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Distinguished Africanist Awards



Douglas Rimmer
speaking in praise of Basil Davidson & John Fage

The Distinguished Africanist Award has been inaugurated by the ASAUK as a way of paying tribute to people who have made exceptional contributions to our field – people who have in one way or another expanded and disseminated knowledge of, and interest in, Africa. The award is not confined to academics. It is intended for people who have contributed largely to African Studies in the UK, or who have strengthened links between African Studies here and in Africa itself. The first awards were made on September 15 during the ASAUK conference on 'Human Rights in Africa' at Preston. They were as follows:

Basil Davidson. Basil Davidson's commitment, not only to the study of Africa, but to Africa itself and its peoples, is legendary. He was one of the first post-war

journalists to begin serious and systematic reporting of African affairs, going for the stories which Africans themselves wanted told, rather than the stories colonial governments were telling. He was a radical, whose reporting on anti-colonial and liberation movements did a huge amount to interest the general public in Africa in the 1950s and 60s. He was also unusual, at that time, in the way he actively engaged with scholars in Africa as well as Europe and the USA, in a vigorous effort to establish and expand the new field of scholarship on Africa. He is also an enormously productive scholar himself. A full bibliography of his writings would be the size of another small book. In addition to news articles and reviews, he has published twenty-five books. Some of his earliest books (*The Lost Cities of Africa*, *The African Slave Trade*, *The African Genius*) are still in print today. His most recent ones, published in the 1990s (*The Black Man's Burden*, *The Search for Africa*), were influential and relevant to a generation of readers who were not even born when his first book was published. And his 1980s TV series *The Story of Africa* is still used in African Studies courses everywhere, for it has never been bettered. Throughout a period of some fifty years reporting and writing on Africa, Basil Davidson has consistently spoken up for the interests of Africans and spread knowledge and understanding of Africa to a wide popular audience as well as to scholarly readers.

John Fage. John Fage was a founder of African Studies, and especially African historiography. He also played a key role in the establishment or consolidation of most of the institutions we now regard as the bulwarks of scholarship in and on Africa. His career began as a lecturer in history at University College of the Gold Coast in 1949, where he became a professor and Deputy Principal before returning to a teaching post at SOAS. He was the founding Director of the Centre of West African Studies at Birmingham, from 1963 to 1984. He was founding editor, with Roland Oliver, of the *Journal of African History* (1960-73), the founding Honorary Secretary of the ASAUK (1964) as well as our President (1978-9). He was also a key figure in the IAI, and played a prominent role in public bodies where his ability to put an Africanist point of view was crucial. His scholarship laid the groundwork for almost all subsequent work on African history. The eight volumes of *The Cambridge History of Africa*, which he co-edited with Roland Oliver, are a monument of scholarship, and his comprehensive yet meticulously detailed *History of Africa* is still required reading.

Douglas Rimmer. Douglas is well known to ASAUK members, both as a past president (1986-8) and also as Vice-Chairman of the RAS and Hon. Treasurer of the IAI. Throughout his career he has given unstintingly of his time and energy in serving the institutions that represent Africanist interests in the UK. He is also a distinguished scholar in the field of African economics. His publications include the classic and widely-cited *The Economies of West Africa* and *Staying Poor: Ghana's Political Economy 1950-1990*. His work demonstrates an engagement with contemporary African issues of pressing concern. Though his field requires highly specialised technical knowledge, his work has never been narrow: on the contrary, he has written on political economy, economic history, development and other issues in a humane and accessible way. He has been equally significant in fostering research activity in others – through the many successful conferences he has organised, and the academic and professional organisations which he has actively supported and guided. He has also served as adviser to NGOs, governments and business, bringing an informed view of African issues to them and thus contributing significantly to the public visibility and usefulness of African Studies beyond the academic sphere.

Basil Davidson and John Fage were unable to attend the awards ceremony, but in his acceptance speech Douglas Rimmer spoke of the qualities of the two other award winners, and of his pride in accepting his award (a framed antique map of West Africa).

