



Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

Spring 2001 SERSAS Conference
6 - 7 April 2001
[Northern Kentucky University](http://www.nku.edu)

SERSAS, the Southeastern Regional Seminar on African Studies is pleased to announce the schedule for its Spring 2001 conference, to be held at Northern Kentucky University (right across the mighty Ohio River from Cincinnati, Ohio) on April 6th and 7th. Visit the NKU website at <http://www.nku.edu>.

A special conference rate of \$70 has been arranged at the Comfort Suites hotel on the River in Newport (convenient both to Cincinnati and NKU). Call (859)291-6700 to make reservations between 19 March and 6 April. When making reservations, be sure to say they are for the SERSAS conference at NKU.

For additional information for directions and lodging, please visit the SERSAS website at <http://www.ecu.edu/african/sersas/homepage.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.

Program

Friday, April 6th, 7pm.: Opening reception, NKU Herrmann Center. Corner of US 27 and Nunn drive (main entrance to NKU). See map of campus at <http://www.nku.edu/~library/nkumap.html>. (Herman Center is #3).

Saturday, April 7th: University Center Room 108. See map of campus at <http://www.nku.edu/~library/nkumap.html>. (University Center is #30).

8:30-9:30: Coffee and Donuts (Provided by NKU Dept. of History and Geography).

9:30-11:30: "*Changing Identities and Roles: Tradition Reconfigured*"

- ----- Scopas Poggo (Ohio State University, Mansfield): "The Changing Pattern of Marriage among the Kuku People of the Southern Sudan, 1900-2001."
- ----- Frank Gansi Mabutla (Livingstone College): "[The Fate of Traditional Leaders in Post-Apartheid South Africa: A Draft Analysis](#)"

- ----- Jeremy Rich (Indiana University): "[A Workman is Worthy of His Meat: Food Consumption, Urban Identity and Labor in Colonial Libreville \(Gabon\), 1860-1900.](#)"
 - Chair and Discussant: Aran Mackinnon (University of Western Georgia).

11:30-12:30: Lunch (Provided by NKU Dept. of History and Geography).

12:30-1:45: "*West Africa in Transition*"

- ----- Edmund Abaka (University of Miami): "The Hausa Diaspora in Ghana (Gold Coast and Asante), 1800-1960." (Did not attend or submit paper)
- ----- Nonso Okereafoezeke (Western Carolina University): "[Judging the Enforceability of Nigeria's Native Laws, Customs and Traditions in the Face of Official Controls.](#)"
 - Chair and Discussant: Jonathan Reynolds (Northern Kentucky University)

1:45-3:00: "*Challenges to Development in Central and Southern Africa*"

- ----- Ken Mufuka (Lander University): "Secretary Sullivan's AIDS Mission to Africa, 1991."
- ----- Xavier Renou (University of Paris): "Predatory Politics, the New Cold War and the Conflict in the Great Lakes Region." (Did not attend or submit paper)
- ----- Thami Ka Plaatjie (Vista University): "Online Marginalization: Aluta Continua." (Did not attend or submit paper)
 - Chair and Discussant: Cathy Skidmore-Hess (Georgia Southern University)

3:00: Conference Closes.

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