



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

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**Spring 2002 SERSAS Conference  
22 - 23 March 2002**

**[Georgia State University](#)  
Student University Center  
Sinclair Suite  
44 Courtland Street  
Atlanta, Georgia, USA 30303  
404-463-9112  
[Campus Web Cam](#)**

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Reception for South Eastern Regional Seminar On African Studies  
2002 Meeting - Atlanta  
Drinks & light refreshments  
Friday, March 22, 7-9 PM  
4300 North Park Dr., Tucker, GA  
RSVP: Dr. Ali, [HISMHA@langate.gsu.edu](mailto:HISMHA@langate.gsu.edu)

### **Directions to SERSAS Reception, Friday, 22 March:**

Tucker is a small town right outside of the perimeter highway, in the northeast east quadrant of metro Atlanta, not far from Decatur, Ga. So, if you're driving to SERSAS, the best way to reach the reception in Tucker is via I-285 East, the perimeter highway.

Drivers from north or south might be taking I-75 or I-85; from the south, also, I-675; from the east or west, I-20. All of those highways intersect with I-285. Check your road map & see where your highway into town intersects most closely with 285's northeast section. Then, get onto I-285 east.

Take I-285 to the LaVista exit. On the exit ramp, you'll see a small sign with an arrow indicating which way to turn toward Tucker. Turn onto LaVista going toward Tucker and away from the big clump of malls. Drive a few miles. Take a left onto Fellowship Rd., aka Chamblee- Tucker Rd. You'll see a road sign for Fellowship hanging over LaVista, a turn lane, a couple gas stations at the intersection, and Tucker H.S. a bit up ahead. Okay, you take the left onto Fellowship, aka Chamblee-Tucker Rd. Go down Chamblee-Tucker a few blocks. Turn right onto North Park Dr.,P> If you get muddled, call 770-270-9312.

If you're not up for driving to Tucker, we'll pick you up at the Kensington MARTA station. Go to the nearest subway station to your hotel or house. Look at the subway map. It'll show you how to get onto the east line. Take

the east line to Kensington Station. IF YOU'RE GOING TO USE THE SUBWAY & PICK-UP, YOU MUST CALL OR E-MAIL DR. ALI BY THURSDAY, MARCH 21, TO WORK OUT DETAILS. We don't want you standing around at a MARTA station for more than a couple minutes! Dr. Ali's phone numbers are 404-463-9200, 770-413-5597, or 404-651-2250. His e-mail address is [HISMHA@langate.gsu.edu](mailto:HISMHA@langate.gsu.edu). If you have neither car nor ability to use MARTA comfortably, please call Dr. Ali to arrange for pick-up at your hotel. Finally, if you're driving in over surface roads, not highways, please call Chris at 770-270-9312 or e-mail me at [calutz@bellsouth.net](mailto:calutz@bellsouth.net) to get particular directions for maneuvering the metro area. Hope to see you on Friday!

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### **Directions for drivers to the GSU Student University Center:**

From the NORTH: Take interstate 75/85 southbound to exit 249-A (Courtland Street) and turn right onto Courtland Street. You will enter the campus after you cross Edgewood Avenue (at the seventh traffic light). The Student University Center is located on the corner of Courtland and Gilmer Street.

From the SOUTH: Take Interstate 75/85 northbound to exit 246( Central Ave/Fulton Street) and take the right fork following the sign to Fulton Street. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Fulton Street. Continue to the first light and turn left onto Capital Avenue. Capital will change names to Piedmont Avenue and you will enter the campus after you pass the Georgia State MARTA station on the right. The Student University Center is located on the corner of Piedmont and Gilmer.

From the EAST: Take Interstate 20 westbound to exit 58-A (Capital Avenue) and turn right onto Capital. Capital will change names to Piedmont Avenue and you will enter the campus after you pass the Georgia State MARTA Station on the right. The Student University Center is located on the corner of Piedmont and Gilmer.

From the WEST: Take Interstate 20 eastbound to Windsor/Spring Street. Stay on feeder road until you get to the third traffic light. turn left onto Central Avenue. You will enter the campus just before Decatur Street. turn right onto Gilmer Street and the Student University Center is located on the corner of Piedmont and Gilmer.

