. Where are we meeting next? Thanks.

Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 20:14:39 -0500
Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: South Africa Travel/Study Program

Dear SERSAS-L Subscribers,

Hunt Davis has asked me to distribute the following announcement to you. There are two related attachments as well. All the best.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS and SERSAS-L

Dear Fellow SERSAS Members,

I would very much appreciate your assistance in publicizing a travel/study that I am leading to South Africa this summer (15-28 July). And, of course, I would like to invite you to participate in the program yourself. Entitled "South Africa Past and Present: A Cultural and Historical Journey," the program for the trip focuses on understanding contemporary South Africa in the context of the historical forces that have molded the country. The Center for African Studies and the Department of History, University of Florida, are jointly sponsoring the trip, and Holbrook Travel is handling the logistics.

This is the second year I will be leading this program. Last year we had eleven participants, mostly high school and community college teachers but also a couple of university history faculty and two elementary teachers. The 2002 program was a "pilot project", but it went so well that I have been encouraged to lead another program for this coming summer.

For your information I have pasted in a one-page description of the program below. I also have attached the same description as a document (AdAnnouncingTrip) as well as a document with the detailed itinerary (UF 2003 SA Itinerary).

Thanks for calling this to the attention of individuals who you think may be interested in the trip. And, as I mentioned above, I would certainly welcome your participation.

Best regards,
Hunt Davis

“South Africa Past and Present: A Cultural and Historical Journey”

15 July to 28 July 2003

This program focuses on understanding contemporary South Africa in the context of the historical forces that have molded the country. These forces continue shaping the present for today's people, society, and vibrant patterns of life are very much a product of the nation's long and complex history. Starting in Cape Town and continuing on to Johannesburg and Pretoria, we will delve into the central African character of South Africa, the slave society origins of the early Cape Colony, the foundations of industrial capitalism, Victorian Cape Town, 20th century urbanization, and the struggle for a democratic South Africa. Visits to the Cape Peninsula National Park, including Cape Point, the Two Oceans Aquarium in Cape Town, and Pilanesburg National Park in the Northern Cape Province will serve to illustrate the diverse and unique South African topography and terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna that have provided the physical and environmental contexts in which the historical processes took place.

The cost of the trip is \$1799 per person, shared accommodations (\$300 additional for singles), plus international airfare. A deposit of \$200 (payable to Holbrook Travel and refundable less a \$75 processing fee until May 15, 2003) is required to reserve a place in the program.

Participants in this travel-study program may also elect to register for four semester hours of graduate credit at the University of Florida at an additional cost of \$600 for tuition. The course, AFH 5458 Southern Africa, will provide a professional development opportunity for teachers at the middle school, secondary, and college levels and other professional educators through an in-depth educational travel experience. This course will be of value to those teaching African history, geography, and contemporary affairs or world history, geography, and contemporary issues.

For more information contact: Dr. R. Hunt Davis, Jr., Center for African Studies, P.O. Box 115560, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-5560.

Phone: (352) 392-0271, ext. 230, or 392-2183. Fax:(352)392-2435.

hdavis@nersp.nerdc.ufl.edu.

http://web.africa.ufl.edu/announce/UF2003_SA_Itinerary.doc

Date: Sun, 9 Feb 2003 20:28:06 -0500
Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: South Africa Travel/Study Program

Dear SERSAS-L Subscribers,

My apologies to Hunt and all of you for my typo, "Ttravel," in the subject line of the just sent email, "South Africa Travel/Study Program." When you save the announcement to your pc or forward it to your colleagues, please correct my error [corrected above].

Regrets to all.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS and SERSAS-L

Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2003 11:03:37 -0500
Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>

Dear SERSAS Colleagues,

The Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies in cooperation with the Institute for African Studies (both under the Russian Academy of Sciences) is organizing in Moscow on June 18-21, 2004 the Third International Conference "Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations".

The working languages of the Conference are Russian and English.

Details of the conference are attached [could not be reproduced by listserv].

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS-L

Date: Sun, 23 Feb 2003 13:22:16 -0500
Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Spring 2003 SERSAS Conference

Dear SERSASians:

Preliminary information on the Spring 2003 SERSAS Conference is now online.

Please access <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2003Program.htm>.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS and SERSAS-L

Date: Thu, 13 Mar 2003 13:55:00 -0500
Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Journal Article

From: Kemp Burpeau
Date: 13 March 2002

I am attempting to finalize my dissertation for graduation next month. I need to acquire a copy of an article by N. Southey, "History, Church and Historical Theology in South Africa", _Journal of Theology for Southern Africa_, Sept. 1989. I do not have the time to go through the usual interlibrary loan process. Do any of the list serve members have a copy of that portion of the journal that they might fax to me on a complimentary basis? I would be much indebted and would provide an appropriate acknowledgement in the work.

My fax in Wilmington, NC is 910 341 4170.

Any possible assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2003 12:15:44 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>

From: Aran MacKinnon <amackinn@WESTGA.EDU>
Subject: SERSAS program
Comments: To: Wilburn Kenneth <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>,
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Dear presenters,

Here below is the preliminary program. There may be some last-minute changes if some folks do not show, but otherwise it will be as stated. My wife/colleague and I will host a brief reception early Fri evening before folks go out for dinner/supper, so please do plan to come along if you can. We all look forward to seeing you soon. Let me know if you have any questions.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU SEND A COPY OF YOUR PAPER TO YOUR PANEL DISCUSSANT BEFORE THE MEETING: as follows

Dr. Nonso Okereafoezeke: <nonso@email.wcu.edu>
Dr. Ken Wilburn: <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Dr. Aran MacKinnon: <amackinn@westga.edu>

Thank you
Aran

SERSAS: Spring Conference, 11-12 April 2003
University Center, State University of West Georgia
Carrollton, GA, 30118

PROGRAM

Fri. 11 April 5:30-7:30

Welcome and Reception: The MacKinnons: 149 Oak Mountain Road, Carrollton, GA, 30116, Tel (770) 832-0728 or at another location, TBA

Directions to the MacKinnons from town/area of the motels.

-Go south on Route 27 (also called South Park Street) down past the new McDonalds, Applebees and Publix supermarket complex on your right. Go over the overpass, and get in the left turn lane to go left onto the 'Bypass', route 166/61 going toward I-20 and Atlanta.

-Take 166/61 past one set of lights for approx. 3 miles. Turn right/south on Route 16/Alt 27 (also called Newnan Road) going toward Whitesburg and Newnan. You will see a large white octagonal building (country jail) on one corner and West Central Tech on the other

-Go south on 16/Alt 27 for approx 2 miles to the first set of lights.

-Turn left at the set of lights onto Oak Mountain Road.

-Go approx one quarter mile, and look for mailbox #149 on the right side. Our driveway is a long, gravel drive going down to the right just past a split rail fence which encloses a large pasture. The house is beige with stone and is set down from the road.

Please call if you have any difficulty.

Program and Papers: NB all papers will be presented in Rm 312 of the University Center

9:00 -10:45 Panel 1: Africa and Development: The Human, Fiscal and Political Dimensions

1) 'The Africa Growth and Opportunity Act and its Rules or Origin: Generosity Undermined?' IMF Working Paper'

Devesh Roy, University of Maryland

2) 'Good Governance and Development in Africa: An analysis for the partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)'

Rawia Mohamaed Tawfic, Cairo University

3) 'Refugees and Risk of Conflict in Host Countries: Case Studies of Cote D'Ivoire and Guinea'

Walarington Coulibaly, University of Abidjan in Ivory Coast

4) 'The Broken Golden Bowl: predominant 'presidentialism', mismanagement, institutional collapse and economic crisis in Zimbabwe.'

Teedzani Thapelo, University of Botswana

Panel Chair and discussant: Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University

10:45-11:00: Break

11:00 -12:30 Panel two: South African identities and challenges in the changing spiritual, spatial and political transformation of a country.

'The Reagan Administration, South Africa and Nuclear Cooperation'

Javan Frazier, Auburn University

'Whose Nazareth Baptist Church?: Prophecy, power and Schism in South Africa'
Joel Tishken, Columbus State University

'Building, Occupying and Invading Land alongside Tafelberg Road Mitchell's Plain, Cape Town:
Observations of a Mediator'
Mary Simons, University of Cape Town and East Carolina University

Panel chair and discussant: Aran MacKinnon, State University of West Georgia

12:30-1:30 Lunch and Address by Prof. Tim Hynes, Vice President for Academic Affairs,
State University of West Georgia

1:30-2:00 SERSAS Business meeting

2:00-3:45 Panel 3. Land Labor, Capital and Science: Regional forces in African and colonial history

1) 'Unfinished Business: Land Reform in Coastal Kenya, 1908-1920s'
Hamidin Bin Abd Hamid, University of Malaya

2) 'Kinder Gentler Colonialism?: African Servility and Colonial Forced Labor in French West Africa'
Tim Cleaveland, University of Georgia

3)'Contested Identities: The History of Science in Africa, The Dogon and the Implications for the
Teaching of World History',
Arletha D. Livingston, Georgia State University

4) "The Integration of Nile Valley Diaspora Merchants Within Kordofan ca. 1750"
David Decker, University of South Carolina at Sumter

5) "The History of Botswana and the Kalahari as Seen Through Films"
Neil Parsons, University of Botswana

Chair and Discussant: Nonso Okereafoezeke, Western Carolina University

3:45 Concluding remarks and end of the conference

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Spring 2003 SERSAS Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 22 March 2003

The program for the Spring 2003 SERSAS Conference is now online. You can access it from the link on the SERSAS homepage, <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>, or go there directly at <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2003Program.htm>.

On behalf of SERSAS, I want to extend a collective thanks to Dr. Aran MacKinnon and the State University of West Georgia in Carrollton for graciously hosting the spring conference. See you there.

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Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2003 15:54:59 -0400
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: James Burns <burnsj@CLEMSON.EDU>
Subject: Re: SERSAS program

Aran,

I'm going to arrive tomorrow morning--see you then.

JB

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Date: Mon, 28 Apr 2003 10:44:45 -0400
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@ECUMAIL7.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth Elwood" <WILBURNK@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: SERSAS Paper

From: Kenneth Wilburn, SERSAS Web Editor
Date: 28 April 2003

It is my pleasure to announce that Joel Tishken's paper, 'Whose Nazareth Baptist Church?: Prophecy, Power and Schism in South Africa', which was presented at the Spring 2003 SERSAS conference at the State University of West Georgia, is now online. You may access it at

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/TishkenSpring2003.htm>

All the best.

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Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2003 20:57:55 -0400

Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Posting SERSAS Papers

From: Ann Dunbar radunbar@EMAIL.UNC.EDU
Date: 29 April 2003

What a great idea to post Joel Tishken's interesting SERSAS paper. Thanks, Ken, for all you do with the website. I hope I can get to at least one SERSAS meeting next year. This past year I had conflicts both weekends of the meeting. I heard from Dan Johns that the GA meeting went very well.

Date: Fri, 2 May 2003 10:24:44 -0400
Reply-To: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Coulibaly Paper, SERSAS Spring 2003

From: Kenneth Wilburn, SERSAS Web Editor
Date: 2 May 2003

Walarington Coulibaly's SERSAS Spring 2003 conference paper, 'Refugees and Risk of Conflict in Host Countries: Case Studies of Cote D'Ivoire and Guinea', is now online. Access:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/CoulibalySpring2003.htm>

For all SERSAS papers online see:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/RecentPapers.htm>.

Date: Tue, 11 Nov 2003 11:57:59 -0500
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Spring 2004 Conference Announcement

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS-L
Date: 11 November 2003

Please see the attached announcement from Nonso Okereafomezekese about the SERSAS Spring 2004 Conference to be held Friday-Saturday, March 26-27, 2004, at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. [attachment could not be sent over listserv]

Date: Tue, 2 Mar 2004 16:30:56 -0500
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Spring 2004 Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 3 March 2004

The Spring 2004 SERSAS Program at the College of Charleston, SC is now online. You can access it from the SERSAS home page, <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>, or go directly to it at <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2004Program.htm>. It includes travel and hotel information. We all look forward to seeing you in lovely, historic Charleston, 26 - 27 March 2004.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Seminar for Early SERSAS Arrivals, College of Charleston
Date: 22 March 2004

From: Scott Poole via SERSAS-L

[SERSAS-L Editor's Note: Early SERSAS arrivals at the College of Charleston are invited to the seminar below. Dr. Tim Carmichael is also an editor for H-Africa.]

Colleagues:

The Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World Program announces a Faculty Seminar on "Ethiopia and Rastafarianism" given by Dr. Timothy Carmichael of the History Department. The seminar will be held this Friday, March 26 at 3:30 in the Maybank room, the conference room on the first floor of Maybank Hall.

Dr. Carmichael came to the College of Charleston in 2003 after a teaching stint at Smith. His previous work focused heavily on language, law and Islam in northeast/East Africa. His seminar this Friday will examine the philosophical roots of Rastafarianism as well as Rasta beliefs about Ethiopia and the Emperor Haile Sellassie.

In preparation for this seminar, please take a look at the short selection from Chanting Down Babylon available on e-reserve. This reading can be accessed from the e-reserve page by looking under either "Carmichael" or "Faculty Seminar." Due to copyright concerns, the selection is password protected. Please use the password "rasta."

We look forward to seeing you at 3:30 on Friday! Please e-mail me with any questions.

Best,

Scott Poole
Asst. Professor of History
Associate Director, Atlantic World Program

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Friday Reception Venue Change

RECEPTION FOR SERSAS PARTICIPANTS
Friday, March 26, 2004, From 5:30 until ?

At the home of Jack and Nancy Parson
988 Seagull Drive
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina
Home phone 843 881-1646
Cellphone 843 442-2096

We look forward to seeing you at some point on Friday for an informal pre-SERSAS get together at our house. Directions to our house follow and it isn't hard; but, when all else fails call for further directions.

From downtown Charleston: Proceed north from Calhoun on either Meeting Street or Coming Street. On meeting you will pass the Charleston Museum on your right and the Visitor's Center on the left. Stay in the right lane and follow the sign for Mt. Pleasant, a right turn onto the Cooper River Bridge.

Or, proceed north on Coming Street from Calhoun and you will come to the Crosstown and a right turn onto the Cooper River Bridge.

On the bridge you will see our new monumental bridge under construction and you will eventually get in the left lane so that you can exit left at the foot of the bridge on the Mt. Pleasant side and following this route you will then be on Coleman Blvd. also known as Highway 703. You will cross Shem Creek where there are restaurants and shrimp boats and then after about a mile the road widens to four lanes, two turning left. You will turn left. On your right is an Ace Hardware and straight ahead is a bank and small shopping center. After turning left, you will go about half a mile and turn left at the first light on Lazy Lane. Follow Lazy Lane around to the right and then left and pass a tree in the middle of the road and you are on Seagull Drive in Shemwood II. Go straight three short blocks and you will be in our front yard at 988 Seagull Drive. It is a two story, wood frame house and my electric blue Nissan pick-up truck will be in the driveway.

If you should miss the left turn at the foot of the bridge, all is not lost. Proceed about 4 miles or so on Highway 17 north. You will come to an intersection with a light and on the right you will see a Blockbuster and at the intersection a McDonalds. Turn right and follow that road to the next light turning right then on I526 Spur. Turn right at the first light and you will be on Lazy Lane following the directions above to our house.

In Mt. Pleasant. If you are staying in Mt. Pleasant, show this to someone at the front desk to point you in the direction of Coleman Blvd or Highway 17. It is likely that you will already be at the foot of the bridge and can use the above directions.

From I526. Follow 526 to its end where it becomes the 526 Spur and then turn right at the second light onto Lazy Lane following directions above to our house.

And as I said, when all else fails, call. Looking forward to seeing you.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Program Web Page Update

To: SERSAS Conferees
From: Kenneth Wilburn

I just sent out a separate posting announcing the Friday venue change from the College of Charleston's Jewish Center to the home of Jack and Nancy Parson. Please note that the changes have also been made to the SERSAS program, located at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2004Program.htm>

If you printed the program out before now, you may want to print it out again to incorporate these important changes. Also note that Professor Parson's conference roundtable paper, "Tarzan, Tim Russert and Me: Teaching About Africa in the United States," is online at:
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/ParsonSpring2004.htm>

I shall try to keep everyone updated. See you in beautiful Charleston.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Call for Papers and Fall 2004 Conference Announcement

From: SERSAS Coordinators
Date: 7 September 2004

The Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) is soliciting papers on the theme of "Health and Related Issues in Africa" for the panel sessions of October 22-23, 2004, University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Please send your one-page or less abstract to Mario Azevedo at mjazeved@email.uncc.edu, or Nonso Okereafoezeke at nonso@wcu.edu, or Aran MacKinnon at amackinn@westga.edu no later than September 20, 2004. You will be immediately notified if your paper has been accepted. In order to ensure that every member has a copy of your paper prior to the SERSAS meeting, please send your paper electronically to Mario Azevedo no later than October 15, 2004.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Broken Email Addresses

From: Kenneth Wilburn
Date: 25 September 2004

The following email addresses have been removed from the SERSAS mailing list because our postings are not being delivered to them. If anyone knows of updates to the addresses below, please send them to me.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Fall 2004 SERSAS Conference: Update, Directions, Map, Hotels

From: Mario Azevedo mjazeved@email.uncc.edu and Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 3 October 2004

The Fall 2004 SERSAS Conference will be held on the beautiful campus of UNC Charlotte, 22-23 October. Our host, Mario Azevedo, has provided important conference information below. He recommends booking your room immediately, as Charlotte hotels often fill quickly. He kindly sent me three file attachments related to Directions, Campus Map, and Hotels, but I cannot send them to you due to security restrictions on listserv (SERSAS-L). I have instead provided links to two (Directions and Map) and have copied and pasted the data of the third (Hotels) directly into this posting. I will soon have all of this added to the SERSAS web site, but for the moment, here it is in this posting. The conference program is almost complete. We will let you know via SERSAS-L when it has been published on the SERSAS web site. See all of you in Charlotte. Directions:

<http://search.uncc.edu/maps/?p=directions>

Campus Map:

http://search.uncc.edu/maps/pdf/09.26.03_CampusMap.pdf

The reception and the conference will take place at UNCC campus, Fretwell Building, Room 121. Fretwell is located near the Northeast Visitor's Parking Lot.

Where to stay:

Hotels in the UNCC area (these hotels are just 7 minutes from the campus):

Drury Inn Suites Charlotte North
415 W. W.T. Harris Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.drury-inn.com
704 593-0700
1-800-378-7946
Dana 10+
ask for Group Reservations
\$49.99 + tax
Quikstart breakfast

Comfort Suites
7735 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.choicehotels.com
704 547-0049
Deborah
State UNCC Guest when calling for rate
\$55 + tax
Free full breakfast
Free wireless connect
Microwave, etc.

Hilton Charlotte University Place
8629 JM Keynes Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.charlotteuniversity.hilton.com

704 547-7444
1-800-445-8667
Eric - 704 916-2847 Grp. Rate
State UNCC Guest when calling for rate
\$79 + tax
No breakfast

Holiday Inn University
Executive Park
8520 University Executive Park Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.clt-univplace.holiday-inn.com
704 547-0999
1-800-764-5328
Front Desk
State UNCC Guest when calling for rate
\$59 + tax
No breakfast

Microtel Inn University Place
132 E. McCullough Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.microtelinncharlotte.com
704 549-9900
Front Desk
State UNCC Guest when calling for rate
\$37.95 Single + tax
\$42.95 Double + tax
Continental breakfast

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson-Charlotte
131 E. McCullough Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262
www.countryinns.com
704 549-8770
1-800-456-4000
Front Desk - Eva
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\$55 Standard + tax
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Fall 2004 SERSAS Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 7 October 2004

Hello SERSASians! A draft program for the Fall 2004 SERSAS meeting at UNC Charlotte is now online at

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2004Program.htm>

and is linked from the top of the SERSAS home page at

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Please email Ken Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu> if you see any errors. Amendments can be made.

Information about hotels, maps and directions is either in the program or linked from it. Mario Azevedo (mjazeved@email.uncc.edu) requests an email from you if you plan to attend Friday's reception and/or Saturday's program. He needs an approximate head count to plan well for both functions.

I have added all presenters in the Fall 2004 Conference to SERSAS-L, the discussion list for the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) archived here at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Two presenters in the fall 2004 program, however, located at the College of Charleston, could not be subscribed due to technical issues:

Peter Klein Lpwklein@EDISTO.COFC.EDU
Brad Thomas bwthoma1@EDISTO.COFC.EDU

I am asking one of their colleagues to forward this posting to them. Peter Klein and Brad Thomas, please email me to resolve the technical issues: <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>.

To all presenters: be sure to send your completed papers to your panel chairs as soon as possible. I also need copies sent to me at <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu> as a Word or pdf attachment to an email. After I write the html for them, I will post your papers online and link them to your program entry. Conference attendees can then download and read them in advance. As I must code your papers in html to place them online, please send them to me at least a week before the conference. If you do not share your scholarship in advance, you will lose much of the helpful and thoughtful insight provided by your friendly audience.

A final note: some conference details are likely to change (linked papers, amendments, etc.). To be sure you have the most updated version, check the "Last Revised" date at the bottom of the program page against the last version you have printed out before you leave for Charlotte. Also, be sure to give yourself time to print out newly added conference papers just before you leave. See everyone in Charlotte.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Updated Fall 2004 SERSAS Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 8 October 2004

Please note that the second draft of the Fall 2004 SERSAS Program is now online.

Web address: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2004Program.htm>

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Fall 2004 Papers

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS
Date: 21 October 2004

Meshack Owino's abstract for his paper, "Military Service and the Health of African Troops in Colonial Kenya," is now online at

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/OwinoMFall2004.htm>

No other abstracts or papers have yet arrived for distribution via our web site. Presenters may still send abstracts or papers as Word attachments in an email to me at <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>. I will do my best to put them online before I leave for Charlotte tomorrow morning.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS: Final Pre-Conference Fall 2004 Program Online

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS
Date: 22 October 2004

The final pre-conference program for the Fall 2004 meeting at UNC-Charlotte is now online at

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2004Program.htm>

Two recent additions include the abstract and paper for:

Meshack Owino, Bloomsburg University, PA: Abstract and Paper of "Military Service and the Health of African Troops in Colonial Kenya" located respectively at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/OwinoMFall2004.htm>

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/OwinoMFall2004P.htm>

A third addition is the abstract for:

Beth Whitaker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC: "Funding the International Refugee Regime: Implications for Protection in Tanzania," located at

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Papers/WhitakerBFall2004.htm>

See everyone in Charlotte.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Update

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS
Date: 30 October 2004

The fall 2004 meeting of SERSAS at UNC-Charlotte was a delightful success. On behalf of our membership, I would like to extend an online thanks to the SERSASian hospitality generously conveyed by our host, Mario Azevedo. I would also like to thank our coordinators, Nonso Okereafoezeke and Aran MacKinnon, for helping Mario (also a coordinator) organize our program. For those of you who were unable to attend, the final program is online:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2004Program.htm>

For presenters, please be reminded that you may still share your scholarship worldwide by emailing either your abstracts or papers to <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>. I will place them with others online:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/RecentPapers.htm>

I also invite those of you who shared your experiences and analyses at the roundtable to send me summaries of your comments. I will place them online with the abstracts and papers. Those of you who wanted to be added to SERSAS-L should receive this message; newer and older SERSASians, please review your online membership data entries. Email changes/corrections to <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>. To see your data entries, access the membership list:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Members.htm>

Details of our spring 2005 meeting in Norfolk, Virginia will follow in the coming weeks.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS: Spring 2005 Meeting, Norfolk State University, VA, USA

From: Nonso Okereafoezeke <nonso@nsu.edu>
Date: 11 January 2005

The Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies (SERSAS) invites Africanists of all disciplines to submit proposals for papers to be presented at the spring meeting to be held on Friday-Saturday, April 15-16, 2005 at Norfolk State University, Norfolk, U.S.A.

SERSAS is a semi-formal, multi-disciplinary association of college and university faculty and staff members, independent scholars, practitioners, and graduate students residing on the eastern seaboard between Washington, D.C., and Florida, and as far west as Georgia and Tennessee, and beyond. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, State University of West Georgia, Northern Kentucky University, Clemson University, among others, have hosted recent meetings, with some participants attending from other parts of the U.S.A. and overseas. SERSAS panels and presentations have addressed topics such as justice and law reform, land tenure system, pilgrimage and conversion, Islam and the state, environmental history, democratization, reparations, and health issues in Africa.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send a one-page abstract via email to any of the coordinators (listed below) no later than February 20, 2005. SERSAS also invites scholars to submit proposals for shorter, less formal presentations of work-in-progress. These might be early reports on recent fieldwork or drafts of articles or chapters. Descriptions of work-in-progress presentations must be submitted to any of the coordinators by the February 20, 2005.

For further information or to submit a proposal, contact the coordinators:

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Ghana Summer Study Abroad Program, 2 - 16 June 2005

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 22 February 2005

East Carolina University historian Dr. David Dennard and I are co-directing an exciting, inexpensive, 6-hour undergraduate/graduate credit summer study abroad program to Ghana during 2 - 16 June 2005. Students who join us in "'The Spell of Africa': Ghana, the Slave Trade, and African American Identity" will visit Accra, Elmina, Kumasi, and other interesting Ghanaian historical sites. We invite you to share this program with all of your interested students. The trip has been organized by a Ghanaian medical doctor here at ECU who grew up in Elmina.

Non-registered ECU students may join us as visiting students. Here's how: apply to ECU and pay a 50 dollar admission fee, send a copy of your transcript, and have a 2.0 GPA.

Complete details on the program can be viewed at

<http://core.ecu.edu/hist/wilburnk/StudyAbroad/Home>

Please send all queries to Kenneth Wilburn at wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu. Thanks, SERSASians, in advance for any students you can recommend.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Final Call for Papers: Spring 2005 SERSAS Meeting

From: Nonso Okereafoezeke <nonso@nsu.edu>
Date: 22 February 2005

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Spring 2005 SERSAS Conference Accommodations

From: Nonso Okereafoezeke <nonso@nsu.edu> and Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Date: 14 March 2005

Spring 2005 SERSAS conference attendees may access accommodation information proximate to Norfolk State University by going directly to the following website:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/2005Spring/rooms.htm>

A link has also been inserted near the top of the SERSAS home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SHULA MARKS LECTURE AT UVA

From: Joseph C. Miller <jcm7a@cms.mail.virginia.edu>
Date: 25 March 2005

SERSAS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES -

One of most eminent historians of South Africa in the world - Professor Shula Marks OBE FBA (ret. School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London) will lecture here at the University of Virginia on Thursday afternoon, 7 April, at 4:00 pm in Minor Hall 225 (the Studies in Women and Gender seminar room).

Professor Marks will reflect on "What Kind of History for a Rainbow Nation?" in a tone that will consider the fundamentally national framework of the historical discipline and the challenges that its premises of national coherence, however conflictive, pose for a nation with a past so systematically divided as that of the apartheid Republic of South Africa.

The sponsors of Professor Marks' lecture are the Department of History, the Carter G. Woodson Institute, and Brown College.

We know that this is an extremely busy season of the academic year, but we didn't want our Africanist community in the Southeast not to have the opportunity to join us on this occasion.
Best wishes - JOE MILLER

Joseph C. Miller
<T. Cary Johnson, Jr. Professor>
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: Winston Kinsey

From: Ann Dunbar <radunbar@email.unc.edu>
Date: 26 March 2005

(Editor's note: Ann Dunbar at UNC-Chapel Hill kindly forwarded to SERSASians an update on long-time SERSAS member, Winston Kinsey, at Appalachian State University.)

One of Dr. Kinsey's colleagues at Appalachian State University wrote:

"Winston has had a serious heart condition for some time and about 10 days ago he collapsed when his aorta ruptured. Most people would have died immediately but he managed to hold on to be transported to Carolinas Medical Center [1000 Blyth Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28203] and has now survived surgery to repair the aorta. He's still in intensive care.... Cards are appreciated. No flowers are allowed in ICU."

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>

Subject: CONF: Health in Africa and its Diaspora, UNC-Charlotte, 8 April 2005

From: Karen Flint, History Department, UNC-Charlotte
<kflint@EMAIL.UNCC.EDU>

Date: 29 March 2005

I wanted to let SERSAS members know that there is a conference at UNCC on Friday, April 8th. We are very excited about our lineup of speakers and encourage SERSAS member and others to come if you are in the area. The schedule is attached and posted below as well as a map of our campus. Visitor parking is \$5.00 a day.

Parking and directions to the campus: <http://search.uncc.edu/maps/>

Hope to see you there.

Health in Africa and its Diaspora: Awareness, Prevention, and Healing
Hosted by UNC Charlotte, McKnight Hall (Cone Center)

Friday, April 8, 2005

8:30-9:00 am--Welcome and introductions

Mario Azevedo, Department of African and African-American Studies,
UNC Charlotte

9:00-10:15 am--HIV/AIDS in Africa and the African Diaspora

Chair: Tiffany Manuel, Department of Political Science, UNC Charlotte

Alton Pollard, Emory University, "The Time to Act is Now: AIDS and the Church in Africa"

Gerald Pyle, UNC Charlotte, "Community Epidemiology in Developing Countries"

Lutchmie Narine, UNC Charlotte, "The Perils of Clinical Testing and Sampling in the Developing World: The Case of Africa."

10:30-11:45 am--HIV/AIDS Prevention and Healing in South Africa and Uganda

Chair: Beth Whitaker, Department of Political Science, UNC Charlotte

Zolani Ngwane, Haverford College, "Language as a Challenge for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention: A case study among adolescents in South Africa"

Robert Ssengonzi, Research Triangle Institute, "Combating HIV/AIDS in Uganda: What explains the success?"

Janet Wojcicki, UC San Francisco, "Gender Risks for HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa"

11:45 am-1:00 pm--LUNCH BREAK

1:00-2:00 pm--Keynote Address: Fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa

Welcome remarks from Joan Lorden, Provost, UNC Charlotte

Introduction by Karen Flint, Department of History, UNC Charlotte

John Richard Seed, UNC-Chapel Hill, School of Public Health, "Etiology and Impact of AIDS and other infectious Diseases in Africa."