Distinguished Africanist Awards Call for Nominations

The ASUK will normally confer two Distinguished Africanist Awards at each biennial conference. In the first instance, however, in order to launch the award in style, we will be making a total of six awards in the first two years: in addition to the three that were presented at the 2001 conference at Preston, three more will be announced and presented at the 2002 biennial conference at Birmingham. Nominations for the three awards to be presented at the 2002 conference are now solicited. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter outlining his/her contribution to African Studies, with a list of his/her major publications or other supporting material. Nominations will be considered by the Council at its May 2002 meeting. They should be sent to Mrs Lindsay Allan, ASUK, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG to reach her before the end of April, 2002. (But better do it now before you forget!)

ASUK Biennial Conference 2002: 'What can we learn from Africa?' Call for Papers & Panels

The next ASUK Biennial Conference will be held in Birmingham, 9-11 September 2002. The theme is 'What can we learn from Africa?' This theme emerged from the dusty minutes of a previous AGM and burst upon us in all the vitality of its impertinence. Yes, what can we learn from Africa? Can you reach into all the things you have been researching, and pull out an answer, however tentative and provisional? If so, then you really have to come and give a paper, or – even better – organise a panel, in Birmingham. We need your topics and titles **in the next few weeks**. Please contact Karin Barber at CWAS, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, or email: k.j.barber@bham.ac.uk.

Audrey Richards Prize for the best thesis on Africa, 2000 & 2001

The Audrey Richards Prize is awarded every two years at the ASUK Biennial Conference. Thanks to the generosity of the RAS and a number of publishers, who donate books, journal subscriptions and cash, this prize is well worth having. It is also a pleasant way of recognising and encouraging our up-and-coming new Africanists. Any Ph.D thesis on an African or Africa-related topic accepted by a UK university between 1 January 2000 and 31 December 2001 is eligible for submission. Nominations should be made by the supervisor (normally not more than one nomination from each person). So if you have a likely prospect among your research students, please do not forget about the Audrey Richards Prize. The thesis, together with a cover letter from the supervisor, should be sent to Mrs Lindsay Allan, ASUK, SOAS, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG, to reach her by 30 June 2002.

Endangered Bird
From our Special Correspondent in Oxford



The Rhodes House Library turmoil is no longer being reported in *Private Eye*, but the bird remains on the endangered species list. The end of Trinity term and the beginning of the summer vacation saw a flurry of activity as letters were written (mainly by outsiders to Oxford), meetings were held and ears were bent 'behind the scenes', in the fine old Oxford tradition. The Rhodes House Library Subcommittee was hurriedly constituted and a meeting brought forward to early July. At that meeting the Warden announced that he had no plans to move the reading room to the toilets, and a draft plan concerning the future of the library was proposed. This draft was published in the *Oxford Gazette* of 26 July 2001.

In so far as this proposal retained the Rosebery Room as the main reading room, Oxford old-timers congratulated themselves in the effectiveness of their 'behind the scenes' activity. But their rejoicing was premature, as the statement tacitly confirmed the Trust's interference in the management of the library, accepted the Rosebery Room's use for after-hours meetings of the Trust (making it the only dual use library in Oxford), agreed to the removal of all librarians' offices from Rhodes House, agreed also to removing 'Rhodes House' from the name of the library, and left the library open to future assault. A further matter of concern was that while the statement in the *Gazette* was presented only as a draft, to be discussed in the new academic year, its terms were already being implemented throughout the summer, causing great disruption to the provision of proper library services.

With most students and university post-holders absent during the summer, it fell to the *ad hoc* Users of Rhodes House Library to continue to circulate information and organize a protest. Zoë Laidlaw's article, 'Rhodes House and the Rhodes House Library: an historical survey of the intentions of the Rhodes Trust, 1925-1929', on the founding of Rhodes House and the library, is published in the current October issue of *African Affairs*, and the users group published their criticism of the plans in the *Oxford Magazine* in second week of term.