### **For those who will be coming by MARTA:**

From the NORTH, the SOUTH and the WEST: Take the East/West and North/South rapid- rail lines to the Five Point Station. Exit the station onto Peachtree Street. Turn right and walk two blocks to Decatur Street. Turn right onto Decatur Street and walk two blocks to Peachtree Center Avenue. Turn left onto Peachtree Center Avenue and walk one block to Gilmer Street. Turn right onto Gilmer Street and cross over Courtland Street at the traffic light. The Student University Center is on your right. You will not miss it.

From the EAST: Take the East/West rapid-rail line to the Georgia State Station. Exit the station onto Piedmont Avenue. Turn right and walk two blocks to Gilmer Street (you will cross over Decatur Street). You can enter the Student University Center at the corner of Gilmer and Courtland streets.

### **Suggested Accommodations:**

Quality Hotel, 404-524-7991, [hotelquality@yahoo.com](mailto:hotelquality@yahoo.com); a 3 - 5 minute walk from GSU.

Suite hotel at Underground Atlanta, 404-223-5555; a 3 - 5 minute walk from GSU.

CourtYard, 404-659-2727; a 3 - 5 minute walk from GSU.

Marrot Marquis, 404-521-0000; a 10-minute walk from GSU.

Wyndam, 404-873-4800

Best Western, 404-688-8600; a 12-minute walk from GSU.

Ansley Inn, 404-872-9000

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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.

## **Preliminary Program**

**Friday, March 22nd**: Welcome Reception, hosted by Dr. Christine Lutz at her home, 7-9 p.m. (directions above)

**Saturday, March 23rd**: Student University Center, Sinclair Suite (directions above)

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

**8:45-10:15**: Panel 1--Some Aspects of History of Three Countries of the Horn of Africa: Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia

**Chair**: Mohammed Hassen Ali (Georgia State University)

- -----Christine Lutz (Department of History, Georgia State University), ["The Horn of Africa and the American Left."](#)
- -----Robert Woodrum (Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Georgia State University), "Railway Workers in the Horn of Africa: The Case of the Sudan and Ethiopia."
- -----Steve Blankenship (Graduate Student, Department of History, Georgia State University), ["The United States' Intervention in Somalia: A Review Essay of \*Black Hawk Down\*."](#)
- -----Peri Klemm (Ph.D. Candidate, Art History, Emory University), Fashioning Identity: Oromo Women's Dress in Eastern Harargh, Ethiopia."

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

**10:45-11:00**: Break

**11:30-12:30**: Panel 2--'Of Guns and Justice': People, Culture and the 'Law' in Africa

**Chair**: Aran MacKinnon (Department of History, State University of West Georgia).

- -----Ibra Sene (Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, Michigan State University), "The Maintenance of Law and Order in British Colonial Africa: The Use of Imprisonment During the Mau Mau Revolt, 1952-60." (Unable to attend)
- -----William K. Storey (Department of History, Millsaps College), "Gun Control and Political Culture in the Cape Colony, 1876-78: Citizenship, Risk and Skill."

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

**12:30 - 1:45**: Lunch and Business Meeting

**1:45-3:30**: Panel 3--Education at the Cross Roads in Africa

**Chair**: Lisa Lindsay, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- -----Winston Akala (J.W. Fulbright Fellow, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), ["The World Bank, IMF Demands on Teacher Recruitment and Re-Sizing in Kenya."](#)
- -----Fenna Bacchus (Directed Research, Department of Government and International Affairs, University of South Florida), ["Literacy, Knowledge and Worldview Transformation, A Pivotal Link and Primary Preventative Instrument to Combat the HIV/AIDS Crisis: The Woman."](#) [this paper is a .pdf file]

- -----Danial J. Paracka, Jr. (Assistant Director, The International Center of Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia), "[The Athens of West Africa: A History of International Education at Fourah Bay College, Freetown, Sierra Leone \(1816-2001\).](#)"
- -----Jeremy Pool (Ph.D. Candidate, Emory University), "[Education Reform and the Dilemmas of Rule in the Gold Coast, Africa, 1920-1951.](#)"
- -----Timothy Cleaveland (Department of History, University of Georgia), "Ethnic and Racial Transformations in the Pre-colonial Sahara."

**Discussant:** Fenna Bacchus (University of South Florida)

**3:30: Thanks and Closing Remarks:** Aran MacKinnon

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**Contact the Coordinators:**

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Email [James W. Brown, Treasurer](#) or see him at the conference.

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