



Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

**Fall 2002 SERSAS Conference
8 - 9 November 2002**

**[Clemson University](#)
Clemson, South Carolina, USA**

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Reception for South Eastern Regional Seminar On African Studies
Fall 2002 Meeting - Clemson, South Carolina

Drinks & Snacks

Friday, 8 November, 6:30 p.m. until

[Holtendorff Hall](#), Clemson Campus

See also [Clemson Maps](#)

Directions to SERSAS Reception:

Clemson University is off of I-85 in Clemson, SC. It can also be reached via the nearest regional airport, the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport.

Holtendorff Hall: Starting from Alumni/Visitors Center and adjacent Alumni Circle turn left onto North Palmetto Boulevard; travel on North Palmetto Boulevard for 0.10 mile; turn left onto Daniel Drive; travel on Daniel Drive for 0.06 mile; turn left onto Sherman Street; travel on Sherman Street for 0.05 mile; turn right onto Highway 93; travel on Highway 93 for 0.14 mile; turn left into parking lot; travel on parking lot for 0.03 mile; then turn left into Holtendorff Hall.

Suggested Accommodations:

Accommodation for participants may be found at the following:

[The James Martin Inn](#) on campus or

The Sleep Inn, 1303 Tiger Blvd., Clemson, SC, USA (864)-653-6000.

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.

Program

Friday, 8 November: Welcome Reception, 6:30 pm, [Holtendorff Hall](#) (directions above)

Saturday, 9 November: [Holtendorff Hall](#) (same directions as reception)

8:30 - 9:00: Welcome and Opening Remarks: Aran MacKinnon and Nonso Okereafoezeke; Coffee and Donuts

9:00 - 10:30: Panel 1--The South African Transition and Africa

- -----Brown Buvusile Maaba (Govan Mbeki Research and Development Centre, University of Fort Hare), "Fear and Infiltration at Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College, 1978-1992"
- -----Aaron Hale (University of Florida), "The Myth of Mandela and the Burundi Peace Process"

Chair and Discussant: Aran Mackinnon (Department of History, State University of West Georgia)

10:30-11:00: Coffee Break

11:00-12:30: Panel 2--Leave No One Behind: Children and Education Issues

- -----Justine Hair (University of Georgia), "Kenyan Street Children: A Forgotten Generation or a Thorn in Society? Survival Obstacles, Aid Organizations, and Implications for Their Future"
- -----Scopas Sekwat Poggo (The Ohio State University), "Kuku Traditional Religion before the Arrival of Christianity"
- -----Tecele Ghebremuse (University of Asmara), "A Survey of Eritrean Educational Background and Development"--Not Present

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

12:30 - 1:30: Lunch and Business Meeting; The Future of SERSAS

1:30-3:00: Panel 3--Whither or Apart: African Voices and American Perspectives on 'Africa'

- -----Cameron Cochran (Northern Kentucky University), "Seeking One Voice: The Challenge of the Congo and the Pan-African Initiative"
- -----Cora Presley (Georgia State University), "(Re) Presenting the Middle Passage: Race, Gender and Narrative in Hollywood's Slave Trade"
- -----Edgard Sankara (LaGrange College), "Autobiography and History in Francophone Africa"--Not Present

Chair and Discussant: Jonathan Reynolds, Northern Kentucky University

3:00-4:00: Roundtable Discussion: Text, Context, Subtext and the Pretext of Texts on African Studies

James Burns (Clemson University), Jonathan Reynolds (Northern Kentucky University), and Aran MacKinnon (University of West Georgia)

4:00: **Thanks and Closing Remarks:** Aran MacKinnon

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