2:15-3:30 pm--Health Issues in the African-American Community

Chairs: Robert Smith and Debra Smith, Department of African and African-American Studies, UNC Charlotte

Noel MacLaren, Cornell University, "Insulin Resistance Gene in Time of Feast and Famine in Africa"

Helen Cho, Davidson College, "Disparities in Age-Associated Bone Loss and Osteoporosis Incidence Between Populations of African and European Ancestries"

Teresa Scheid, UNC Charlotte, "Mental Health Consequences of HIV Disease in African Americans"

3:45-5:00 pm--Social Dimensions of Health and Health Care

Chair: Charles Hutchison, Dept of Middle and Secondary Education, UNC Charlotte

David Barry Gaspar, Duke University, "Health Factors, Enslaved Women, and the Amelioration of Slavery in the British Caribbean"

Sat Ananda Hayden, UNC Charlotte, "Implications of Nurse Poaching: Brain Drain and International Nurse Migration"

Hilary Inyang, UNC Charlotte, "Human Health Implications of Environmental Quality in Africa"

5:00 pm--Closing Remarks: Gregory Mixon, Department of History, UNC Charlotte

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS: Final Call for Papers for Fall 2005 Meeting

From: Aran S. MacKinnon amackinn@westga.edu
Date: 18 August 2005

The South Eastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) is pleased to announce a final CALL FOR PAPERS for its Fall meeting hosted by Maryville College in Maryville TN (Just outside Knoxville), September 30- October 1, 2005.

The call for papers is open to any discipline in African Studies, although we would particularly welcome papers or presentations which address Democracy and Social Justice issues, Study Abroad programs, public spectacles and performance and questions of age, gender and identity.

We can also accommodate papers presented by advanced graduate students at work-in-progress sessions. We encourage faculty to consider bringing graduate students to the meeting.

SERSAS is a multi-disciplinary association of college and university faculty and staff members, independent scholars, practitioners, and graduate students residing on the eastern seaboard between Washington, D.C., and Florida, and as far west as Georgia and Tennessee, and beyond. The University of West Georgia, Northern Kentucky University, Clemson University, among others, have hosted recent meetings, with some participants attending from other parts of the U.S.A. and overseas. SERSAS panels and presentations have addressed topics such as justice and law reform, land tenure system, pilgrimage and conversion, Islam and the state, environmental history, democratization, and reparations.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send a one-page abstract via email to any of the coordinators (listed below) no later than September 9 to Dr. Aran MacKinnon, Department of History, University of West Georgia., amackinn@westga.edu

SERSAS also invites scholars to submit proposals for shorter, less formal presentations of work-in-progress. These might be early reports on recent fieldwork or drafts of articles or chapters in-progress. For further information or to submit a proposal, contact the

Coordinator:

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Subject: Africanist Position: College of William and Mary

From: Ismail H. Abdalla <ixabda@WM.EDU>

Date: 16 September 2005

We at the Department of History, the College of William and Mary, are trying to hire a sub-Saharan historian this year. The ad has already appeared in N-History and elsewhere. I ask for your help to identify a suitable recent graduate, or one who is looking to change avenue. Thanks in advance for your help.

[Web Editor's Note: Please contact Professor Abdalla directly]

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Fall 2005 Program

From: Aran S. MacKinnon <amackinn@westga.edu>
Date: 21 September 2005

The Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) is pleased to announce the program for its upcoming meeting at Maryville College in Maryville Tennessee, September 30th - October 1st. Please see the program and view the SERSAS website at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2005Program.htm>

SERSAS is open to new members, and we would encourage faculty and graduate students to attend the meeting, join the organization and present papers at future meetings.

For more information, please consult the SERSAS website,
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm> or contact one of the coordinators listed below.

Thank you.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu>
Subject: IT Conference with South Africans

From: Jim Brown, USC-Upstate (Spartanburg, SC) <jbrown@uscupstate.edu>
Date: 30 September 2005

USC Upstate will host a conference October 7-8 on "Using Information Technology to Globalize the Curriculum." It will include a discussion Friday evening of current situations in South Africa, in preparation for a live, interactive video conference with a panel at the University of Pretoria on Saturday morning. Panelists in South Africa will include academics and a former member of the South African Parliament who worked closely with Nelson Mandela and F. W. de Klerk to end apartheid and construct the new South Africa. The conference was organized by Dr. York Bradshaw, an Africanist Sociologist and former director of the African Studies program at Indiana. The conference is open to anyone who would like to attend. Anyone planning to attend, please contact Jim Brown, jbrown@uscupstate.edu This is a link to the full program:

www.uscupstate.edu/academics/arts_sciences/technologyschedule.asp

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@MAIL.ECU.EDU>
Subject: Maryville College SERSAS Program and SERSAS Dues Reminder

From: James W. Brown jbrown@uscupstate.edu and Aran S. MacKinnon <amackinn@westga.edu>
Date: 5 October 2005

Dear SERSAS member,

Greetings. SERSAS is alive and well! We have just enjoyed yet another intellectually stimulating and most edifying meeting hosted in grand style by Maryville College and our loyal members there, Scott Brunger and Chad Barry. The African cuisine was outstanding. We extend a vote of grateful thanks to them. We are also in the planning stages for our Spring meeting to be hosted in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and we look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, SERSAS would like to remind members that your dues are the lifeblood of the organization. We are still the very best value in the country for our collegial activities and focus on African studies. It would be very much appreciated if you would send your annual dues of just \$20 to our treasurer, Dr. Jim Brown, at the address noted below. Even if you have been unable to attend recent meetings, your support is needed and greatly valued.

We also want to remind members to check the SERSAS web site for updates on future meetings, and to consider encouraging your students to join, attend meetings, and in the case of advanced graduate students, have them present work in progress. See the web site for information at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Job Posting: Africanist Position, Western Carolina University, August 2006

From: Nyaga Mwaniki, Western Carolina University <mwaniki@email.wcu.edu>
Date: 1 February 2006

African and/or Islamic World historian, assistant professor, tenure-track, Ph.D. preferred (must be from an accredited institution). ABD minimal. Secondary fields important. Position begins August 1, 2006. All tenure track faculty teach freshman/sophomore level liberal studies as well as upper level/graduate courses. Review of applications began October 15 and will continue until position filled. Send vitae, three letters of reference, sample of teaching materials (optional), copy of transcript, and letters of application to Dr. Scott Philyaw <philyaw@email.wcu.edu>, Department of History, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. AA/EOE

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: SERSAS Spring Meeting, 31 March - 1 April 2006

From: Aran MacKinnon <amackinn@westga.edu>
Date: 10 February 2006

The Coordinators of the South Eastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) are pleased to announce a final call for papers for its upcoming conference and meeting to be hosted by Gardner-Webb University in beautiful Boiling Springs, North Carolina from March 31-April 1, 2006.

This CFP is open to any discipline and field in African Studies for written papers by academics or advanced graduate student. We welcome proposals for any topic, but we would be particularly interested in papers related to the themes for the meeting:

Commodities and Cosmopolitan Identities in Africa and Politics, Exile and Banishment.

We have extended the deadline to receive proposals to 3 March 2006. Final papers must be to the coordinators for posting by 20 March 2006.

SERSAS prides itself on being an informal group of collegial scholars who hold biannual meetings at members host institutions. The meetings are informal and provide ample time for discussion of papers. They are ideal venues to get to know scholars of African Studies in the Southeast. We particularly welcome the attendance and participation of advanced graduate students, and can accommodate work-in-progress panels for them.

The meeting will commence with an evening reception on Friday, March 31 and conclude following paper presentations and a general meeting on Saturday, 1 April. There are no registration fees for the conference, but each person attending is required to be a current member of SERSAS (annual membership dues of \$20 are collected at the meeting, and are used to offset the cost of refreshments) and

to cover their own costs for travel and accommodation. SERSAS remains a participant-driven organization with no on-going institutional support and so it cannot offer any financial support for participants or presenters. Please direct questions, panel and paper proposals to the program coordinator, Dr. Aran MacKinnon at: amackinn@westga.edu.

For further information, please check the SERSAS website at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

and the Gardner-Webb University website at:

<http://aux.gardner-webb.edu/>

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Spring 2006 Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, ECU, Greenville, NC <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 28 March 2006

SERSASians,

The Spring 2006 Program is now online. You can access it from:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/Spring2006Program.pdf>

or you can go to the SERSAS web site first:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

I look forward to seeing you at Gardner-Webb University this weekend.

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Subject: Update: Membership List and Dues

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, wilburnk@ecu.edu, Web Editor,
SERSAS and SERSAS-L
Date: 5 April 2006

Dear SERSASians,

We had a splendid meeting at Gardner-Webb University this past weekend. Papers, panels, discussions, interaction with Gardner-Webb students, and food were exceptional. At the business meeting members approved adding to individual entries in the membership list the year members last paid dues. We thought that would be a gentle reminder for members to pay their dues.

Access:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Members.htm>

Please email me any updates to your entries and please pay your SERSAS dues of \$20 for the calendar year of 2005-2006 to:

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Jim will send me the dues information by the end of April to be added to your entries. All the best.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: Query: Nkoste Springs

From: Ken Wilburn, Greenville, NC <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 14 November 2006

SERSASians, do any of you know where Nkoste Springs is located? A colleague who has inquired suspects South Africa or Sudan. My usually fine map program and Google turn up no hits. Thanks for your help.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Spring 2007 SERSAS Conference, Winthrop University

From: Opolot Okia <OKIAO@winthrop.edu>

Date: 10 January 2007

"Africa in the 21st century: Looking past, moving forward"

Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

VENUE: Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

ACCOMMODATION: Rooms are available at the Winthrop Inn <http://www.winthrop.edu/inn/>; be sure to mention SERSAS.

DIRECTIONS: May be found at http://www.winthrop.edu/visitor/vis_directions.htm

DATE: March 30-31, 2007

SERSAS is pleased to announce a call for papers for its annual Spring conference at Winthrop University. SERSAS is a multidisciplinary African studies conference intended for scholars and graduate students at all levels. The conference provides a collegial forum for the lively exchange of ideas and innovative paths in research about Africa. Paper topics are open in terms of topic and methodology.

ABSTRACTS: E-mail or mail abstracts of papers to the coordinators:

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For more information about SERSAS and to see past papers and conferences, please visit the SERSAS website:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: ASALH 92nd Annual Conference

From: David Dennard <dennardd@ecu.edu>
Date: 6 February 2007

92nd Annual Conference
Association for the Study of African American Life and History
Charlotte, North Carolina
October 3-7, 2007

"From Slavery to Freedom: Africans in the Americas"

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History is soliciting papers for its 92nd Annual Conference. Since the theme focuses broadly on the experiences of Africans in the Americas "from slavery to freedom," submissions are encouraged that treat the Atlantic slave trade, slavery, resistance, abolition movements, emancipation, and the development of "New World" communities in all parts of the African Diaspora. Individuals interested in submitting proposals should give particular thought to comparative perspectives on slavery and race. The theme will also allow for broad and varied discussions on reparations and the meaning of freedom and citizenship for Africans throughout the Americas. ASALH invites scholars from all disciplines to make presentations in Charlotte on African and African American life, history, thought, and culture from the Atlantic coast of West Africa to the Caribbean Islands, Latin America, and the United States. Preference will be given to session proposals that address the specific conference theme; other submissions, however, are invited and will be gladly accepted. ASALH supports and values all scholarship on peoples of African descent.

ASALH began accepting proposals on October 31, 2006. The deadline for submissions will be May 31, 2007. All proposals must be submitted electronically to ASALH. For information on how to make electronic submissions, please visit <http://www.asalh.org/92ndconvention.html>
Chair: David C. Dennard, East Carolina University

Please direct all program questions to Dr. Dennard at dennardd@ecu.edu

Date: Tue, 20 Feb 2007 08:45:05 -0500

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: Announcement: Work of Literature, _Unburnable_

From: Marie-Elena John <unburnable@gmail.com>
Date: 20 February 2007

Dear Members of SERSAS,

Greetings from Antigu; I hope this meets you well. I thought you might be interested in hearing about this novel -- a work of literary fiction with strong historical foundation published by HarperCollins/Amistad, which was recently named best debut fiction of 2006 by _Black Issues Book Review_.

Set primarily on the island of Dominica, as well as in Washington, D.C., _Unburnable_ covers many of the "big issues" in Africana Studies discourse, drawing on the underlying African heritage of Caribbean and African American cultures. I'm beginning to hear from several professors who are using _Unburnable_ as a text for Africana Studies, Caribbean Studies, and literature courses, and hope you have a moment to take a look at reviews and other information, to determine if it may also be of use to you or any of your colleagues:

<http://www.marie-elenajohn.com>

Please forgive the commercial approach of the site at first glance, an unfortunate necessity these days -- there is some decent content in there.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: Spring 2007 SERSAS Program, Winthrop University

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 20 March 2007

Dear SERSASians:

On behalf of our Spring 2007 Program Chair, Professor Opolot James Okia, it is my pleasure to announce the online publication of our forthcoming program at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. Please access:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/Spring2007Program.pdf>

The general link to Winthrop University is:

<http://www.winthrop.edu/>

Directions to Winthrop University:

http://www.winthrop.edu/visitor/vis_directions.htm

University accommodations:

<http://www.winthrop.edu/inn/>

The SERSAS home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

All questions should be directed to Professor Okia at okiao@winthrop.edu.

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Subject: CFP: SERSAS Fall 2007 Conference, College of Charleston,
Charleston, SC, USA

TITLE: Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) Fall 2007 Conference

VENUE: College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, USA

ACCOMMODATION: Forthcoming on <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

DIRECTIONS: May be found at <http://www.cofc.edu/admissions/visiting/travel.html>

PARKING: See <http://www.cofc.edu/~parking/map.html>

DATE: 14 - 15 September 2007

SERSAS is pleased to announce a further call for papers for its annual Fall 2007 conference at the College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina, USA. SERSAS is a multidisciplinary African studies conference intended for scholars and graduate students at all levels. The conference provides a collegial forum for the lively exchange of ideas and innovative paths in research about Africa. Paper topics are open in terms of topic and methodology.

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: Fall 2007 SERSAS Conference: Accommodations and Directions

Dear SERSASians,

Our conference host Jack Parson has now provided accommodation and direction information for SERSASians attending the fall 2007 conference at the College of Charleston--thanks Jack! You may go directly to the data, written in Adobe Acrobat, by clicking on:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/CofCAandD.pdf>

The file is also linked from the SERSAS home page. Go to:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

then click on Accommodations and Directions.

The conference program is forthcoming and will be announced on SERSAS-L and posted on our SERSAS web site shortly. See you in Charleston on 14 and 15 September.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS

Date: Fri, 7 Sep 2007 14:09:11 -0400
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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: Fall 2007 SERSAS Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS
Date: 7 September 2007

SERSASians,

The Fall 2007 SERSAS Conference Program is now online. Access it directly at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2007Program.pdf>

or go to the SERSAS home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

and click on "Fall 2007 Program"

See you in Charleston.

Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 16:07:01 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Nova Religio (Edition Theme: Changing Nature of African Christianity)

From: Joel E. Tishkin <tishken_joel@colstate.edu>
Date: 14 October 2007

CALL FOR PAPERS

New, Emergent, or Alternative Expressions of African Christianity

Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions

A special edition of Nova Religio will be dedicated to the theme of the changing nature of African Christianity. English-language articles of original research are invited on any expression of African Christianity that may be defined as new, emergent, or alternative. Submissions are invited across disciplines.

The guest editor of this edition of Nova Religio is Dr. Joel E. Tishken. He may be contacted at tishken_joel@colstate.edu. Paper submissions via email will be due to Dr. Tishken by April 1, 2008.

The preferred length of articles is around 8,000 words including endnotes. The maximum length for a submitted paper can be 10,000 words including endnotes. Submission of photographs or other graphics is encouraged when they can substantively enhance an article.

Accepted manuscripts must follow the Chicago Manual of Style (14th ed., rev., sections 15.1 to 15.426) and should be submitted according to these style guidelines. All references should be in endnotes, numbered throughout the manuscript with the auto-numbering feature of the word processing program.

The paper should be sent via email saved in a MS Word or rich text format file. Photographs should be sent as jpg files.

If the paper is accepted for publication, the editors reserve the right to edit for length and clarity, with the agreement of the author. The editors also reserve the right to edit for usage and style.

Each paper submitted will be subjected to peer review. Authors of papers accepted for publication will receive 10 offprints and two free copies of the issue in which the article appears.

Additional information on Nova Religio may be found at <<http://www.ucpress.edu/journals/nr/>>.

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Date: Thu, 4 Sep 2008 09:00:43 -0400
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Fall 2008 Preliminary Program

Dear SERSASians,

The preliminary program and information about accommodations for our SERSAS Fall 2008 meeting are now online. You can go directly to the web page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2008PreliminaryProgram.pdf>

or you can access a link to it near the top of the SERSAS home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

On behalf of SERSAS Co-coordinator Jeremy Rich and local host Owen Kalinga, we look forward to seeing you in Raleigh.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS

Date: Wed, 17 Sep 2008 12:24:41 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Fall 2008 SERSAS Conference: Local Arrangements

From: Owen Kalinga <Kalinga@social.chass.ncsu.edu>
To: SERSAS Members
Subject: Local Arrangements and SERSAS
Date: 17 September 2008

Herewith is the key information concerning local arrangements for our conference in Raleigh at NC State University:

1. The venue of the conference will be Withers Hall Room 140, and on Saturday, 9/26, we shall use the northern entrance which faces Ricks Hall. Room 140 has all the modern equipment one requires for visuals but I will make sure that a History Department laptop is available in case some prefer it to a desktop. By the way, Withers is also the home of the History Department.
2. The Raleigh/Durham Airport is approximately 14 miles from the university and the Brownstone Hotel. The taxi fare is about \$24.
3. There are many hotels in the Raleigh/Cary area, depending on one's preference. The Brownstone, just outside the limits of NCSU, reserved 15 rooms for SERSAS but one had to have contacted them by 9/12. Two other hotels are fairly near to the university: the Clarion is about three quarters of a mile away towards the center of Raleigh, and the Ramada Blue Ridge about two miles on the opposite side.
4. There will be a reception on Friday evening, 9/26. The venue will be announced this Friday, 9/19 and will appear here on SERSAS-L and on the SERSAS Home Page, <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>.

Date: Wed, 17 Sep 2008 14:23:03 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Web Site and Local Arrangements for Fall 2008 Conference

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
To: SERSASians
Date: 17 September 2008
Subject: Local Arrangements

Colleagues, a link to local arrangements for the Fall 2008 Conference in Raleigh is now on the SERSAS home page. To access local arrangements directly, click on:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/LocalArrangementsFall2008.pdf>

To go to the SERSAS home page, click on:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

See you in Raleigh!

Date: Mon, 22 Sep 2008 18:15:12 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Fall 2008 Meeting, Friday Reception, Owen Kalinga

From: Owen Kalinga <Kalinga@social.chass.ncsu.edu>
Date: 22 September 2008

I can now announce the time and venue of the SERSAS reception on Friday, 9/26. It will be 6:30 - 9 p.m. in the Atrium of the 1911 Hall. The latter is located behind Withers and Ricks, and the road which divides the latter two leads directly to the entrance of the Atrium. I should also mention that, except for specified areas, parking is free from Friday 5 p.m. to Monday 7 a.m. The time and venue of the reception will be included in the final program, which will be posted shortly.

Date: Fri, 26 Sep 2008 11:16:50 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Fall 2008 Conference Final Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 26 September 2008

The SERSAS Fall 2008 Conference final program is now online in Adobe Acrobat. You may access the program and related maps from the SERSAS home page. Go to:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

If data entry corrections need to be made to the program, please send them to me at <wilburnk@ecu.edu>. There are some institutional affiliations missing. I will be delighted to add them.

All other queries should be sent to Owen Kalinga, Kalinga@social.chass.ncsu.edu. We look forward to seeing you in Raleigh.

Date: Wed, 8 Oct 2008 13:09:34 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Graduate Student Prize Winner

From: Jeremy Rich, Co-coordinator, SERSAS <jrich@mtsu.edu>
Date: 8 October 2008

The coordinators are delighted to inform SERSASians that Courtney Micots (Department of Art History, University of Florida) won the first SERSAS Graduate Student Prize of \$100 for the best graduate student presentation at our Spring 2008 meeting at Middle Tennessee State University. Her presentation was entitled "Did Jesus Build the Posuban?: The Effects of Colonialism and Christianity on Fante Shrines."

Let us offer Ms. Micots our collective congratulations!

Date: Fri, 17 Oct 2008 12:02:00 -0400
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<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Spring 2009 Conference: Call For Papers

From: Jeremy Rich <jrich@MTSU.EDU>
Date: 17 October 2008

Call for Papers: Gender and the African Experience Spring 2009 Meeting of the Southeast Regional Seminar for African Studies University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, South Carolina, February 21, 2009.

Without question, the performance of gender and the ways gender has shaped African societies and politics have become a central part of African scholarship. The Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies, an organization dedicated to promoting research on Africa since 1973, has chosen to make gender issues to be the main theme of its Spring 2009 meeting. We pride ourselves as an interdisciplinary group, and presenters have come in recent years from a wide variety of disciplines, including art history, architecture, botany, anthropology, modern languages, and history. All scholars are invited to attend and

to present their research at the meeting, either as individual papers or as a panel. Any topics that deal with Africa will be considered, although topics that fit broadly with the conference theme will be especially welcomed.

The University of South Carolina Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina, has graciously agreed to host this meeting on Saturday, 21 February 2009.

Graduate students and advanced undergraduates are strongly encouraged to attend and present, and there will be a prize awarded to the best paper by a student at the conference. We are also open to holding workshops of interest to students, on issues ranging to navigating the challenges of the job market and publishing to considering applying for graduate school. Abstracts will be accepted until January 1, 2009. Please send abstracts of roughly 200 words and any questions regarding the meeting to the following SERSAS coordinators:

Aran MacKinnon, Department of History, State University of West Georgia, amackinn@westga.edu

Gary Marquardt, Department of History, Virginia Commonwealth University, gamarquardt@vcu.edu

Jeremy Rich, Department of History, Middle Tennessee State University, jrich@mtsu.edu

SERSAS webpage: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>.

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Date: Mon, 2 Feb 2009 12:24:17 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Spring 2009 Meeting: Accommodation, Directions,
and Reception

From: Jim Brown <jbrown@uscupstate.edu>
Date: 2 February 2009

A reminder that SERSAS, The Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, will have its first meeting of the year February 20-21 at USC Upstate. In addition to the program, SERSAS has always provided a great opportunity to establish and renew relationships with other Africanists in the southeast. Everyone is welcome, and annual dues are only \$20.00 a year. The general theme of the up-coming program is gender, with panels on " Gendered Narratives in African Literature and Life," "Women's Experiences in Contemporary Africa," and "Gender and Colonial African History." The full program is on the SERSAS website at <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/Spring2009PreliminaryProgram.pdf>.

Information on local arrangements will be found below and on the website. It will help with planning if I have a general idea of how many will be attending, so if you are planning to attend, please drop me a quick email (including whether you expect to be here for the reception Friday night)
<jbrown@uscupstate.edu>.

Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)
Spring Meeting 2009
Hosted by the University of South Carolina, Upstate Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dr. Jim Brown, Associate Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
University of South Carolina Upstate
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29303
864-503-5736
jbbrown@uscupstate.edu

Accommodation:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Best Western located at exit #75 on Interstate 85 (the intersection of I-85 and Highway 9). To get the special conference rate of \$55.00, call the local number, 864-699-0000, and mention USC Upstate. Reservations should be made by Monday, February 16. There is breakfast provided at the hotel, but there is also a Denny's Diner adjacent to the hotel.

Directions to USC-Upstate:

Saturday's conference will be held in Room 309 of the Campus Life Center (number 8 on the campus map). See:

[http://www.uscupstate.edu/uploadedFiles/About_upstate/Map/Campus_Map\(1\).pdf](http://www.uscupstate.edu/uploadedFiles/About_upstate/Map/Campus_Map(1).pdf)

Take exit 72 off of I-85 (route 176, to I-585), toward Spartanburg. Take the Valley Falls Road exit (which comes before the USC Upstate exit), turn left on Valley Falls Road and then turn right at the stop light onto University Way. When you get the opportunity, veer left, which will put you on Gramling Drive. From Gramling Drive turn right into the parking lot and make your way to the left end of the parking lot, where you will find the Campus Life Center. There is limited parking directly in front of the Campus Life Center, but there should be plenty of parking adjacent to the Humanities Building next door (number 6 on the map). The map makes it look like you can turn off Gramling Drive at building #7 to get to the Campus Life Center, but you can't. You need to turn before that and go through the parking lot.

Friday Night Reception:

There will be a reception Friday evening, 7:00-10:00, at Jim Brown's house, 120 Plantation Drive, Woodruff, SC 29388. For those arriving via I-85, take I-26 toward Columbia. Take exit 28 off I-26 (US 221) and go five miles toward Woodruff. Just after passing a lighted sign on the left for Three Pines Country Club you will turn left on Plantation Drive (which may or may not have a street sign--and is Waldrop Road if you turn right). It is the first house on the right. Parking along the opposite side of the road is fine, but please do not park on the lawn.

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Date: Tue, 3 Feb 2009 12:02:24 -0500
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

Subject: SERSAS Spring 2009 Preliminary Program Link

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk.ecu.edu>
Date: 3 February 2009

SERSASians, please be informed that the link in the recent SERSAS-L posting to the preliminary program for Spring 2009 may appear on your pc/mac as broken into two lines. The file extension, .pdf, has to be on the same line as the URL address to the web site. It should be:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/Spring2009PreliminaryProgram.pdf>

If the address above still appears broken into two lines when you open this, be sure to copy and paste both parts into your browser's address window. You can also go directly to the SERSAS home page and click on the program link at the top of the page. The SERSAS home page address is:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

I look forward to seeing everyone in Spartanburg.

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Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 05:48:28 -0500
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<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Spring SERSAS/SEAN Meeting, Jeremy Rich

Date: 19 January 2010
From: Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University <jrich@mtsu.edu>

"Faith, Culture, and the Politics of Belonging in Africa"

The South Eastern Regional Seminar on African Studies (SERSAS) and the South East Africa Network (SEAN) are pleased to announce an initial call for papers for a joint conference to be hosted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on April 23 and 24, 2010.

The call for papers is open in terms of topics and methodologies to any aspect and region of Africa, though the general theme for the conference will be "Faith, Art, and the Politics of Belonging in Africa." SERSAS/SEAN invites the participation of advanced undergraduate and graduate students in addition to faculty. Multi-media presentations are welcome. SERSAS also awards the Jim Brown Prize for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the conference. This award is \$100. The program will include a welcome reception on Friday night, and a full program of papers on Saturday, including a special round table discussion on the challenges of area studies in the 21st century.

Registration fees are \$20 for faculty, and \$10 for graduate students. These fees can be paid at the conference. SEAN and SERSAS welcome participation from scholars outside of North America, but unfortunately cannot provide any financial support for travel and lodging.

The final deadline for submissions is 15 February 2010. Interested scholars are invited to submit an abstract of approximately 250-500 words to each of the following members of SEAN and SERSAS conference coordination committee:

Kea Gordon, GordenK@cofc.edu
Christopher Lee, cjlee1@email.unc.edu
Todd Leedy, tleedy@africa.ufl.edu
Aran MacKinnon, amackinn@westga.edu
Jeremy Rich, jrich@mtsu.edu

For more information about the African Studies Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, including accommodation, please visit: <http://www.unc.edu/depts/africa/>

Date: Sun, 20 Jun 2010 08:11:00 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: "Civil Society in Africa, Past and Present," SERSAS/SEAN Joint Conference,
U. of Tennessee at Knoxville, 2 Oct. 2010

Civil Society in Africa, Past and Present: The Southeastern Regional Seminar for African Studies (SERSAS) Fall 2010 Meeting, University of Tennessee, October 2, 2010 The South Eastern Regional Seminar on African Studies (SERSAS) and the South East Africa Network (SEAN) are pleased to announce an initial call for papers for a joint conference to be hosted by the University of Tennessee on October 2, 2010.

The call for papers is open in terms of topics and methodologies to any aspect and region of Africa, though the general theme for the conference will be "Civil Society in Africa, Past and Present." SERSAS/SEAN strongly invite s the participation of advanced undergraduate and graduate students in addition to faculty. Multi-media presentations are welcome. SERSAS also awards the Jim Brown Prize for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the conference. This award is \$100. The program will include a welcome reception on Friday night, and a full program of papers on Saturday, including a special roundtable discussion on the challenges of area studies in the 21st century. Registration fees are 20\$ for faculty, and \$10 for graduate students. These fees can be paid at the conference. SEAN and SERSAS welcome participation from scholars outside of North America, but unfortunately cannot provide any financial support for travel and lodging.

The final deadline for submissions is 1 September 2010. Interested scholar s are invited to submit an abstract of approximately 250 words to each of the following members of SEAN and SERSAS conference coordination committee.

Date: Wed, 6 Oct 2010 17:34:17 -0400
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"

<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>

From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>

Subject: SERSAS Update, Jeremy Rich

Hi everyone -

I am happy to report we had a small and very enjoyable conference in Knoxville. Again, we extend our thanks for the generosity of Maryville College and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville for hosting us. We will be meeting again on January 29th at the University of Florida in Gainesville, and our meeting will join the annual meeting of the Southeastern Africanist Network (SEAN) based at UF. SEAN will probably cover lodging costs for presenters. A call for papers will go out in the next two weeks.

Business matters:

- I am happy to announce Shannon Harris, a historian of colonial Senegal at King College, is now our treasurer. I will close out the SERSAS Tennessee account next week and send her the money - roughly \$500 or so.

- Although I previously supported collaboration with Florida and Chapel Hill, I now must admit I share the misgivings of Ken Wilburn and some other members about the financial implications of this arrangement. For those of you unaware of this, we agreed a year ago to hold meetings in Spring 2010 at UNC Chapel Hill and Spring 2011 at UF. The cost of the UNC conference was \$1,287, but we only brought in \$740 in dues. At UTK, we spent \$600 and only brought in \$280. Even for our minimal needs, we cannot keep this up.

I am wondering if we should abandon this agreement. No UNC or UF people attended the fall conference, and I wonder if they ever will attend meetings outside their host institution. Smaller schools have been much better picking up costs than research universities.

Along with the research university agreements, we have a number of other issues to discuss as an organization:

1) I make a motion to raise membership dues to 40 dollars/year for faculty and 20 dollars registration fees for each meeting. Graduate students would pay 20 dollars per year in dues and 10 dollars per meeting. This is the fee structure of the Mid-America Alliance for African Studies that I presided over in 2008-09. This may not be a popular decision, but with so few SERSAS members regularly attending meetings, our ability even to cover one meal is now shaky. We can vote and discuss this issue by email (reply to this email).

