"Faith, Culture, and the Politics of Belonging in Africa"

SERSAS/SEAN Program Spring 2010

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All events in the FedEx Global Education Center (GEC)

Friday, April 23, 2010 3-9pm

3-5pm *Pre-conference* participation in "Sacred Spaces, Sacred Sounds," a workshop of the **Sawyer Seminar**, *Conformity and Diversity in Muslim Societies*, GEC 4th floor
http://cgi.unc.edu/research/mellon-sawyer/09-10/about.php

6-8pm *SERSAS/SEAN and Sawyer Reception* GEC 4th Floor

(more information to follow)

Saturday, April 24, 2010 8:30am-5pm

8:30am *Registration and Coffee* (GEC 1st floor Atrium)

9am-10:45 *Panels 1 and 2*

Panel 1: Senegal Past and Present (GEC 1005, 1st floor)

- Paolo Bocci, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "Identity In Its Making: Music Of Baay Fall of Senegal"
- Douglas Thomas, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "The Layennes of Senegal: Conversion, Convulsions, and Concretization"
- Shannon Vance, King College "To Whom Do You Belong When You Lose? The 'Stolen' 1928 Election for Deputy of Senegal and the Political Consequences for Galandou Diouf"
- Babacar Mboup, Valdosta State University, "Francophone Africa in World War II: The Battle of Images"

Panel 2 Spirituality and History on the Horn of Africa (GEC 1009, 1st floor)

- Tim Carmichael, College of Charleston, "'Underground' *Sihr* Folktales from Harär, Ethiopia: Reifying Ethnic Differences through Narratives of Islamic Magical Combat"
- Andrew Casad, Independent Scholar, "Hybridity and Tradition in the Eritrean Catholic Church"
- Brian Yates, Oberlin College, ""Uniting the *Däga*: Integrating the Ethnic Groups of Central Ethiopia during the 19th century"

11-12:30 *Panels 3 and 4*

Panel 3: Constructing Identities in Africa (GEC 1005, 1st floor)

- Craig C. Brookins, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "Black People Don't Climb Mountains, Do They?"
- Scott Edmudson, University of Michigan, "Pentecostal Nationalism: Fighting the Sins of the Father for Mother Ghana"
- Leah Lyons, Middle Tennessee State University, "Do Women Have a Complex or Are They Really That Complex?"
- Carol Magee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, "The Art of Belonging: Akinbode Akinbiyi's photographs of Lagos, Nigeria"

Panel 4: South African Politics and History (GEC 1009, 1st floor)

- Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University, "Politics of Belonging: Africans, James Sivewright and the Cape Liberal Tradition"
- Gabriel Tourek, University of Michigan, "Raced Space: Colour, Racial Identification, and Boundaries in Post-Apartheid South Africa"
- Myra Houser, Howard University, ""From Integrationist Baby to Standing by the Man: The Southern Africa Project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and Common Purpose in a Global Struggle Against Apartheid"
- Kea Gorden, College of Charleston, "The Presence of Ancestors and Machinations of Witchcraft: Complex Rationalities of the 'Modern' South African Citizen"

12:30pm-2 ***Lunch and Keynote Address,*** "One Love, Ghoema Beat: Inside the Cape Town Carnival," ***by John Mason, UVA*** (GEC 1005, 1st floor)

2pm-3:30 ***Panels 5 and 6***

Panel 5: Contemporary Challenges in Post-Colonial Africa (GEC 1005, 1st floor)

- Tracey Fehr, North Carolina State University, "Faith and Community in Post-Conflict Africa: An Analysis of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in South Africa and the Gacaca Process in Rwanda"
- Morten Jervin, Simon Fraser University, "Development, Stagnation or Retrogression? Measuring the Market and State in Tanzanian Development, 1961-2001"
- Frederic Pallez, Fort Bragg, "Located Geographically and Culturally on the Margin of Two Worlds: Searching For Identity in Mauritania"

Panel 6: Health and Identity in the Africa and the African Diaspora (GEC 1009, 1st floor)

- Gerald Ndikintum, George Washington University, "Early Childhood Socialization in Two Catholic Orphanages in a Sub-Saharan country: A Research Proposal"
- Timothy Nicholson, SUNY Stony Brook, "Educators and the Regulation of Women in Post-Colonial Tanzania\"
- Ryan Ronnenberg, Kennesaw State University, "Dying Transnationally: (An) Illness and (A) Death in the Contemporary African Diaspora"
- Beth Elise Whitaker with Garang Deng and Mohammed Dieng, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, "The Politics of Home: Dual Citizenship and the African Diaspora"

3:45-5pm SERSAS/SEAN ***Business Meeting*** (GEC 1005, 1st floor)

For **directions** to the GEC: http://www.unc.edu/depts/africa/directions/

MEALS: The conference registration fee of $20 for faculty and $10 for students will be payable at the conference and will cover most food expenses. However, **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**: http://www.unc.edu/depts/africa/events/conference_2010/ Please be sure to let us know if you will join us for the Reception on Friday evening!

ACCOMODATIONS: A limited number of rooms have been placed on hold for conference attendees at the Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express in Chapel Hill. SERSAS/SEAN will pay

for a limited number of accommodations at these two (adjacent) hotels, but rooms must be reserved by the attendee with their own credit card. Attendees should make individual reservations by contacting the hotel directly and requesting "African Studies Conference" rooms **no later than April 2**. For more information:
http://www.unc.edu/depts/africa/events/conference_2010/

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