



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

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**Fall 2004 SERSAS Conference  
22 - 23 October 2004**

**[The University of North Carolina at Charlotte](#)  
Department of African-American and African Studies  
9201 University City Boulevard  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28223 USA**

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Hotels in the UNCC area (these hotels are just 7 minutes from the campus):

Drury Inn Suites Charlotte North, 415 W. W.T. Harris Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28262; 704 593-0700, 1-800-378-7946, Dana 10+, ask for group reservations, \$49.99 + tax, Quikstart breakfast

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### **Maps and Directions to UNC Charlotte**

Area map and directions to UNC Charlotte can be viewed at <http://search.uncc.edu/maps/?p=directions>

A UNC Charlotte campus map is located at [http://search.uncc.edu/maps/pdf/09.26.03\\_CampusMap.pdf](http://search.uncc.edu/maps/pdf/09.26.03_CampusMap.pdf)

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**Welcome and Reception**  
**Friday, October 22, 2004**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**

The reception and conference will take place at UNCC campus, Fretwell Building, Room 121 (ground floor, between the elevators), College of Arts and Sciences. Fretwell is located near the Northeast Visitor's Parking Lot.

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**Conference Program**  
**Panels and Roundtable Discussion**  
**8:30 am - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Saturday, 23 October 2004**

**Fretwell Building, Room 121 (ground floor, between the elevators)**  
**College of Arts and Sciences**  
**The University of North Carolina at Charlotte**

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

**8:30 - 8:55: Coffee and donuts**

**8:55 - 9:00: Welcome by Coordinators**

**9:00 - 10:35: PANEL I: "Health and Related Issues in Africa," Mario Azevedo, Panel Chair and Discussant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (email: [mjazeved@email.uncc.edu](mailto:mjazeved@email.uncc.edu))**

1. Lutchmie Narine, University of North Carolina at Charlotte: "The Perils of Clinical Testing and Sampling in the Developing World: The Case of Africa"
2. Meshack Owino, Bloomsburg University, PA: [Abstract](#) and [Paper](#) of "Military Service and the Health of African Troops in Colonial Kenya"
3. Honore Missihoun, Central Piedmont Community College, NC: "Prevalence of Malaria and HIV/AIDS in West Africa's Tropical Rainforest"
4. Karen Flint, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC: "Healing the Body and the Nation in the Time of HIV/AIDS: Possibilities for Collaboration Between Biomedicine and Traditional Healers?"
5. Tanure Ojaide, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "Health and African Oral Literature"
6. Mueni Muiu, Winston-Salem State University, NC: "The African State and the Politics of Disease and Famine"

**10:35 - 10:45: Break**

**10:45 - 12:20: PANEL II: "Tradition, Gender, and the Role of the State in Africa," Nonso Okereafoezeke, Panel Chair and Discussant, Norfolk State University, VA (email: [nonso@nsu.edu](mailto:nonso@nsu.edu))**

1. Tim Carmichael, College of Charleston, SC: "An Historicized Comparison of Qat Consumption in Harar and Addis Ababa"
2. Guy Martin, Winston-Salem University, NC: "Genocide: African Natural Resources and the West"
3. Veronica Nmoma, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC: "Global Perspectives of the US in Sudan"
4. Peter Klein, College of Charleston: "Escalation of the Civil War in the Sudan: The Rise of the Anya Nya and its Role in the Peace Agreement of 1972"

## **12:20 - 1:15 p.m.: Lunch and SERSAS Business Meeting**

1. "Coordinators' Report"
2. "Report on the SERSAS Web Site and SERSAS-L," by Kenneth Wilburn, Web Editor, SERSAS, East Carolina University

## **1:15 - 2:45: PANEL III: "Issues Affecting Africans and the African State." M. Alpha Bah, Chair and Panel Discussant, College of Charleston, SC (email: [bahm@cofc.edu](mailto:bahm@cofc.edu))**

1. Beth Whitaker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC: "[Funding the International Refugee Regime: Implications for Protection in Tanzania](#)"
2. Dennis Ogirri, Johnson C. Smith University, and Isaac Owolabi, Montreat College, NC: "Theoretical and Historical Underpinnings of Globalization and Implications for African Development and Global Marketing"
3. Brad Thomas, College of Charleston, SC: "The Center Cannot Hold: The Collapse of the Somali State"
4. Charles Hutchison, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC: "Impact of Educational Reforms in Ghana"
5. Nancy Fairley, Davidson College, NC: "Repatriates in Ghana: African or American"

## **2:45 - 4:30: EXPANDED ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: "Globalization and its Impact on Africa." Dennis Ogirri, Moderator, Johnson C. Smith University, NC (email: [dogirri@jcsu.edu](mailto:dogirri@jcsu.edu))**

1. April Gordon, Winthrop University, NC, Sociology
2. Jack Parson, College of Charleston, SC, Political Science
3. Ola Aborisade, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC, Public Policy, Public Health
4. Tiffany Manuel, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC, Political Science
5. Leah Wambura Kimathi, African Visitor, Political Science
6. Gorgui Dieng, African Visitor, Literature

## **4:30: Concluding Remarks by Coordinators, SERSAS Sponsors, and Members**

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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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