



## **Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)**

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**Fall 2001 SERSAS Conference**  
**12 - 13 October 2001**  
**[East Carolina University](#)**

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SERSAS, the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies is pleased to announce the program for its Fall 2001 conference, to be held at [East Carolina University](#), host institution of the SERSAS web site and caretaker of a major African art collection, on October 12th and 13th. Visit ECU's [African Studies Committee](#) and ECU's online [African Art Collection](#).

The conference hotel for SERSAS is the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 203 SW Greenville Blvd., Greenville, **North** Carolina 27834, (252) 355-8300. SERSAS room rates are \$55.50 per night for singles, \$60.50 for doubles. Room rates include a full breakfast buffet (hence the extra charge for doubles). Reservations must be made by September 28 to guarantee these rates. Identify yourself as a SERSAS member to receive this special rate. Twenty rooms have been reserved. The Ramada has a shuttle that travels between the hotel and Greenville's airport. Guests should call the hotel when they arrive, and also let the hotel know when they need to get back to the airport. As of 20 September, the Ramada Inn states the cost is \$10 per trip. If you need transportation between the Ramada Inn and the conference (it is too far to walk) on Friday before 7 pm and after 11 pm, and on Saturday before 8 am and after 5 pm, email Ken Wilburn at [wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu](mailto:wilburnk@mail.ecu.edu) to arrange free transport. For additional information on directions and lodging, please visit the SERSAS website at <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/Fall2001Information.htm>.

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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### **Program**

**Friday, October 12th, 7 - 11 pm.:** Opening reception, Bloxton House (7 - 9 pm) and Mendenhall Student Center, Room 244 (9 - 11 pm). See map of campus at <http://www.ecu.edu/maps/MainCampus.html>. Friday night's reception will begin with refreshments in the African art exhibition room of Bloxton House. Around 9 pm, guests will walk across the lawn to Room 244 in Mendenhall to be entertained by the SERSAS Structural Adjustment Blues Band, led by the gifted musician and Africanist, Jonathan Reynolds, and backed by the local band, 12 Degrees. Recorded African music will be provided at Bloxton House and Mendenhall as well.

Note that parking will be plentiful, free, and located to the right of Mendenhall on the campus map. Avoid parking in metered or handicapped spaces. Find Ken Wilburn as soon as you arrive to receive your parking permit. Should you receive a ticket in the meantime, give it to Ken Wilburn to resolve.

**Saturday, October 13th**: Room 244, Mendenhall Student Center. See the map and parking information above.

**8:00-8:30**: Breakfast Refreshments and Coffee

**8:30-8:45**: Welcome, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert J. Thompson

**8:45-10:15**: **Panel 1--Reconciling Colonial Impositions with Postcolonial Realities**

- -----Nonso Okereafoezeke (Department of Criminal Justice, Western Carolina University), [Modes of Implementing Native Court Judgments in a Post-British Igbo \(Nigeria\) Community \(a Research Synopsis\).](#)
- -----D. Pizzo, "Forged In Massacre: The African Context and Conquest Ideologies."
- -----R. Vinson, "Marcus Garvey and the UNIA in Africa."
- -----Trevor R. Getz (Department of History, University of New Orleans), ["Amoaka Atta and the British."](#)
- -----Rebecca Shumway (Department of History, Emory University), ["Asafo Companies in Southern Ghana."](#)

Nonso Okereafoezeke (Department of Criminal Justice, Western Carolina University): Chair and Discussant.

**10:15-10:30**: Break

**10:30-11:45**: **Panel 2--Toward Increased, Lasting Development: Changing Responsibilities in African Societies**

- -----S. Dunning, "Destiny or Disease Representations of Homosexuality". Unable to attend.
- -----Ngeta Kabiri, (Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, North Carolina), ["The Coast Mining Rights Forum: An Anti-Tiomin or Anti-Titanium Mining Coalition in Kenya?"](#)
- -----Z. Bashaw, "Trajectories of Poverty, The Environment and Peasant Revolts." Unable to attend.
- -----Kirsten Marshall (Program Coordinator, The African Arts Network in Seattle, Washington), ["Changing Roles for Women in Senegal."](#) Unable to attend.
- -----Gay Wilentz (Department of English, East Carolina University), ["Demarcating Political Space: African Women's Domain Through the Writings of Ama Ata Aidoo."](#)

Jonathan Reynolds (Department of History, Northern Kentucky University): Chair and Discussant.

**11:45-12:30**: Business Meeting (walk over to the African art exhibition room, Gray Gallery)

- -----Sharon Pruitt (School of Art, East Carolina University), Comments on ECU's African Art Collection
- -----Business Meeting

**12:30-1:45**: Lunch (walk back to Room 244, Mendenhall Student Center)

**1:45-3:00**: **Panel 3--Political and Economic Regeneration in Africa**

*This panel has been cancelled due to visa issues at the US Embassy in Nigeria.*

*Youssou N'Dour and the Super Etoile's [You Africa](#) documentary of their West African tour (1994) will be shown in Hendrix Theater, Mendenhall. Discussion led by Leslie Omoruyi.*

- ----- P. Okpogie, "Political Participation in the Nigerian Countryside."
- ----- O. Iskhumen, "Environmental Implications of the Erosion of Taboo Practices."
- ----- A. Ero, "Processing Carbon Black in Africa."

- ----- Leslie Omoruyi (Department of Political Science, East Carolina University), "Federalism and the Mitigation of Corruption: The United States and Nigeria in Comparative Perspective."

Leslie Omoruyi (Department of Political Science, East Carolina University): Chair and Discussant.

**3:00-3:15:** Break

**3:15-5:00:** Roundtable Discussion on Reparations

- ----- David Dennard (Department of History, East Carolina University), Chair
- ----- Nancy Spalding (Department of Political Science, East Carolina University), Discussant
- ----- Comments from the Audience

**5:00:** Conference Adjourns

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