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"America in Africa, Africa in America: Ties that Bind or Blind"

“On set ‘Five Fingers for Marseilles’, an original South African Western”
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Fall 2017 Conference
October 20-21
Auburn University and Tuskegee University
Friday October 20

2:00-3:00pm Opening Keynote Address
Derek Peterson, "Popular Pan-Africanism in Idi Amin's Uganda"
Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities
Pebble Hill, 101 Debardeleben, Auburn University, Alabama

3:00-3:30pm Refreshments

3:30-4:00pm Travel to Tuskegee
(Park at Kenney Hall, Tuskegee University Bio-ethics Center)

4:00pm Welcome Reception at Tuskegee Campus with Dean Prakash

4:15pm Introduction to the Tuskegee Archives by Dana Chandler

4:45pm Tour of Legacy Museum with curator Dr. Jontyle Robinson

5:30pm Finger Food Dinner Offered By Tuskegee University College of Arts and Sciences

Saturday October 21

9:00-9:15am Registration and Opening Remarks
Auburn’s Ralph Brown Draughon (RBD) Library, Room 0019
9:15-10:30am Concurrent Sessions

PANEL 1: FINDING (LEAVING) HOME AND SEEING SELF: POEMS AND LIFE WRITINGS FROM CONGO TO COSTA RICA, AUBURN TO ETHIOPIA, TUSKEGEE TO TENNESSEE [LIBR 0019]

Zanice Bond  “Hidden in Plain Sight”: A Travel Blogger Experiences the African Diaspora in Siquierres, Costa Rica, Central America

Marilyn Pryce Hoytt  An African-American in Ethiopia; an Ethiopian in America: Dual Experiences in Self-Identity

Kerry Baharanyi  Journey from Democratic Republic of Congo to Sweet Home Alabama in Poems

Chair: Zanice Bond
Discussant: Sam Ruddick

PANEL 2: LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT [LIBR 1106]

Thomas Turner  Remembering Tshibumba, Remembering Lumumba: Congolese "Popular Art" in the Cold War Years

Irene Safi Turner  Leadership and Influence on the Dynamics of the Congo Conflict

Robert Dibie  Analysis of the Paralysis of Government Leadership in Sub-Saharan Africa

Chair: Robert Dibie
Discussant: Chris Day

10:30-11:15 Concurrent Sessions

PANEL 3: SUPPORTING BLACK ATHLETES [LIBR 0019]

Kimberly Outlaw & Mary S. Jackson  The Role of HBCUs and African Universities in Maintaining the Integrity of Collegiate Male Athletes and Ensuring Their Success Off the Field as well as On the Field

Samuel Beauregard, Kimberly Outlaw & Mary S. Jackson  Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders: The Challenges Experienced by Collegiate Athletes

Chair: Mary Jackson
Discussant: Rhonda Collier

PANEL 4: PAN-AFRICANISM AND BLACK LIBERATION IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA [LIBR 1106]


John R. Tilghman  1900 Pan African Congress and the Discourse for Black Liberation

Chair: Godfrey Vincent
Discussant: Ken Wilburn
11:15-11:30am  Break

11:30am – 12:30pm  Joint Session
PANEL 5: TUSKEGEE IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE HBCU STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA [LIBR 0019]
Rhonda Collier  Increasing US Minority Participation in Study Abroad
Jasmine Johnson  Youth Empowerment Organizations in South Africa
Courtney Peavey  NGOs and the Idea of “Poverty to Opportunity” in the U.S. and South Africa
Chair: Rhonda Collier
Discussant: Adrienne Duke

12:30-1:30 pm  Catered Lunch [LIBR 1106]
(SERSAS Business Meeting, 12:45-1:15)

1:30-2:45 pm  Concurrent Sessions
PANEL 6: PAN-AFRICANISMS, PAST AND PRESENT [LIBR 0019]
Elliot James  Queer Pan-Africanism
Zac Peterson  The Defiance Campaign: How an NGO, the American Committee on Africa, Defied United States policy in Africa During the Cold War
Rebecca Shumway  Embracing Black Identity in the Atlantic World: The United States and the Gold Coast in the 19th Century
Chair: Rebecca Shumway
Discussant: Adaku T. Ankumah

