



## Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

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### SERSAS Spring Meeting 2-3 April 1999 University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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Dear SERSASians,

The spring meeting approaches quickly. A schedule and hotel information follow.

#### SERSAS Spring Meeting Schedule (plus a few extra goodies):

##### Friday, April 2

**11:00 am:** Address by TransAfrica President Randall Robinson. McKnight Hall, Cone University Center. Please park in the visitor lot beside the Cone Center.

**3:00-4:00 pm:** SASASAAS seminar: Contemporary Southern African Writers. Cone Center, Room 110.

**3:30-5:00 pm:** "Trade or Aid?" Panel on President Clinton's African trade initiative, sponsored by UNCC Political Science department and the Charlotte World Affairs Council. Cone Center, Room 112.

**5:00-6:00 pm:** Day with Africa Reception, sponsored by Political Science honor society. SERSAS members welcome. Cone Center 210.

**6:00-8:00 pm:** SASASAAS dinner with guest Mark Mathabane. SERSAS members are welcome to attend; cost is \$20 to be paid on arrival to John Flower. RSVP to him at [jmflower@email.uncc.edu](mailto:jmflower@email.uncc.edu). Cone Center, Room 210.

**7-10 pm:** SERSAS opening reception (SASASAAS members are welcome) in 100 Fretwell (parking in visitor's lot, Parking Deck C). Jam session for those bringing their instruments!

##### Saturday, April 3

**8:30-9am:** Coffee and pastries at Cone Center.

**9:00-10:30 am:** Panel 1: "Writing the South African Experience," Mark Mathabane talks about his work, followed by discussion with SERSAS and SASASAAS participants. Cone Center Room 112. Sponsored by SASASAAS.

**10:30-11 am:** Coffee break.

**11:00-12:30:** Panel 2: Missions, Sacred and Secular. Cone Center Room 112

- Barbara Cooper, Gallatin School, New York University: "'An Extremely Dangerous Suspect: 'French Colonial Attitudes toward Protestant Missionaries in West Africa under Vichy and Beyond'" (Paper not presented)
- Brian Siegel, Furman University: "The Kafulafuta Mission in Zambia"
- Robert Vinson, Howard University/University of Virginia: "'What's Wrong with those Seas Kaffirs?' The Radicalization of West Indian Garveyites in Cape Town, c. 1920"

**12:30-1:30 pm:** Lunch, and informal presentations by winners of student African studies essay contest

**1:30-3:00 pm:** Panel 3: Development and Democratization. Cone Center Room 112

- Joy Hendrickson, Hampton University: "A Comparison of African and Asian Ideas of Human Rights" (Paper not presented)
- Dennis Ogirri, Charlotte, NC: "An Empirical Study of Land Reform in Nigeria"
- James Guseh, North Carolina Central University: "The State, Democracy, and Development in Africa"

A block of rooms has been set aside at a nearby hotel for SERSAS and SASASAAS travelers. Those who choose this option should make their reservations by March 29 at the:

Drury Inn, 415 West W.T. Harris Blvd. (Near I-85 and W.T. Harris) 704/593-0700

The rate is \$59.95 for a double room and \$66.95 for a single room with a king-sized bed. The hotel provides a breakfast buffet for guests. Please mention SERSAS when you make the reservation.

There are plenty of other hotels in Charlotte, including the following near the university:

Comfort Inn  
I-85 and Sugar Creek Rd.  
598-0007

Fairfield Inn  
5414 N. I-85 (at Sugar Creek Rd.)  
596-2999

Hampton Inn University Place  
8419 N. Tryon St.  
548-0905

Hilton at University Place  
WT Harris at JM Keynes Drive  
547-7444

Howard Johnson  
6426 N. Tryon St.  
596-0042

Red Roof Inn University Place  
1-85 and Sugar Creek Rd.  
1-800-843-7663

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