



Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

**Spring 2005 SERSAS Conference
15 - 16 April 2005**

[Norfolk State University](#)

**NSU Main campus
JMH Lecture (Madison Hall) Room 156 (auditorium)
Norfolk, Virginia, USA**

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Welcome and Reception

Friday, April 15, 2005

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Madison Hall, Room 156 (auditorium)

Norfolk State University

Conference Program: Panels and Roundtable Discussion

Saturday, April 16, 2005

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

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

8:30 - 8:55: Coffee and donuts

8:55 - 9:00: Welcome:

Nonso Okereafoezeke, NSU Faculty & SERSAS Coordinator
Bernadette Holmes, Director, CJ Graduate Program, NSU
Judi Caron-Sheppard, Chair, Sociology Department, NSU

9:10 - 10:50: PANEL I: "Managing the Foundational Dislocations in a Postcolonial State," Nonso Okereafoezeke, Panel Chair and Discussant, Norfolk State University (email: nonso@nsu.edu)

1. Geoffrey I. Nwaka, Abia State University: "Ethnic Relations and Conflict Management in Nigeria" [*Did not present*]
2. Moses Ebe Ochonu, Vanderbilt University: "Articulation, Dissemination, and Implications of the Hausa Imaginary in Colonial Northern Nigeria"
3. Mueni Wa Muiu and Guy Martin, Winston-Salem State University: "Fundi Wa Africa: Toward a New Paradigm of the African State"
4. Mueni Wa Muiu, Winston-Salem State University: "Africa's Straightjacket Independence: Which Way Out?"

10:50 - 11:05: Break

11:05 - 12:45: PANEL II: "State Policies, Enforcement, and Strategies of Adaptation and Resistance," Mario Azevedo, Panel Chair and Discussant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (e-mail: mjazeved@email.uncc.edu)

1. Gary Thomas Burgess, Hampton University: "Bodies of Evidence: Halaiki Spectacles in Revolutionary Zanzibar"
2. Guy Martin, Winston-Salem University, NC: "The Congo War in Historical Perspective"
3. Robert Trent Vinson, Washington University in St. Louis: "Providential Design: 'American Negroes' and Garveyism in South Africa"
4. Natasha Fedyszyn-Carr, Norfolk State University: "[United States Child Welfare Policy and Enforcement Across Cultural Groups](#)"

12:45 - 1:45: Lunch, SERSAS Business Meeting, and Coordinators' Report

1:45 - 2:00: Break

2:00 - 3:30: PANEL III: "Globalization, Agriculture, and the African Image to the World," Nyaga Mwaniki, Panel Chair and Discussant, Western Carolina University (e-mail: mjazeved@email.uncc.edu)

1. Nneka Nora Osakwe, Albany State University: "[Narratives of Women From Pre-colonial Africa: A Project Report](#)"
2. Pauline Dibi Kangah, Columbia University: "Rainfall and Agriculture in Central West Africa Since 1930" [*Did not present*]
3. Chimalum Nwankwo, North Carolina State University: "[Globalization, Literature, and Languages](#)"
4. Ngeta Kabiri, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: "[Wildlife Utilization in Kenya: Does Tanzania Pose a Crisis?](#)"

3:30: Concluding Remarks by Coordinators, SERSAS Sponsors, and Members

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

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