2) Where should we meet in 2011-2012? Virginia Tech had a preliminary offer to hold the meeting there in fall 2012. But we have no set locales for either the fall 2011 or spring 2012 meetings. Any suggestions would be most welcome. Kennesaw State near Atlanta and East Carolina are potentially interested. I have a standing offer from Tulane in New Orleans, far from typical SERSAS territory in the Carolinas and Virginia.

3) Any and all suggestions for encouraging more of our members to attend are encouraged. I'm willing to put together an e-newsletter that includes news about faculty members to allow us to stay in better contact with one another.

Best, Jeremy Rich

Co-coordinator and former Interim Treasurer

Date: Thu, 7 Oct 2010 08:57:21 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues Increase, Shannon Harris

From: Shannon Harris, Department of History, King College <shvance@KING.EDU>
Date: 7 October 2010

I vote yes to the membership rate increase.

Date: Thu, 7 Oct 2010 09:31:00 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues Increase, Mario Azevedo

From: Mario Azevedo, Jackson State University <mario.j.azevedo@jsums.edu>
Date: 7 October 2010

Thanks, Jeremy and Kenneth. Sorry I have been like a stray "dog." But things have been unbelievably complex here at Jackson State University in my position as Dean of the third largest college out of seven. If the meetings are in Georgia or Tulane, I will definitely make it and rejoin you, my old friends. I would support a \$40 membership fee--we need to live in the 21st century. I will send you my membership as soon as you decide. Take good care and please do not forget to send me any information regarding SERSAS.

Date: Fri, 8 Oct 2010 04:17:49 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Forthcoming SERSAS Conference, Guy Martin

From: Guy Martin, Political Science, Winston-Salem State University <martingu@wssu.edu>
Date: 8 October 2010

Mueni wa Muiu and myself would also be interested in participating in this [future SERSAS] meeting [in Georgia or at Tulane]. Best regards.

Date: Fri, 8 Oct 2010 04:34:09 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Brian Siegel

From: Brian Siegel, Furman University <Brian.Siegel@furman.edu>
Date: 8 October 2010

The Florida and Chapel Hill arrangements don't seem promising. Let's pull out.

A dues increase is inevitable. But do we really need to double them?

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 2010 11:35:31 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues, Nyaga Mwaniki

From: Nyaga Mwaniki, Western Carolina University <mwaniki@email.wcu.edu>
Date: 7 October 2010

I vote YES to raise membership dues to \$40.

Date: Sat, 9 Oct 2010 11:45:26 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues, Owen Kalinga

From: Owen Kalinga, NC State University <owen_kalinga@ncsu.edu>
Date: 7 October 2010

Good afternoon:

\$40 a year is reasonable, and should help in sustaining a healthier bank balance. As was discussed at the Knoxville conference, hosting institutions should as much as possible try to bear the cost of the conference, which really means providing food, basically something in the morning, lunch, and

coffee/tea/water, if possible throughout. Most colleges and departments are happy to host SERSAS, and do not charge for conference venues. By the way, the food was excellent at Knoxville, just as it was at the Friday reception at Maryville. At UT it was prepared by members of the African Students Association.

As Jack Parson said at one of the meetings last year, a major asset of the SERSAS is its nature, and that we need to keep it that way as much as possible, while exercising some flexibility at the same time. He went on to elaborate this with a few facts, including the one that Jeremy raises in his report i.e. the manner in which smaller institutions play a role equal to, and times bigger than, the larger ones. This partly explains the success of SERSAS. Another point is that meetings tend to take place at venues which do not require more than 6-7 hours driving from one's home institution. Southeast colleges and universities have many Africanists, and I hope that they are on the SERSAS listserv, and therefore, are part of this conversation.

Finally, like Mario, I would like to thank Jeremy and Ken for the report on the Knoxville conference. More than this, as coordinator, Jeremy with Ken as web editor, have really kept SERSAS going healthily. And yes, thank you Shannon for offering to be the treasurer.

Cheers.

{Web Editor's Note: I shall post a list of all those subscribed to SERSAS-L shortly. Should anyone need to be added, please send her/his name and email address to <wilburnk@ecu.edu>.

Date: Mon, 11 Oct 2010 12:12:12 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS-L Distribution List, Kenneth Wilburn

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 11 October 2010

Dear SERSASians,

As promised, here is the online distribution list (SERSAS-L) for SERSAS. Please email Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu> any corrections/deletions/additions.

Aborisade, Oladmeji
Adeyemi-Bello, Tope
Ajose, Sunday
Anderson, Barbara Shaw
Azevedo, Mario
Bah, M. Alpha
Belhaj, Mohammed
Boone, Kofi
Bottoms, Glenn
Bottoms, Nancy R.
Brown, Jim

Brunger, Scott
Bunger, Robert
Burgess, Thomas
Burmeister, Alice
Burns, James
Carmichael, Tim
Catsam, Derek
Ching, Erik
Cleaveland, Timothy
Cobbe, James
Cole, Festus
Coulibaly, Walarigaton
Davis, Hunt
Decker, David
Dennard, David
Dennis, Rutledge
Detmering, Robert
Dewey, William
Dia, Mabaye
Dieng, Gorgui
Disney, Jennifer Leigh
Dunbar, Roberta Ann
Ellovish, Risa
Eribo, Festus
Flint, Karen
Frank-Wilson, Marion
Frazier, Javan David
Gordon, April
Gordon, Don
Handagama, Kala
Harris, Shannon
Hedgepeth, Sonja
Hodges, John O.
Holloway, James
Hutchison, Charles
Jalata, Asafa
Johns, Sheridan
Kalinga, Owen
Kinsey, Winston
Kriger, Colleen
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From: Nyaga Mwaniki, Western Carolina University, <mwaniki@email.wcu.edu>
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Guy Martin
From: Guy Martin, Winston-Salem State University <martingu@wssu.edu >
Date: 12 October 2010

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Hunt Davis

From: Hunt Davis, University of Florida, Gainesville <hdavis@ufl.edu>
Date: 18 October 2010

I would be glad to pay dues at the \$40 level as a way to help sustain the excellent work that SERSAS does in sustaining a sense of community among Africanists in the region.

From: Mueni Muiu, Winston-Salem State University <muium@wssu.edu>
Date: 14 October 2010

I do agree. The \$ 40.00 is reasonable.

Date: Mon, 18 Oct 2010 12:56:39 -0400
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Jack Parson

From: Jack Parson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, The College of= Charleston <ParsonJ@cofc.edu>
Date: 18 October 2010

Dear All,

And here is my 2 cents that together with the other contributions adds up, by my calculation, to 26 cents enough for a bunch of emails but not enough to solve SERSAS's financial problem.

First of all, I would echo the hearty thank you to Jeremy and Ken for their leadership in person and virtually and thanks to Shannon for taking on the Treasurer's job and the coordinators in general for their work.

Second, I am sorry I missed the Tennessee meeting. It looked very interesting and I am sure it was. Full disclosure, my excuse was to take a six-year old granddaughter to the Texas State Fair; not a very professional reason but one that was very satisfying and compatible with the permanent sabbatical I have awarded myself, otherwise known as retirement from teaching. Unemployment is everything I hoped it would be and affords ample time for both scholarly pursuits and family fun.

Speaking of continuing scholarly pursuits brings me to my 2 cents about SERSAS and dues/fees and collaborations. I continue to hold the views that Owen Kalinga attributed to me and reaffirm with Aran MacKinnon that the original model of SERSAS served Africanists especially at smaller schools and programs very well and so unless the connection with UNC and UF generated resources that serve that model and core constituency, it isn't worth it and in the past as now did not generate more participation from those schools. I really think it benefits the big schools by bringing regional scholars to their campuses to hear what research is going on without necessarily contributing to the enhancement of capacity or professional work of those regional scholars. The model of holding the meetings at smaller schools located within say 8 driving hours of the main constituency has historically been a means to support a regional infrastructure for African studies and Africanists in the Diaspora of R1s. Hosting SERSAS meetings has been pretty inexpensive and a way to highlight an Africanist presence for the communities in smaller campuses. So tying one meeting a year to a large school because for that meeting there are dedicated resources (though apparently not enough at Chapel Hill?) may reduce the value of SERSAS to scholars in the region. Historically we had pretty good participation from Chapel Hill, Duke in Durham and Emory in Atlanta though the distance to Gainesville always limited the possibilities of attendance. But that participation was very much driven by the desire of faculty at those places to be part of the community. Over the years their own programs have grown to the point that there is not a similar

need for them. However, it is my opinion that regionally, the need for SERSAS continues for scholars in diaspora of African studies.

The emails have largely involved endorsing an increase in dues to \$40 in order to increase revenue. This arises in part out of concern that the last two conferences have involved expenditures beyond the dues collected. What I am not sure of is what the expenses are that should be paid for by annual dues. I am thinking that those expenses are breakfast/lunch items and reception drinks and finger foods that are directly related to a specific venue. In my experience, direct meeting related expenses are met through meeting related revenue, i.e. registration fees for a meeting, not annual dues of the organization. Historically in SERSAS local institutions for the most part paid for meeting related expenses. In addition, in the deep past there were expenses related to photocopying and mailing papers before the meetings and mailings with information about meetings, etc. When grant money finally ran out (and the abandonment of mileage allowances) in the really deep past there were some expenses not meeting specific and nursing the treasury along with annual dues of \$20 was fine. Now that we can do almost everything on-line for free that had to be paid for out of central funds in the past and assuming that meeting related expenses like food should be paid for through a registration fee for a meeting (more desirably locating meetings at institutions willing to defray the cost), why should dues be \$40? I guess I am wondering what the budget is that creates the need for a certain dues structure. I am not averse to raising dues but wonder what is the purpose?

This is a bit rambling so let me end by trying a specific reiteration: Recent experience linking to big programs reaffirms for me the need for a validity of the historical SERSAS model. Every generation seems to learn this through experience. I know I did. The independent regional model works best when the meetings move around quite a bit and when faculty can get their school once in a while to pay for enough to provide breakfast/lunch at least. The all-volunteer collective leadership of the organization combined with the use of electronic means minimizes the financial obligation of SERSAS itself and so \$20 isn't much, but I would think we need to know why more is actually needed. If the expenses are meeting specific, better to have a registration fee for individual meetings.

My 2 cents--probably more like 99 cents. I am looking forward to Gainesville in January.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Jim Cobbe

From: Jim Cobbe, Florida State University <jcobbe@fsu.edu>
Date: 19 October 2010

As someone who probably hasn't attended a SERSAS meeting in 20 years, but hopes to again soon, I also would be happy to pay \$40/year to keep SERSAS afloat -- but like Jack Parson, I wonder what the expenses are (and Jack, I'm shocked you have managed to retire before me!).

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Thank you Jack for your 2 cents, worth much, much more!!! I agree with all the proposed changes, including raising the membership fee to \$40.00.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Tim Carmichael

From: Tim Carmichael, College of Charleston <carmichaelt@cofc.edu>
Date: 19 October 2010

I did not attend the most recent SERSAS meeting, but I was at the one at Chapel Hill last spring when the whole arrangement with UFL/UNC was discussed. I was against the proposal that SERSAS and SEAN be merged and meet jointly twice a year, once at UNC and once at UFL, or once a year at each of those two schools. Others have already written about the advantages of the SERSAS traveling model, which we all know and appreciate.

When we articulated those reasons at Chapel Hill (expressing them as concerns), I found the UNC and UFL administrators present to be sympathetic and supportive of SERSAS continuing that model. In fact, I recall that they emphasized that their Title VI funding mandates that they as recipients contribute to Area Studies more broadly, such as by supporting regional institutions and their programs, or at least by contributing to conference costs even if meetings do not take place at UNC or UFL.

In the end, I felt a reasonable and encouraging trial compromise was reached, in which SERSAS meets at regional colleges in the Fall, and in the Spring joins SEAN at (alternately) UFL or UNC. That arrangement appeared to blend the interests of both constituencies since it would: 1. Allow SERSAS to travel in the Fall, 2. Enable SERSAS faculty and our institutions to benefit from UNC's and UFL's Title VI funding, and 3. Foster more interactions between all of us.

It seemed at the time that everyone on both sides of the discussion thought the decision was fine. To me, it seemed a fair working relationship for the future, at least for persons interested in tapping into UNC/UFL's federal funds to encourage African Studies broadly throughout the southeast.

Did I completely miss the boat in thinking UFL and UNC have money not only to host a SERSAS/SEAN conference each Spring, but also to assist a traveling SERSAS meeting each Fall? If that is indeed the

case, did something occur at Knoxville to upset, undermine or totally contradict my understanding of the trial agreement?

I support the annual membership fee increase. But I am not so quick to reject the trial relationship with UFL/UNC. If the Title VI folks are supposed to support us as a part of their federal grants, we should tell them how they might do so more effectively. For now, a trial SERSAS/SEAN collaboration seems like a good beginning.

Does anyone have a copy of the minutes from the Chapel Hill meeting? Are there any UNC/UFL folks reading this discussion who can chime in?

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Jeremy Rich

From: Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University <jrich@MTSU.EDU>
Date: 19 October 2010

Hi everyone -

I'm giving people another week or so to respond, and then I'll tally up the votes on the fee increase and the relationship w/UNC and UF.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Todd Leedy

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida, Gainesville <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Date: 19 October 2010

Following the recent announcement of the 2010-2014 cycle of US Dept. of Education funding for Title VI National Resource Centers, the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill are pleased to confirm that together we have budgeted \$4,000 per year to support a joint spring meeting of SERSAS and SEAN. At the moment, the plan - as discussed at the initial joint meeting at UNC in April 2010 - is for this joint spring meeting to rotate between Gainesville and Chapel Hill beginning in 2011. We look forward to working with our SERSAS colleagues to make these events a continued success. The 2011 meeting has been set for 28-29 January in Gainesville - a call for papers will be announced shortly.

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From: Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University <jrich@MTSU.EDU>
Date: 19 October 2010

Hi Tim -

UNC and UF received 4000/year beginning in spring 2011 to fund the spring SERSAS/SEAN meeting. So the problems of spring 2010's meeting regarding the high cost should not occur again.

I recognize Jack's concerns and I shared them at the fall meeting, before Todd Leedy at UF informed me about the \$4000/year funds paid for through Title VI. With Todd's information in mind, the UNC/UF meetings trouble me much less since we will not be spending much, if any, of our own funds.

What I would very much like to avoid is the semi-annual scramble to find a site for the conference. I have only been actively involved in SERSAS since 2007, and I have to say that the inconsistent attendance of our core membership as well as our organization's inability to consistently bring in younger members worries me a great deal. So far, UNC/UF partnerships have not brought in new returning members, but it may take a few years for that to happen.

At this point, there is a strong majority of people in favor of raising dues and cutting ties with UF/UNC. Would people still be in favor of the latter given that we no longer have to worry about high expenses? One advantage for this would be to replenish SERSAS funds that could eventually be used to possibly cover keynote speakers (only at the fall non-UF/UNC meetings) or help defray the travel costs of African-based scholars.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Shannon Harris

From: Shannon Harris, King College <shvance@KING.EDU>
Date: 19 October 2010

I guess we need to determine what SERSAS' financial responsibilities/cost would be for the spring meetings at either UNC-Chapel Hill or UF. I know deep concern was expressed in Knoxville about the UNC - Chapel Hill costs that SERSAS incurred in 2010. If, however, food or whatever would be covered by the \$4000 provided by the Title VI centers, then that is another story.

I think having a set place for meetings in the spring with the Title VI schools has both benefits and costs that are not just financial in nature. Certainly, having a set place for meetings brings about a considerable amount of consistency to the structure of SERSAS. It also provides SERSAS an opportunity to become better known by graduate students/faculty at these Title VI centers. And a certain number of those graduate students will eventually be at jobs in smaller institutions, and they will possess a framework for the benefits a regional association like SERSAS can provide them in their professional career. And hopefully they will participate in either SERSAS or another region's equivalent.

However, I worry about the fall meetings suffering from both attendance and importance because of the set consistency of the spring meetings. It could be a dangerous precedent that will weaken the nature of SERSAS in the long run. Perhaps we should give the Chapel Hill/UF model one more academic year to see how it works. So we could do a regional conference fall 2011 and have SERSAS with SEAN at Chapel Hill in the spring of 2012 and see how it works. If the fall conferences continue to suffer as a result of this relationship, and we feel the nature of SERSAS is being compromised, then perhaps we should jettison the relationship to the Title VI schools. But I do feel that we should try the model at least through 2012 since the Title VI schools are willing to fund us (at *both* the fall and spring conferences, I assume, unless I misread).

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As far as expenses, here they are per meeting:

Food (anywhere from \$500 at the low end to \$1,300 at the high end)

Keynote speaker (John Mason, UNC-Chapel Hill, Spring 2010)

James Smith graduate student paper prize - \$100

Space - this has not come up since at least 2007, as institutions that charge space have tended to find internal money to cover it.

The conference remains very cheap, but the trouble lies in the lack of dues. We usually collect \$200-\$300 at a typical meeting save at the UNC meeting in spring 2010. We collected \$740 there in dues, but this is highly unusual. With so little money coming in, SERSAS savings has had to cover the losses for the last 3 meetings.

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From: Tim Carmichael, College of Charleston, <carmichaelt@cofc.edu>
Date: 19 October 2010

To clarify:

1. According to the dictates of Title VI funding, there is \$4000 for one SERSAS/SEAN conference per year, to be hosted at Chapel Hill or Gainesville. No serious suggestion about how those funds will or might be distributed has been made.
2. According to the dictates of Title VI funding, aside from \$4000/year for the SERSAS/SEAN conference, there are no funds available to African Studies centers or projects at regional schools in the southeast other than Chapel Hill or Florida.

Please someone, if this impression is incorrect, explain why I am wrong. Similarly, if it is correct, then please explain whether it is the result of Title VI requirements or UFL/UNC priorities.

Presumably, the answer will be useful in shaping our collective thinking about the evolving SERSAS/SEAN relationship.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Jeremy Rich

From: Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University <jrich@MTSU.EDU>
Date: 20 October 2010

Tim, both of your points are correct, as far as I know.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Todd Leedy

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida, Gainesville <tleedy@ufl.edu>

Date: 20 October 2010

Hi Tim,

Ken just added me to the listserv yesterday, presumably to contribute to this conversation. It seems to me your summaries are essentially correct from what I remember but let me add a few clarifications and/or background info.

UF and UNC budgeted support for a joint SERSAS/SEAN spring meeting in our recently funded Title VI applications. We wrote it in only following the discussions held last April at UNC. UF has supported SEAN through the same grant funds for the past 10 years. The idea for a joint meeting at UNC really came out of several discussions in fall 2009 when SERSAS seemed to be having difficulties getting commitments for hosting upcoming meetings. At the same time, UF was looking at ways to re-energize SEAN and bringing the two groups together in some fashion seemed like a way to try something different than either had done recently as well as perhaps broaden both groups' network of contacts.

I will not speak for UNC, but we at UF felt that the proposal produced at the April UNC meeting looked quite promising in that it did continue the rotational hosting of SERSAS while also absolving the SERSAS organizers from trying to come up with two separate venues per year. It also met our priorities of expanding the potential participation in SEAN - which is really more of an academic network than a formal organization (no dues, no listserv, no officers, etc). The rotation between UF and UNC seemed to satisfy a priority that emerged from SEAN members over the past few years. Namely, that while SEAN had also rotated among smaller institutions (Valdosta State, Kennesaw State, Georgia Southern, Mercer, and others) for a number of years, members wanted to hold the meeting in Gainesville on a semi-regular basis. Some want to stay an extra afternoon or overnight to use the library collection and others to take the opportunity to meet with colleagues in their areas of specialization. We felt that there might be a similar desire to be at UNC once every other year as well. We also assumed - perhaps wrongly - that holding some meetings at a Title VI NRC institution might broaden attendance overall, particularly from outside regular SERSAS and SEAN members.

As far as the budget, the money is from federal grant funds so food is very difficult or even impossible to include. In supporting SEAN, UF has historically provided for participants' hotel lodging and also occasionally paid the travel & honorarium of a keynote speaker. Together with UNC, we can do something similar for a joint meeting and \$4000 can go a long way in this regard. Some other SEAN host institutions have managed to squeeze a meal out of their dean or provost's office, but strange as it may be, this actually seems harder at the larger schools like UF. Yet when comparing the cost of 1 or 2 hotel nights versus say, a lunch and a dinner, attendees probably come out ahead when hotel accommodation is covered instead of food. And it is not impossible that we'll be able to come up with some food dollars anyway. This varies year to year so SEAN has most typically used a modest \$20 onsite registration to cover regular food costs.

If one looks at geographic factors, it may well be that in some years the spring meeting in Gainesville is beyond travel distance for some SERSAS members, and likewise the UNC meeting may not draw as many SEAN regulars. But there should certainly be some crossover so we can each build on this (and the fall SERSAS meeting will continue to rotate as usual).

As far as Title VI priorities are concerned, National Resource Centers are expected to interact with other institutions in their region in support of research and teaching about Africa - this technically falls under the "outreach" category of our mission. NRCs are also expected to collaborate with one another. How we

propose to do this is really up to us. As the only Africa NRCs in the southeast, UF and UNC felt that cooperating to support a joint meeting between SEAN and SERSAS made sense in this regard. Yet it needs to be mutually beneficial and if the SERSAS membership feels that it will not be so, then UF will withdraw quite amicably. I should think UNC will feel the same way.

I hope this in some way helps with your deliberations.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Kenneth Wilburn

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 20 October 2010

Todd Leedy's thoughtful and persuasive posting prompts me to apologize to him for my oversight. I thought that I had added him to SERSAS-L as a consequence of our spring 2010 meeting at Chapel Hill. Alas, I had not. I suspect some of our colleagues from Chapel Hill are also not aware of this conversation, thus they cannot express their views. I ask all of you again to review the separate posting I sent out over a week ago that lists all SERSAS-L subscribers. Please send me the name and email address of anyone who should be a part of this conversation.

At our meeting in Chapel Hill I expressed some caution about the proposed alliance. The autonomy of SERSAS was foremost in my mind then. I also wanted some of SERSAS's longstanding leaders who could not attend that meeting to have the opportunity to express their views. We have now had a fairly good airing, although more views may be forthcoming--I hope so.

SERSASians, after listening to everyone I have come to support a trial period for the alliance. As our postings have revealed, there is the promise of a win-win alliance for both small and large institutions. If, however, the alliance does not fulfill our collective expectations over the next year or two, we can always go our own ways. After all, large or small, we do have the same goals--to learn from and promote understanding about Africa and Africans. We may be more effective if we join forces.

As to dues, perhaps we could keep them at \$20, then have a registration fee at our conferences to pay for local expenses. We can also be more effective in collecting annual dues by using SERSAS-L to remind members that dues are payable. Once a member pays, I could add a "paid through 2011" note to that member's entry on our membership page. Presently, no such notification is listed. That way, everyone could keep up with their own dues. To view the rather outdated membership page, see:
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Members.htm>.

Our online presence is free, thanks to the support we receive from East Carolina. Our electronic publications are also free, and can be found at: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/RecentPapers.htm>. In the future I will convert published papers to .pdf files, which is far easier than writing html by hand. Should we return to reading conference papers in advance of meetings, I could post them online at no cost as .pdf files for conference participants and password protect them for copyright purposes.

I hope these points help us make the best decisions.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Todd Leedy

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida, Gainesville <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Date: 21 October 2010

Thanks Ken. One minor error I noticed in my earlier post: UF & UNC wrote this as a proposed collaboration in our NRC budgets prior to the April meeting. We then kept it intact during the post-award budget revision period based on the discussions at UNC. Sorry, my timeline for the weeks immediately before and after submitting that proposal are still a bit foggy!!

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Jack Parson

From: Jack Parson, The College of Charleston <ParsonJ@cofc.edu>
Date: 23 October 2010

Dear All,

Thanks for all the clarifications. I know in recent years it has been difficult to come up with two really good venues, fall and spring, for SERSAS. The UF/UNC arrangement means that it will only be necessary for SERSAS to organize one meeting a year and can do so as it pleases thus maintaining its independence and flexibility. In years when UF is hosting it is extremely important to have a SERSAS meeting in a more central location since it will be difficult, as it has always been, for SERSASians to get to Gainesville. This arrangement provides two linked opportunities a year in the region and that's fine. The Title VI money facilitates one of those and to that extent perhaps makes it more likely that people might participate in both meetings since some expense of one is covered. If in a particular year there are two venues seriously vying for SERSAS, have three meetings. Too bad fed. money can't buy turkey wraps, chips and cookies!

In the context of going forth with the arrangement, I agree with Ken in his wisdom rooted in a long historical memory of the organization that the dues should remain at \$20 and if there are direct expenses at a particular meeting they should be primarily met through a registration fee. I still can't see what the extra dues money would go for (largely thanks to Ken and his institution) except for things like a keynote speaker or expenses for such a person and that is actually not something that SERSAS has had as a central

feature over the years. As I said in an earlier post, I am not sure what the budget is that higher dues must cover. Ken is probably also right that we could do a better job collecting dues. I know that I usually cough up for a couple of years' worth when I get to a meeting so have no idea actually about whether I am ahead or behind.

So basically I am in agreement with Mzee Wilburn.

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Joe Miller

From: Joe Miller, University of Virginia <jcm7a@virginia.edu>
Date: 24 October 2010

I don't know whether current issues (and membership) would be related to Armstead Robinson's support of the group back in the late 80s/early 90s on the condition that we meet annually here at the Woodson Institute. The discussion was more or less the same. I don't think there's any definitive lesson to be learned, as it's a trade-off. The key has always been the local support of the institution(s) hosting, to whatever degree we rotate among our local sponsors.

The convention of covering travel costs (at a nominal level) derived from the original Ford grant that supported us in 1975-78. It's really a token - not efficacious in driving the dynamic of the group. Jim Brown handled all of that as treasurer, for years and years. I'd say that if dues have a purpose, it would be in covering costs of importing a keynote speaker; but that undercut the participatory base of the group: we present our own work to one another. I made a first pass at what became my AHA presidential address at one of the meetings held here in Charlottesville.

[Web Editor's Note: Joe Miller co-founded SERSAS with Rutledge Dennis, presently of George Mason University. Joe's draft ASA address, which he presented to SERSAS, may be found at: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/jmahapa.htm>. Also, Joe's draft "History of SERSAS" may be accessed from: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/SersasHistory.htm>]

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Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2011 Conference, Todd Leedy

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida, Gainesville <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Date: 2 November 2010

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SERSAS/SEAN invites the participation of advanced undergraduate and graduate students in addition to established scholars. Multi-media presentations will be facilitated and are encouraged. SERSAS also awards the Jim Brown Prize for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the conference. This award is \$100.

Abstracts

Interested scholars are invited to submit an abstract of approximately 250 words to the members of SERSAS and SEAN conference coordination committee:

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Todd Leedy, tleedy@ufl.edu
Aran MacKinnon, amackinn@westga.edu
Jeremy Rich, jrich@mtsu.edu

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 December 2010

Registration

Registration fees are \$20 for faculty and \$10 for graduate students. These fees can be paid onsite at the conference

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been placed on hold for conference attendees at the UF Reitz Union Hotel and Holiday Inn University Center in Gainesville. SERSAS/SEAN will pay for a limited number of accommodations at these two hotels - first priority will be given to presenters appearing on the program. Attendees must make individual reservations by contacting the hotel directly and using the appropriate group code with their own credit card. Please contact Todd Leedy (tleedy@ufl.edu) for further details.

Reitz Union Hotel (group code IBA11) ph. 352.392.2151 - reserve by 12/27/10

Holiday Inn University Center (group code ASG) ph. 352.376.1661 – reserve by 1/6/11

Information on SEAN and meeting registration: http://web.africa.ufl.edu/News_Events/sean.html

Information on SERSAS: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

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Subject: ASA Memorial Gathering to Honor Ann Dunbar

From: Barbara Shaw Anderson, UNC-Chapel Hill <b_anderson@unc.edu>
Date: 2 November 2010

I wanted to share the word that there will be a simple memorial gathering to honor Ann Dunbar at ASA in San Francisco. I do not have a room number, but my understanding is that we will gather from 8 - 9 p.m. on Friday (NOT Saturday), November 19, and I will plan to post the location on the ASA bulletin board. Julius Nyang'oro, Cathy Newbury, and Ed Steinhart have taken the lead here. Please pass this along to anyone you believe would be interested, for example, on the listservs for your Center or organization. In addition to sharing our memories of Ann's personal and professional gifts, I would be glad to hand deliver to Ann's family afterward any contributions to the research scholarship fund established in her name at UNC-CH.

Warm regards,

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Jeremy Rich

From: Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University <jrich@MTSU.EDU>
Date: 3 November 2010

I support continuing the trial for one more year, now that there's Title VI funding for the spring conference. Let's revisit the issue after spring 2012.

As to dues, for the raise to \$40 annual membership and \$20 registration fees per conference: Rich, Azevedo, Harris, Kalinga, Mwaniki, Martin, Muiu, Davis, and Cobbe.

No: Parsons, Wilburn.

Unclear: Siegel (supports increase, but not to \$40); Miller.

If adjustments need to be made to this tally, please respond.

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Subject: ASA memorial gathering to honor Ann Dunbar

From: Joseph C. Miller, University of Virginia <jcm7a@virginia.edu>
Date: 4 November 2010

I am shocked, as I had no notice of Ann's passing. She was a wonderful friend, back in the day, that is to say one of the original SERSAS gang in 1974-75. We did not agree on ACC basketball, of course, but she was such a generous soul that she never let my loyalty to the Cavaliers come between us. Meanwhile, I count as one of my professional achievements encouraging (well, pushing ...) her to publish the essay that appeared in the Miers and Kopytoff collection on *Slavery in Africa*. Sadly - JOE MILLER

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Subject: SERSAS Dues and Affiliations, Beth Whitaker

From: Beth Whitaker, UNC-Charlotte <BWhitaker@uncc.edu>
Date: 4 November 2010

I haven't weighed in on this issue yet because I have not been a very active member lately, though I did attend the conference and business meeting in Chapel Hill last April. I oppose the idea of doubling the annual membership dues to \$40, mainly because it makes it even less likely that I (and others) would pay (especially given the skyrocketing costs of joining and attending the ASA). Instead, I support Ken Wilburn's idea of keeping dues at \$20 and using a registration fee at conferences to cover any additional conference-related expenses.

