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WELCOME TO:

**The NEW YORK STATE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION 36th ANNUAL
CONFERENCE, March 25-26, 2011
SUNY ONEONTA**

**GENDER, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY and SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA**

KEYNOTE LECTURER: Friday March 25, 2011 7 p.m.
PROF MICERE M. GITHAE MUGO, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

PLENARY LECTURER: Saturday March 26, 2011 9 a.m.
EMERITA PROF SILVIA FEDERICI, HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

SADC Simulation: Saturday March 26, 2011 9 – 5 p.m.

M'BEMBA BANGOURA, African drumming & dancing
With SUNY Oneonta's World Percussion Ensemble
Friday, March 25, 8:30 p.m. CME / LEE HALL

An AFRICAN MARKET- Morris Conference Center, Main Entrance
Art Exhibit I: African American History Project 2011- Art through the hands of African Americans,
Curator Brenda Brown, Denison Activity Room
Art Exhibit II: Paper Ink Voice- Posters of Social Justice, Curator Katherine Spitzoff, Martin Mullen
Gallery, Fine Arts Bldg.





FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2011

REGISTRATION: MORRIS CONFERENCE CENTER, Lobby, 8:30 a.m.--5 p.m.

The Art exhibitions below and our African Market will run throughout the conference, please do make the time to enjoy them.-

Students will be Available to walk Participants to the Exhibition at the Martin Mullen Gallery in the Fine Arts Building

Art Exhibition I & African Market – Denison Activity Room (Morris Hall, lower level)

African American History Project 2011 – Art through the Hands of African Americans

Curator – Brenda Brown

Artists – Lauren Blair, Vertise Toran, The Dillard Family and other Binghamton Artists

Art Exhibition II – Martin Mullen Gallery

Paper Ink Voice – An Exhibition of Posters designed to speak of social and political issues

Curator – Katherine Spitzhoff

Executive Meeting – Room 105 – 9:30am to 11:00am

10: 00am Coffee Break, Lobby – Sponsored by Students for Global Education

Concurrent Panels – 11:00am to 1:00pm

Gender Presence in Politics – Craven Lounge

Chair: Connie M. Anderson (Hartwick College)

***Ireneo Namboka (Fmr. UN Staff Member). *Gender Issues in Africa’s Experience “Womanhood, Africa’s Misery Trap”*

***Kamileh Demirel(SUNY Oneonta) – *Democratic Fatalism and External Intervention: The need to Change Ideology in Nation Building Regarding Afghanistan and Kenya*

***Betty Wambui(SUNY Oneonta) – *“New Constitutions”, a feminist comment on the 2010 Kenyan Constitution”*

Political Structures in Africa – Room 128

Chair: Seth Asumah (SUNY Cortland)

***Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasongo (Cornell University). *-A Theoretical Perspective on Capitalism and Welfare States and Their Responses to Inequality with a Focus on Gender: What Lesson for Africa?*

***James Ketterer (SUNY Central). *Political Parties and Parliamentary Reform in Africa: Zambia, Kenya, and Uganda.*

***Robert Compton (SUNY Oneonta). *Symbolism and the Contested Political Space in Zimbabwe: Prospects for Nation Rebuilding.*

***F. Sonia Arellano-Lopez and Seifudein Adem (SUNY Binghamton). *The Expansion of Chinese Influence in Africa and Latin America seen through the cases of Peru and Ethiopia*

African Diaspora and the African Atlantic I – Room 130

Chair: Kevin Hickey (Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science)

***Amadu Jacky Kaba (Seton Hall University). *Black American Academic Stars: Gender and Scholarly Journal Publications.*

***Zelbert Moore, Corrine Nyquist (SUNY New Paltz). -*Sojourner Truth, Why is She Important?*

***Zahra Caldwell(SUNY Oneonta). *Elizabeth Catlett, Black Internationalism and the Negro Women Series, 1943-1946*

1:00pm to 2:00pm – LUNCH at Otsego Grille (lower level)

