African Roots: Reflections on Origins, Identities and Voices from the African Past and Present
A Joint Meeting of the Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN) and the Southeast Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS)
26-27 January 2018
Co-Sponsored by the University of Florida Center for African Studies and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill African Studies Center

Friday 1/26
3:30-5:00 Baraza lecture: Peter Schmidt, University of Florida. What is Community Archaeology? Reclaiming the Past in Africa to Remake the Future. (404 Grinter)

5:00-7:00 Reception + Registration for SEAN-SERSAS participants (427 Grinter)

Saturday 1/27
8:30 Registration + coffee/tea (427 Grinter)

8:45 Opening Remarks: Brenda Chalfin, University of Florida (404 Grinter)

9:00–10:45 Session I
Family, Ethnicity & Society (404 Grinter)
Chair: Barbara Anderson, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Conor Wilkinson, Columbia University. Ancestors and Family Life in German East Africa at the Turn of the Twentieth Century
Jesse C. Miller, Florida State University. Mossi Funerals and the Negotiation of Autochthonous and Allogeneic Forces
David Decker, University of South Carolina - Sumter. Ethnic Identity and Inter-Ethnic Relations in Southern Kordofan: Past, Present and Future

Politics Then and Now (471 Grinter)
Chair: Sebastian Elischer, University of Florida
Emily Burrill, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. The Right to Bear Arms: Gun Control and Colonial Masculinity in 1950’s French West Africa
Joseph Njoroge, Abraham Baldwin College. Ethnic Cleavages and Democratization in Africa: The Case of Kenya’s Protracted Transition to Democracy
Beth Whitaker, University of North Carolina - Charlotte. Voting Behavior of Diaspora Populations: The Case of Kenya
Dennis Waswa, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. The Purge of African Politics: A Wave that is Reclaiming Africa

10:45-11:00 coffee/tea break

11:00-12:45 Session II
Art, Music & Sport (404 Grinter)
Chair: Todd Leedy, University of Florida
Shari Williams, Auburn University. William Butler Fagg and African Art: Dualism, Controversy, and Commodification, 1946-2017
Wycliffe Njororai, University of Texas – Tyler. Reflection on Roots for Successful Distance Running in Kenya
Derek Catsam, University of Texas - Permian Basin. Rugby Transformation as Alibi: Thoughts on Craven and Coetzee
Perspectives on West Africa (471 Grinter)
Chair: Akintunde Akinyemi, University of Florida
Alfredo Rojas & Colin West, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. The Roots of Agricultural Transformations: Mapping Land Use/Land Cover Change in Côte d’Ivoire
Robert Dibie, Indiana University – Kokomo. Differences between Christian and Secular Leadership in Nigeria
Aliyu Alabi, Bayero University. Identity and Voices of Muslim Women in Ilorin, North Central Nigeria

12:45-2:00 Lunch (427 Grinter)

2:00-3:45 Session III
Topics in African Maritime Studies (404 Grinter)
Chair: Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University
Ian Harrison, East Carolina University. War on the Homefront: South Africa and U-boats in the Atlantic
Ryan D. Marr, East Carolina University. A Historical and Ethnographic Study of Cultural Change and Continuity in the Use and Construction of Dhows and Outriggers in the Tanga Region, Tanzania
Kelsey Dwyer, East Carolina University. African Female Slaves, the Middle Passage and Caribbean Ports-of Call: An Archaeological Observation on a Culture
Adewale Oyediran, East Carolina University. The Maritime Cultural Landscape of Slavery in Badagry, Nigeria
Lynn Harris, East Carolina University. Slave Ship Archaeology and a Case Study of African Roots in Caribbean Costa Rica

Movement, Migration & Identity (471 Grinter)
Chair: Abdoulaye Kane, University of Florida
Kofi Nutor, University of Texas – Austin. Intricacies of Early Atlantic Trade in Enslaved People in the Gold Coast (Ghana) and its Implications for Ethnogenesis and Identity Formation
Ampson Hagan, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill. Theorizing the Mediterranean from the Southern Shore – Anti-Black Racism in the Maghreb
Napoleon Bamfo, Valdosta State University. Overland and Across the Ocean: Can We Decipher this African Migrant Conundrum?

3:45-4:00 coffee/tea break

4:00-5:45 Session IV
Embracing Epistemology: Community, Education, Identity, and Dissent (404 Grinter)
Chair: Bill F. Ndi, Tuskegee University
Adaku Ankumah, Tuskegee University
Benjamin H. Fishkin, Tuskegee University
Richard Evans, Tuskegee University

7:30-10:00 Dinner for invited participants (Friends of Music Room – University Auditorium)