I also agree that a better job could be done in collecting membership dues. In fact, I don't remember the last time that I was asked to pay my SERSAS dues. Looking at the website, this may be because the email

address listed for me there no longer works [web editor--now corrected]. Even so, using the listserv/website to pressure people to pay up and setting up a way to pay dues via PayPal would probably go a long way toward bringing in additional funds. (By the way, are SERSAS dues paid on an academic year basis or calendar year basis? Most seem to be based on the calendar year these days, but I'm not sure about SERSAS.)

On the issue of conferences, I've always found it difficult to get to two SERSAS conferences a year (and admittedly have rarely made it to one). With many in this group already going to the ASA each November, and many also unlikely to go all the way to Gainesville, it would seem that a SERSAS conference is likely to attract the highest attendance when it is in the spring and is somewhere between Durham and Atlanta. (My memory is that the Chapel Hill conference last spring was very well attended compared to other recent meetings.) On that note, I know that Charlotte has been an attractive location in the past and I would be willing to talk about hosting it here again sometime in the next few years, perhaps Spring 2012 or Spring 2013.

Just two cents from someone who probably owes far more than that!

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Subject: ASA Memorial Update, Barbara Anderson's Reflections, and Obituary for Ann Dunbar

From: Barbara Shaw Anderson, UNC-Chapel Hill <b_anderson@unc.edu>
Date: 4 November 2010

Dear Colleagues:

I thought I would pass along to SERSAS folks the piece I am bringing with me to ASA for the gathering there (also cutting and pasting at the end of this in case folks have trouble with the attachment; [web editor's note: SERSAS-L cannot post attachments; therefore I have converted the attachment and the photograph of Ann into a pdf file and placed it online; access it from: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/AnnDunbar.pdf>]). The photograph was taken shortly before Ann was diagnosed with cancer in summer 2009, sent to me by Ed Steinhart. It includes my own reflections of what Ann was thinking about and working on between April and early July 2010, information on the award UNC established in her name, and also the content of the obituary crafted by her family and friends at the time of her death.

It will surprise no one to learn that Ann was, to the last day of her life, always Ann, and always the person and colleague we all hope to become. I hope that SERSAS colleagues will consider contributing to Ann's memory through the award.

Warm regards,

Barbara

p.s. Please note that I received word this morning from ASA that the memorial gathering there will be from 7 - 8 p.m. on Friday in the Victorian Room--there has been some confusion about this.

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In the months and days before her death, Ann Dunbar was determined and involved in sending her library of books on women in Africa, Niger, and Islamic/African family law to a new Women's Center in Niger. The books were cataloged and boxed the week before her death and shipped in the days following. Ann hoped that this library would be a resource for the many women in Niger who held her great respect, and she hoped that her gift might be a model for other colleagues considering what to do with their personal libraries upon retirement.

In her final weeks, Ann was also deeply interested in shaping the annual academic award that was established in her name upon her retirement. UNC colleagues worked to ensure that the "Roberta Ann Dunbar Award" would reflect Ann's desires and her lifelong commitment to scholarship and student mentoring. The award will be given each year to support student research on issues of gender in Africa and/or the African Diaspora. In true "Ann-fashion," she wanted to be sure that any funds we acquired would be used for students, and she was also deeply concerned that the award reflect her own commitment to both African and African American Studies. Memorial contributions may be made in Ann's memory to the Roberta Ann Dunbar Award in African and Afro-American Studies, c/o The Arts and Sciences Foundation, Inc., UNC-Chapel Hill, Campus Box 6115, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-6115.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO SEND ANN'S WORK INTO THE FUTURE.

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OBITUARY:

Roberta Ann Dunbar, 72, of Hillsborough, N.C., died peacefully at her home on July 6, 2010.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1938, in Clarksburg, W.Va.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Idleman Dunbar and her longtime friend, Janice L. Mills, and is survived by her father, Robert J. Dunbar and sister, Gwen D. Hall, Belpre, Ohio; brother, John W. Dunbar, Tulsa, Oklahoma; niece, Michelle A. Bishop and family, Atlanta, Georgia; nephew, Eric L. Hall

and wife, Julie, U.S. Air Force, in Petersborough, England; and nephew, R. Travis Dunbar and family, Elkridge, Maryland.

Ann graduated from Wellesley College in 1960 with a bachelor's degree in history. She attended graduate school at UCLA receiving her master's degree in 1964 followed by her Ph.D. in 1970, both in History. Ann worked at the George School in Philadelphia, performed fieldwork in Niger and Senegal in West Africa, and taught Hausa language to Peace Corps volunteers.

Coming to UNC in 1969, Ann taught in the History Department, and joined the African and Afro-American Studies Curriculum in 1974. She co-chaired that curriculum for 10 years, and then developed courses laying the groundwork for the Department established in the 1980s. Teaching in African literature, art, and gender studies, Ann also espoused the "service-learning" movement in the 1990s and taught some participatory development courses in that field.

Her research interests were in 20th and 21st century social history of West Africa Muslim areas, focusing on law and political movements as they have been influenced and shaped by women. Continuing education and department programs led to travel and in some cases residence in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and South Africa. At home, Ann's long involvement with the Dispute Settlement Center of Orange County paralleled her intellectual interest in social justice.

Throughout her academic career Ann's tireless mentoring of countless students not only helped guide them to productive lives but also created a rich network of progressive colleagues both in Africa and domestically.

Ann retired in 2009, enjoying gardening, cooking, photography, traveling, and spending time with family and friends, as well as with her two pups. From 2008, she was an active member of the United Church of Christ of Chapel Hill.

A memorial service to celebrate Ann's time with us was held at 11am on September 23 at the United Church of Christ in Chapel Hill.

A memorial gathering of friends and colleagues will take place at the ASA meeting in San Francisco, Friday, November 19, 7-8pm in the Victorian Room of the Westin St. Francis Hotel.

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From: Hunt Davis, University of Florida, Gainesville <hdavis@ufl.edu>
Date: 4 November 2010

As with Joe Miller, I had not known of Ann's death. As members of the same "age grade" of Africanists, I had the opportunity of getting to know Ann fairly well and considered her a real friend. We have not been much in contact in more recent years, in part, I imagine because I am retired and she most likely was

too, so our paths did not cross as often. I have made note of the memorial service for her and hope to be able to attend.

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From: Rutledge M. Dennis, George Mason University <rdenni1@GMU.EDU>
Date: 4 November 2010

Like Joe, I was also shocked to hear of Ann's death. She was a faithful member of the original SERSAS gang: gentle, serious, but fun-loving, with a great sense of humor.

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Subject: CFM: Graduate Student Caucus, ASA, San Francisco, Barbara Shaw Anderson

From: Barbara Shaw Anderson, ASC, UNC-Chapel Hill <b_anderson@unc.edu>
Date: 11 November 2010

In an effort to get graduate students more meaningfully involved with the ASA a meeting will be held in San Francisco to discuss the possibility of developing (or re-energizing) a graduate student caucus as a constituent unit of ASA. Please encourage your students to attend:

Graduate Student Caucus
Friday, November 19th
9:30-10:30 pm
East Room
Westin St. Francis Hotel

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Subject: 2nd CFP: Spring 2011 SERSAS/SEAN Meeting

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Sent: 6 December 2010

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Deadline for submission of abstracts: 15 December 2010

Registration

Registration fees are \$20 for faculty and \$10 for graduate students. These fees can be paid onsite at the conference

Accommodation

A limited number of rooms have been placed on hold for conference attendees at the UF Reitz Union Hotel and Holiday Inn University Center in Gainesville. SERSAS/SEAN will pay for a limited number of accommodations at these two hotels - first priority will be given to presenters appearing on the program. Attendees must make individual reservations by contacting the hotel directly and using the appropriate group code with their own credit card. Please contact Todd Leedy (tleedy@ufl.edu) for further details.

Reitz Union Hotel (group code IBA11) ph. 352.392.2151 - reserve by 12/27/10

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Information on SEAN and meeting registration http://web.africa.ufl.edu/News_Events/sean.html

Information on SERSAS <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

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From: Barbara Shaw Anderson, UNC-Chapel Hill <b_anderson@unc.edu>
Date: 4 January 2011

Dear Colleagues:

Below is a CFP for library residencies in Bloomington, targeted towards "faculty members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities or at U.S. colleges / universities with limited Africa collections." Please circulate.

Warm regards, Barbara

Short-Term Residential Fellowship--Indiana University African Studies Collections

Call for Proposals

Indiana University's African Studies Program invites applications for a short-term residency to conduct research in IU's Libraries/African Studies Collections. Indiana University's African Studies Collection ranks among the top tier of such collections in the U.S. It comprises more than 140,000 volumes of monographs and over 700 serial subscriptions as well as materials in other formats (e.g. posters, slides, film/video, audio tapes, etc). The focus of the collection is on the humanities and social sciences, supporting a wide range of students and faculty in such departments as history, anthropology, fine arts, theatre & drama, literature, folklore, ethnomusicology, communication and culture, linguistics, religious studies, education, political science, business, economics, journalism, and applied health science. In addition to the main library working collection, IU's African Studies Collection also includes several special, archival collections, most notably among them:

--the Liberian Collections (for more information, see <http://onliberia.org/>)

--the Somali Collection (for more information, see
http://www.indiana.edu/~libsalc/african/Digital_Somali_Library/

--The H.K. Banda Archive (for more information, see
<http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=3D5261>

Additional information about the IU Libraries and its African Studies Collection may be found at:
<http://www.libraries.iub.edu/index.php?pageId=3D322>. Questions may be directed to African Studies Librarian Dr. Marion Frank-Wilson (812-855-1481 or mfrankwi@indiana.edu); or to Liberian Collections Project Coordinator Dr. Verlon Stone (812-856-0782 or stonevl@indiana.edu).

This faculty residency is intended for faculty members at Historically Black Colleges and Universities or at U.S. colleges / universities with limited Africa collections to use Indiana University's libraries and special collections for research in support of curriculum development or publications. The successful applicant will receive an award that covers domestic travel, accommodations in Bloomington, and a modest per diem for a 2-3 week period of research, up to a maximum of \$2,500. The award must be used before August 15, 2011, and the recipient is expected to reside in Bloomington during the period of her/his award.

There is no special application form. Applicants are asked to submit a curriculum vitae and a brief proposal. The proposal should include a) a description of the project and its intended outcome, b) the relationship of the IU African Studies Collection and/or special collections to the project, and = c) the length and preferred dates of the residency. The deadline for applications is February 22, 2011. Awards will be announced by March 22, 2011. Applications may be submitted electronically to Ms. Marilyn Estep (estepm@indiana.edu).

Paper applications should be sent to:
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Subject: Obituary: Andrew Clark

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 5 January 2011

With sadness I inform SERSASians that Andrew Clark, the Africanist historian at UNC-Wilmington, has passed away. His chair, Paul Townend, has provided us an obituary. Please access:

<http://uncw.edu/hst/AndrewClarkpassing.html>

If colleagues or friends of Andrew Clark would like to share memorials, I will post them here on our SERSAS listserv.

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Subject: Andrew Clark

From: Guy Martin, Winston-Salem State University <martingu@wssu.edu>
Date: 5 January 2011

It is with great sadness that I learned today that our colleague Andrew Clark, from UNC-Wilmington, has passed away. As a African and Africanist scholar with expertise in West Africa, I am familiar with Andrew's excellent work on the history, economy and society of West Africa in general, and Senegal in particular. I extend my deepest and most sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues. He will be sorely missed.

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Subject: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2011 Preliminary Program & Accommodation Deadline,
Todd H. Leedy

From: Todd Leedy, U. of Florida, Gainesville <tleedy@UFL.EDU>
Date: 12 January 2011

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below the preliminary program for our meeting later this month. We do still have a number of accommodation slots available. Attendees must make individual reservations with their own credit card by contacting the hotel directly and using the appropriate group code. SERSAS/SEAN will pay for a limited number of attendee accommodations at these two hotels, up to the limit of the reserved group blocks. Please note that as the reservation will be on your credit card, you must cancel your room directly if you do not attend.

UF Reitz Union Hotel (group code IBA11) ph. 352.392.2151 -- deadline extended to 1/14/11

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SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2011 Meeting
University of Florida
28-29 January 2011

Friday 28 January

5:00-7:00 Registration and Opening Reception (427 Grinter Hall)

Saturday 29 January

8:45-9:15 Registration (427 Grinter Hall)

9:15-9:30 Welcome & Introductions (404 Grinter Hall)

9:30-11:00 Panel A1: Contemporary Challenges in Africa 1 (404 Grinter Hall)

"Mid-altitude Forest Conservation and Population Change in East Africa." Abe Goldman, University of Florida, Michael Binford, University of Florida, and Joel Hartter, University of New Hampshire

"Emerging Retailers and the Transformation of Institutional Logics in Fresh Produce and Supply Chains in Kampala." Sheila Navalina Onzere, Iowa State University

"Cocoa Processing in Nigeria, Structural Adjustment and the Global Economy, 1960s-2000s." Ezekiel Walker, University of Central Florida

9:30-11:00 Panel A2: Panel: Literature and Oral Traditions in Africa (471 Grinter Hall)

"Chiral Interdiscursivity in the Poetry of B.W. Vilakazi." Nicholas Creary, Ohio University

"Exile and Migration as Motifs in Lenrie Peters' He Walks Alone: Quest for Identity." Christopher Ogunyemi, Joseph Ayo Babalola University

"How Connected Was Pre-Colonial Religion in Southern Africa? Rethinking Evidence from Traditional Narratives and Ritual Life." Robert Shanafelt, Georgia Southern University

11:00-11:15 Coffee/tea break

11:15-12:45 Panel B1: Contemporary Challenges in Africa 2 (404 Grinter Hall)

"Gbagbo's Example: How the Ivorian President is Following a Well-Worn Script for Winning an Election in the Face of Defeat." Napoleon Bamfo, Valdosta State University

"International Aid Agencies and Tanzanian Media: Constructing HIV/AIDS Epidemic." Ammina Kothari, Indiana University

"World Class African City: Dwelling, Development and Social Change in Inner City Johannesburg." Andre Wellington, Emory University

11:15-12:45 Panel B2: Narrating Decolonization and the Early Independence Era (471 Grinter Hall)

"Following the Ball: African Soccer Players, Labor Strategies and Immigration across the Portuguese Colonial Empire, 1945-75." Todd Cleveland, Augustana College

"The 1960 Agadir Earthquake, the Americans, and the Uses of Catastrophe in Morocco," Spencer Segalla. University of Tampa

"Africa to the World!: Philatelic Images of Independence, Kwame Nkrumah, and Emerging Ghana, 1957 - 1966." Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University

12:45-1:45 Lunch and Business Meeting

1:45-3:15 Panel C1: Performance Across the African Diaspora (471 Grinter Hall)

"Performance and the Algerian Socialization in the Diaspora." Khadidja Arfi, University of Florida

"Musical and Institutional Mediation of Identities and Spaces by Ghana Methodist Church Choirs Association in North America." George Worlasi Kwasi Dor, University of Mississippi

"Africanizing Charleston: Exploring the 'Idea of Africa' in the American South." Kea Gorden. College of Charleston

"Ghanaian Women Dancing Indigenous and Western Cultures: The Memory Of Post-Colonial Dance Practices For Ghanaian Women in Winneba, Accra, Ho, and The United States." Jennifer Petrie, Ohio University

1:45-3:15 Panel C2: Crossing Boundaries and Making Connections in Contemporary Africa (404 Grinter Hall)

"Trans-African Portscapes: The Cross-Continental Revival of Africa's Maritime Frontiers." Brenda Chalfin, University of Florida

"Nollywood in Transit: Nigerian Video Films and the Globalization of African Popular Culture." Claudia Hoffman, UCLA

"Africa Connected: Technologies of Liberation and Subjugation in the 21st century." Michael Leslie, University of Florida

3:30-5:00 Panel D: Migration in Africa (404 Grinter Hall)

"Ethnographic Feedback: Can Exploring Bissau-Guinean Immigration Experiences to Cape Verde Help Inform Migration Policies?" Brandon Lundy, Kennesaw State University

"Human Trafficking, Prostitution, and Irregular Migration Between Nigeria and Côte d'Ivoire." Bukola Adeyemi Oyeniyi, Leiden University

"Migration, Globalization and Diasporic Flows in Abderahmane Sissako's 'Heremakono.'" Victoria Pasley, Clayton State University

7:30 Participant Dinner Party (RSVP only)

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Leslie Birdwell Shortlidge

From: Leslie Birdwell Shortlidge <shortlidge.2@osu.edu>
Date: 27 January 2011

"500 Years Later: Reverberations of the Transatlantic Slave Trade"

There is little doubt that from its origins in the 16th century through its end in the 19th century the transatlantic slave trade dramatically shaped the trajectories of many millions of lives on at least four continents (Africa, Europe, North America, the Caribbean, and South America). Whether, in what forms, by what means, and to what effect the slave trade _continues_ to leave social, cultural, institutional, familial and personal impressions in the present day are matters of considerable debate and even tension in the former slave-trading and slave-hosting nations, in West and Central Africa, but also in countries whose involvement was less obvious.

Guest editor David Anderson Hooker, Director of Research and Training for Coming to the Table: Taking America (USA) Beyond the Legacy of Enslavement, and the editorial staff of Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts, invite submissions for the first issue of its fifth volume, entitled "500 Years Later: Reverberations of the Transatlantic Slave Trade."

The Transatlantic Slave Trade most immediately touched societies and lives in France, Great Britain, Portugal and Brazil, the Netherlands, North America, the Caribbean, West Africa and Central Africa. We especially welcome analyses, critiques, reflections, and documentation by activists, community-based organizations, and others living and working in these countries and regions or working on issues that implicate developments and dynamics in these places. Of course, the work of scholars, advocates, activists and practitioners in all disciplines working elsewhere are also welcome.

Topics of inquiry can include but are not limited to:

- (1) In what ways do the effects of the Transatlantic Slave Trade continue to ripple through the lives of particular people, institutions, communities, and societies? With what impact? How do we know?
- (2) What narratives prevail about the linkages between the slave trade and its historical impacts, on one hand, and contemporary racial meanings and conditions, on the other?
- (3) How pronounced are calls for racial "healing" and reconciliation? What are their sources? What efforts have been tried and with what success? Failures?
- (4) Do reparations movements do more good or more harm -- under what circumstances and in what respects? What are the potential dangers and pitfalls of demands for reparations for the descendants of slaves? What would a truly beneficial approach to reparations look like?

(5) How has the slave trade shaped contemporary notions of "whiteness" and "blackness," whether locally or globally? What effect does it continue to exert on other identities? What reparative work is needed, if any, to fashion more constructive concepts of racial identity and meaning? Or are we at a point in time where notions of race no longer serve a beneficial effect; and, if so, what, if any thing would "replace race"

(6) What current efforts seek to link the descendants of former slaves, slave traders, and slave holders? What are their aims, mechanisms, and outcomes?

(7) What current efforts seek to link former countries and regions that participated most actively in the slave trade? What are their aims, mechanisms and outcomes?

See our suggested Style Guidelines (www.raceethnicity.org/styleguide.html) and please feel free to contact our managing editor, Leslie Shortlidge (shortlidge.2@osu.edu), with any questions or concerns about submitting your work.

Submission of artwork for the cover that relates to the theme of the issue is welcome. See website at <http://www.raceethnicity.org/coverart.html> for submission guidelines.

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Georgia Southern University

SERSAS CFP FALL 2011: Conference on 29-30 Oct 2011

Meeting hosted by Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, just outside Savannah. Details, directions and recommended accommodation to follow on the SERSAS website:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Proposals are recommended to address one of the following workshop themes:

How do we produce understandings of Africa, with consideration of the border crossings, migrations and interventions that have contributed to the patchwork of compelling concerns that face the Continent in the 21st century?

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 14 October 2011.

All proposals should be submitted online to:

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Subject: Corrected SERSAS Fall 2011 CFP: Conference on 28-29 Oct,
Georgia Southern University

Date: 16 September 2011
From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>

Dear SERSASians,

The CFP for the Fall 2011 SERSAS Meeting posted two days ago contains an error in dates--regrets. As always, the conference will be on Friday and Saturday, 28 and 29 October, not Saturday and Sunday, 29 and 30 October. Local arrangements will be up soon on the SERSAS web site. We hope to see many of you at Georgia Southern.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Last Call for Papers: SERSAS Fall 2011 Meeting

Date: 8 October 2011
From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>

Hello SERSASians,

Last Call for Papers!

Conference organizers invite you and your advanced students to present your works-in-progress or polished papers at the fall 2011 SERSAS conference at Georgia Southern. There is still time to share your scholarship with your SERSASian colleagues. Details follow:

SERSAS FALL 2011 Conference, Friday and Saturday, 28-29 October 2011

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Subject: Cancellation: FALL 2011 SERSAS Meeting

From: SERSAS Coordinators
Date: 20 October 2011

SERSAS regrets that, owing to logistical and other constraints, it must cancel the scheduled conference for 28-29 October 2011. The coordinators would like to thank the organizers and hosts at Georgia Southern University for their support in providing for the venue, and to note that the cancellation is in no way connected to their kind offer of hospitality.

Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconveniences associated with this cancellation.

We look forward to seeing SERSASians at UNC-Chapel Hill for the joint Spring 2012 SERSAS/SEAN Conference, 2-3 February 2012.

Thank you.

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Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2012 Conference, 3-4 February 2012, UNC-Chapel Hill

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011

CFP: SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2012 Conference, 3-4 February 2012, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the South East Africanist Network (SEAN) invite you and your advanced students to present your works-in-progress or polished papers at the spring 2012 SERSAS/SEAN conference hosted by the African Studies Center at UNC-CH. Details follow:

SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2012 Conference, "Border Crossings, Migrations, and Interventions," Friday evening and Saturday, 3-4 February 2012, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Registration, directions, and accommodation details: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2012/

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The joint SERSAS/SEAN conference prides itself on providing a collegial and welcoming atmosphere, and we are particularly interested in supporting emerging scholars. If there is sufficient interest, there will be a workshop format session for advanced undergraduate and graduate student research. Participants are asked to join the organization and contribute the \$20 membership fee (\$10 for students) at the conference to help defray costs.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 16 December 2011.

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Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2012 Conference, 3-4 February 2012, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dear SERSASians,

The default formatting of text-based listserv postings caused several punctuation errors in the just sent CFP. Please delete that one and refer this corrected one instead. Regrets.

Ken Wilburn
Web Editor, SERSAS

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

Date: Sunday, November 13, 2011

CFP: SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2012 Conference, 3-4 February 2012, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the South East Africanist Network (SEAN) invite you and your advanced students to present your works-in-progress or polished papers at the spring 2012 SERSAS/SEAN conference hosted by the African Studies Center at UNC-CH. Details follow:

SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2012 Conference, "Border Crossings, Migrations, and Interventions," Friday evening and Saturday, 3-4 February 2012, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Registration, directions, and accommodation details: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2012/

Proposals are recommended to address the following theme:

How do we produce understandings of Africa, with consideration of the border crossings, migrations and interventions that have contributed to the patchwork of compelling concerns that face the Continent in the 21st century?

Nearly all disciplinary fields that intersect with African Studies are attendant to the complex set of group and national relationships that are shifting, whether melding or dividing. What particular border crossings are most informative for our understanding of the people, places, and processes that make up "Africa"?

We invite proposals for papers and panels that address these and other issues related to the problems of policies, histories and representations related to immigration, movements of people, refugees, labor issues, policing of borders, xenophobia, and which may bridge into questions of hybrid/border identities and Diasporic flows, historically and during the present period. We especially welcome proposals that intersect multiple theoretical, epistemological and ontological divides within African Studies to address common substantive problems.

The joint SERSAS/SEAN conference prides itself on providing a collegial and welcoming atmosphere, and we are particularly interested in supporting emerging scholars. If there is sufficient interest, there will be a workshop format session for advanced undergraduate and graduate student research. Participants are asked to join the organization and contribute the \$20 membership fee (\$10 for students) at the conference to help defray costs.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS 16 December 2011.

All proposals should be submitted online to:

Barbara Anderson, African Studies Center, UNC-CH: b_anderson@unc.edu

Dr. Kea Gorden, College of Charleston: GordenK@cofc.edu

Dr. Aran MacKinnon, University of West Georgia: amackinn@westga.edu

Dr. Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University: wilburnk@ecu.edu

Local Arrangements contact information: Barbara Anderson, African Studies Center, UNC-CH:
b_anderson@unc.edu

SERSAS Home: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

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Date: Sun, 13 Nov 2011 22:22:42 +0000
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Intercultural Dimensions, Crossing Cultures, Senegal, January 2013

From: Janet Ghattas, Cambridge, MA, USA <janet.ghattas@gmail.com>
Date: 13 November 2011

Intercultural Dimensions announces its next Crossing Cultures Senegal program:

Crossing Cultures Senegal-January 2013

Intercultural Dimensions, Inc. [a 501(c)(3) educational organization] offers a unique and stimulating travel and educational program focused on the French-speaking Republic of Senegal, West Africa. The program dates for the 2013 Crossing Cultures Senegal program are January 5 to January 21. It will be ID's 22nd program to Senegal. Escape the cold and experience the real story of Senegal.

Led by two former U.S. Peace Corps volunteers, this well-established cultural immersion program appeals to people in and out of academia. It works well for those who want to experience family life and community projects in rural areas of this diverse nation and for those with special interests in dance and music training, teaching, literature, environment, medicine, government, NGOs, agriculture, language and health projects.

The Crossing Cultures Senegal group (three leaders and three participants) is small allowing the leaders to tailor activities to the participants' interests. Many professors, teachers and students of French have been past participants.

Reasonable cost. Extended stays for volunteer work or field study can be facilitated. This program is an eye-opener. For some it can be a stepping stone to their future; for others it can be an enrichment of the work they are already doing. Start now and apply early.

Deadline for applications is September 15, 2012.

Please visit ID's website for more information and to apply to participate in the next program:

Please click here: <http://www.interculturaldimensions.org>

John Hand and Janet Ghattas

Janet L. Ghattas
General Director

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Date: Wed, 4 Jan 2012 22:10:46 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS/SEAN Conference, UNC-CH, 3-4 Feb 2012

From: SERSAS/SEAN Conference Organizers
Date: 4 January 2012

"Border Crossings, Migrations, and Interventions"

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Conference Registration (Pre-Registration is required):
http://africa.unc.edu/conference/conference_main.asp

The program includes a welcome reception on Friday night, and a full program of papers on Saturday.

Conference Organizers: Barbara Anderson, b_anderson@unc.edu; Kea Gordon, GordenK@cofc.edu; Todd Leedy, tleedy@africa.ufl.edu; Aran MacKinnon, amackinn@westga.edu; and Kenneth Wilburn, wilburnk@ecu.edu.

SERSAS Information: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

SEAN Information: http://www.africa.ufl.edu/News_Events/sean.html

Directions to the GEC: http://africa.unc.edu/directions/directions_main.asp

MEALS: The conference registration fee of \$20 for faculty and \$10 for students will be payable at the conference and will cover most food expenses. However, registration is required. Please be sure to let us know if you will join us for the reception on Friday evening!

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ACCOMODATIONS: A limited number of rooms have been placed on hold for out of town conference attendees at the Holiday Inn Express in Chapel Hill. Attendees should make individual reservations by contacting the hotel directly and requesting "African Studies Conference" rooms no later than January

13, 2012. Shuttle service provided by the hotel is available to the UNC campus but will need to be arranged by attendees.

Hotel Information: <http://www.ihotelsgroup.com/ihg/hotels/us/en/chapel-hill/rdufr/hoteldetail>

To participate in our information table please email Stacey Sewall, sewall@email.unc.edu.

For further information, please contact Barbara Anderson b_anderson@unc.edu or Stacey Sewall sewall@email.unc.edu; 919.962.1522.

We value your support and hope you can attend our exciting joint SERSAS/SEAN conference.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2012 18:53:03 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Final Program: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2012 Conference

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 24 January 2012

Dear SERSASIANS,

The final program for the SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2012 Conference, 3-4 February, African Studies Cnter, UNC-Chapel Hill is now online. Please access:

http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2012/program.asp

We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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Date: Sat, 11 Feb 2012 03:49:54 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS/SEAN Conference: Please Vote for Your Favorite Graduate Student Paper

Subject: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Award (\$100 prize)
Date: 10 February 2012

Dear SERSASians,

Good evening. If you attended our spring 2012 joint SERSAS/SEAN Conference at UNC-Chapel

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- (1) Timothy D. Baird, UNC-Chapel Hill, "Migration of Diverse Financial Resources to Communities Bordering Tarangire National Park in Northern Tanzania"
- (2) Jatin Dua, Duke University, "The Work of Piracy: Rethinking Economies of Circulation and Exchange along the East African Coast"
- (3) Munene Mwaniki, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "'The Great Barrier Trench': Spatialization in Colonial Kenya"
- (4) Anta Sane, Howard University, "African Women's Movements and the Push for Democracy and Good Governance: A Test of the Efficacy of Multicultural Feminist Theory"
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Please vote by selecting one of the candidates above, then send your vote to Ken Wilburn, Aran MacKinnon and Shannon Harris. Just copy the email addresses below and paste them into your address line (the "To:" line).

wilburnk@ecu.edu; amackinn@westga.edu; svharris@king.edu

The deadline to vote is midnight, Friday, 17 February. The winner will receive the distinction of the SERSAS Graduate Student Prize and an award of \$100. Thanks so much for your support of our graduate students and of SERSAS.

Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University
Aran MacKinnon, State University of West Georgia
Shannon Harris, King College
Coordinators, SERSAS

Date: Wed, 15 Feb 2012 17:02:13 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Last Call to Vote: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Award

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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Graduate Student Presentation Prize Winner, Winter/Spring 2012

From: SERSAS Vote Tally Committee: Shannon Harris <svharris@king.edu>; Aran MacKinnon <amackinn@westga.edu>; and Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 21 February 2012

SERSASians, it is our pleasure to announce the winner of the SERSAS Graduate Student Presentation Prize for winter/spring 2012:

Jatin Dua, Duke University, "The Work of Piracy: Rethinking Economies of Circulation and Exchange along the East African Coast"

The prize carries an award of \$100. Congratulations, Jatin Dua!

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Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2012 16:58:12 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Summer Study Abroad Programs to Ghana and South Africa, 2012

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>, Lynn Harris <harrisly@ecu.edu>, David Dennard <dennardd@ecu.edu>, History Department, East Carolina University
Date: 3 February 2012

Dear SERSASians,

We here at East Carolina are trying to carry out two summer study abroad programs to Ghana (20 July - 3 August) and South Africa (2 - 16 July) this summer. Do you have students that might be interested or programs that could combine with ours? Some of you may have too few students to carry out a program on your own, but could join our programs.

