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## Reception for the Winners of the Audrey Richards Prize 2002

A reception was held and the winner and the runners up of the prize were announced and congratulated. The publishers who contributed the books and journal subscriptions were thanked for their generosity.

Helen Tilley whose dissertation '*African as a Living Laboratory: the African Research Survey and the British colonial Empire: Consolidating Environmental, Medical, Anthropological Debates*' (Oxford) was awarded first prize was unable to attend but sent a message expressing her appreciation and gratitude for the honour.

Michael Taylor was awarded one runner up prize for his dissertation, '*Life, land and Power: Contesting Development in Northern Botswana*' (Edinburgh). He too was unable to attend.

Monica Bungaro was awarded the other runner up prize for her dissertation '*New Cartographies in Recent African Fiction: Changing Patterns in the Representation of Female Character*' (Birmingham) was happily able to attend the reception.

The assembled company drank the health of the three winners and thanked the publishers for their generous contributions of books and subscriptions (James Currey, Oxford University Press, Heinemann African Writers Series, Zed Books, Edinburgh University Press, Taylor and Francis, Routledge, Hodder and Stoughton) and the Royal Africa Society for their contribution of money.

All told it was a heartening occasion. The African Studies Association wishes Helen Tilley, Michael Taylor and Monica Bungaro all the very best for the future.

## Audrey Richards Prize Nominations for 2004

This is just a reminder to the membership that from January 2004 the African Studies Association UK will be calling for submissions to be considered for the next Audrey Richards Prize. Any dissertation on an African Studies theme or subject which has been accepted by a UK University in the period January 2002 to December 2003 is eligible for submission. Supervisors are requested to submit no more than one dissertation. Nominations must be made by the supervisor (normally not more than one nomination from each supervisor). If you have a likely prospect among your research students, or know of someone who has had a pH conferred in this period don't forget the prize. Nominations (including a copy of the dissertation and a covering letter from the supervisor) should be sent to Mrs. Lindsay Allan, ASAUK, SOAS, Thornhaugh St. Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG after January 2004. The nominations will close in May 2004.

## **Distinguished Africanist Award for 2004**

This is just to inform the membership that there will now be a single Distinguished Africanist Award announced at each Biennial Conference. The nominations for the 2004 award will open in January 2004. This is just a reminder to membership to begin to think about possible nominees. Nominations should be sent to Nici Nelson (n.nelson@gold.ac.uk) and copied to Lindsay Allan (asa@soas.ac.uk) from January 2004 to May 2004 for the May Council meeting. Each nomination should consist of a short statement of the significant reasons for the nomination and a SHORT CV of the nominee. The decision will be made by the council in late May 2004.

## **Debating Africa Call for Panels & Papers, 2004 Biennial ASAUK Conference Goldsmiths College, University of London 11-13 September, 2004**

This is a call for papers and panels for this forthcoming biennial event, which is an exciting fixture on the African Studies calendar. The over-arching theme of the Conference this time will be *'Debating Africa'*. However, the presence of a theme does not preclude contributions on other topics or themes. Anyone interested in running a panel on a theme or to volunteer an individual paper should contact the ASAUK President, Dr. Nici Nelson, Anthropology Department Goldsmiths College University of London, SE14 6NW; telephone 0107-919-7806; email: n.nelson@gold.ac.uk

## **Announcement About CUSA/ASAUK**

### *ASAUK/CUSA... the Way Ahead*

As you will know from previous communications, for the last few years, SCUSA (the Standing Committee on University Studies in Africa) has become part of ASAUK and was thus retitled CUSA.

An initial attempt at the reorganisation of CUSA into regional information nodes last year failed to take off. Numerous debates have taken place in the ASAUK Council. At the Biennial Conference at Birmingham in September 2002, consultations were held with Conference participants and a short meeting was held by a group of ex-SCUSA members. From these discussions, a way forward was suggested and this has been accepted by ASAUK Council.

From now on the ASAUK Council will attend centrally to CUSA issues. A member of the Council will always be designated as the CUSA contact person, or representative.

Dr. Gina Porter is now the CUSA representative. Her contact addresses are: email: r.e.porter@durham.ac.uk; post: Department of Anthropology, University of Durham, 43 Old Elvet, Durham DH1 3HN.