Concurrent Panels – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Teaching STEM for Educators , Craven Lounge

A teaching Workshop that pays special attention to Chemistry, Technology, Engineering and Math

Workshop leaders (SUNY Oneonta): Penina Kamina, Jean-Paul Charles, Maurice Odago

African Diaspora and the African Atlantic II – Room 130

Chair: Zanna Mckay (SUNY-Oneonta)

***Brempong Osei-Tutu (Syracuse University). -*What is in a Name: Slave Castles and/or Dungeons?*

***DeRoy Gordon (SUNY Oneonta). *Mob Violence, Black Voter Suppression and Reconstruction 1866-1877*

Gender, Public Health and Medicine I - Room 128

Chair: Caridad Souza (SUNY Oneonta)

***Rachel W. Kigano (Catholic Medical Mission Board PMTCT- Mothers 2 Mothers Program). -*Reproductive Health Rights “a Rights Gap” Among People Living With HIV Infection.*

***Connie M. Anderson (Hartwick College) -*Why is the AIDS Epidemic so Severe in South Africa? Some Very Simple Answers.*

***Zakari Tata (Wayne State University School of Medicine) - *Global Medical Bioethics and Africa.*

***Kristen Lawrence (Hartwick College, Oneonta) – *Relationship between Traditional and Modern Medicine*

Round Table - “African Languages in African Households in America” – Room 104

Chair: Mwalimu Abdul Nanji (Cornell University)

***Nelson Chepkwony (Biological Sciences, Cornell University)

***James Mugo Muna (Economics and Government, Cornell University)

***Agnes Meave Otieno (Biological Sciences, Cornell University)

Concurrent Panels – 4:20pm to 6:00pm

Gender, Health and Politics – Room 130

Chair: Kathleen O’Mara (SUNY Oneonta)

***Sakwe Bongo McDonald (Berlin, Germany) - *Gender, Development, and Politics: Gender and its Role in Development and Politics*

***Shamaas Gul Khattak (United Kingdom) - *Women Freedom Fighters*

Technology and Identity – Room 104

Chair: Edward Kannyo (Rochester Institute of Technology)

***Jemimah W. Mwakisha (SUNY - Binghamton) - *Bridging Socio-cultural Discontinuities.*

***Ngure waMwachofi Ph.D. (Fort Meyers, Florida) - *A Male-Gendered Science and Technology in the Subordination of Women: A Metaphoric Criticism of Rationality.*

***Alex Jean-Charles (SUNY Oneonta) *Media Trap: Haitian Creole Identity in the Diaspora*

Gender, Eco-Politics, and Climate Change – Craven Lounge

Chair: Micheal Koch (SUNY Oneonta)

***Patrick M. Dikirr (Binghamton University) - *Climate Change- Induced Intercontinental Mass Migration of Africans: Hot Topic or Hot Air?*

***Charlotte Mankaa Wara(Linkoping University, Sweden) - *The United Nation and Conflicts Resolutions Case Study; Cameroon-Nigeria Boarder Crisis.*

***Roger Gocking (Mercy College) - *The Construction of the Bui Hydroelectric Dam: Three Years Later.*

6:00 pm DINNER at Otsego Grille

7:00pm Craven Lounge - KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **Micere M. Githae Mugo** is a poet and playwright, as well as full professor and has taught in the Department of African American Studies, Syracuse University since the fall of 1993. Although a Kenyan by birth and upbringing, she is a citizen of Zimbabwe; a Pan Africanist by identification, an internationalist in orientation and a Black feminist.