Please access the URLs below for information on our programs.

Ghana: <http://core.ecu.edu/hist/wilburnk/StudyAbroad/Home.htm>

South Africa: <http://core.ecu.edu/hist/wilburnk/StudyAbroad/SA/home.htm>

If you have established programs to Ghana and South Africa this summer and could use more students, perhaps we could work with you.

Contact: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

Lynn Harris <harrisly@ecu.edu>

David Dennard <dennardd@ecu.edu>

History Department, East Carolina University
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Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 15:52:01 +0000
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Business Meeting Minutes, UNC-Chapel Hill, 4 Feb. 2012

From: Coordinators, SERSAS
Date: 12 March 2012

Bi-Annual Meeting of SERSAS/SEAN
4 February 2012
Held at the African Studies Center - UNC Chapel Hill

SERSAS Coordinator Aran MacKinnon (Univ. of West Georgia) begins with opening remarks.

First order of business: All involved with the conference at UNC Chapel Hill are formally thanked, including students and significant staff such as Stacy Sewall and Barbara Anderson.

Second order of business: acknowledgment and appreciation of the symbiosis with the University of Florida and the presence of Tom Leedy.

Particular thanks to SEAN for their support and cooperation in the conference.

Third order of business: Treasurer Shannon Harris (King College) makes a report indicating that at current (before dues from this conference), the balance SERSAS has is \$1,915.51

Fourth order of business: Announcement of the SERSAS student award of \$100 to be given based upon votes from conference participators upon the performance and content of a paper given at the conference.

Fifth order of business: Due to the departure of Professors Gordon and Rich from SERSAS, the organization requires two new coordinators.

Kenneth Wilburn (ECU) is nominated; his work with the listserv is mentioned. Professor Wilburn is unanimously voted for as a coordinator.

Recommendation/nomination/volunteers for another coordinator are solicited. Graduate student Anta Sane (Howard) volunteers and is confirmed.

Georgia Southern has volunteered to hold the conference in the fall of 2012. SERSAS should be able to help GA Southern defray some costs. Next spring (2013), the conference will be held at the University of Florida.

SERSAS received \$750.00 in dues.
SERSAS now holds a total of \$2671.51

Shannon Harris, Treasurer

End of report

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Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:34:01 +0000
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: SERSAS Fall Conference, 19-20 October 2012, Armstrong Atlantic University,
Savannah, GA, USA

From: SERSAS Coordinators
Date: 8 May 2012

SERSAS (The Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies) is pleased to announce the first CFP for its Fall 2012 conference, graciously co-hosted by Armstrong Atlantic University and Georgia Southern University.

Armstrong Atlantic University in lovely Savannah, Georgia will be the site for the conference held during 19-20 October 2012.

Details and suggestions for accommodation will be forthcoming. Please see the SERSAS Website at:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

The theme for the conference is the modalities of resistance.

While African studies have come a long way since the binary of collaboration vs. resistance first emerged, there remain compelling questions about how people in Africa have challenged and continue to challenge the dominant forces in society. These include consideration of how class, gender, generation and culture inform agency in people's efforts to confront what were often the multiple forms of oppression they faced. These efforts spanned time and place, were directed at both internal and external forces, and included a wide array of actions. From the period of the establishment of complex states and societies, through to the colonial period and into the present-day, Africans have sought to empower themselves against often seemingly insurmountable forces. In many instances, these efforts entailed ambiguous approaches and sometimes led to contradictory outcomes. People employed a range of responses from direct confrontation with arms and strike action or boycotts through indirect passive forms of disengagement from state demands to more subtle efforts such as oral, literary and artistic expressions of resistance. Thus, much of the creative dynamism of the continent is embodied in struggles for liberation.

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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Coordinator Anta Sane Elected President of NBGSA

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 6 June 2012

SERSASians:

It is my pleasure to announce the election of SERSAS Coordinator Anta Sane as President of the National Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA). The following news release was recently posted on Howard University's Graduate School Announcements page:

Anta Sane, a native of Senegal, West Africa will serve as the President of the National Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA) for 2012-2013. Sane received her appointment at the organization's conference, held March 13 to 17, 2012 in Philadelphia, Valley Forge. Anta Sane is a graduate of Pfeiffer University in Charlotte, NC. She has dual Masters degrees in Organizational Leadership and Change and a Masters in Business Administration concentration in Finance. Her undergraduate degree is in Communication Studies from Suffolk University in Boston, Massachusetts, coupled with a minor in Black Studies. She has been also nominated for the "Who's Who Among Students in America." Her humanitarian work includes an internship with The United Nations Population Fund agency in Dakar, Senegal, where she wrote an article about world population day in the United Nations Newsletter, and an advocacy plan to prevent maternal mortality. Ms. Sane has also represented the UNFPA to the National Assembly of Dakar, presenting a bill regarding health reproduction, sexual health and family planning. Ms. Sane is a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Howard University's Political Science Department where she is currently pursuing her doctorate degree. Her areas of concentration are: International relations and Public Policy/Public Administration.

Sane will lead a team of 20 people in preparation for the upcoming 25th year celebration of the NBGSA in March 2013 in the North Central region. The quarter of a century year celebration of Black Graduate Students' Leadership and excellence promises to be one of the best. Conference attendees will participate in poster and stand-up presentations, paper competitions, hear inspiring speeches from leading Black

academics from all disciplines, and engage in workshops designed to aid with the overall graduate experience.

The National Black Graduate Student Association is the nation's largest interdisciplinary black graduate student organization. The 24-year-old, interdisciplinary NBGSA has gained national recognition as the leading promoter of African-American higher educational success across all academic disciplines. NBGSA was established to address the needs and concerns of Black graduate and professional students, and to encourage more Black undergraduates to pursue advanced degrees. NBGSA provides critical resources for enhancing academic and career success. The organization's primary goals are to develop a supportive, powerful network of emerging Black scholars, diversify the academy, and enrich the larger American community.

Anta, please accept our hearty SERSASian congratulations!

Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2012 00:57:13 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Anta Sane

From: Marame Gueye <gueyem@ecu.edu>
Date: 6 June 2012

Congratulations Anta!

Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2012 12:02:38 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: NC Museum of Art, "El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa."

From: Brian Digre, Elon University <digreb@elon.edu>
Date: 30 June 2012

I recently saw a fascinating exhibit at the NC Museum of Art, "El Anatsui: When I Last Wrote to You about Africa." Perhaps SERSASians have seen it, too. Just in case, I thought it would worthwhile to share information about the exhibit with members of SERSAS. The web link is below; it will be open until July 29.

http://ncartmuseum.org/exhibitions/el_anatsui/

Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2012 12:38:04 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: 2nd CFP: SERSAS Fall Conference, 19-20 October 2012, Armstrong Atlantic University,
Savannah, GA, USA

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
and SERSAS Coordinators

Date: 23 July 2012

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Date: Wed, 5 Sep 2012 12:21:06 +0000
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: FINAL CFP: SERSAS Fall Conference, 19-20 October 2012,
Armstrong Atlantic University, Savannah, GA, USA

Hello SERSASians,

Good morning. Below is our final CFP. Please consider presenting or attending. We hope to see you in Savannah. All the best.

Ken

Date: 5 September 2012

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Fall 2012 Meeting and Graduate Student Paper Award

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 27 October 2012

Dear SERSASians,

Greetings! On behalf of the coordinators of SERSAS and SERSASians, I want to thank our gracious co-host institutions, Armstrong Atlantic State University and Georgia Southern University for their Southern hospitality. I especially want to thank Daniel and Cathy Skidmore-Hess, the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science of AASU and the Africana Studies Department of GSU.

Approximately twenty-five SERSASians presented stimulating papers and participated in engaging discussions. For the final program, please see:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2012Program.pdf>

SERSAS awards \$100 for the best graduate student paper. Eligible presenters for fall 2012 are:

Makda Maru, Kennesaw State University, "Going Beyond Consensus: African Human and Peoples Rights Charter Practice"

Birthe Reimers, Kennesaw State University, "The Effectiveness of Gacaca Courts in Post-Genocide Rwanda"

Anta Sane, Howard University, "The Ongoing Quest for Gender Mainstreaming in Senegalese Politics: Myth or Reality?"

If you attended the conference, please vote by replying to this posting by Wednesday, 31 October. Ken Wilburn will tally the results and announce the winner on Thursday, 1 November.

Details on the SERSAS/SEAN Winter 2013 Conference hosted by the University of Florida at Gainesville will soon be posted.

Anta Sane
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Coordinators, SERSAS

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Subject: Vote! SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Award

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 30 October 2012

Dear SERSASian Attendees of the Fall 2012 SERSAS Conference, Savannah, Georgia:

If you have not already done so, please vote for your favorite graduate student paper. To date I have five votes. Deadline to vote is midnight tomorrow, Wednesday, 31 October. Again, the candidates are:

Makda Maru, Kennesaw State University, "Going Beyond Consensus: African Human and Peoples Rights Charter Practice"

Birthe Reimers, Kennesaw State University, "The Effectiveness of Gacaca Courts in Post-Genocide Rwanda"

Anta Sane, Howard University, "The Ongoing Quest for Gender Mainstreaming in Senegalese Politics: Myth or Reality?"

You may vote by replying to this posting or by emailing me at wilburnk@ecu.edu.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Best Graduate Student Paper

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 2 November 2012

SERSASians, I am pleased to announce your winner of the SERSAS Prize for the best graduate student paper at the Fall 2012 conference in Savannah, Georgia. Birthe Reimers, a graduate student at Kennesaw State University and author of "The Effectiveness of Gacaca Courts in Post-Genocide Rwanda," has won.

Congratulations Ms. Reimers!

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Subject: Congratulations!

From: Claire Metelits <claire.metelits@culturalknowledge.org>
Date: 2 November 2012

Congratulations, Berthe!

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFA: Atlantic World History M.A. at East Carolina University

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Sent: 5 November 2013

The Department of History at East Carolina University (Greenville, NC) invites applications for its Master of Arts in the History of the Atlantic World.

Aimed at talented and qualified students from around the world, the Atlantic World concentration of the History M.A. offers training in a variety of related fields across a range of temporal specializations, with interdisciplinary options also available. Successful candidates will be qualified to pursue Ph.D.s in the Atlantic World, but also in European, American, Caribbean, African, and Latin American history, and African & African American Studies. The Atlantic World History Concentration at ECU also provides training in academic and practical skills tailored to meet the needs of teachers, public servants, and business leaders operating in a trans-Atlantic and global environment.

The curriculum includes a selection of courses in the historiography of the Atlantic World, but also European, American, Caribbean, African, African American, and Latin American history. This Atlantic World program at ECU is unique because it operates in tandem with thriving programs in Maritime History and Maritime Archaeology, Conservation, and Public History. The distinguished faculty team also trains students in sub-fields such as the history of gender, the history of race and slavery, the history of Diaspora, the history of political and economic thought, the history of religion, social history, and intellectual and cultural history.

Beyond the official curriculum, the Atlantic World M.A. Program at ECU offers students a Speaker Series, to keep them abreast of the latest research and to introduce them to key scholars in the field, and organizes "Brown-bag workshops" to help with their research and writing.

Proximity to North Carolina's "Research Triangle" and reputable Atlantic World and other History PhD programs in the Southeast facilitates research and other collaborations with a wide network of scholars and seminars in the field.

Admission is competitive and depends on the quality and merit of the candidates. Most candidates will have studied the humanities or social sciences at the undergraduate or graduate level, but other fields of specialization are also welcome and all applications will be considered on an individual basis. International applicants are encouraged to apply. The general application deadline is April 1, 2013.

Teaching and research assistantships are available on a competitive basis. Applicants are encouraged to apply for these. Although graduate assistantships are subject to yearly budgetary approval, last year a total of 25 students in the History Department received M.A. graduate assistantship stipends. The current value of the stipend is \$9,000 per annum. The application deadline for assistantships is January 15, 2013.

Potential applicants are invited to peruse the Atlantic World Concentration's web-site (<http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/history/Atlantic-World-home.cfm>) where admission requirements and further information about the program are available, including faculty web-pages which list our areas of specialization. Application forms are available on the Department of History's web-site: <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-cas/history/graduatedegrees.cfm>. East Carolina University, located in Greenville, NC, is a member of the University of North Carolina system.

For further information, please contact the Program Coordinator, Prof. Anoush Terjanian, TerjanianA@ecu.edu.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Rutgers and Boston College Africana Opportunities

From: Greg Wiggan, UNC-Charlotte <gwiggan@uncc.edu>
Date: 6 November 2012

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Rutgers University

The Women's and Gender Studies Department, in collaboration with the Institute for Research on Women (IRW) at Rutgers University, is pleased to announce a two-year postdoctoral fellowship supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The selected fellow will receive a stipend of \$50,000 each year as well as an annual research allocation of \$2,000 and Rutgers University health benefits. The fellow will pursue research and teach three courses in the Women's and Gender Studies Department during the two-year term of her/his appointment and will participate in seminars, and other IRW activities. For more information on the programs available for the Mellon fellows at the IRW, please click here <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/ec8ae1ad91>>.

The Women's and Gender Studies Department <<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/448fb40945>> has particular interest in scholars of U.S. Latina and Latin American feminism and African feminism, especially those working on critical sexualities, health or technologies, but welcomes applications from all scholars who feel that their work would benefit from affiliation with our department and with the IRW.

Rutgers is an institution with a deep commitment to scholarship on women, gender, and sexuality. Both the Women's and Gender Studies Department and the IRW are part of the Institute for Women's Leadership (IWL), a consortium of nine different Rutgers units focused on women and gender, constituting the most extensive collection of resources on these issues at a university in the United States. Rutgers, therefore, provides a uniquely stimulating environment for feminist research.

Candidates should submit their applications, consisting of a CV, a 2500- word statement and 3 letters of recommendation, electronically by clicking this link:

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/fa178a93bb/event3Dpostings&institution_id3DRutgers_Un52BB1139> (search for Department of Women's and Gender Studies).

The statement should address the following: (1) the significance of the candidates research and the specific project that will be developed during the two year postdoc, (2) a brief description of some of the courses the candidate could offer, and (3) how and why Women Studies and the IRW at Rutgers can advance the candidates areas of research. (search for listing under "Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship" for each participating department).

Applications must be received by January 7, 2013. Candidates must have received the Ph.D. after August 31, 2008; applicants must have finished all requirements for the Ph.D. by July 1, 2013.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, please click here
<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/885154b4bd>>.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Critical Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University.

Critical Caribbean Studies at Rutgers, in collaboration with the Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies is pleased to announce a one-year competitive postdoctoral fellowship for a scholar pursuing research in Caribbean Studies. Scholars working on comparative cultural studies especially the Dutch or the French Caribbean, with focus on transnationalism, migration and/or queer feminist studies are encouraged to apply, but we welcome applications from all scholars who feel that their work would benefit from affiliation with Rutgers. The selected fellow will receive a stipend of \$65,000 as well as an annual research allocation of \$3,000 and Rutgers University health benefits. The successful applicant must have the doctorate in hand at the time of application (defense date no later than May 31, 2013), be no more than three years beyond the Ph.D., and be able to teach one course during their tenure at Rutgers.

The Department of Latino and Hispanic Caribbean studies
<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/bbb98779fd>> was founded in 1973, and offers interdisciplinary courses in Latino and Caribbean studies at the undergraduate level. The department's mission includes the study of the Anglo, French and Hispanic Caribbean. Department faculty include 12 core, and 32 affiliate members, enriched by specializations in Africana Studies, Art History, Anthropology, Geography, History, Philosophy, Sociology Women's and Gender Studies, and Comparative Literatures in English, French, and Spanish.

Critical Caribbean Studies at Rutgers
<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/4256dd4122>> aims to foster multi-disciplinary research about the Caribbean to allow a better understanding of the region and its people from a variety of perspectives. Affiliates conduct research on such diverse areas as diaspora and transnational studies, migration and immigration, cultural and performance studies, critical race theory, gender and sexuality studies, psychoanalysis, colonial and postcolonial studies, decoloniality, political theory, critical epistemology, intellectual history, history of New World slavery, social movements and revolution, eighteenth century studies, the urban Atlantic, contemporary urbanization, environmental studies, insularity, and the archipelagic Americas.

There will be opportunities for the postdoctoral fellow to connect with broader academic and community-minded research units at the University, including the Center for Cultural Analysis, the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, the Center for Race & Ethnicity, and the Institute for Research on Women.

Candidates should submit their applications, consisting of a CV, a 1,500-word statement and 3 letters of recommendation, electronically by clicking this link
<<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?CaribbeanPhilosophic/cd7b4aea0c/bab147b7ef/7d4a200b4a>>. The statement should address the following: (1) the significance of the candidates research and the specific project that will be developed during the one year postdoctoral fellowship, (2) a brief description of the course the candidate could offer, and (3) how and why Rutgers can advance the candidates areas of research. Applications must be received by Saturday, January 12, 2013.

2013/2014 African & African Diaspora Studies Program (AADS) Dissertation Fellowship

DEADLINE: 8 February 2013

Boston College's African & African Diaspora Studies Program (AADS) invites scholars working in any discipline in the Social Sciences or Humanities, with projects focusing on any topic within African and/or African Diaspora Studies, to apply for our dissertation fellowship. We seek applicants pursuing innovative, preferably interdisciplinary, projects in dialogue with critical issues and trends within the field.

This fellowship includes a \$30,060 stipend, health insurance, a \$1,500 research budget, and a shared office. The fellow must remain in residence and maintain an active presence on Boston College's campus for the academic year. The fellow must deliver one public lecture and teach one seminar course.

The successful applicant will have full access to all libraries as well as several rare books and manuscripts collections; the Nicholas M. Williams/Caribbeana Collection may be of particular interest. The fellow can also benefit from programs sponsored by the Institute for the Liberal Arts; International Studies, American Studies, and Middle East Studies Programs; as well as the internationally renowned McMullen Museum.

Applications must include: 1) a 3000 word project proposal that includes a plan for completion and description of how this fellowship will assist in achieving future professional goals, 2) a 25 page MAXIMUM writing sample, 3) a CV, and 4) three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the dissertation advisor. Eligible applicants must be ABD by the start of the fellowship year.

Submit applications by Friday, 8 February 2013, either electronically to aads@bc.edu or postmarked by regular mail to Chair, AADS Fellowship Committee, AADS, Boston College, 301 Lyons Hall, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA, 02467-3806.

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Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2013 Conference, 8-9 February

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Date: 20 November 2012

Call for Proposals

South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and South East Africanist Network (SEAN)
Spring Meeting

8-9 February 2013 (Friday evening and Saturday)

University of Florida, Gainesville

Co-sponsored by the Center for African Studies, University of Florida and the African Studies Center, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

"Africa Looks Back: Reflections, Constructions, Imaginations"

How has post-independence Africa engaged with its past? How do contemporary residents depict - for themselves and others - the lives they build? How is the future of Africa imagined by those living in its present? SERSAS and SEAN welcome proposals from scholars in various disciplines who address this general theme, including but not limited to the following topics:

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Subject: 2nd CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2013 Conference, 8-9 February

From: Todd Leedy, University of Florida <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Date: 11 December 2012

Second Call for Proposals

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Subject: ANN: SERSAS/SEAN spring 2013 meeting - preliminary program

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, USA
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Date: 18 January 2012 / 6 Raby` al-awal 1434

Dear SERSASians,

The preliminary program for the SERSAS/SEAN spring 2013 meeting appears below. We hope you will be able to attend. All the best.

Ken Wilburn
SERSAS, Co-Coordinator

From: Todd Leedy [mailto:tleedy@ufl.edu]
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SERSAS/SEAN Spring meeting
Africa Looks Back: Reflections, Constructions, Imaginations
8-9 February 2013
University of Florida
Co-sponsored by the UF Center for African Studies and the UNC African Studies Center

Friday 2/8

5:00-7:00 Welcome Reception

Saturday 2/9

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks: Abraham Goldman - Director, UF Center for African Studies

9:15-10:45 Session I - Democracy, Security, and Youth in Contemporary Africa

Chair: Leonardo Villalon, University of Florida

Stephanie Matti, UNOCHA. Djibouti's Democratic Deficit: Competitive Authoritarianism and Geopolitics under the Guelleh Regime

Claire Metelits, Department of Defense. Shooting in the Dark: U.S. Security Policy and Terrorism in Zanzibar

Daniel Mengara, Montclair State University. African Youth, Political Engagement and Afrocentric Confusion: A Pessimistic Assessment?

Maramé Gueye, East Carolina University. Language of Determination, Posture of Defiance: The Political Influence of Senegalese Hip Hop Artists

10:45-11:00 Coffee/tea break

11:00-12:30 Session II A - Looking Back: Different Lenses, Different Visions

Chair: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University

Jessica Cruze, University of Florida. The Influence of African Cinema: A Study of Films by Ousmane Sembène

Samuel Nyamuame, University of Florida. Dance-Drumming in Ghanaian Churches: Problems, Interpretations and Transformations

Arthur Morgan, University of Florida. African Architecture: A Comparative Study of Pedagogical Method

Session II B - Conflict, Identity, and Self-Representation: Looking Back, Moving Forward

Chair: Barbara Anderson, University of North Carolina

Aubrey Graham, Emory University. One-Hundred Years of Suffering? Comparing Humanitarian Photography and Self-Representation in the DRC

Birthe Reimers, Kennesaw State University. Post-Conflict Public Re-Education Campaigns: A Comparative Case Study of Rwanda and South Africa

Shannon Browning-Mullis, Georgia Southern University. Alliance and Identity: The Bushmen in the South African Defense Force

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:00 SERSAS business meeting

2:00-3:30 Session III - Contemporary Writing and Literary Commitment in Cameroon

Chair: Rose Sau Lugano, University of Florida

Benjamin Fishkin, Tuskegee University. A Costly Gift: Francis B. Nyamnjoh and the Alienation of the African

William Ndi, Tuskegee University. Blighting Companionship: A Study of Emmanuel Fru Doh's *The Fire from Within*

Adaku Ankumah, Tuskegee University. Changing the Status Quo from the Margins in *Gods in the Ivory Towers*

3:30-3:45 Coffee/tea break

3:45-5:15 Session IV - Remembering the Past in the Present

Chair: Luise White, University of Florida

Kathryn deLuna, Rice University. Affect and Community in Precolonial Africa
Erica Hill-Yates, Bard High School Early College. Unpacking the Tales: Gendered Memories of Slavery on the Swahili Coast
John Cinnamon, Miami University (Ohio). Memories of Mademoiselle: Imagining the Past, Present, and Future of an Equatorial Spirit Movement
Andreana Prichard, University of Oklahoma. Affect and Community in Post-Independence Africa

7:30 Participant's Dinner

Accommodation: The meeting hotel is the Holiday Inn University Center (352-376-1661). Ask for Gloria Ashley (ext 126) or Jacquee Williamson (ext 181). Due to a limited availability of rooms at the meeting hotel, you must make your hotel reservations by Friday 25 January. Meeting sponsors can cover 1 or two nights but these rooms are first come first serve until the group block is full. Use the group code "SERSAS/SEAN" to get our rate. We will not be able to pay for accommodation booked at other hotels. You will be required to reserve the room with your credit card - and therefore cancel the room yourself if a no show. However, if you attend the meeting as planned your card will not be billed except for incidental charges (we can pay room charges only - no food, telephone, etc) or a stay beyond two nights. Those of you who may be arriving into GNV by air can either call the hotel for their shuttle (you will wait 20-30 minutes to be picked up) or take a cab to the hotel (about \$20).

Registration: The \$20 registration fee (\$10 for students) will be collected on-site.

Location: Friday reception and Saturday panel sessions will be held on the fourth floor of Grinter Hall, about a 5-7 minute walk from the hotel. The hotel can provide campus maps.

Please let me know if you have questions in the meantime.

Todd H. Leedy, Ph.D.
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Subject: CONF: The Politics of Institutional Reform in Sahelian Africa, UF-Gainesville, 20130221

From: Todd Leedy, UF-Gainesville <tleedy@ufl.edu>

Date: 12 February 2013

The Sahel Research Group, Center for African Studies and Department of Political Science, University of Florida

Presents:

The Politics of Institutional Reform in Sahelian Africa
21 February 2013
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Participants:

Mahaman Sanoussi Tidjani Alou, LASDEL and Université Abdou Moumouni, Niger; Augustin Loada, CGD and Université de Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso; Ismala Madior Fall, Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, Senegal; Zekeria Ould Ahmed Salem, Université de Nouakchott, Mauritania; Lucien Toulou, EISA-Tchad; Moumouni Soumano, Université de Bamako, Mali; and Leonardo A. Villalen, University of Florida

Schedule:

8:30 - Welcome and Introduction

8:45 - 10:00 Mauritania and Senegal

10:15 - 11:30 Burkina Faso and Niger

11:45 - 1:00 Chad and Mali

Lunch Break

2:30 - 4:00 Panel Discussion: The Resilience of Institutions in the Current Crisis

This conference will address the question of whether the politics of creating and reforming institutions, most often in the name of democracy, have weakened or strengthened states across the African Sahel. It is composed of six paper presentations and a concluding roundtable discussion by distinguished political scientists regarding their respective countries: Mauritania, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad and Mali. The presentations highlight the politics of institutional reform in each country, analyzing its effects on the coherence of the state in the era of democratization.

Conference is free and open to the UF community and the broader public

*Translation will be provided for presentations in French.

<http://www.africa.ufl.edu/documents/SahelFeb2013Conference.pdf>

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Subject: Spring 2013 SERSAS/SEAN Conference and Forthcoming Anniversary
SERSAS Conferences

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 14 February 2013

On behalf of SERSASians, I want to thank Todd Leedy and Abe Goldman of the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida at Gainesville for their gracious hospitality and well organized conference. Special thanks to Todd for warmly welcoming us all Saturday night in his home. Our joint SERSAS/SEAN conference was well attended, engagingly interdisciplinary, and full of interesting presentations of high quality. Listening to the graduate students at the beginning of their careers presenting their papers in our friendly atmosphere was one of the highlights. The six graduate students who presented and who choose to submit their papers will compete with their peers who will present at our fall 2013 meeting for the annual SERSAS Graduate Student Prize. All SERSAS presenters are invited to publish their papers in the online archives of SERSAS:
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/RecentPapers.htm>.

Our fall 2013 conference, whose theme is "Africa and the Atlantic World," will be held at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC during 27 – 28 September 2013. A special exhibition of ECU's African art collection and an African-Caribbean music program performed by faculty from ECU's School of Music are being planned.

Please note that 2014 is the fortieth anniversary of SERSAS. Preliminary planning is underway. The African Studies Center of UNC-Chapel Hill, the location for the spring 2014 SERSAS meeting and where Ann Dunbar organized one of the initial SERSAS conferences (20 April 1974), will host the first of our anniversary conferences. The University of Virginia, where SERSAS was jointly formed by Joe Miller and Rutledge Dennis (Virginia Commonwealth University) in 1973, may host the fall 2014 anniversary conference; again, discussions are very preliminary. For the early history of SERSAS, see Joe Miller's "Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, A Brief History," 15 January 1999:
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/SersasHistory.htm>. Details for all meetings will be forthcoming.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Fall 2013 SERSAS Conference, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, 27 - 28 Sept.

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 19 March 2013

Call for Papers

"Africa and the Atlantic World"

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27 - 28 September 2013

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<http://www.ecu.edu/religionprogram/docs/conference-2013.pdf>

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Dear SERSASians,

The preliminary Fall 2013 SERSAS Conference program is now online:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/DraftFall2013Program20130822.pdf>

We hope you will join us. For planning purposes, please email Ken Wilburn (wilburnk@ecu.edu) if you plan to attend. We will have details on parking and local transportation in the coming days. Hotel information and maps are available on the SERSAS web site:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

We look forward to your arrival in less than five weeks. All the best.

Anta Sane

Aran MacKinnon

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SERSAS Coordinators

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Subject: Final Fall 2013 SERSAS Conference Program

Dear SERSASians,

Greetings from East Carolina University! The final Fall 2013 SERSAS Conference Program is now online:

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Please email Ken Wilburn (wilburnk@ecu.edu) or reply to this SERSAS-L message if:

- (1) you want to be picked up from or returned to the Pitt-Greenville, NC airport
- (2) you require transportation from the hotel to campus and back again on Friday evening or Saturday
- (3) you are not on the program but you will attend the conference
- (4) you have special needs

Panelists, please send your papers to the discussant in your session in plenty of time for him or her to give your papers the quality time they deserve. In the interim, please send your abstract to your discussant. Conferees should note that email contact information and university affiliations are given in the sessions of the program and at its end.

Chairs will set the times for each session, but note that about 15 minutes per presentation should be routine, as all but one session has four panelists and each session is an hour and a half in length.

Please note that registration and SERSAS dues are payable on site--\$30.

We coordinators look forward to seeing you in just under three weeks. Travel safely.

Aran MacKinnon
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Coordinators, SERSAS

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: SERSAS Spring 2014 Conference,
Georgia College and State University, 7-8 March 2014

From: Aran MacKinnon, Georgia College and State University, Milledgeville, GA, USA
<aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>
Date: 3 November 2013

SERSAS First Call for Paper Proposals

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Vote for the 2013 SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 3 November 2013

The coordinators of SERSAS are pleased to announce the selection process for the 2013 SERSAS Graduate Student Prize, which carries a stipend of \$100. Of the graduate students who presented papers at this year's conferences at the University of Florida and East Carolina University, four have submitted their papers. SERSASians who attended one or both of the conferences are eligible to vote. The deadline

for voting is two weeks from today, midnight, Sunday, 17 November. SERSAS coordinators will announce the winner on Tuesday, 19 November.

Please note that each paper is in .pdf format and is password protected. When prompted, type:

SERSASgp2013

Jeremy Robert Borrelli, "The Bay of Storms and Tavern of the Seas Risk Management and the Maritime Cultural Landscape of the Dutch East India Company Harbor at Cape Town, South Africa":
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/GraduatePrize/2013/Borrelli.pdf>

Aubrey Graham, "A Hundred Years of Suffering?: Comparing Humanitarian Photography and Self-Representation in the DRC":
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/GraduatePrize/2013/Graham.pdf>

Maria Esther Hammock, "The Mystic Triangle: The Hidden History of the Illegal Interaction, Movement, and Exchange of People of African (and Native American) Descent in the Nineteenth-Century US South, Mexico, and the Caribbean":
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/GraduatePrize/2013/Hammack.pdf>

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When you are ready to vote, follow these steps:

1. select reply
2. copy these addresses: antasane@yahoo.com; aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu; wilburnk@ecu.edu
3. highlight "African Studies, East Carolina University [SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU]; on behalf of; Wilburn, Kenneth [WILBURNK@ecu.edu]" in the address line and paste into it the three addresses above
4. vote by retaining the paper of your choice; delete the others
5. select send

SERSAS thanks Jeremy Robert Borrelli, Aubrey Graham, Maria Esther Hammock, and Jeneva Wright for submitting their papers and thanks SERSASians in advance for their votes.