It is now up to each and every member of the Council to contact us with relevant information about events (positive and negative) at your own institutions to take the initiative to contact Gina (or any of the ASAUK Council officers) for our attention.

The next Council meeting is on 10 September 2003. We need your input.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH**



COULD IMPACT ON THE TEACHING OF AFRICAN STUDIES IN UK – such as library collections, courses, language teaching etc. – please contact Gina Porter in the first instance and she will relay your concerns to Council for further action/campaigning.

Thank you for your concern and interest: Gina Porter and Nici Nelson

### Meetings, Lectures and Events

24 Oct: 'Eastern African visual "traditions": new perspectives', New Education Centre, Horniman Museum, Forest Hill. This colloquium is aimed at providing a forum for the re-assessment of the significance of visual forms and practices in Eastern Africa. Contact: Hassan Arero, email: harero@horniman.ac.uk; or Zachary Kingdon, email: Zachary.kingdon@nmgm.org.

### Conferences Future. . .

*Conference listings may appear twice: one short and one long, the second notice appearing in the nearest quarterly number prior to the conference date. Organizers are invited to keep the Newsletter up-to-date with any changes or additions to earlier notices.*

#### UNITED KINGDOM

5-8 September: 'Africa: Partnership as Imperialism?', sponsored by *The Review of African Political Economy* and the Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, at the Manor House, Bristol Road South, Birmingham. Contact: Reginald Cline-Cole or Lynne Brydon, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2TT; tel: +44 (0)121-414-5123/5128; fax: +44 (0)121-414-3228; email: r.e.a.cline-cole@bham.ac.uk or l.brydon@bham.ac.uk.

10 Sept: 'Flights, rights, survival strategies and transnationalism – refugees from the Horn of Africa', 9:30 am – 5 pm, Brunei Gallery, SOAS. The symposium will be followed by the ASAUk AGM.

28-29 Nov: 'Postcolonialism: the new comparatism?', Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies (formerly ASCALF), to be held at the French Institute. For general queries and information contact Dr David Murphy, French Section, School of Modern Languages, University of Stirling, Stirling FK9 4LA/e-mail: d.f.murphy@stir.ac.uk.

#### INTERNATIONAL

22 Sept–12 Oct: 'Labour, gender, class and ethnicity'. 3rd CODESRIA/SEPHIS Extended Workshop on New Theories and Methods in Social History, in Dakar, Senegal, organised around the comparative experiences of Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Caribbean. Aim: to bring together about 15 young historians for a period of three weeks of joint reflection, knowledge building and training. Participants will follow a programme designed to permit them to share experiences, and improve on the theoretical and methodological quality of their workshop. For further information contact CODESRIA/SEPHIS Programme, Avenue Cheikh Anta Diop, angle Canal IV, BP 3304, Dakar, Senegal/fax: (221) 824 12 89/tel: (221) 825 98 22/23/e-mail: ndeye.gueye@codesria.sn.

1-3 Oct: *'Africa on a global stage: politics, history, economics and culture'*, Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia. 26th Annual Conference of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific. The conference will examine all of the major issues facing Africa today, and to put Africa in focus on a global stage. With the recent war on terror and global connections with terrorism, understanding the African context will prove to be an important factor in coming to terms with current world events. Contact: Dr Tanya Lyons (conference convenor) email: Tanya.lyons@flinders.edu.au; c/o School of Political and International Studies, Flinders University, GPO Box 2100, Adelaide 5001.

2-4 Oct: The Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Languages and Cultures in African and the African Diaspora (CISLCAAD) announces the Third International Cultural Conference, *'Tool, trophy, treasure perspectives on languages acquisition and use in the African Diaspora'* to be held in Washington, DC. Conference topics: applied linguistics and sociolinguistics; language, society and culture; foreign language teaching and learning. Contact Drs. Gregory Rigsby/Edna Sims, CISLCAAS, Dept. of Languages and Communication Disorders, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008. Call (202) 274-5750 or (202) 274-5737.

3-6 Oct: *'The role of civil society in the challenges confronting Africa'*, 3rd Conference of the ISTR-Africa Network on Civil Society, Cotonou, Benin. A forum for debate on the extent to which rhetoric, practice, activism and social engagement within Africa's civil society have yielded any outcome as far as political emancipation and people's livelihood are concerned. Conference Secretariat: CEBEDES, B Xudodo 02, BP 778, Gbamey, Cotonou, Bénin; e-mail: cebedes@intnet.bj.