8:30pm – Musical Entertainment - CME, Lee Hall

M'Bemba Bangoura: African Dancing and Drumming

with SUNY Oneonta's World Percussion Ensemble

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2011

8:00 to 9:00 – Continental Breakfast, Otsego Grille (lower level)

9:00 to 10:00am: Craven Lounge, PLENARY LECTURE: **Silvia Federici**, Prof. Emeritus, Hofstra University – **“On Africa and the Marxist Feminist Perspective”**

9:00 am—5:00 pm: Student SADC Simulation (Le Café—lower level)

Concurrent Panels – 10:00am to 11:30am

Politics of NGO-fication – Room 130

Chair: Kwame Y. Akonor (Seton Hall)

***Ashley Fent (Columbia) Presenting, William Aal (Community Alliance for Global Justice- AGRA Watch Project). -*A Gender Critique of the Bill Melinda Gates Foundation Strategy for African Agriculture*

***William Aal (Community Alliance for Global Justice – AGRA Watch Project) (Presenting), Ashley Fent (Columbia). -*Exploiting the Politics of need AGRA and the Gates Foundation Amidst the Global Food Crisis.*

***Jean Ouedraogo (SUNY Plattsburg)- *From Here to There with PAGE, Inc.: Promoting Access to Education Using the Not for Profit Group.*

***Kathleen O'Mara (SUNY Oneonta) - *The NGO-fication of Sexual Rights Advocacy in Ghana*

Round Table on New Technologies, Science and Development in Africa – Craven Lounge

Chair: Maurice Odago (SUNY Oneonta)

Science Technology as Tools for Globalization.

***Paul K. Tanui (SUNY Binghamton)

***Daniel Mutisya(SUNY Binghamton)

***Job Onyango(SUNY Binghamton)

***Thomas Zengeya (SUNY Binghamton)

***Judy Mwaura(SUNY Binghamton)

***Emily Obuya(SUNY Binghamton)

Art, Technology, and Gender Representation – Room 104

Chair: Susan Bernadin (SUNY Oneonta)

***Kevin Hickey (Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science). -*Stone Virgins: Grounds for a Convivial Remapping of Africa*

***Felicity Palmer (Clarkson University) -*Ishmael Beah's Child Soldier Memoir: Testimonies of Trauma and Transformation*

***John K. Marah (SUNY-Brockport) - *Ayaan Hirsi Ali and Transformative Feminism in Africa*

***Latifa Bounou (SUNY-Oneonta) - *Film, Literature and Politics: The Corrupted Egyptian Government in the Yacubian Building* by Marwan Hamed

11:30 am – 11:45am Coffee Break , Lobby

Concurrent Panels – 11:45am to 1:00pm

Gender and Education I – Room 104

Chair: Nithya Iyer (SUNY Oneonta)

***Jude O. Ezeokana Ph.D. (Nnamdi Azikiwe University) - *Invisibility of Women Scientists in Our Society: Implication.*

***Dr. Christopher K. Okwun (University of Malaya) - *Gender Differentials in Vocational Motivation of Nigerian Adolescents*

***N'Dri T. Assié-Lumumba Ph.D. (Cornell University) - *ICT's and Women in Higher Education in Africa: Reproduction of Gender Inequality or New Possibilities in Access and Disciplinary Distribution*

***Simeon-Fayomi B.C. (Obafemi Awolowo University) - *Girls Following Me: Mentoring of Young Female Academics in a Nigerian University, Issues and Challenges*

***Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo (SUNY Cortland) - *Visualizing the Study of Gender and Africa in Cultural Geography.*

Pan-Africanism – Craven Lounge

Chair: R. Neville Choonoo(SUNY Oneonta)

***D. Ndirangu Wachanga (University of Wisconsin- Whitewater) - *Screening of Mazruiana, Prof. Ali A. Mazrui: A Triple Heritage Personified, A Documentary on the Life and Times of the Legendary Mwalimu Ali A. Mazuri*

***James Early (SUNY Oneonta) - *The Autobiography of Malcolm X and the Pan-African Movement*

***Andrew Eggleton(SUNY Oneonta) - *Reggae and Pan Africanism*

1:00pm to 2:00pm – LUNCH at Otsego Grille (lower level)