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Subject: 2nd CFP: Spring SERSAS Conference, Milledgeville, GA, 7 - 8

March 2014

From: Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>
Date: 10 December 2013

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Biennial Kwame Nkrumah International Conference (KNIC3),
August 20, 21, 22, 2014

From: Charles Quist-Adade <Charles.Quist-Adade@kpu.ca>
Date: 14 January 2014

CFP: Third Biennial Kwame Nkrumah International Conference (KNIC3), August=
20, 21, 22, 2014

Jointly organized by Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and
Technology (Kumasi, Ghana), and Lincoln University (Pennsylvania, USA)

VENUE: Kwantlen Polytechnic University, 8771 Lansdowne Rd., Richmond, (Vancouver) British
Columbia, Canada

THEME: "Re-engaging the African Diasporas: Pan-Africanism in the Age of Globalization"

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Vancouver, Canada, the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and
Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana, and Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, USA are pleased to invite
you to participate in the Third Biennial Conference, Kwame Nkrumah International Conference (KNIC3).
The interdisciplinary conference will provide a platform for scholars and students from educational
institutions from across the globe to share ideas on how to pool resources and to provide a synergy of
knowledge, efforts, projects and programs in Africa and throughout the African world community that are
designed to develop the intellectual, social, economic as well as cultural life opportunities of people of
African heritage.

With its theme "Re-engaging the African Diasporas: Pan-Africanism in the Age of Globalization" the
conference has as its cardinal aim to harness intellectual, academic, technological, and pedagogical
resources in addressing the brain-drain scourge that bedevils the continent. It will seek to debate the
causes, effects, and dynamics of the scourge of brain-drain in Africa. The conference will bring together
leading scholars and researchers to discuss and share innovative and creative ideas, projects and solutions
that would aim at turning the brain-drain loss into a brain-gain gain for the mutual benefit of Continental
Africans and people of African descent in the Diaspora. Although efforts are being made to secure some
funding for the encouragement and assistance of participation by scholars from outside North America
and Europe -- especially young scholars -- the organizers are unable, at this time, to offer financial
support. Therefore, as of now, participants are responsible for their own expenses until later notified
otherwise. Participants from countries requiring a visa to enter Canada must make arrangements to secure
them before they travel to Canada.

PAPER ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts of approximately 250 words for papers of 20 minutes' delivery duration-coupled with suggestions of panels consisting of 3 panelists each-are welcome and should be e-mailed, with a short bio-note (50 words, indicating email address, university or institutional affiliation, department or academic program, and year of study for students) contact address, and one to three keywords related to the area of research to: Dr. Charles Quist-Adade, knic@kpu.ca or cquistad@kpu.ca no later than March 15, 2014, final notification of selection to be communicated by April 30, 2014.

For more information, click: <http://www.kwantlen.ca/knic>

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 17 February 2014

The Fall 2014 SERSAS-SEAN Conference Program is now online. Please access the program from the top of the SERSAS home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

or go directly to it here:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Fall2014Program.pdf>

We look forward to seeing you at Georgia College in Milledgeville during 7 - 8 March. Travel safely.

Date: Fri, 14 Mar 2014 15:46:05 +0000
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Post-Conference Updates

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858 USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 14 March 2014

SERSASians,

On behalf of all SERSASians, I would like to thank Aran MacKinnon, Georgia College and University, and the African Studies Centers at the University of Florida and UNC-Chapel Hill for their warm hospitality and financial support for our highly successful spring 2014 conference. The papers were intellectually stimulating, the discussion animated, and the camaraderie warmer than the splendid Milledgeville weather.

If you provided me with your information on Saturday, I have now added you to SERSAS-L and our online membership list. Welcome aboard!

Graduate students who want to be considered for the SERSAS Graduate Student Prize for the best paper must email their papers as .doc files to Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu> and Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>. The prize carries a stipend of \$100. I will convert the papers to .pdf files and place them behind a password. Graduate students have until midnight, 21 March to submit their papers. SERSASians will have until midnight, 4 April to vote for their favorite paper. Votes should be emailed to both Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu> and Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>.

All presenters at our spring conference may publish their papers on our SERSAS web site. If you would like to do so, please send your paper as a .doc or .pdf file attached to an email to Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>.

We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Details will be forthcoming as they develop.

SERSAS Home Page: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Spring 2014 Conference: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/Spring2014Program.pdf>

Membership List: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Members.htm>

SERSAS Papers Online: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/RecentPapers.htm>

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<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Final Call: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 20 March 2014

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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize Competition, Spring 2014

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 22 March 2014

SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize Competition, Spring 2014

Two graduate students have submitted their papers for the Spring 2014 SERSAS Graduate Student Prize, which carries a stipend of \$100. To access each paper, you must enter the following password:

SERSASSpring2014GSP

SERSASians must vote by midnight, Friday, 4 April. Please email your vote to both Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu> and Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>, who will tally the results and announce the winner. Please support our young Africanist scholars by reading their papers and casting your votes.

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<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/GraduatePrize/2014/HoyerC.pdf>

Siegler, Jennifer (Emory University), "Kangas and Kitenge: Fashioning Nationalist Identity in Tanzania" (Paper, SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2014 Conference, Georgia College, Milledgeville)

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/GraduatePrize/2014/SieglerJ.pdf>

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<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSASian Vote Reminder--Deadline Friday, 4 April—SERSAS Graduate Student Paper

Prize

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 1 April 2014

REMINDER: Voting deadline is midnight Friday, 4 April

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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Cacee Hoyer Wins Spring 2014 SERSAS Graduate Student Prize

From: SERSAS Coordinators
Date: 14 April 2014

Dear SERSASians,

The Coordinators of SERSAS are pleased to announce the winner of the Spring 2014 SERSAS Graduate Student Prize:

Cacee Hoyer, "African or Indian? South African Identity Construction, 1946-1952."

Ms. Hoyer, please accept our congratulations!

Aran S. MacKinnon, aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu
Ken Wilburn, wilburnk@ecu.edu
Anta Sane, antasane@yahoo.com

SERSAS: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2014 02:53:52 +0000
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Fall 2014 SERSAS-SEAN Conference, College of Charleston,
24-25 October

"African Conflict and Public Memory"

Fall SERSAS-SEAN Conference

24-25 October 2014

College of Charleston, Charleston SC

Hosted by the College of Charleston

This year's ASA conference theme is "Rethinking Violence, Reconstruction and Reconciliation." The Fall 2014 SERSAS-SEAN Conference provides another opportunity to get at this theme, but from a more focused perspective.

Much of how we understand conflict in Africa concentrates on violence. While this perspective is warranted, particularly given ongoing conflicts in places like South Sudan and Central African Republic, the focus on violence often misses a more recently developing form of protest and revolt. This sees young people taking to the streets rather than taking up arms and going to the bush. These two perspectives dovetail with a broader reflection on public memory in Africa and the way it shapes violent and non-violent trajectories.

This Fall's SERSAS-SEAN Conference will host authors Adam Branch and Zachariah Mampilly to discuss their forthcoming book, *Africa Uprising! Popular Protest and Political Change*, which offers a broader comparative perspective of youth, violence, and non-violence. Branch and Mampilly are two up and coming scholars in African Studies and have spent a great deal of time on the ground doing research in Africa. Branch is Associate Professor of Political Science and Senior Research Fellow at the Makerere Institute for Social Research in Uganda, where he spends much of his time. Mampilly is Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies at Vassar College where he also serves as Director of Africana Studies. In addition to a special session with Branch and Mampilly, we are also working to arrange a conference screening of the film of Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's Biafran War novel, *Half of a Yellow Sun*. Furthermore, the proposed theme of our Fall SERSAS-SEAN Conference ties in with the College of Charleston Global Awareness Forum's "Global Conflict and Public Memory" theme, so we hope to appeal to an engaged undergraduate audience for some of the events.

We welcome interdisciplinary perspectives on violent and non-violent forms of protest and revolt, particularly those that consider the consequences of these events upon Africa's politics and society. Faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students are all encouraged to participate.

Please send proposals of no more than 300 words that outline the main themes and issues of your paper to:

Simon Lewis: lewiss@cofc.edu; Tim Carmichael: carmichaelt@cofc.edu; and Christopher Day: dayc@cofc.edu

Deadline for submissions: 19 September 2014

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Fall 2014 Conference Lodgings, College of Charleston

To: SERSASians
Re: SERSAS Fall 2014 Conference Lodgings, College of Charleston
From: Kenneth Wilburn, SERSAS Co-coordinator <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 23 September 2014

Dear SERSASians,

The Fall 2014 SERSAS Conference at the College of Charleston will take place 24-25 October. The draft program will soon be posted at the SERSAS web site:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Simon Lewis, one of our local coordinators, recently sent us an announcement from College of Charleston's administrators about lodging. I have added direct URLs to the announcement. Charleston, as you know, is a major tourist destination, making inexpensive lodging difficult to find. The message follows:

PROCUREMENT NEWS & NOTES

Procurement is happy to announce that the College of Charleston is offering a self-booking hotel program - the College of Charleston Campus Travel Portal - in collaboration with Campus Travel Management. Our goal is to deliver convenience and reduced costs for faculty, staff and visitors, whether in Charleston or other participating campus locales.

There are no fees to use the program and it is open to anyone visiting CofC (parents/alums/guests/-speakers, etc.). It is designed to provide a simple, one-click connection to quality hotels offering special

CofC discounted rates. It also allows us to gather valuable data and produce valuable reports, for the first time ever, that clearly track lodging-related business driven by the College of Charleston's visitors. This data will create opportunities for future savings as well as illustrate CofC's impact on the lodging sector within the City of Charleston.

To see how it works and view the discounted rates for participating hotels, click on the "Plan A Visit" link on the right hand side of the College's home page, then click on "Places to Stay" on the left hand side of the page. Under "Accommodation Options", click on "Discounted Lodging" for participating hotels offering discounted rates to all visitors using this portal. Each hotel page displays the rates they offer College visitors and allows guests to make their reservation directly on this link while capturing information regarding what type of traveler they are, i.e., alumni, athletic fan, parent/family, prospective student, etc., and if the associated event is family weekend, graduation, athletic event, orientation, move-in, etc.

Direct URL for "Plan A Visit": <http://www.cofc.edu/visit/>

Direct URL for "Places to Stay": <http://www.cofc.edu/visit/placestostay.php>

Direct URL for "Discounted Lodging": http://www.campustravel.com/university/cofc/visit_cofc.html

An added bonus is that the College actually receives a small percentage of revenue, paid by the hotel, from each night's stay booked through the portal.

For any visitors or guests who make their own reservations and pay their own lodging fees, we encourage all departments to direct them to use this portal.

The Office of Procurement is always searching for ways to contribute to the College's overall efforts to achieve efficiencies and cost savings. We believe this program will provide good value to the College of Charleston community.

Please access the SERSAS home page for forthcoming conference announcements:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

We all look forward to a very promising and exciting conference. Travel safely. See you in Charleston.

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<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Draft Fall 2014 SERSAS Program, College of Charleston, 24-25 October

To: SERSASians
From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Re: Draft SERSAS/SEAN Fall 2014 Conference Program

Date: 25 September 2014

SERSASians,

The draft program for fall 2014 is now online near the top of the SERSAS homepage:
<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

The direct URL is: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/DraftFall2014Program.pdf>

Please let me express our early gratitude to our hosts at the College of Charleston: Simon Lewis, Tim Carmichael, and Christopher Day.

Ken Wilburn
SERSAS Co-coordinator

Date: Sun, 5 Oct 2014 13:37:27 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Update: Fall 2014 SERSAS-SEAN Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
To: SERSASians
Date: 5 October 2014
Re: Updated Fall 2014 Program

SERSASians,

For the latest Fall 2014 SERSAS-SEAN Program, please access

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Please email changes to Kenneth Wilburn, SERSAS Web Editor, wilburnk@ecu.edu.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the College of Charleston.

Date: Thu, 16 Oct 2014 16:06:59 +0000
Reply-To: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Fall 2014 SERSAS-SEAN Conference Update,
College of Charleston
Comments: cc: "goettschesms@cofc.edu" <goettschesms@cofc.edu>,
"Lewis, Simon Keith (LewisS@cofc.edu)" <LewisS@cofc.edu>,
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To: SERSASians

From: Meg Goettsches <goettschesms@cofc.edu>, Simon Lewis <lewiss@cofc.edu>, and Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

Re: Fall 2014 Conference, College of Charleston

Dear SERSAS-SEAN Conference Participants and Attendees,

We are looking forward to hosting you at the SERSAS-SEAN Fall 2014 Conference. At this time, we have a few housekeeping items that need to be taken care of to ensure smooth sailing during the conference.

If you will be using AV equipment for your presentation, we'd kindly ask that you forward your presentation file to us so we can test it on our equipment and load it onto the computer; this will keep us on schedule. Please forward all presentation files to Meg Goettsches at the following email address: goettschesms@cofc.edu

Also, please remember that you will be allotted 15 minutes for your presentation.

If you are attending but not presenting or chairing, please let us know so we can prepare for name tags and numbers.

For lunch, you have a choice of the following options:

--Option # 1: Deli Sliced Turkey and Swiss on Hearty Wheat Bread

--Option # 2: Grilled Chicken Club with Bacon, Lettuce and Tomato on Toasted 12-Grain Bread

--Option # 3: Greek Salad Wrap with Crumbled Feta, Black Olives, Fresh Cucumbers, Plum Tomatoes and Red Onions

A timely response is necessary to ensure your lunch selections are properly ordered.

Please respond no later than October 20th to the requests listed above.

Presenters: Be sure to email your abstracts, if not your papers, to your session chairs by Monday, 20 October.

Program: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2014Program.pdf>

SERSAS: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Conference Organizers:

Simon Lewis: lewiss@cofc.edu

Tim Carmichael: carmichaelt@cofc.edu

Christopher Day: dayc@cofc.edu

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Date: Mon, 27 Oct 2014 23:25:50 +0000
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Sender: "African Studies, East Carolina University"
<SERSAS-L@LISTSERV.ECU.EDU>
From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS - SEAN Fall 2014 Conference Report

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 27 October 2014
Re: Fall 2014 SERSAS - SEAN Conference Report

SERSASians,

On behalf of the coordinators of SERSAS, I would like to thank our College of Charleston hosts: Simon Lewis, Chris Day, Jack Parson, Tim Carmichael and Meg Goettsches for their collective warmth and outstanding organization in carrying out our fall conference. On behalf of the participants, a special thanks goes out to Simon Lewis and Janet Watts for sharing their beautiful home and extending their gracious Charlestonian hospitality on Friday evening before Saturday's conference sessions. We also thank the College of Charleston for their continued support over the years for SERSAS, including sponsorship this year from the African Studies Program, College of Charleston's First Year Experience, and Park Circle Films.

Our sessions were engaging, at times heartrending (Biafra), and thoroughly enlightening. Both participants and the audience commented that ECU's Maritime Studies group of graduate students led by Dr. Lynn Harris was particularly impressive. ECU's Nathaniel King won the SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize for his fine presentation, "Global Maritime Icons on South African Shores: Case Study of a Beached US Liberty Ship in Cape Point Nature Reserve, South Africa." Last summer, Lynn Harris, David Dennard, and I directed an ECU summer study abroad group in South Africa where faculty, undergraduates, and graduate students carried out maritime archaeological field work on a beach under Nathan's helpful supervision. Congratulations, Nathan! Tim Carmichael's gifted undergraduate student, David Medley, earned special recognition for his outstanding presentation on the Somali Youth League, entitled "Somali Nationalism, 1940s-1950s." Congratulations, David! All eight student papers were extraordinary. Regrets to SERSASians who missed the presentations of these promising scholars and those of our more senior Africanist colleagues.

Below is the latest information on forthcoming SERSAS - SEAN conferences.

Spring 2015 Conference: CFP soon on a theme related to Nelson Mandela to coincide with a university exhibition related to Madiba's life; 6-7 February 2015, UNC-Chapel Hill

Fall 2015 Conference: Details forthcoming; theme related to Africa, African Americans and the centennial of Booker T. Washington's death, Tuskegee University, Alabama

Spring 2016 Conference: Theme and Date TBA; University of Florida, Gainesville

SERSASians congratulate Barbara Anderson of UNC-Chapel Hill and Todd Leedy of the University of Florida for the successful renewals of their Title VI African studies programs. SERSAS sincerely appreciates your continued support.

Finally, SERSAS acknowledges the scholarship of those who presented papers by publishing them on the SERSAS web site. Contact Ken Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu> to publish your paper. The link to the present twenty-nine publications is:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/RecentPapers.htm>

We shall soon send out the CFP for the Spring 2015 SERSAS - SEAN meeting in Chapel Hill. We look forward to seeing you among the Tar Heels during 6 - 7 February.

SERSAS: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.htm>

Co-Coordiators: Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>, Anta Sane <antasane@yahoo.com>, and Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2015 Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 6 – 7 February

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Co-Coordinator, SERSAS <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 15 November 2014
Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2015 Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 6 - 7 February

"Journeys of Reconciliation: The New South, the New South Africa, and Nelson Mandela"

The South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the South East Africanist Network (SEAN) invite faculty and advanced students to present works-in-progress or polished papers at the Spring 2015 SERSAS/SEAN conference hosted by the African Studies Center at UNC-Chapel Hill.

SERSAS/SEAN SPRING 2015 Conference, "Journeys of Reconciliation: The New South, the New South Africa, and Nelson Mandela," Friday evening and Saturday, February 6-7, 2015.

Keynote Address: Dr. Hunt Davis, Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida, "John L. Dube and Nelson R. Mandela: Two Presidents and a 20th Century Journey from Accommodation to Reconciliation."

This CFP is open to any scholarly topic and field in African and Diaspora studies broadly constructed but, following the passing of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (1918-2013) and the opportunity to reflect on the struggles for social justice in both America and South Africa, the organizers would particularly welcome panels and proposals that engage with considerations of how reconciliation can be seen as vital element in the Civil Rights and Anti-Apartheid movements. Reflections on the role and legacy of Nelson Mandela, and those who informed his leadership in the South African liberation struggle as well as the lessons that

can be drawn from these for global communities will, no doubt, form an important body of scholarly knowledge for future generations. From Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. Dubois to Dr. Martin Luther King Junior and Bayard Rustin; and from Sol Plaatje and Mohandas Gandhi to John Dube and Nelson Mandela, liberation struggle leaders often appear to have sought to temper their actions with visions of the future that required some degree of reconciliation and accommodation. A key feature of the conference proceedings will be how we view and evaluate these strategies as well as their ambiguous outcomes and how these analyses pose challenging questions for a range of disciplinary and inter-disciplinary approaches to understanding Mandela's legacy for reconciliation.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IS December 15, 2014.

Past conference papers have come from a variety of academic disciplines including anthropology, economics, geography, history, literary studies, maritime studies, music, African and foreign languages (in translation) and political science.

The Spring 2015 SERSAS/SEAN Conference seeks to give faculty, independent scholars, and graduate students the opportunity to share scholarship within the friendly atmosphere for which SERSAS is renowned. The coordinators of SERSAS cordially invite you to present your work within the wide parameters of the conference theme.

SERSAS and SEAN pride themselves on providing an open and collegial forum for the exchange of ideas. This includes providing opportunities for advanced graduate students to present their work and win the SERSAS Prize for the best graduate student paper. We therefore encourage graduate students and their faculty mentors to consider putting forward proposals.

Please send proposals of no more than 300 words that outline the main themes and issues of your paper to:

Barbara Anderson, b_anderson@unc.edu
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Aran MacKinnon, amackinn@westga.edu
Anta Sane, antasane@yahoo.com
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Kenneth Wilburn, wilburnk@ecu.edu

Local Arrangements contact information: Stacey Sewall, African Studies Center, UNC-Chapel Hill:
sewall@email.unc.edu

UNC-Chapel Hill Conference Web Site: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2015/

SERSAS Web Site: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

SEAN Web Site: <http://africa.ufl.edu/>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: 2nd CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2015 Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, "Journeys of Reconciliation: The New South, the New South Africa, and Nelson Mandela," 6 - 7 February

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Co-Coordinator, SERSAS <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 2 December 2014
Subject: 2nd CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2015 Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 6 - 7 February

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UNC-Chapel Hill Conference Web Site: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2015/

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Subject: ANN: SERSAS/SEAN Conference, "Journeys of Reconciliation: The New South, the New South Africa, and Nelson Mandela," UNC-Chapel Hill, 6-7 Feb 2015

From: Stacey Sewall, African Studies Center, UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina, USA
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Date: 27 January 2015

The African Studies Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill invites you to join us on February 6-7, 2015 for the Spring Meeting of the Southeast Regional Seminar on African Studies (SERSAS) and the SouthEast Africanist Network (SEAN).

The theme for the joint SERSAS/SEAN conference will be "Journeys of Reconciliation: The New South, the New South Africa, and Nelson Mandela." Papers on other regions will also be presented. The joint SERSAS/SEAN conference prides itself on providing a collegial and welcoming atmosphere, and we are particularly interested in supporting emerging scholars. The program includes a welcome reception starting at 6 PM followed by a keynote address given by Dr. Hunt Davis, Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida, at 7 PM on Friday night, and a full program of papers on Saturday, 8:30 AM - 5 PM. All conference events will be held in the FedEx Global Education Center. Registration is required.

Program Info and Registration: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2015/

Registration: \$30 faculty, \$20 students

Please contact Stacey Sewall, (919)962-1522, sewall@email.unc.edu for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Stacey

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Subject: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2015 Update

From: Kenneth Wilburn, ECU, Greenville, NC, USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 20 February 2015

Dear SERSASians,

On behalf of all SERSASians, your coordinators would like to thank Barbara Anderson, Michael Lambert, and Stacey Sewall for our exceptionally well organized and rewarding SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2015 Conference. We had sixteen papers, two panels and a roundtable in four concurrent sessions--one of the largest ever SERSAS/SEAN meetings. There were many highlights, but one in particular was the keynote address given by Professor Emeritus Hunt Davis, "John L. Dube and Nelson R. Mandela: Two Presidents and a 20th Century Journey from Accommodation to Reconciliation." Hunt's engaging presentation was especially timely, as it took place in the same venue as UNC-CH's exhibition honoring Chapel Hill's Freedom Riders and Nelson Mandela. SERSASians especially thank Barbara, Rob, and their sons for their warm hospitality to conferees in their lovely home Saturday night. What a memorable SERSASian weekend we had.

SERSAS would also like to thank our conference sponsors for their generous support: SouthEast Africanist Network; UNC African Studies Center; UNC College of Arts and Sciences; University of Florida Center for African Studies; Carolina Seminars; and the US Department of Education.

In SERSAS business, SERSAS veteran Jack Parson succeeded our treasurer, Shannon Harris. Shannon, thank you so much for your devoted service to SERSAS over the last few years. Jack, welcome aboard!

SERSASians, please welcome our newest coordinator, Robert Dibie of Indiana University Kokomo. Coordinators Anta Sane, Aran McKinnon and I look forward to working with Robert.

SERSASians voted to award Koffi Yao-Kouame the SERSAS Prize for presenting the best graduate student paper. Koffi is a graduate student in the Africana and Latin American Studies Program at UNC-Charlotte. The title of his paper was "Civil War in Liberia as the Prequel of Côte d'Ivoire Civil War." Congratulations, Koffi!

At the business meeting SERSASians recommended we improve the selection process of awarding the graduate student paper prize. Graduate students who want to be considered for the prize must now submit their papers in advance to the Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee. If I remember correctly, Hunt Davis, Derek Catsam, Bill Ndi, and Owen Kalinga volunteered to read the papers. Others may volunteer. The process will be refined as we go forward.

Since the conference, your coordinators have discussed naming the Graduate Student Paper Prize after Roberta Ann Dunbar, one of the organizers of SERSAS in 1973. Ann was an inspiration to us all--faculty and students--and over the years she was a primary reason I continued to attend SERSAS meetings. I know that SERSASians at Chapel Hill especially remember Ann with great fondness, respect, and as an invaluable mentor. Joe Miller described some of Ann's early work with SERSAS in his "History of SERSAS":

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/SersasHistory.htm>

The SERSAS conference site for fall 2015 is still under consideration. The SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2016 Conference will return to the Center for African Studies, University of Florida. SERSASians always look forward to visiting Gainesville.

May the remainder of your semester be fruitful and your forthcoming travel to Africa as rewarding and intimate as always.

SERSAS Coordinators: Robert Dibie, rdibie@yahoo.com; Aran MacKinnon, aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu; Anta Sane, antasane@yahoo.com; and Kenneth Wilburn, wilburnk@ecu.edu

SERSAS: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

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Spring 2015 SERSAS/SEAN Conference Home Page: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2015/

Spring 2015 SERSAS/SEAN Conference Program:
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From: Simon Lewis, College of Charleston, SC <lewiss@cofc.edu>
Date: 11 June 2015

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Comments: cc: "Moose, Elizabeth" <moose@ncssm.edu>, Tonya Smith <tonya.smith71@gmail.com>

From: Elizabeth Moose, Dean, NC School of Science and Mathematics, Durham, NC, USA
moose@ncssm.edu
Date: 23 June 2015

The NCSSM faculty position listed below will be posted tomorrow morning (Wednesday, June 24) and will be listed--at least initially--for five days (until June 30, 5 PM). We are naturally eager for potential candidates to apply as soon as possible.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

CAREER OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

CLASSIFICATION/TITLE: Instructor of Humanities

DEPARTMENT/OFFICE: Department of Humanities

POSITION NUMBER: 6008793009

POSTING DATE: June 24, 2015

CLOSING DATE: June 30, 2015, 5 p.m.

SALARY TYPE/RANGE: EPA Faculty
Salary commensurate with education and experience
10-Month Position 1.0 FTE

Minimum Requirements: Master's degree in African Studies, American Studies, Global History, or Comparative Literature with ability to teach African Studies and American Studies. Expertise in Middle Eastern Studies and Global History is a plus. Applicants should have a minimum of three years' successful teaching experience at a college, university, or a college-preparatory school. Experience in university writing programs is a plus.

Description of Work: Founded in 1980, NCSSM is a state-supported residential and online high school for students who have demonstrated exceptional talent or interest in science, mathematics, and technology. Since the School's inception, the humanities have been an integral part of an NCSSM education. NCSSM's Program in the Humanities includes college-level interdisciplinary courses as well as a variety of sophisticated electives. The center of our program is an American Studies course, the core experience for all juniors. American Studies doubles as the base of the NCSSM Writing Program, which emphasizes writing in context. The Department of Humanities features a content-rich curriculum that is designed to foster critical thinking and writing-as-reasoning.

This is a full-time, ten-month appointment in the Department of Humanities, with full benefits through the State of North Carolina. The position reports to NCSSM's Dean of Humanities.

Major duties for this position include the following: teaching African Studies and team-teaching American Studies in NCSSM's residential program, with the possibility in future years of teaching courses on North Africa and the Middle East. Humanities Faculty are responsible for developing and teaching innovative and engaging humanities curricula, with a focus on interdisciplinary studies, in NCSSM's residential and/or highly interactive online and video-conferencing programs. Faculty should thus plan on playing an enthusiastic role in ongoing, collegial conversations about ideas, goals, pedagogical methods, and authentic assessment, within a collaborative teaching and learning environment.

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How to Apply: Submit an electronic application via: <http://www.oshr.nc.gov/>. Please create an account, search for the Instructor of Humanities vacancy, and complete/submit an online application.

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Subject: ANN: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize Selection Committee,
College of Charleston, 2 - 3 October

From: Derek Catsam <derekcatsam@hotmail.com>

Date: 3 September 2015

At each SERSAS meeting the organization gives recognition for the best graduate paper presented at that meeting. This year for the first time there will be a formal committee determining the award winner. All graduate students who have been accepted to present their work at the meeting are eligible. For the Charleston conference, graduate students who want to be considered for this year's award should send their papers (MS Word strongly preferred) to Derek Catsam by email at derekcatsam@hotmail.com. The committee should receive all papers by Friday, September 25th.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>

Subject: ANN: Draft SERSAS Fall 2015 Program, College of Charleston, 2 - 3 October

To: SERSASians

From: Christopher Day, College of Charleston <dayc@cofc.edu> and Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

The draft SERSAS fall 2015 program appears below. Once access to the SERSAS web site is restored next week by ECU technical staff, the program will appear here: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

Please contact Christopher Day <dayc@cofc.edu> directly to make changes to your program entry.

We look forward to seeing you in Charleston. Travel safely.

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AFRICAN DEMOCRACY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Chair: Christopher Day (College of Charleston)

Stephen Magu (Hampton University), "The rise of legislative (democratic) tyrannies"

David Aworawo (University of Lagos), "Election, Democratic Culture and Political Violence in Africa: An Analysis of the 2010 Côte d'Ivoire and 2015 Nigeria Presidential Elections"

James Olusegun Adeyeri (Lagos State University), "The Nigerian Mass Democracy Movement and the Struggle for Democratic Change (1983-2013): A Cost-Benefit Analysis"

George Klay Kieh, Jr. (University of West Georgia), "The Sirleaf Regime and Democratization in Liberia"

Tim Carmichael (College of Charleston), "Internal Repression and International Sophistry: Democracy in Ethiopia 1991-Present"

3:30-5:00pm: SESSION FOUR Robert Scott Small 250

FROM SUBALTERN NARRATIVES TO MACRO ASSESSMENTS

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Mark Huddle (Georgia College and State University), "Stokely in Africa: Black Power and State Power"
Maram Gueye (East Carolina University), "Shredding the News: Hip Hop, Creativity, and Freedom of Speech"

Dior Konate (South Carolina State University), "'Inmates, but not French': Imprisonment and Citizenship in Senegal, 1917-1946. The Case of the Originaires"

Doris R. Kieh (Global Library Institute), "The Role of the University Library in Promoting Democracy in Liberia"

Robert Dible (University of Indiana Kokomo) and Felix Moses Edoho (Lincoln University), "Capacity Building and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa"

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From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 24 September 2015

Dear SERSASians,

So that our hosts at the College of Charleston can make a timely and accurate catering order, please e-mail Simon Lewis <LewisS@cofc.edu> to confirm that you will present or attend our fall 2015 SERSAS conference on Saturday, 3 October. Please reply quickly, as Simon needs the information by mid-day tomorrow, Friday the 25th. A final version of the program will be posted early next week.

