



## Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)

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**Program**  
**Spring 2000 SERSAS Conference**  
**14 - 15 April 2000**  
**[Western Carolina University](#)**

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SERSAS, the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, is pleased to announce the panel schedule for the Spring 2000 conference, to be held high in the scenic Appalachian mountains at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC on Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15. Scholars, students, and "friends of Africa" from the wider community are encouraged to attend. SERSAS takes great pride in our unique blend of scholarship, humor, and general good cheer. Please join us!

Registration is a mere \$10 -- and includes a year's membership in SERSAS!

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### **Friday, 14 April:**

- 7:00 to 10:00 pm: Reception at WCU University Club

### **Saturday, 15 April:**

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am: Coffee and Donuts in Meeting Room: second floor of University Center/Student Union.
- 9:30 am - 11:00 am: *Negotiating the Contested: Structure, Politics and Ideology in Southern Africa*
  - Reuben Mekenye, California State University: [The African Role in the Failure of South African Colonialism, 1902-1910: The Case of Lesotho.](#)
  - R. L. Watson, North Carolina Wesleyan College: ['Prize Negroes' and the Development of South African Race Ideology.](#)
  - Derek Catsum, Ohio University: [Those Who Command the Ones That Pulled the Trigger See Us As Less Than Human: The Langa Massacre and State Violence in South Africa.](#)
  - Brian Siegel, Furman University: ["Water Spirits and Mermaids: The Copperbelt Case."](#)
  - Chair and Commentator: Dr. Aron S. MacKinnon, University of Western Georgia
- 11:15 am - 12:30 pm: *Justice and Political Culture in Nigeria*
  - Maxim Matusevich, University of Illinois: "The Nigerian Perestroika Debate."
  - Nonso Okereafoezeke, Western Carolina University: "Still Rooted in British Colonialism: On Fashioning an Acceptable Justice System for a Federal, Democratic Nigeria."

- Chair and Commentator: Dr. Jonathan Reynolds, Northern Kentucky University
  - 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm: *Lunch and Informal Discussion*
    - Dr. Aron S. MacKinnon and Dr. Kenneth Wilburn: "SERSAS and the Internet: Opportunities and Plans."
  - 1:45 pm -- 2:00 pm: SERSAS Business Meeting
  - 2:00 pm -- 3:00 pm: *Travel Courses the Internet in Africa*
    - Melinda B. Robins, Emerson College: "[Linking African Women: Critical Perspectives on Internet Initiatives.](#)"
    - Joshua B. Rubongoya and Janice M. Saunders, Roanoke College: "[Travel Courses in Africa, the Small Liberal Arts Experience.](#)"
    - Chair and Commentator: Dr. Nyaga Mwaniki, Western Carolina University
  - 3:00 pm: Conference Closes
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### **Directions:**

For directions to the conference, including a map and a virtual tour of Western Carolina University, and information relating to accommodations, see

- [Directions, Accommodations, and Restaurants](#)
- [WCU's Interactive Campus Map](#)
- [WCU's Printout Map](#)
- [WCU's Virtual Tour](#)

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