The Trust's argument is that they are about to announce an ambitious 'capacity-building' programme for South Africa and developing countries in the Commonwealth generally, to mark the Trust's centenary in 2003. To implement this programme they wish to take over many of the rooms currently used by the library, though they are unwilling to say publicly how these rooms are to be used (the librarians' offices, which were said to be needed by 1 September, remain vacant). They also claim that their agreement to move collections of anti-apartheid papers to Rhodes House is a significant enhancement of the library's commonwealth holdings. The latter claim is disingenuous, as the papers were supposed to be moved to Rhodes House on the removal of the American collections to the Rothemere American Institute, and the dispute between the library and the Trust has delayed their transfer. The Warden is currently claiming the right of veto over the library's acceptance of future collections of papers. The overall harm caused by the Trust's interference with the library management means an inevitable degradation of the provision of library services.

It is peculiar that a commitment to 'capacity building' in Africa is to be inaugurated by undermining the most important non-government Africanist archive and library in the world, one which is regularly used by African researchers on all manner of topics. It is a reflection of the lack of personal involvement with Africa generally among the current trustees, and their lack of understanding of the continuing importance of international repositories for the development of the continent. It is therefore important that arguments for the protection of the library be presented directly to the trustees, especially by African, South African and other Commonwealth researchers. Remember, the Trust is trying to back out of a seventy-year old obligation which, if successful, will have a permanent effect on the research opportunities of Africanist and Commonwealth researchers around the world. The users group advises that letters and messages be copied to all of the trustees, simultaneously, at the following addresses: the Secretary of the Rhodes Trust, Dr J S Rowlett (Warden), The Rhodes Trust, Rhodes House, Oxford OX1 3RG, UK (email: warden@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk); the Chairman of the Rhodes Trust, Sir Richard Southwood, Department of Zoology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PS, UK (email: richard.southwood@merton.ox.ac.uk); Prof. Colin Lucas, Vice-chancellor, Oxford University, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD, UK (email: colin.lucas@admin.ox.ac.uk); Mrs Ruth L Deech, Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford OX2 6HS (email: ruth.deech@st-annes.ox.ac.uk); Lord Butler, Master, University College, Oxford, OX1 4BH; Lord Waldegrave and Lord Fellowes, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW; Sir John Kerr, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, King Charles St., London SW1A 2AH; and Miss R Hedley-Miller, c/o The Rhodes Trust, Rhodes House, Oxford OX1 3RG.

Those wishing to be placed on the circulation list of the Users of Rhodes House Library should contact Douglas Johnson, email: 106155.3441@compuserve.com; or 1 Northmoor Road, Oxford, OX2 6UW, UK.

Meetings, Lectures and Events

29 October: Graham Furniss, inaugural lecture, 'Documenting the dynamism of African cultures', 5 pm, lecture theatre, Brunei Gallery, SOAS, London.

6, 7, 13, 14, 20 & 21 November: The Evans-Pritchard Lectures will be given by Roy Dilley, on 'Between the mosque and the termite mound: an investigation into social and religious difference among Haalpulaaren, Senegal', at 5 pm, in the Old Library, All Souls College, Oxford.

12 November: Institute of Historical Research, Creighton Lecture, Shula Marks, 'Class, culture & consciousness: the experience of black South Africans, c.1870-1920', 5.30 pm, in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London, London WC1E 7HU.

12 November: Barbere Kerata Chacha (University of Egerton, Kenya), 'Female husbands or traversing gender? The dynamics of ubusino (women to women marriage) among the Abakuria of Kenya', 11.00 am, Basement seminar room, Institute of Social & Cultural Anthropology, 51 Banbury Road, Oxford.

29 November: Richard Black, 'Transnationalism and return migration as keys to development: the case of West Africa', 2-3.30 pm, Senior Common Room, School of Geography, Mansfield Road, Oxford.

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

8 Dec: The African Studies Association of Ireland will be holding its 2001 Conference at Queens University, Belfast. The plenary lecture will be given by Wilhelm Verwoerd, formerly of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission and there will be panels on the environment and on Images of Africa. For further details and a registration form, please contact the ASAI Secretary, Dr Martin Lynn at Queens University, Belfast (m.lynn@qub.ac.uk).

