South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) & Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN) Annual Joint Meeting
5-6 February 2016
Co-sponsored by the African Studies Center
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
and the Center for African Studies, University of Florida

Registration: There will be a $20 registration fee (cash or check) collected on-site for all non-UF participants.

Schedule: We will open with a welcome reception on Friday evening 5-7pm at the Center for African Studies (427 Grinter Hall). The Center is only a 5-minute walk from the host hotel. Our Saturday panels will also be held at CAS.

What's in Play? Sport, Leisure, and Culture in Africa

Friday 5 February
5:00-7:00 Welcome Reception (427 Grinter)

Saturday 6 February
8:45 Opening Remarks

9:00-10:30 A Political Football: Soccer in Africa (404 Grinter)
Chair: Akintunde Akinyemi, University of Florida
Kathryn Green, Mississippi Valley State University. A Soccer Match Snapshot in Time: Soccer, "Independent" Côte d'Ivoire and the French Military.
George Kieh, University of West Georgia. Soccer & Politics in Liberia.
Heather Gibson, University of Florida. Psychic Income and Social Capital among Residents: A Pre/Post Analysis of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

10:45-12:00 Making Men and Making Sportsmen (404 Grinter)
Chair: Luise White, University of Florida
Ed Steinhart, Texas Tech University. The Game of Hunting, the Hunting of Game.
Michael Gennaro, University of Florida. Ban This Cruel Sport Boxing: Death in the Ring and the Legitimacy of Boxing in Colonial Nigeria.

12:00-1:00 Lunch & SERSAS Business Meeting
SERSAS Co-Coordinator, Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University

1:00-2:15 Tourism in Africa: Challenges & Opportunities (404 Grinter)
Chair: Brijesh Thapa, University of Florida
Lori Pennington-Gray, University of Florida
Oghenekaro Omodior, University of Florida
Discussant: Napoleon Bamfo, Valdosta State University
2:30-4:00 **Sport and Leisure in Society** (404 Grinter)
Chair: Barbara Anderson, University of North Carolina
John Cinnamon, Miami University (Ohio). *At Play in the Fields of the Spirits: Ritual Work and Leisure in Gabonese Mbiri.*
Oghenekaro Omodior, University of Florida. *Socialization of Play and Leisure: Implications for Quality of Life in Nigeria.*
Eugene Asola, Valdosta State University. *Play, Sport, Leisure and Culture in Northern Ghana.*

2:30-4:00 **Outside the Stadium: Language, Learning, and Nation-building** (471 Grinter)
Chair: Babacar Mboup, Valdosta State University.
Timothy Carmichael, College of Charleston. *“Law” as Ideology and Political Strategy: Haylă Sellassé’s Rise to the Emperorship in Early 20th Century Ethiopia.*
Catherine Odari, Georgia State University. *The Unknown Nationalists: Examining South Asian Migration, Integration, and Involvement in the Creation of the Kenyan Republic, 1895-1970.*
Akinloye Ojo, University of Georgia. *Èdè Làsà; Àsà Lèdè: Language and Culture Pedagogy in the Emergent Yorùbá Global Culture.*

4:15-5:30 **Sport in Anglophone Cameroonian Literature & the African Diaspora** (404 Grinter)
Chair: William F. Ndi, Tuskegee University
Adaku T. Ankumah, Tuskegee University
Benjamin H. Fishkin, Tuskegee University
Richard Evans, Tuskegee University
Ivon Alcime, Tuskegee University

7:30 **Dinner party for participants & invited guests**

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