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Keynote Presentation by Laura Bier (Georgia Tech)

1:45-3:15pm: SESSION THREE Robert Scott Small 250

AFRICAN DEMOCRACY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE
Chair: Christopher Day (College of Charleston)

Stephen Magu (Hampton University), "The rise of legislative (democratic) tyrannies"

David Aworawo (University of Lagos), "Election, Democratic Culture and Political Violence in Africa: An Analysis of the 2010 Cote d'Ivoire and 2015 Nigeria Presidential Elections"

James Olusegun Adeyeri (Lagos State University), "The Nigerian Mass Democracy Movement and the Struggle for Democratic Change (1983-2013): A Cost-Benefit Analysis"

George Klay Kieh, Jr. (University of West Georgia), "The Sirleaf Regime and Democratization in Liberia"

Tim Carmichael (College of Charleston), "Internal Repression and International Sophistry: Democracy in Ethiopia 1991-Present"

3:30-5:00pm: SESSION FOUR Robert Scott Small 250

FROM SUBALTERN NARRATIVES TO MACRO ASSESSMENTS
Chair: Derek Catsam (University of Texas PB)

Mark Huddle (Georgia College and State University), "Stokely in Africa: Black Power and State Power"
Maram Gueye (East Carolina University), "Shredding the News: Hip Hop, Creativity, and Freedom of Speech"

Dior Konate (South Carolina State University), "'Inmates, but not French': Imprisonment and Citizenship in Senegal, 1917-1946. The Case of the Originaires"

Doris R. Kieh (Global Library Institute), "The Role of the University Library in Promoting Democracy in Liberia"

Robert Dibie (University of Indiana Kokomo) and Felix Moses Edoho (Lincoln University), "Capacity Building and Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa"

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Friday Night's Fall 2015 SERSAS Conference Reception, 2 October

From: Simon Lewis, College of Charleston <LewisS@COFC.EDU>
Date: 30 September 2015

Dear All,

If you are arriving for the SERSAS conference on Friday evening and intend to come to the drinks and dessert reception at our house (50 Dunnemann Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403) after the film screening, please get back to me <LewisS@COFC.EDU> by 5 p.m. today (Wednesday), so Jan and I know how many to cater for. Thanks.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Friday and Saturday.

Fall 2015 SERSAS program: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2015Program.pdf>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Canceled: Fall 2015 SERSAS Conference, College of Charleston

From: Simon Lewis, College of Charleston <lewiss@cofc.edu> and Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 1 October 2015

SERSASians,

We regretfully announce that the Fall 2015 SERSAS Conference hosted by the College of Charleston has been canceled. Flooding up and down the East Coast of the United States, especially in Charleston and vicinity with more storms forecasted prior to the arrival of Hurricane Joaquin, has forced us to cancel our conference, the first cancellation since SERSAS began in 1973.

Some SERSASians have already arrived in Charleston from Africa and other regions of the US. Please know that the coordinators are grateful for the Southern hospitality that Simon Lewis, Tim Carmichael, Christopher Day, Jack Parson, and Sarah Wuigk will extend to those who have already arrived.

We hope that disappointed conferees will share their scholarship at the SERSAS-SEAN Conference at the University of Florida, 5 - 6 February 2016. That CFP will go out in the near future.

For the moment, however, we call upon the Mother Continent to keep us all safe.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Spring 2016 SERSAS-SEAN Conference, University of Florida,
Gainesville, 5 - 6 February

From: Todd Leedy, Center for African Studies, U. of Florida <tleedy@ufl.edu>
Date: 5 November 2015

CFP: South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) & Southeast Africanist Network
(SEAN) Annual Joint Meeting
5 - 6 February 2016
University of Florida

"What's in Play? Sport, Leisure, and Culture in Africa"

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Deadline for submissions: 4 January 2016

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Todd Leedy tleedy@ufl.edu and Barbara Anderson b_anderson@unc.edu

Accommodation: The meeting co-sponsors have secured funding for hotel accommodation to support those participants presenting papers during the meeting. Details on hotel booking will accompany notification of accepted proposals.

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Subject: 2nd CFP: Spring 2016 SERSAS-SEAN Conference,
University of Florida, Gainesville, 5 - 6 February

From: Todd Leedy, Center for African Studies, U. of Florida <tleedy@ufl.edu>
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Spring 2016 SERSAS-SEAN Program, U. of Florida, 5-6 February

From: Kenneth Wilburn, SERSAS Co-Coordinator, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 26 January 2016

The program for the Spring 2016 SERSAS-SEAN Conference at the Center for African Studies, University of Florida, 5 - 6 February, is now online.

From the SERSAS home page: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

Direct Program URL: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2016.pdf>

SERSASians warmly thank the Center for African Studies, University of Florida and the African Studies Center, University of Chapel for their generous support for SERSAS.

We look forward to seeing many SERSASians and SEANians in Gainesville. Travel safely.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>

Subject: SERSAS-SEAN Spring 2016 Conference, University of Florida, 5-6 February

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, USA <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 9 February 2016

On behalf of the coordinators and all SERSASians, I want to thank Todd Leedy, Hunt Davis, and the staff of the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida for a superbly organized and intellectually invigorating conference. All who attended found the sessions particularly interesting and the comments genuinely friendly and helpful. Our special thanks go out to Todd, Nance and their family for graciously inviting us into their beautiful home to enjoy their warm hospitality and delicious food.

Once the venue and date are set for the fall 2016 SERSAS Conference, your coordinators will be back in touch. May you, your students, your families, and our Mother Continent continue to thrive.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS-SEAN Spring 2016 Conference, University of Florida,
5-6 February
From: Luise White, University of Florida <lwhite@ufl.edu> and Doris Kieh, Global Library Institute
<drkieh@yahoo.com>
Date: 10 February 2016

Luise White: And on behalf of the Florida African studies community let me thank Todd for his ability to make organization look effortless and Todd and Nance for being such wonderful hosts but above all the participants who made the conference so worthwhile. That and the party.

Doris Kieh: Great conference. Thanks to everyone for a great conference. Thanks African Studies Center staff. Great dinner and company. Thanks Todd & family.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: SERSAS-SEAN Spring 2016 Conference, University of Florida, 5-6 February

From: Kathryn Green, Mississippi Valley State University <klgreen@mvsu.edu >
Date: 12 February 2016

I would also like to add in my thanks for the wonderful meeting. As a newbie at a SERSAS meeting, I came away realizing how much I have missed over the years. I hope to see all of you again at such a meeting in the future.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: Fall 2016 SERSAS Conference, "The Quest for Autonomy," College of Charleston,
7 - 8 October

From: Simon Lewis, College of Charleston <lewiss@cofc.edu>
Date: 23 May 2016

"The Quest for Autonomy"

Fall SERSAS Conference

7 - 8 October 2016

College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

This year's ASA conference theme is "Imagining Africa at the Center: Bridging Scholarship, Policy, and Representation in African Studies." The Fall 2016 SERSAS Conference invites participants to analyze the continuing struggle of African nations and their citizenry to exercise control over their own fates.

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Proposal Deadline: 9 September 2016

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Subject: CFP: 7th SEALLF CONFERENCE AT WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY, 30
Sept - 1 Oct 2016

From: Stacey Elizabeth Sewall <sewall@email.unc.edu>
Date: 29 May 2016

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

7th SEALLF CONFERENCE AT WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
DATE: Sept 30 =96 Oct 1, 2016
VENUE: Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, North Carolina

Submission of abstracts extended to June 03, 2016

The South East African Languages and Literatures Forum (SEALLF) is an annual conference organized by a group of scholars working on African language pedagogy, linguistics, and literature.

Theme: Language, Literature, Education, and Liberation in Africa and the African Diaspora

Language is always at the center of interrelationships between individuals, society, and culture. This arena has been the object of considerable interdisciplinary research in the ways it captures societal dynamics. However, less research traces the critical role that African languages and literature have played

and continue to play in various facets of people's lives on the African continent and in the diaspora. Africa's multilingualism and multiculturalism represent the continent's linguistic and cultural richness and they remain critical to Africa's own development, survival, and liberation. It is, however, also evident that African people's mobility has extended beyond their African borders and now their languages and cultures co-exist with other people's ethnolinguistic practices across the globe in ways that make cross-cultural interactions a part of their daily lives. This trend leads to the following questions: what is at stake for Africa's languages and literatures and what opportunities do they present? The 7th Annual SEALLF gathering in Winston Salem will respond to the foregoing questions both theoretically and empirically. Specifically, we will take a closer look at the continent and the diaspora by situating African languages, cultures, and literatures at the center, and determine how they can be used to liberate, transfer knowledge, and promote literacy among Africans globally. To this end, the conference organizers invite proposals for individual and panel presentations that reflect the theme of the forum based on any of the following subthemes:

- Second Language Acquisition
- Heritage language in the Diaspora
- General Aspects of African Linguistics
- Literature in the Diaspora
- Literature and Memory
- Literature and Nostalgia
- Language in Education
- Language and Globalization
- Politics of Language
- Multilingualism in Africa and the Diaspora
- Postcolonialism in African Literature and languages
- Language and Development
- African Languages and Liberation
- African orality
- Language and mobility
- The role of HBCUs and African Universities in the maintenance of African languages
- The role of HBCUs and African Universities in the maintenance of African Indigenous Knowledge
- Africa's contribution to the theory of language and literature

Each prospective presenter should submit electronically an abstract of 300

words or less on any of the relevant subfields to the organizing committee: at muakale@wssu.edu by Friday June 3, 2016. Abstracts should include the presenter's name, title of paper, institutional affiliation, and contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address). Notification of acceptance of abstracts for participants from Africa will be revolving. All other participants can expect a response from the organizers by June 17, 2016.

Conference Dates: September 30 - October 1, 2016

Where: Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, North Carolina

Website: www.seallf.org

Contact Person: Dr. Leonard Muaka at muakale@wssu.edu or lemuaka@gmail.com

Conference Organizing Committee:

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Subject: Update and 2nd CFP: Fall 2016 SERSAS Conference, "The Quest for Autonomy," College of Charleston, 7 - 8 October

From: Simon Lewis, College of Charleston <lewiss@cofc.edu>

Date: 26 August 2016

Please note the imminent due date for submissions: 9 September 2016. Details for proposals are below.

There will not be any specific registration charge for the conference, but those of you who have never taken out your \$20 lifetime membership in SERSAS may pay at the conference.

Accommodation in Charleston is horrendously expensive these days (not to put too fine a point on it), so you might want to see if you can share with someone or perhaps book a hotel some distance outside Charleston on your way home. A few hotels downtown offer slight discounts for College of Charleston events:

http://www.campustravel.com/university/cofc/visit_cofc.html

There is also the NotSo Hostel which is very inexpensive and quite convenient:

<http://notsohostel.com>

I hope this is all helpful.

Simon

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Fall 2016 SERSAS Program, College of Charleston, 7 – 8 October

From: Kenneth Wilburn, SERSAS Co-Coordinator, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 22 September 2016

Dear SERSASians,

The program for the Fall 2016 SERSAS Conference, which is being generously funded and graciously hosted by the College of Charleston, is now online:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2016Program.pdf>

I am also pleased to announce the addition of a search engine to our home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

Some of the older pdf files are not yet searchable, but I hope to resolve that issue shortly with the help of East Carolina University's Information Technology and Computing Services staff.

See you in Charleston. Travel safely.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Fall 2016 Program Update, 7-8 October

From: Simon Lewis <lewiss@cofc.edu> and Kenneth Wilburn wilburnk@ecu.edu
Date: 3 October 2016

SERSASians,

Please be advised that our Fall 2016 SERSAS Program has been slightly amended and that we are monitoring the path of Hurricane Matthew. At the moment the storm's path may stay out to sea. We will keep you updated via SERSAS-L.

If you plan to attend Simon's drink and dessert reception at his house on Friday evening, please be sure to email him <lewiss@coc.edu> the number in your group by Thursday at noon. Spouses and significant others are more than welcome for Simon's reception and for all SERSAS-related events and meals.

Please remember to confirm at lunch on Saturday whether you are staying for dinner Saturday evening. The restaurant will need a head count as well.

See you in Charleston!

Program Direct URL: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2016Program.pdf>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Conference at the College of Charleston Postponed

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 4 October 2016

Dear SERSASians,

The Fall 2017 SERSAS Conference at the College of Charleston has been postponed due to Hurricane Matthew. The governor of South Carolina has declared a state of emergency in coastal counties. The College of Charleston has closed and many citizens of Charleston are evacuating. We hope to reschedule the conference in February. May everyone be safe.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2017 Conference, College of Charleston, 3-4 February

From: Simon Keith Lewis, College of Charleston <LewisS@cofc.edu>
Date: 12 December 2016

21st Century Resiliency: Sustainable Development and U.S.-Africa Relations

The Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the SouthEast Africanist Network (SEAN) are pleased to announce a joint conference to be hosted by the College of Charleston on Friday evening and Saturday, February 3-4, 2017, in historic downtown Charleston, SC. Some funds for lodging will be provided to participants; details to follow.

Sustainable Development has garnered increased attention and support in recent years in the West, but has long been applicable to Africa, where many countries are witnessing declines in poverty and hunger, and improvements in national economies. This is therefore a propitious time to reflect on Africa's social and economic trajectories, in the past, present and future. In what ways do African examples reflect possibilities for a more resilient world? At the same time, the United States is just emerging from a bruising presidential election in which Africa did not play a notable role in public debates, and the president-elect has evidenced little interest in, and even less knowledge of, Africa. How are his proposed policies, to the extent that there are any, likely to affect given countries or regions in Africa?

The conference keynote lecture will be delivered by Dr. Peter Lewis, Director of the African Studies Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Dr. Lewis is a world-renowned expert on governance and development in sub-Saharan Africa. (For a brief profile, see <https://www.sais-jhu.edu/peter-lewis>)

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Sponsors for the Conference at the College of Charleston: Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies; SouthEast Africanist Network; UNC African Studies Center; University of Florida Center for African Studies; and the US Department of Education.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Final CFP: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2017 Conference, College of Charleston, 3-4 February

From: Simon Keith Lewis, College of Charleston <LewisS@cofc.edu>
Date: 12 December 2016

21st Century Resiliency: Sustainable Development and U.S.-Africa Relations

The Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) and the SouthEast Africanist Network (SEAN) are pleased to announce a joint conference to be hosted by the College of Charleston on Friday evening and Saturday, February 3-4, 2017, in historic downtown Charleston, SC. Some funds for lodging will be provided to participants; details to follow.

Sustainable Development has garnered increased attention and support in recent years in the West, but has long been applicable to Africa, where many countries are witnessing declines in poverty and hunger, and improvements in national economies. This is therefore a propitious time to reflect on Africa's social and economic trajectories, in the past, present and future. In what ways do African examples reflect possibilities for a more resilient world? At the same time, the United States is just emerging from a bruising presidential election in which Africa did not play a notable role in public debates, and the president-elect has evidenced little interest in, and even less knowledge of, Africa. How are his proposed policies, to the extent that there are any, likely to affect given countries or regions in Africa?

The conference keynote lecture will be delivered by Dr. Peter Lewis, Director of the African Studies Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Dr. Lewis is a world-renowned

expert on governance and development in sub-Saharan Africa. (For a brief profile, see <https://www.sais-jhu.edu/peter-lewis>)

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Hotel Booking and Registration for SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2017
Conference, College of Charleston, 3-4 February

From: Sarah Wuijk <wuijks@cofc.edu>, Stacey Sewall <sewall@email.unc.edu>, and Simon Lewis <LewisS@cofc.edu>
Date: 14 January 2017

SERSASians and SEANians, including presenters, please book your hotel asap in order to acquire the SERSAS/SEAN rate for the block of rooms set aside for our conference. Hotel information follows:

A limited number of rooms will be placed on hold for conference attendees for Friday, Feb. 3 and Saturday, Feb. 4 at the La Quinta-Riverview in Charleston at a rate of \$98.10/night. SERSAS/SEAN will

pay for occupied rooms for attendees for Friday night only, but attendees who share a room will have both nights covered. Attendees who stay the second night in a single room will need to cover that cost themselves. Rooms must be reserved by the attendees with their own credit card. If attendees cannot attend the conference, they must cancel their room reservations in advance or their credit card will be charged. Attendees should make individual or shared reservations by contacting the hotel directly. This can be done by calling the local hotel at (843) 556-5200 and requesting the block "SERSAS/SEAN." The hotel registration deadline for the group block ends Jan. 12, 2017. Additional charges such as phone and meals will not be covered by SERSAS/SEAN. Parking at the hotel is complementary but attendees will need to pay for parking at the municipal parking garage near the conference site. Carpooling from the hotel to the College of Charleston is recommended.

Conference Registration: http://africa.unc.edu/conference/conference_main.asp

Conference Information, African Studies Center, College of Charleston: <http://african-studies.cofc.edu/sersas-sean-conference-spring-2017/index.php>

See you in Charleston!

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS/SEAN 2017 Spring Conference Program, 3 - 4 February

From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 26 January 2017

Dear SERSASians and Conferees,

The Spring 2017 SERSAS/SEAN Conference Program at the College of Charleston scheduled for 3 - 4 February has now been finalized. To view and print the program, please access:

http://african-studies.cofc.edu/documents/SERSAS-SEAN%20Program_Spring%202017.pdf

The conference announcement and related information may be found at the web site for the African Studies Program, College of Charleston located here:

<http://african-studies.cofc.edu/sersas-sean-conference-spring-2017/index.php>

If you plan to attend, but have not yet registered, please access:

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If you are attending the reception Friday evening, please RSVP to Simon Lewis <lewiss@cofc.edu> by noon, Thursday, 2 February, at the latest.

If you are attending dinner on Saturday evening, 4 February, please inform Chris Day <dayc@cofc.edu> by Saturday morning by email or at the conference.

See you in Charleston!

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Updates: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2017 Conference and Program

From: Simon Lewis <LewisS@cofc.edu> and Ken Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 30 January 2017

The 2017 SERSAS/SEAN Conference Program has been revised. You can access the program here:

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Updates: SERSAS/SEAN Spring 2017 Conference, Program,
and Corrected Email Address

From: Simon Lewis <LewisS@cofc.edu> and Ken Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 30 January 2017

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: Spring 2017 SERSAS/SEAN Conference and ASA Statement

From: Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 8 February 2017

On behalf of all SERSASians, permit me to thank our wonderful hosts at the College of Charleston for making our spring 2017 SERSAS/SEAN Conference such a success. Papers were fascinating and remarks from the audience thoughtful and helpful. I would especially like to thank Simon Lewis and Janet Watts for graciously hosting our reception in their lovely home. Thank you, Chris Day, Tim Carmichael, and Sarah Wuigk for arranging logistics and organizing our program.

We SERSASians are also grateful for the strong support provided by the African Studies Center at UNC-Chapel Hill and the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida. Thank you, Barbara Anderson, Emily Burrill, and Stacey Sewall from UNC-Chapel Hill and Todd Leedy from the University of Florida and SEAN. Finally, SERSAS appreciates the support provided by the US Department of Education.

Our Fall 2017 SERSAS Conference will be jointly hosted by Tuskegee University and Auburn University. Details will be forthcoming.

At the SERSAS business meeting, SERSASians discussed the statement from the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association condemning the recent Executive Order restricting the entry of African citizens from several African countries into the United States. After careful consideration, SERSASian conferees unanimously endorsed the ASA's statement. The ASA's statement and our SERSAS letter informing the ASA of our firm support can be found via links at the top of the SERSAS home page:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

We look forward to seeing you all at Tuskegee and Auburn in the fall.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize, John Hames

To: SERSASians
From: Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Date: 17 April 2017

The SERSAS selection committee is pleased to announce the award of the SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize to John Hames (University of Florida) for "'Heroes' and 'Traitors': The Politics of Pulaar Language Loyalty in Senegal and Mauritania," presented at the Spring 2017 SERSAS Conference, College of Charleston, 3 - 4 February. Congratulations to John Hames!

Many thanks go to Aran MacKinnon, Jack Parson, Derek Catsam, and Robert Dible for their service on the selection committee.

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: CFP: SEALLF Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 29-30 September

From: Stacey Elizabeth Sewall <sewall@email.unc.edu>
Date: 25 April 2017

8th SEALLF CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Deadline for abstracts: May 1, 2017.

DATES: September 29-30, 2017.

VENUE: Global Studies Center, Room 4003

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

The South East African Languages and Literatures Forum (SEALLF) is an annual conference organized by a group of scholars working on African language pedagogy, linguistics, and literature.

Theme: African Languages and Literatures in the Era of Globalization.

Africa has been undergoing rapid social processes over the years. These changes have propelled Africa from the pre-colonial era, through the colonial era to the postcolonial era. The postcolonial era has ushered Africa into the era of globalization. The era of globalization unlike the pre-colonial and colonial eras has had a great implication on African languages and literatures. The question, which we ask is: What opportunities and challenges does the era of globalization present to African languages and literatures? The 8th Annual SEALLF gathering in Chapel Hill will respond to the foregoing question both theoretically and empirically. Particularly, we will take a closer look at the continent by situating African languages, cultures, and literatures at the center of globalization. To this end, the conference organizers invite proposals for individual and panel presentations that reflect the theme of the forum based on any of the following subthemes:

- * Indigenous languages and orature
- * Language and culture
- * African languages and globalization
- * Language and ideology
- * Language in education
- * African literature and globalization
- * African film and globalization
- * New languages: Pidgins and creoles in Africa
- * Language shift and extinction in Africa
- * Postcolonial literature
- * Language policy in Africa

Each prospective presenter should submit electronically an abstract of 250 words on any of the relevant subfields to the organizing committee: at lisanza@email.unc.edu by Monday May 1, 2017. Abstracts should include the presenter's name, title of paper, institutional affiliation, and contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address). Acceptance of abstract will be sent out by June 1, 2017.

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Subject: CFP: SERSAS FALL 2017 Conference, Tuskegee and Auburn Universities, 20-21 October

From: Bill Ndi <wndi@mytu.tuskegee.edu> and Daren Ray <daren.ray@auburn.edu>
Date: 15 June 2015

CFP: SERSAS FALL 2017 Conference, Tuskegee and Auburn Universities, 20-21 October

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Subject: 2nd CFP: SERSAS FALL 2017 Conference,
Tuskegee and Auburn Universities, 20-21 October

From: Bill Ndi <wndi@mytu.tuskegee.edu> and Daren Ray <daren.ray@auburn.edu>
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On-site Conference Organizers: Bill Ndi <wndi@mytu.tuskegee.edu> and Daren Ray <daren.ray@auburn.edu>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ecu.edu>
Subject: ANN: Fall 2017 SERSAS Program, Keynote, Registration and Accommodation Details

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Co-Coordinator, SERSAS <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
To: SERSASians
Date: 14 October 2017

Greetings SERSASians! The final program, keynote details, registration, and accommodation information for the Fall 2017 SERSAS Conference have now been posted on the SERSAS web site:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

Final Program:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2017Program.pdf>

Keynote Address:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2017Flyer.pdf>

Registration and Accommodation Details:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Fall2017ProgramDetails.pdf>

On behalf of all SERSASians, I would like to thank Dr. Bill Ndi of Tuskegee University and Dr. Daren Ray of Auburn University for organizing the Fall 2017 SERSAS Conference and for the generous support provided by their universities. Travel safely.

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From: SERSAS Executive Committee

Date: 27 October 2017

Dear SERSASians,

On behalf of all SERSASians, we would like to thank Dr. Bill Ndi (Tuskegee) and Dr. Daren Ray (Auburn) for organizing our splendid SERSAS Fall 2017 Conference. Visiting Tuskegee's archives, experiencing the profound sadness of the Henrietta Lacks and Tuskegee Airmen exhibits in Tuskegee's Museum, and relishing the hospitality and Cameroonian cuisine in Dr. Ndi's home were highlights of our conference. We are also grateful to Dr. Ray for arranging financial support, refreshments, and the comfort of Auburn's library facilities during our conference on Saturday. SERSASians want to thank those who supported Professors Ndi and Ray in their successful efforts:

Tuskegee University:

The College of Arts and Sciences; The Department of English and Foreign Languages; Dean Channapatna Prakash, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Joe Jimmeh, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Jontyle Robinson, Curator, The Legacy Museum; Dr. Benjamin Fishkin, Department of English; Dr. Richard Evans, Department of English; Mr. Dana Chandler, The Archivist, Tuskegee University Archives; Dr. Thierno Thiam, Interim Chair, Department of History and Political Sciences; Dr. Adaku T. Ankumah, Interim Chair, Department of English and Foreign Languages; and Ms. Kimberley Harris, Personal Assistant to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Auburn University:

Dr. Bonnie MacEwan, Dean of Libraries, for funding for program support; Ms. Jaena Alabi, Africana Studies Subject Librarian, for organizing and setting up the venues in the library; Dr. Robin Sabino, Director of Africana Studies, for funding for program support and publicity; Dr. Dave Lucsko, Chair of History Department, for funding for program support; Dr. Mark Wilson, Director of Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for Arts and Humanities, for program support and providing the venue and refreshments for the keynote lecture; Ms. Maiben Beard, Outreach Associate at the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for Arts and Humanities, for publicity and setting up the venue for the keynote lecture; and Ms. Cassidee Jones, student, volunteered at the last minute to assist with registration.

As always, the papers were a mixture of informative and provocative themes ranging from the influence of Booker T. Washington's ideas in Africa to the manifestations of Pan Africanism. What a day for the advance of scholarship, intellectual engagement, and warm friendship.

Business matters to report:

1. the Spring 2018 SERSAS Conference will be held in conjunction with SEAN at the University of Florida, 26 - 27 January; details forthcoming
2. Florida A & M has postponed hosting SERSAS; the venue for the Fall 2018 SERSAS Conference is open
3. the Spring 2019 SERSAS Conference will be held at UNC-Chapel Hill
4. SERSAS welcomes our new Coordinator, Dr. Christopher Day, Department of Political Science, the College of Charleston

5. co-winners of the SERSAS Undergraduate Prize for the best paper are Tuskegee undergraduates Jasmine Johnson, "Youth Empowerment Organizations in South Africa" and Courtney Peavy, "NGOs and the Idea of 'Poverty to Opportunity' in the United States and South Africa"

6. winners of the SERSAS Graduate Student Prize for the best paper is under consideration and will be announced in the near future

We look forward to seeing you soon at the University of Florida.

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Subject: ANN: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize, Fall 2017

To: SERSASians
From: SERSAS Scholarship Committee

After careful consideration the SERSAS Scholarship Committee awards the SERSAS Graduate Student Prize for Fall 2017 to Andrew and Anya Bonanno for their presentation, "Family Farms, Family Land: National Land Policy, Customary Tenure Arrangements and Change in Northern Sierra Leone," Tuskegee and Auburn Universities, 21 October. Submissions this fall were especially competitive. The Committee wishes to thank of all the graduate students who participated.

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Subject: Fall 2017 SERSAS Graduate Paper Prize

From: Andrew and Anya Bonanno <andrew.v.bonanno@gmail.com>
To: SERSASians

Thank you-we are honored that our presentation was selected for this prize. We greatly enjoyed the Fall 2017 Conference and learned so much from the many presentations that we attended.

Best,

Andrew and Anya

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Subject: CFP: African Studies and Research Forum, Carrollton, GA, 29 March - 1 April 2018

From: George Kieh <gkieh@westga.edu>
To: SERSASians

CALL FOR PAPERS

African Studies and Research Forum

The 22nd Annual Conference, March 29-April 1, 2018

University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia

Title: Toward the Building of a New Africa: Weaving the Past, the Present, and the Future

Brief Description

This 22nd Annual Conference of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) invites participants to present papers on ways to build a new Africa by addressing past, present, and future issues pertaining to the African continent, people of African descent, institutions in the continent and the Diaspora, and relationships between Africa and other countries and regions around the world. The conference seeks to bring together researchers from around the globe and from various disciplines to take stock of current research and foster communication across approaches to the study of Africa. In keeping with the spirit of diversity, we welcome abstracts for individual papers and colloquia that engage with various topical and theoretical foci, types and sources of data, methodological questions, and practical applications. Selected papers will be considered for the ASRF's journal and book series.

Submission Guidelines

All submissions should include the following:

- * Author(s) contact information and other details:
- * Full name of principal presenter and contact information: affiliation, telephone number, mailing address, E-mail address. All return correspondence will be to this individual only.
- * Full names, affiliations, and E-mail addresses of co-presenters if any.

Abstract details:

- * Presentation title (15-word limit).
- * Abstract (300-word limit for individual papers; 300 words for Colloquia; colloquia submissions must also include an abstract for each paper, up to 300 words). An abstract should provide an extended description of the presentation for committee review.
- * Presentation Summary (50-word limit): A brief description to be included in the conference program.
- * Abstracts should be prepared for anonymous review (no reference to the author or the author's home institution in the abstract).

The proposal submission deadline is December 22, 2017. Early submissions are greatly encouraged.

To maximize participation opportunities at ASRF 2018, each individual is allowed two single-authored contributions and one co-authored contribution. (Presenting a paper, organizing a colloquium, and serving as a colloquium discussant each counts as one contribution.)

Individual Papers

Papers should be formal presentations that draw on theories and methods of one or more approaches on the topic.

Individual papers will be presented within a 20-minute period, plus ten minutes for discussion.

Colloquia

Colloquia involve the presentation of multiple prepared papers on a related topic or theme, followed by structured discussions of those papers. They are typically scheduled for two-hour blocks. If more time is needed, organizers can submit a series of single sessions (i.e. Part I, Part II, etc.); these will be individually reviewed.

Colloquium organizers should submit an abstract for the colloquium (of up to 300 words) and include an abstract (up to 300 words) for each paper. Please indicate the schedule for participants, with time allocated for opening and closing remarks, presentations, discussion, and audience response. Organizers may choose to participate in the session as a presenter or discussant.

Review Criteria

Review criteria include promise of a novel and productive contribution to the study of Africa; clarity and evidence of a well-organized, engaging presentation; and relevance to the ASRF 2018 theme. For colloquia, criteria also include a clearly indicated schedule of activities, with an appropriate amount of time for discussion and audience participation.