27-31 Oct: *'Preservation of the African documentary heritage'*, Cape Town, South Africa. The Workshop is organised by IFLA Africa Section and ICA, and sponsored by UNESCO. It will focus on the preservation of collections housed in libraries, archives and museums. Topics will range from the deterioration of paper-based materials, preventive conservation, collections care with respect to climate, storage as well as basic repair techniques. The development of a preservation programme, conducting a survey to assess preservation priorities and needs, emergency planning and response will be addressed. Special emphasis will focus on preservation technologies including digitisation. Presentations on UNESCO's Memory of the world, the slave trade project and the Blue Shield programme will be given.

10-14 Nov: *'Literary manifestations of the African diaspora'*, the University of the Cape Coast, Ghana, sponsored by the University of Cape Coast and Harriet Tuhman Resource Centre on the African Diaspora, York University, in collaboration with the UNESCO Slave Route Project. Papers are invited from critics, scholars and researchers engaged in examining literary representations of the African diaspora in historical and sociological perspectives. Contact: Dr J. Opoku Agyemang/e-mail: diaspora@africaonline.com.gh.

2-10 Dec: Mega Chad Conference 2003, *'Man and the Lake'*, Maiduguri, Nigeria. Note: 'Lake' to be understood as Mega Chad Basin in the widest sense possible. Contact: mega.tchad@mae.u-paris10.fr; or Gisela Seidensticker-Brikay, Centre for Trans-Saharan Studies, University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria; e-mail: gilliam22002@yahoo.co.uk.



2004: 'Heritage in Southern Africa: imagining and marketing public culture and history', will be convened by The Zambia National Museums Board, *Journal of Southern African Studies* The British Institute, Nairobi, Livingstone Museum Zambia, in Easter or Summer 2004. This conference aims to explore how the culture and history of central/southern Africa are imagined and represented in public places such as museums, monuments and heritage sites, and in public performances involving music, dance or traditional ritual. In recent years the issues surrounding heritage have sparked public debate throughout the region and have been the object of a large body of academic writing. In the light of these debates, the conference organizers invite proposals for papers from historians, anthropologists, archaeologists and human geographers from southern/central African on topics including: the politics of representation in the region's museums, heritage sites, historical monuments and tourist villages; the role of heritage sites and ideas in the production and transformation of identities; issues of local involvement in museums, eco- and cultural tourism; the politics of international, national and community bodies in the heritage industry; landscape, archaeology and heritage. Contact: j.mcgregor@reading.ac.uk; lynette.l.schumaker@man.ac.uk; pjlane@insightkenya.com. Limited funds are available to support presenters from African universities.

April 2004: The University of Stellenbosch, in conjunction with the South African Historical Association, will commemorate the centenary of the Stellenbosch history department, the oldest of its kind at an Afrikaans university and one of the oldest in South Africa. This important milestone presents an opportunity for reflection on the influence of the department on the making of history and historians in South Africa. Both for good and for bad, the department has had a significant impact – an impact that requires re-evaluation and re-framing in the broader context of the discipline of history. The department's centenary also offers an occasion for stocktaking in the discipline as it has been practised over the past century, both locally and abroad. Occasions such as these that revolve around memory can serve as an instrument for restoring the knowledge of the past that has been suppressed or no longer forms part of public consciousness. Memory can both be a tool to deepen reflection and also to provide the basis for action and reaction. The conference will look at the memory of the discipline, from the position of a post-colonial, post-Apartheid, post-Mandela Southern African context, in order to consider in more nuanced ways on the production of history itself. Visit webpage <http://www.sun.ac.za>. The Conference will be in the first fortnight in April 2004.

