

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SEMINAR ON AFRICAN STUDIES [SERSAS]
21 FEBRUARY 2009
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE, SPARTANBURG, SC

8:30 - 9 a.m.: Registration

9 - 9:15: Introductions

Panel 1: 9:15 - 10:45

Gendered Narratives in African Literature and Life

Chair: Chioma Ugochukwu, University of South Carolina Upstate

Atriodun Adeniji, University of Lagos, *Gender Narratives and the Gender "Stories" Emerging from Selected Social Institutions in Nigeria*

Christopher Anyokwu, University of Lagos, *Re-imagining Gender in Chinua Achebe's Things Fall Apart*

Patricia Mercy Sithole, University of Maine, Orono, *Opening Chests, Reclaiming Identity: Contemporary Zimbabwean African Women's poetry in Shona and Ndebele Languages*

Heather Switzer, Virginia Tech, *Narratives of Resistance: Massai Schoolgirls Make Themselves*

10:45-11:00 break

Panel 2: 11:00-12:30

Women's Experiences in Contemporary Africa

Chair: Aran MacKinnon, State University of West Georgia

LuAnn R. Gaskill, Virginia Tech and Tshimologo Dingake, Botswana, *Women of the Oodi Weavers and Challenges to Sustainability: Perspectives in Southern Africa*

Dior Konate, South Carolina State University, *Women and Politics: Do Gender Quotas Change the Faces of African Democracy?*

Kevin Mulhearn, Graduate Center of the City University of New York, *Zanele Muholi and the Art of Political Activism*

12:30-1:30 Lunch and business meeting

Panel 3: 1:30-3:00
Gender and Colonial African History

Chair: Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University

Owen Kalinga, North Carolina State University, *Three Women Missionaries in Colonial Malawi*

Jeremy Rich, Middle Tennessee State University, *He Likes To Play With Children, Like Any Other Man: A Case of Alleged Pedophilia in Late Nineteenth Century Gabon*

Kenneth Wilburn, East Carolina University, *The Great Communicator and Isandlwana: James Sivewright, Communications, and the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879*