How to Submit Abstract(s)

Please send your abstract(s) to Abdul Karim Bangura as an E-mail attachment with a short note indicating your interest and the title ASRF 2018 Abstract on the subject line to the following E-mail address: <asrf2018bangura@gmail.com>.

Registration Fees

Participant from Developed Countries (E.g. U.S., Canada, European countries):
Regular (Professional): \$100.00
Student: \$50.00

Participant from Developing Countries (E.g. African Countries):
Regular (Professional): \$50.00
Student: \$25.00

The Registration Portal is: <https://uwgagenda.westga.edu/CourseStatus.awp?&course3D18SMD1542A>.

Hotels: Please book your accommodation from the below listed conference hotels

1. Courtyard By Marriott Carrollton
180 Barnes Avenue, Carrollton, GA 30117
Telephone: 678-664-5200
Rate: \$124.00 Per Night (excluding taxes)
Deadline for Booking: March 8, 2018
Amenities: Free Internet
Booking Code: UWG Political Science Department
Booking online: Book your group rate for UWG Political Science Department
2. Holiday Inn Express and Suites Carrollton West
1545 U.S. 27, Carrollton, GA 30117
Telephone: 770-809-7100
Rate: \$104.00
Amenities: Free Internet and Free Breakfast
Booking Code: PSC
Booking online: https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path3Dhd&brandCode3DEX&localeCode3Den®ionCode3D1&hotelCode3DATLCE&_PMID3D99801505&GPC3DPSC&viewfullsite3Dtrue
3. Hampton Inn Carrollton
102 South Cottage Hill Road, Carrollton, GA 30117
Telephone: 770-838-7722
Rate: \$99.00 Per Night (excluding taxes)
Deadline: After the 30 Rooms Fill Up
Amenities: Free Internet and Breakfast
Booking Code: POL
Booking Online: https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?inputModule3DHOTEL&ctyhocn3DCARGAHX&spec_plan3DCHHPOL&arrival3D20180329&departure3D20180401&cid3DDOM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId3DHILTONLINKDIRECT
Deadline for Booking: February 28, 2018.
4. Best Western Plus Carrollton Hotel

104 South Cottage Road, Carrollton, GA 30117
Telephone: 770-838-0508
Rate: \$93.00(excluding tax)
Deadline: After the 35 Rooms Fill Up
Amenities: free Internet and Breakfast
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5. Jameson Inn
700 S. Park Street, Carrollton, GA 30117
Telephone: 770-834-2600
Rate: \$74.00
Amenities: Free Internet and Breakfast
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For questions about the conference, contact George Kieh, President, African Studies and Research, and Forum and Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee at email <gkieh@westga.edu> and telephone number 678-839-5008.

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Subject: ANN: Spring 2018 SERSAS-SEAN Conference Program

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Co-Coordinator, SERSAS, wilburnk@ecu.edu
Re: Spring 2018 Conference

Dear SERSASians,

The Spring 2018 SERSAS-SEAN Conference program is now online:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Programs/Spring2018Program.pdf>

"African Roots: Reflections on Origins, Identities and Voices from the African Past and Present" is a joint meeting of the Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN) and the Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) scheduled for this weekend, 26-27 January. It is co-sponsored by the University of Florida Center for African Studies and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill African Studies Center. SERSASians are very grateful for their support.

Our SERSAS business meeting will take place during lunch on Saturday between 12:45-2:00 in 427 Grinter. Our host Todd Leedy has asked faculty paying the \$20 registration fee to pay in cash, please.

Travel safely!

SERSAS Home: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

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Comments: cc: Todd Leedy <tleedy@ufl.edu>, Barbara Anderson <barbara_anderson@unc.edu>

From: Kenneth Wilburn, Co-Coordinator and Web Editor, SERSAS <wilburnk@ecu.edu>

To: Todd Leedy <tleedy@ufl.edu> and Barbara Anderson <barbara_anderson@unc.edu>

Re: Spring 2018 SERSAS Conference

On behalf of all SERSASians, I thank you for your wonderful hospitality and financial support for the Spring 2018 SERSAS-SEAN Conference this past weekend at the University of Florida's Center for African Studies. Our conference was well organized, well attended, intellectually stimulating, and both a welcome contrast and response to recent profane comments about Africa from the White House. After speaking to many of the graduate students, I can attest to the academic enrichment and warm reception they experienced while at SERSAS. Dr. Leedy, I know a lot of work and time go into organizing SERSAS Conferences--be sure to extend our thanks to your gracious staff. Thanks, too, Dr. Anderson, for the support you gave Dr. Leedy and to SERSAS.

SERSASians look forward to their continued partnership with the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We hope to see you all at our next conference.

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Subject: ANN: SERSAS Resolution in Response to President Donald Trump's Profane Remarks about Africans and Africa

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Subject: SERSAS Resolution in Response to President Donald Trump's Profane Remarks about Africans and Africa

During their business session at the SERSAS Spring 2018 Conference, SERSASians drafted and discussed a response to President Trump's deeply offensive "shithole" remarks about Africans and the African continent. Led by SERSAS coordinators, SERSASians who participated in the drafting process reached majority consensus on the resolution's language during the week after the conference. The resolution is located here:

<http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/SERSASResolution.htm>

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Subject: ANN: The 11th Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA) Conference

To: SERSASians
From: Wycliffe Njororai Simiyu <wnjororai@uttyler.edu>

The 11th Annual Kenya Scholars and Studies Association (KESSA) Conference is calling for abstracts for 2018. Visit here to submit:

http://kessa.org/welcome_to_kessa/2018_conference_abstract_submission

Thank you,

Njororai

KESSA President-Elect

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To: SERSASians
From: Mel Page <PAGEM@mail.etsu.edu>

As an Africanist historian and longtime SERSASian, I wish to applaud my colleagues for confronting this issue in a direct and balanced manner. Thank you for demonstrating it is possible to take the high ground at a time when far too many have proven themselves incapable of doing so.

Melvin E. Page
Professor of History, Emeritus
East Tennessee State University

SERSAS Resolution: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/SERSASResolution.htm>

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Subject: ANN: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize, Spring 2018

From: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee
Re: SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize, Spring 2018

The SERSAS Graduate Paper Prize committee congratulates Conor Wilkinson for winning the Spring 2018 SERSAS Graduate Paper Prize for his outstanding work, "The Ancestors and Family Life in Eastern Tanzania at the Turn of the Twentieth Century." The committee found his work to be well written, deeply researched, and cogently argued.

This was an especially deep year for graduate papers of exceptional quality, so much so that the committee decided to honor six papers as worthy of Honorable Mention. The Honorable Mention winners are (in alphabetical order):

Kelsey Dwyer, "Black Female Slaves in the Caribbean: An Archaeological Observation on Culture"

Ryan D. Marr, "An Historical and Ethnographic Study of Cultural Change and Continuity in the Use and Construction of Dhows and Outriggers in the Tanga Region, Tanzania"

Jesse Miller, "Mossi Funerals and the Negotiation of Autochthonous and Allogeneic Forces"

Adele Oyediran, "The Maritime Cultural Landscape of Slavery in Badagry, Nigeria"

Denis Waswa, "The Purge of African Politics: A Wave that is Reclaiming Africa"

Shari L. Williams, "William Butler Fagg and African Art: Dualism, Controversy, and Commodification, 1946-2017"

We want to congratulate all of the honorees and to recognize that the future of African Studies is clearly in exceptional hands.

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7 September 2018

From: Christopher Day <dayc@cofc.edu>
CFP: Rethinking Civil-Military Relations in Africa: Beyond the Coup?

A One-day Workshop at North Carolina State University, School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), Friday, September 7, 2018

Conveners: Christopher Day, Moses Khisa, and William Reno

Summary

This workshop seeks to reconceptualize and retheorize civil military relations in Africa. Key thematic and case-study empirical analyses will help illuminate the changes and challenges that are taking place in African political systems, particularly in light of the sharp downturn in coups d'état on the continent in recent decades. The workshop aims to address a gap in scholarly work that examines such fundamental transformations in civil-military relations in Africa over time, the gulf between normative expectations of the military and actual practices, and how we can understand the changing role and place of the military in African politics beyond the coup idiom.

Background and Problem

Paul Williams (2017) noted that the failure of African states to fashion effective and professional militaries has left many of them vulnerable to internal armed challenges. This is the crux of the civil-military relations dilemma. On one hand, African regimes are averse to building militaries that pose a threat to their authority. On the other, by deliberately undermining the growth of effective militaries, they remain vulnerable to easy challenges both from within and without. These imperatives of regime security, and not state security, lead to exclusionary politics and narrow ruling ethnic coalitions underpinned by informal patronage networks that undercut state institutions.

In addition, if effective regimes depend on the monopoly of the use of force, they must also develop institutional arrangements that are accountable to the public. If rulers are wary of the dangers of a strong military, the citizens too must worry about the dangers of weak and fragmented coercive institutions, chiefly the military. This is the civil-military problematique that requires a bargain involving citizens, civilian authorities, and the military (Owens 2011). The seminal problem here is one of building a military strong enough to do what civilians ask and subordinate enough to answer to civilian authority (Feaver 2003).

Samuel Huntington in his classic study answered this problem through the notion of "objective civilian control." His focus was on the relation of the officer corps to the state. The solution was to be found in professionalism. That is, to subordinate officers to civilian control and attain a workable equilibrium requires military professionalism. This assertion in its narrow interpretation would be mean that officer corps demonstrate high professionalism when they steer clear of intrusion in politics and any attempts at overthrowing civilian authority most commonly seen through launching coup d'etats. This then leads to a binary conceptualization - "coup or not coup" - in understanding the relations between the military and civilian authorities and the public. It also means that the military respects a clear demarcation between its functions and activities that are out of bounds.

In the African context, the above approach is quite dated. Civil-military relations in Africa show a great deal of variation, particularly in respect to the military institutions, norms, and practices that emerge from attempts to deal with this critical problem, which tend to reflect different modes of negotiation between state actors and non-state actors. For instance, there has been a fundamental shift in international norms over the last few decades such that coups and other types of military takeovers are generally out of fashion. Also, military activities, both formal and informal, individual and institutional, have tended to go way beyond the traditional scopes expected of that institution, necessitating the need for a new approach to civil-military relations. In Africa, the behavior of the military and the reaction of the public structure civil-military relations in more complex ways than the standard theories would expect.

Workshop Structure

The one-day workshop will cover several topics under at least two panel-sessions: a theoretical/-conceptual panel and another panel on preliminary thematic/empirical analyses. A sum-up roundtable will wrap up. Under a relatively small group, we shall aim for closer, critical, and sustained discussions that will help in clarifying the underlying contours of the project and the different scholarly insights, both theoretical and empirical, we seek to put across. Among some of the topics/themes to be tackled should include:

- . Re-conceptualizing civil-military relations in post-war Africa.
- . Dimension of civil-military relations in Africa in the era of terrorism.
- . Norm-transformation and the decline of coup politics.
- . Peacekeeping, foreign training, and military professionalism.
- . Rebels, civilians, and the military.
- . The military, business, and patronage politics.

Guidelines for Participants

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Subject: CFP: Fall 2018 SERSAS Conference, 12-13 October 2018, Milledgeville, GA

From: Dr. Aran S. MacKinnon, Co-Coordinator, SERSAS
Re: Call for Papers, Fall 2018 SERSAS Conference

SERSAS, in conjunction with the Department of History and Geography and the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia College is pleased to announce the initial call for papers for our upcoming conference, 12-13 October 2018, in historic Milledgeville, GA.

"Africa in the World and the World in Africa. Making an African World Through Global Connections."

As interactions between Africa, Africans and the world continue to expand and intensify, scholars have paid greater attention to the historical and current interplay among capitalism, culture, colonialism and development in a global context. Following from themes developed in W.E.B. Du Bois' *The World and Africa* and Fred Cooper's *Africa in the World*, the conference theme invites proposals for papers and presentations that address the centrality of Africa and Africans' roles in shaping their own destinies in the wider world, and proposals which similarly seek to disrupt conventional thinking about African states and societies in the global context from earliest times to the present.

SERSAS prides itself on providing a collegial environment for presentations of both conventional papers and innovative roundtables. Proposals on the conference or other themes from faculty independent scholars and graduate students are welcome. Graduate Student presentations are welcome and SERSAS will make an award for best graduate paper(s) presented.

Please send proposals (entire panel proposals are also welcome) not exceeding 300 words to: Dr. Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>. The deadline for proposals is 28 September.

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Keynote Address: "Transformation in Post-Apartheid Education: Toward Access and Inclusivity at the University of Cape Town, South Africa," Dr. Shelly Wilburn, UNC Wilmington

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ECU.EDU>
Subject: CFP and Roundtables: African Studies & Research Forum Conference, NCCU,
28-30 March 2019

From: George Klay Kieh, University of West Georgia <gkieh@westga.edu>
Date: 25 September 2018

African Studies & Research Forum

Call for Papers & Roundtable Proposals

The 23rd Annual Conference
March 28-30, 2019
North Carolina Central University (Durham, North Carolina)

Theme: Repositioning Africa in the 21st Century and Beyond

Brief Description

The 23rd Annual Conference of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) invites participants to present papers and roundtables on how Africa should reposition itself in the world politically, economically, socially, and in terms of global security. More specifically, some of the themes and issues to be addressed in this conference include: conflict and conflict resolution in Africa; Africa in the world economy; Regional cooperation and integration in Africa; Out of Africa: Migratory patterns and the Refugee crisis in Africa; the African Union at twenty: achievements, problems and prospects; Environmental issues in Africa; the status and role of the youth, women and civil society organizations in African development; the importance of education in African development; and the contribution of the African Diaspora to African development. The conference seeks to bring together researchers from around the world and from various disciplines to take stock of current research and foster communication across a variety of approaches to the study of Africa. In keeping with the spirit of diversity, we welcome abstracts for individual papers and roundtables that engage with various theoretical and methodological perspectives, topical issues, and policy-oriented solutions related to the conference's theme. Selected papers might be considered for publication in the ASRF's journal and book series.

Submission Guidelines

All submissions should include the following:

- * Author(s) contact information and other details:
- * Full name of principal presenter and contact information: affiliation, telephone number, mailing address, E-mail address. All return correspondence will be to this individual only.
- * Full names, affiliations, and E-mail addresses of co-presenters if any.

Conference Participation

Conference attendees may choose to act in one--or a combination of--the following capacities: Paper Presenter; Panel Chair; Panel Discussant; Roundtable Participant; and Roundtable Convener and/or Moderator.

Paper Abstract details:

- * Presentation title (15-word limit).
- * Abstract (300-word limit for individual papers); An abstract should provide an extended description of the presentation for committee review.
- * Presentation Summary (50-word limit): A brief description to be included in the conference program.
- * Abstracts should be prepared for anonymous review (no reference to the author or the author's home institution in the abstract).

The proposal submission deadline is December 12, 2018. Early submissions are strongly encouraged.

To maximize participation opportunities at ASRF 2019, each individual scholar is allowed two single-authored contributions and one co-authored contribution (Presenting a paper, organizing a roundtable, and serving as a panel chair or discussant or as a roundtable moderator or participant each counts as one contribution.)

Individual Papers

Papers should be formal presentations that draw on theories and approaches of one or more topics related to the conference's theme.

Individual papers will be presented within a 15-minute period, plus 15 minutes for discussion.

Each panel should have a Chair and a Discussant.

Roundtables

Each Roundtable shall consist of four (4) participants plus one Convener/Moderator. Roundtables involve the presentation of four oral presentations on a topic related to the conference's theme, followed by a structured discussion of these presentations. They are typically scheduled for one-and-a-half hour blocks.

Each Roundtable participant is expected to make a 15-minutes presentation, followed by the Moderator's comments and a general discussion (20 minutes), for a total time of 95 minutes

Roundtable Conveners should submit the title of the roundtable as well as the name/title/institutional affiliation of each participant and the title of their presentation.

Review Criteria

Review criteria include promise of an original and thoughtful contribution to the study of Africa; clarity and evidence of a well-organized, engaging presentation; and relevance to the ASRF 2019 theme. For roundtables, criteria also include topic relevance, as well as a clearly planned schedule of activities, with an appropriate amount of time for discussion and audience participation.

How to Submit Abstract(s)

Please send your panel/roundtable proposals and panel/paper abstract(s) to Guy Martin and Mueni wa Muiu as an E-mail attachment with a short note indicating your interest and the title ASRF 2019 Paper Abstract/Roundtable on the subject line to the following E-mail addresses: martingu@wssu.edu and muium@wssu.edu

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Subject: ANN: Fall 2018 SERSAS Conference and Hurricane Update

From: Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>
Date: 11 October 2018
Re: Fall 2018 SERSAS Conference and Hurricane Update

As you may know, our Fall 2018 SERSAS Conference at Georgia College, Milledgeville was threatened by Hurricane Michael. Thanks for your patience with conference logistics in the wake of the storm. The good news is that I have confirmed with campus officials and we are a go for our conference and events as planned. As noted in the program posted on the SERSAS web site and linked below, events begin tomorrow, Friday, from 5 - 7 p.m. at the Underwood house with hors d'oeuvres and libations followed by conference proceedings on Saturday morning. We look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow. Travel safely.

Fall 2018 Conference Program: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/programs/Fall2018ProgramGCSU.pdf>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ECU.EDU>
Subject: CFP: Spring 2019 SERSAS/SEAN Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 8 – 9 February 2019

From: Emily S. Burrill <eburrill@email.unc.edu>
Re: Spring 2019 SERSAS/SEAN Conference
Date: 19 October 2018

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Deadline for abstracts is December 7, 2018. Accepted participants will be informed on December 10, 2018.

Local arrangements contact information: Stacey Sewall, African Studies Center, UNC-Chapel Hill <sewall@email.unc.edu>

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UNC-Chapel Hill Conference Web Site: http://africa.unc.edu/events/sersas_sean_2019/

Conference Registration: http://africa.unc.edu/conference/conference_main.asp

SERSAS Web Site: <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/>

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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ECU.EDU>
Subject: ANN: Research Fellow Position, "A Tale of Two Ships--One Pirate,
One Slave"

From: Lynn Harris <harrisly@ecu.edu>
Re: Research Fellow for "A Tale of Two Ships: Developing a Research & Interpretation Plan for Revealing Hidden Histories of One Ship with Two Identities"
Date: 23 October 2018

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Research Fellow for "A Tale of Two Ships: Developing a Research & Interpretation Plan for Revealing Hidden Histories of One Ship with Two Identities"

A project of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission

About The NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources:

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) vision is to be the leader in using the state's natural and cultural resources to build the social, cultural, educational, and economic future of North Carolina. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our state by creating opportunities to experience excellence in the arts, history, libraries, and nature in North Carolina by stimulating learning, inspiring creativity, preserving the state's history, conserving the state's natural heritage, encouraging recreation and cultural tourism, and promoting economic development.

North Carolina State Shipwreck Site 31CR314: "Queen Anne's Revenge/La Concorde":

Since 1997, the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has been responsible for the management, protection, preservation, investigation and presentation of state shipwreck site 31CR314. The remains of this early 18th century wreck have been identified as the remains of Blackbeard the pirate's flagship - "Queen Anne's Revenge," which was previously a French slave ship, "La Concorde." It was captured by the pirates and renamed, at the end of 1717. The vessel ran aground and was abandoned off Beaufort Inlet in June 1718. Since 2004, the shipwreck site has been on the National Register of Historic Places. DNCR's Office of State Archaeology undertakes field operations at the site, and its QAR Lab, is tasked with conservation, documentation, and investigation of artifacts -both those in situ and recovered from the wreck site. Since 2003, the QAR Lab, under a 2002-partnership agreement with East Carolina University (ECU) is in Greenville, NC, at ECU's West Research Campus. Archaeological investigations, including conservation of artifacts, is undertaken in accordance with professional archaeological and archaeological conservation guidelines and standards of practice. On completion of work at the QAR Lab, artifacts are transferred to the designated long-term repository at DNCR Maritime Museum (NCMM) in Beaufort, for exhibition and curation.

About the NC African American Heritage Commission:

The North Carolina General Assembly created the African American Heritage Commission (AAHC) in 2008 to "assist the Secretary of Cultural Resources in the preservation, interpretation, and promotion of African American history, arts, and culture." The commission works across the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, the state, and region to achieve the mission of preserving, protecting, and promoting North Carolina's African American history, arts, and culture, for all people. Key to fulfilling this mission is communicating inclusive stories and information to a broad, diverse audience. As such, the AAHC strives to serve audiences across a variety of platforms, including: literature, the web, social media, various forms of mass communication, public programs, and traveling exhibitions.

The AAHC works to serve its stakeholders by providing technical assistance to African American heritage practitioners and organizations across North Carolina. The AAHC also sponsors, supports, and partners with organizations producing African American-centered heritage events through the state. Finally, the AAHC administers initiatives with statewide impact, including Freedom Roads and the federally-funded Green Books' "Oasis Spaces" project.

A Tale of Two Ships Project:

"A Tale of Two Ships: Developing a Research & Interpretation Plan for Revealing Hidden Histories of One Ship with Two Identities" is a federal project funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), led by the AAHC. The project aims to develop a plan for continuing collections research and interpretation using archives and artifacts, to reveal and retell the many still hidden histories of North Carolina shipwreck 31CR314), identified as Blackbeard's "Queen Anne's Revenge (QAR)", that was previously the French slave ship "La Concorde (LaC)". This research and interpretation plan will be included as part of a revised "LaC/QAR" Management Plan for North Carolina's state shipwreck site (31CR314). Including this new collections and interpretation plan as part of an overall revised Management Plan (2019), will provide a framework to reveal and retell hidden histories of "LaC" as well as "QAR" for the benefit of public audiences for years to come, in ways that are in line with the overall missions of DNCR, AAHC, QAR Lab and the various museums these agencies support.

Primary Purpose of Position:

The primary purpose of this position is to act as a history Research Fellow for "A Tale of Two Ships." The Research Fellow will be charged with the principal duty of contributing to and presenting the "Plan for Collections Research and Interpretation, using Archives and Artifacts, to Reveal and Retell the Many Still Hidden Histories of North Carolina Shipwreck 31CR314".

The Research Fellow will perform secondary and archival-based research at the QAR Lab in Greenville, NC. Fellow duties related to these efforts will include: investigating existing collections materials; gaining a comprehensive understanding of past research around "LaC/QAR;" and exploring and identifying information and resources related to French slave vessel, "LaC." The Research Fellow will also perform archival research in Nantes, France to investigate further the scope and potential of French archives for more about the origins of "LaC," its provisioning and people. Finally, the Research Fellow will develop content, based on their research, for the web, public programs, a research and interpretation plan and an academic paper or poster presentation.

The History Research Fellow will do the following:

- * Contribute to writing and presenting the "Plan for Collection Research and Interpretation, using Archives and Artifacts, to Reveal and Retell the Many Still Hidden Histories of North Carolina Shipwreck 31CR314)".
- * Perform secondary and archival-based research at the QAR Lab in Greenville, NC to investigate existing collections materials; gain a comprehensive understanding of past research around "LaC/QAR;" and explore and identify information and resources related to French slave vessel, "LaC."
- * Perform archival research in Nantes, France to (1) investigate further the scope and potential of French archives for more about the origins of "LaC," as well as its provisioning, and peoples and (2) consult with and develop contacts with conservators, curators, archaeologists, and educators with similar research interests.
- * Create web content related to "LaC" and "hidden histories" for DNCR/QAR website. This shall be done with input from "A Tale of Two Ships" core project team and DNCR marketing team.
- * Collaborate with "A Tale of Two Ships" core project team to develop and facilitate one (1) community-based Education & Outreach event: a Saturday " Open House at the QAR Lab" in April 2019.
- * Develop academic conference paper or poster presentation centered around research findings; present paper or poster at two (2) conferences: Association for the Study of African American Life & History Conference (October 2019) and Society for Historical Archaeology Conference (January 2020).
- * Contribute to project internal and progress reports.

Requirements:

- * Demonstrated experience conducting academic historical research. Must have the ability to analyze and interpret primary and secondary source materials in various settings.
- * Must have the ability to read French.
- * Excellent writing and public speaking skills required.
- * Must have the ability to manage communication with various departments/channels, including: AAHC and QAR Lab staff, as well as DNCR legal and marketing teams.
- * Valid driver's license, ability to travel within the state of North Carolina and work some evenings weekends, for meetings, research and events, required.
- * Passport (or ability to procure one) required.
- * Must have the ability to work both independently and as a team member. As well as having excellent time- and project management skills.

Management Prefers:

- * Ability to speak and write French.
- * Currently enrolled at, or recently graduated from, an HBCU or MIHE.
- * Graduate student with demonstrated experience studying the 18th century U.S. History, African American history, Africana Studies, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the 18th century Atlantic World or Material Culture of the Middle Passage, Public History, anthropology, archaeology or Maritime Studies.
- * Knowledge of and experience researching African American history and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade.
- * Demonstrated experience developing and facilitating programs for public audiences.
- * Experience creating content for WordPress and/or Drupal web platforms.

Minimum Education & Experience Requirements:

A bachelor's degree in history with one year of experience in a related graduate program; or a bachelor's degree in history with two years of progressive experience in a historical agency that has included research experience.

-OR-

An equivalent combination of training and experience.

Nature of Supervision Given:

- * Research Fellow will report to project Co-Principal Investigator (based at QAR Lab), as well as AAHC Acting Director.
- * Research Fellow will be based at QAR Lab in Greenville, NC.

Hours & Stipend:

- * Research Fellow will be provided with a stipend of \$6,000, to be paid in increments through the Summer of 2019.
- * Fellowship duration: Twelve (12) weeks (May-July 2019), as well as travel required for trainings/orientations, outreach and education events and conferences.
- * 40 hours/week
- * Project's budget will provide additional funds for expenses, including for travel and conferences

To Apply:

Submit resume, cover letter and transcript to ncaahc@ncdr.gov. Please use subject line Summer Research Fellow.

Application Deadline: 6:00 p.m. on October 30, 2018

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Subject: African History Position, East Carolina University

From: Mona Russell <russellm@ecu.edu>
Date: 6 November 2018
Re: African History Position, East Carolina University

The Department of History invites applications for a tenured or tenure-track appointment in African History to begin August 12, 2019. If tenured, the appointment will be at the Associate level, otherwise it will be at the Assistant level. Area of specialization within African History is open. The person hired for this position will serve as Director or Co-Director of ECU's multidisciplinary African and African American Studies Program. Service to the university, community, and profession is expected. In a continuing effort to enrich its academic environment and provide equal educational and employment opportunities for all, the Department actively encourages members from all underrepresented groups in higher education to submit applications. PhD in History or a History-related field is required. Candidates for associate professor must have an established record of active and respected research and they must demonstrate excellence in teaching. Candidates for assistant professor must demonstrate significant potential for scholarly research productivity and excellence in teaching. Screening will begin November 30, 2018. Candidates should submit an online candidate profile, letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of research interests, evidence of teaching experience/philosophy and contact information for three references at www.jobs.ecu.edu. Also, arrange for three current letters of recommendation and official graduate transcripts to be sent to: Dr. Mona Russell, Search Committee Chair, A-315 Brewster, Mail Stop 554, Department of History, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC, 27858.

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Subject: 2nd CFP: Spring 2019 SERSAS/SEAN Conference, UNC-Chapel Hill, 8 - 9 February 2019

From: Emily S. Burrill <eburrill@email.unc.edu>
Re: Spring 2019 SERSAS/SEAN Conference
Date: 26 November 2018

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Subject: CFP Deadline Extended (17 Dec): Spring 2019 SERSAS/SEAN Conference,
UNC-Chapel Hill, 8 - 9 February 2019

From: Emily S. Burrill <eburrill@email.unc.edu>
Re: CFP Deadline Extended to 17 December for Spring 2019 SERSAS/SEAN Conference
Date: 12 December 2018

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Subject: Spring 2019 SERSAS-SEAN Conference

To: Dr. Emily Burrill <eburrill@email.unc.edu> and Ms. Stacey Sewall <sewall@email.unc.edu>
From: SERSASians, Christopher Day <dayc@cofc.edu>, Aran MacKinnon <aran.mackinnon@gcsu.edu>, Chinekwu Obidoa <obidoa_c@mercer.edu>, Jack Parson <parsonj@cofc.edu>, Anta Sane <antasane@yahoo.com>, and Kenneth Wilburn <wilburnk@ecu.edu>
Re: Spring 2019 SERSAS-SEAN Conference

Dear Dr. Burrill and Ms. Sewall,

On behalf of all SERSASians and its leadership, thank you so much for your kindness and hospitality which were so evident while you hosted our successful Spring 2019 SERSAS-SEAN Conference at UNC-Chapel Hill. We would also like to thank all of the co-sponsors: the SouthEast Africanist Network, UNC-Chapel Hill African Studies Center, University of Florida Center for African Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill College of Arts and Sciences, Carolina Seminars, U.S. Department of Education, and UNC Global. We appreciate the time and effort you both dedicated to pulling all of the co-sponsors together and organizing such a stimulating conference in partnership with SEAN, Dr. Todd Leedy, and University of Florida Center for African Studies. Of course, we missed our dear friend and SERSASian, your colleague Barbara Anderson who recently retired, but we want you to know that we believe the leadership of UNC-Chapel

Hill African Studies Center remains in excellent hands. We look forward to working with you both and Barbara Anderson's successor in the near future.

All the best.

Ken Wilburn, D.Phil.
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From: "Wilburn, Kenneth" <WILBURNK@ECU.EDU>
Subject: Spring 2019 SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize\

From: The SERSAS Graduate Student Prize Committee
Date: 6 March 2019

The SERSAS Graduate Student Prize Committee met to select the best paper from our recent conference at UNC-Chapel Hill, "African Technologies and Creativity: Innovation in Times of Uncertainty." The Committee was greatly impressed with the scholarship of all those who submitted their papers.

After careful consideration in a very close competition, the Committee has awarded the Spring 2019 SERSAS Graduate Student Paper Prize jointly to Mark Reeves, "A Gilded Cage? Nnamdi Azikiwe's Pan-Africanism as Governor-General of Nigeria, 1960-1963" and Denis Waswa, "Constructing Afropolitanism: A Response to the Clash of Cultures in Ama Ata Aidoo's _The Dilemma of a Ghost _."

On behalf of the SERSAS Graduate Student Prize Committee and SERSASians, congratulations to the two winners. We look forward to the future contributions you and your competitors will make to SERSAS and Africa.

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