18-21 June 2004: Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies in cooperation with the Institute for African Studies (both under the Russian Academy of Sciences) is organizing in Moscow the Third International Conference '*Hierarchy and power in the history of civilizations*'. The immediate objective of the Third Conference is to discuss the following issues: civilizational and evolutionary models of socio-political development; interaction of the socio-political and cultural-mental groups of factors in the processes of social transformations; cultural and socio-biological foundations and factors of dominance in human societies; power strategies vs. stages of political evolution; hierarchy and heterarchy in the sociopolitical history of humankind; ideology and legitimation of power in different civilizational contexts; violence and non-violence in the history of political institutions formation, development and decline; the role of economy in sociopolitical processes; access to information as a condition and its use as a means of political manipulation and mobilization; the 'classical' (band, tribe, chiefdom, state) and 'alternative' forms of sociopolitical organization;

'traditional' and recent schools and trends in the study of the 'hierarchy and power' problematique. The working languages of the Conference are Russian and English. Contact Prof. Dmitri M. Bondarenko, Dr. Igor L. Alexeev, and Mr. Oleg Kavykin by e-mail [civ-reg@inafr.ru](mailto:civ-reg@inafr.ru) or by fax (+ 7 095 202 0786).

### **Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities**

*The Newsletter depends on supervisors and successful candidates to supply us with details of new theses.*

Frank Kwesi Adams, 'Odwira & the Gospel: An Exploratory Study of the Asante Odwira Festival and its Significance to Christianity in Ghana', Ph.D. Thesis, OCMS/University of Wales, 2002

Daphne Chang, 'Contrasting Strategies Amongst men and Women in the Context of Maasai-Kikuyu intermarriages in Ngong, Kenya'. Goldsmiths, November 2002

Vincent Foucher, 'Cheated Pilgrims: Education, Migration and the Birth of Casamançais Nationalism (Senegal)', Ph.D. thesis, SOAS, Dept of Politics, December 2002; supervisor D.C. O'Brien

Guillaume Iyenda, 'Urban Poverty and Household Living: Strategies for Integrated Development of Congolese Cities', Dept. of Geography, Royal Holloway, University of London; 2003, supervisor David Simon

John Magumba, 'The Development of Authentic African Models of Pastoral Care: A study of Christian ministry among the Basoga of Uganda', Ph.D. Thesis, OCMS/University of Leeds, 2003

Diana Clare Mitlin, 'A Study of Relations Between Northern and southern NGOs'. LSE, January 2003

Silke Strickrodt, 'Afro-European Trade Relations on the Western Slave Coast, 16th to 19th centuries', supervised by Robin Law, Department of History, University of Stirling, 2003

Kjetil Tronvoll, 'Identities in Conflict: An Ethnography of War and the Politics of identity in Ethiopia, 1998-2000', PhD thesis, Dept of Anthropology, LSE, March 2003; supervisor Henrietta Moore

Sarah Vaughan, 'Ethnicity and Power in Ethiopia', PhD thesis, Edinburgh University, Dept of Politics, February 2003

### **Recent and Forthcoming Publications**

*Listings of recently published or forthcoming books by ASAUk/RAS members. Members are invited to send in details, including number of pages, ISBN numbers, price and publication date (where known).*

Trevor Clark, ed., *Was it Only Yesterday? The Last Generation of Nigeria's Turawa*, BECM Press 2002, xi + 352pp, 2 folding maps, 44 b/w & 8 colour ills, intro by Trevor Royle. ISBN 0-9530174-7-8, £25 (cloth) [available from the British Empire & Commonwealth Museum, Bristol].



M Newitt, P Chabal and N Macqueen, eds, *Community & the State in Lusophone Africa*, pp. 184, King's College, London 2003

T M Shaw, Sandra J MacLean, John Harker eds, *Advancing Human Security and Development in Africa: Reflections on NEPAD*, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, Canada, 2003

Ruth Watson, 'Civil Disorder is the Disease of Ibadan': *Chieftaincy & Civic Culture in a Yoruba City*, Oxford: James Currey, 224pp, 1 map, 5 photos. ISBN: 0-85255-459-1 (cloth) £45; 0-85255-454-0 (paper) £16.95.

### **Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges**

*Centre of African Studies, University of London*: Dr Rebecca M Nyonyintono, Department of Sociology, Makerere University, Uganda, will be at the centre for May to October, carrying out research on 'Changing African families: the effect of affirmative action. The HIV/AIDS pandemic and civil wars', 'Perspectives on child rights and socialisation practices in Uganda', and 'Cultural antecedents to violence in the family: some East African societies'. Mr Yuan Wu, Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China will be at the centre in October to November, carrying out research on Christianity and contemporary African politics.