Business meeting and Award Presentations:

Presentation - Ali Mazrui, Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities and Chair of Binghamton University's Institute of Global Cultural Studies – **“Pro-Democracy Uprisings in North Africa: Were Women Involved?”**

Distinguished Africanist Award - Gwendolyn Mikell, Professor of Anthropology and Foreign Service at Georgetown University

Distinguished Service Award – NAACP Oneonta Chapter

Distinguished Teacher Award - Ken Sider, Riverside Elementary, Oneonta, NY

Concurrent Panels – 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Gender and Development – Craven Lounge

Chair: Kathleen O'Mara (SUNY Oneonta)

***Fayomi Abimbola Olugbenga (Obafemi Awolowo University) - *Gender Analysis of the Performance of Rural Non-Farm Entrepreneurs in Osun State: Implication for Women Empowerment*

***Prosper Ndayi Birama (National University of Rwanda) - *Building Gender Equality and Equity as a way of Fighting Domestic Violence in Africa: the Case of Rwanda*

*** Seth N. Asumah (SUNY Cortland) - *Islam, Gender, and Development in Africa*

Economics, Capacity and Development – Room 130

Chair: Caridad Souza(SUNY Oneonta)

***Karl Botchway (City University of New York College of Technology) - *State Development and Capacity Building in Africa*

***Paul K. Macharia (SUNY Oneonta) - *No Strings Attached: Diaspora Remittances and Inequality in Africa*

***Sandjong Tomi Diderot GuyD'Estaing (National Institute of Statistics of Cameroon) - *The Determinant Factors of Trade Dynamic in West African Economic and Monetary Union: A Dynamic Panel Approach*

China in Africa, the Politics of Development – Room 104

Chair: Roger Gocking (Mercy College)

China in Africa: Comparative Country Studies

***Edward Kannyo (Rochester Institute of Technology)

***Dunia Prince Zongwe (Cornell University)

***Seifudein Adem (Binghamton University)

Round Table: After College – Room 105

***Jemimah Mwakisha (SUNY-Binghamton)

***Kevin Hickey (Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Science)

***Kwame Y. Akonor (Seton Hall)

Radio Interviews: To be scheduled

Executive Meeting – 5:00pm to 6:00pm –Room 105

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THE NEW YORK STATE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (NYASA)

The New York African Studies Association (NYASA), founded in 1967, traces its roots to the SUNY African Studies Faculty Association. NYASA is one of only two regional Africanist organizations in the United State providing the opportunity, particularly for Africanists throughout New York and the Northeastern United States, to have discourse about developments in Africa and the African Diaspora.

NYASA provides avenues for Africanists and their allies to present papers on various subject matters; nurture an atmosphere of cultural interaction among diplomats, scholars, teachers and students; and create a link to teaching and pedagogical techniques among elementary, secondary, and college teachers. A primary *raison d'être* stated in the Association's bylaws is to sponsor different forms of scholarly interchange, including workshops, seminars and an annual conference.

The first annual conference was in 1974 at SUNY New Paltz, and the second annual conference was at Syracuse University in 1975, the same year NYASA was incorporated as a nonprofit organization. Cornell University hosted the third NYASA conference in 1976. Professor Walter Rodney, author of *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*, was one of the featured speakers at that conference. Many SUNY campuses and private universities and colleges have organized the NYASA conference in past years, including SUNY Binghamton, SUNY Brockport, and SUNY Oswego.

In the past, NYASA has recognized distinguished Africanist scholars, pre-collegiate teachers and organizations that have provided outstanding services to Africa and the African Diaspora. Doctors Without Borders and Africa-American Institute (AAI) are examples of recipients of the NYASA community service awards. Professor Chinua Achebe, Professor Molefi Asante, Professor Ali A. Mazrui, Professor Iris Berger, Professor Maulana Karenga and Professor Wilbert LeMelle are examples of distinguished Africanist awardees.

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