PANEL 7: AFRICAN-AFRICAN AMERICAN DIALOGUES [LIBR 1106]
Stephen M. Magu  Inter-Group Dynamics and Attitudes of African/s/Americans: Can We All Get Along?
Bamba Ndiaye  Black Livingston’s Social Reforms in the Congo or the Effectiveness of African American Evangelism and Racial Solidarity in Africa
Chair: Stephen Magu
Discussant: Bill F. Ndi

2:45-3:00 pm  Break
3:00-4:15 pm  Concurrent Sessions

PANEL 8: AFRICAN STATE-BUILDING [LIBR 0019]

George Kieh  The Repatriated Africans from the United States and State-building in Liberia

Andrew V. Bonanno & Anya M. Bonnano  Family Farms, Family Land: National Land Policy, Customary Tenure Arrangements, and Change in Northern Sierra Leone

Daren Ray  Coastal Autonomy and East African Federation in Kenya’s Constitutional Debates at Independence

Chair: George Kieh  Discussant: Zack Guthrie

PANEL 9: ECONOMICS ISSUES IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA [LIBR 1106]

Chioma Obi  Globalization, Labor Migration and Transnational Remittances between US-Based Nigerians and Nigeria: Implications for National Development

Robert Dibie  Business and Government Relations in Africa

Lisa Bratton  Developing a Stronger African-African American Collective Economic Consciousness

Chair: Lisa Bratton  Discussant: Richard Evans

4:15-5:15  Joint Session


Benjamin Hart Fishkin  Booker T. Washington’s Education of the Hand, the Head and the Heart Reflected in British Southern Cameroon Literature

Richard Evans  Booker T. Washington and Classical Studies at Tuskegee Institute and the University of Malawi


Bill F. Ndi  Booker T Washington and the French Speaking Africa Educational Experience

Chair: Bill Ndi  Discussant: Aran MacKinnon

5:15-5:30pm  Concluding Remarks

7:00  Closing Dinner at home of Bill Ndi in Tuskegee  

608 Alexander St, Tuskegee, AL 36083
Auburn Venues

Keynote Address @ Pebble Hill (Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Humanities)
101 S. Debardeleben Street

From Atlanta/I-85 S; From Montgomery/I-85 N

1. Take exit 57 for Bent Creek Road, Auburn
2. Turn right onto Bent Creek Road
3. Turn left onto E. Glenn Ave.
4. In 3 miles, turn left onto N. Debardeleben Street
5. In 0.2 miles, Pebble Hill will be on the left

From Montgomery/I-85 N

1. Take exit 51 for US-29 N toward Auburn
2. Turn left onto S. College Street/AL-15 N/US-29 N
3. In 3.9 miles, turn right onto E. Magnolia Ave.
4. In 0.5 miles, E. Magnolia Ave. will dead-end at Debardeleben Street

Conferences Sessions @ Ralph Brown Draughon Library
231 Mell St, Auburn, AL 36849 (Parking garage is of College St. south of library on Roosevelt)

1. Take exit 51 for US-29 N toward Auburn
2. Turn north onto S. College Street/AL-15 N/US-29 N
3. Turn left on Roosevelt Rd for the parking garage.
Tuskegee Venues

Tuskegee Tour and Reception
1 Benjamin Payton Dr., Tuskegee AL 36088

From Auburn University

1) South on College Street to Highway I-85
2) West on Highway I-85 to exit 38
3) South on Notasulga Rd (AL Hwy 89)
4) Veer left as Notasulga Rd becomes Crawford Street
5) Right on Wright St, it will bend twice.
6) Left on Main St
7) Right on Montgomery Rd
8) Right on Washington Blvd. Parking at end of street

Dinner @ Home of Bill Ndi
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