*King's College, London*: Amazu A Asouzu has been appointed a Lecturer in Law, School of Law. His Research includes: international arbitration, foreign investment law, public international law, contracts, law reform, democracy, military government, multinational enterprises throughout Africa

*London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*: Sarah Castle has been appointed Lecturer, Centre for Population Studies. Her current research is an evaluation of HIV prevention programmes targeting adolescents in Mali.

*Oxford University*: Jocelyn Alexander has been appointed Beit Lecturer in Commonwealth Studies, at Queen Elizabeth House and Nuffield College.

### **Awards, Prizes and Fellowships**

*British Institute in Eastern Africa. Research Grants 2003-2004*: The Institute awards at its absolute discretion grants to assist scholars undertaking original research in Eastern Africa broadly defined in any field of the humanities and social sciences with some emphasis on archaeology, African history, anthropology and related subjects. Grants are normally awarded as contributions towards actual research costs and do not include institutional overheads or any stipendiary element for applicants. Subject to availability of funds, over the year (2003-4) the Institute intends to give priority to research in relevant fields (including archaeology and palaeo-geography) which focuses on the Environmental History of Eastern Africa. In addition, the Institute will also give priority to research which focuses on any of the following countries/areas: Eritrea, Malawi, Mozambique, southern and coastal Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, and especially those projects which encompass at least one of the following themes: Maritime Archaeology; Urban

History; Slavery: Trade and Exchange. The Director (BIEA, PO Box 30710, GPO, Nairobi, Kenya, or [pjlane@insightkenya.com](mailto:pjlane@insightkenya.com)) is at all times happy to advise potential applicants.

*The Centre of African Studies, University of London:* The East African Visiting Scholarship has been extended to include scholars from the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia). This scheme is now aimed at academics from Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia. The successful applicant(s) will visit the Centre for a three month period in order to pursue research and/or course development in the broad field of African studies in the social sciences and humanities; preference will be given to academics at the early stage of their career. The closing date for applications for a choice of either the Autumn term (mid-September to mid-December) 2004 or the Spring term (mid-January to mid-April 2005) is 30 April 2004. Further information may be obtained from the CAS office (SOAS, Thornhaugh St., Russell Sq., London WC1H 0XG) or website ([www.soas.ac.uk/cas](http://www.soas.ac.uk/cas)).

### **Young Leaders Launch Marshall Plan for Kigali Public Library**

Marshall Scholars for the Kigali Public Library (MSKPL), a group of young American leaders studying in England, has joined with the American Friends of the Kigali Public Library and the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga to build the first public library in Rwanda, a country ravaged by a brutal 1994 genocide during which approximately one million people were killed. With more than a million dollars in pledged funds, the Kigali Public Library campaign is nearing its goal of enabling all Rwandans to freely access knowledge and therefore gain the tools to build a democratic society. MSKPL emerged from the desire of the 2002 class of Marshall Scholars to live up to the spirit of post-conflict reconstruction that underlies their prestigious fellowship. Anyone wishing to contribute to the project should contact: Zachary Kaufman (President), +44 (0) 7787 150 158, [zachary.kaufman@magd.ox.ac.uk](mailto:zachary.kaufman@magd.ox.ac.uk), or Lauren Baer (Fundraising Director), +44 (0) 7747 605 814, [lauren.baer@qeh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lauren.baer@qeh.ox.ac.uk).

#### **Note to Contributors**

The *Newsletter* solicits short reports (of around 2-300 words) on recent conferences, announcements of forthcoming conferences, symposia and workshops (giving topic, date, venue, and contact address), announcements of the awarding of grants, fellowships and prizes, news of appointments and visiting fellowships, recently completed theses, publication announcements of books by members, and brief articles or notices on matters of importance to Africanists in the UK. **Please do not send review copies of books.** All items for inclusion in the *Newsletter* should be sent to Douglas H. Johnson, Editor, ASAUk Newsletter, James Currey Publishers, 73 Botley Road, Oxford OX2 0BS (fax: (+44) (0)1865-246454), or e-mail: [106155.3441@compuserve.com](mailto:106155.3441@compuserve.com) (preferably as text, not as attachments). **Deadlines are 15 December** (for the January Newsletter), **15 March** (for April), **15 June** (for July), and **15 September** (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASAUk.

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