INTERNATIONAL

July 2002: 'Crime in Eastern Africa: past and present perspectives'. The French Institute for Research in Africa (Nairobi) and the British Institute in Eastern Africa invite submissions for a forthcoming conference on crime in Eastern Africa to be held in Kenya, in July 2002 (dates to be confirmed). The core geographical focus will be on East Africa, although contributions on countries in the wider eastern African region (from Zimbabwe in the south to Sudan in the north) are also welcome. The aim of the conference is to cover diverse aspects relating to contemporary and historical criminality in the region. The themes will include:

- Interpretations of criminality: 'traditional' conceptions of crime, punishment and social control; tension between formal (western-derived) legislation and everyday social (and cultural) practice; the territoriality of crime and the organisation of space; race, class and crime; children in conflict with the law; corruption and the moral economy.
- State and civic responses to crime: policing and the penal system; criminal justice; extra-judicial justice and vigilantism; the privatisation of protection (security firms and citizens groups).
- The criminalisation of politics: politically instigated and organised violence; the convergence of political and criminal networks; the criminal consequences of multi-partyism and economic liberalisation (corruption, electoral violence, political gangs etc.).

These themes are by no means exhaustive, and we are open to submissions employing alternative thematic and/or analytical approaches.

The organizers aim to bring together a broad range of researchers and lobbyists with an interest in addressing the problem of crime and its solution, including academics, NGO workers, human rights activists, and representatives from the local and international media.

Those interested in participating should provide a 1-3 page abstract of the proposed paper including a discussion of the data upon which the paper will be based. In addition, a brief (1-3 page) curriculum vitae should also be provided. These should be sent by email to Dr. Hervé Maupeu at ifra2@iconnect.co.ke, or by post to IFRA, PO Box 58480, 0200 City Square, Nairobi; or to Dr. Andrew Burton by email at arb@insightkenya.com, or by post to The British Institute in Eastern Africa, Box 30710, 00100 GPO, Nairobi, Kenya, by 1st February 2002.

...Conferences Past

As part of its recent decision to bring human rights issues into ASAUk's activities (see ASAUk Newsletter No.21), the Association co-sponsored its first-ever human rights conference – an international conference on 'Human Rights in Africa in The New Millennium', which was hosted by the African Studies Unit of the University of Central Lancashire in Preston, from the 14-16 September 2001. The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Alan Roff who informed delegates that the University was delighted to be hosting this conference and wished them a successful deliberation, formally opened the conference. Among the keynote speakers were Prof. Paul Richards of the University of Wageningen in the Netherlands, who spoke on 'Rights Based Humanitarianism in an African War Zone'; Prof. Ade Adefuye of the Commonwealth Secretariat, who spoke on 'The Commonwealth and Human Rights' and Prof. Cecil Blake, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, the Republic of Sierra Leone, who spoke on 'Human Right Challenges to the Consolidation of Peace in Sierra Leone'.

In all there were some forty papers submitted. The security situation in North America prevented a number of delegates attending but others came from South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Reunion. The convenors – Professor Tunde Zack-Williams of the host university (Secretary of ASAUk) and Dr Martin Hill of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies and Amnesty International – had suggested a wide range of rights topics. Papers covered development, peace building and security, democratization, globalization, genocide and other human rights abuses, women's rights, prison reform, disability rights, identity politics, the media and education. The convenors are planning a manuscript based on the collection.

The Mayor of Preston gave a reception for delegates to the conference at the world-renowned Harris Museum. We want to thank him and the Mayoress for their hospitality.

Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

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

Monica Bungaro, 'New cartographies in recent African fiction: changing patterns in the representation of female characters', Centre for West African Studies, University of Birmingham, March 2001.

Andrew Burton, 'Wahuni! African urbanisation, crime and colonial order in Dar es Salaam, 1919-1961' Ph.D, Department of History SOAS, January 2000 (supervisor David Anderson).

Chloe Campbell, 'Eugenics, race and empire: the Kenya casebook' Ph.D, Department of History SOAS, January 2001 (supervisor David Anderson)

Alan B Dixon, 'Indigenous knowledge and the hydrological management of wetlands in Illubabor, Ethiopia', PhD, Division of Geographical Sciences, The University of Huddersfield, 2000 (supervisors Adrian Wood, Anne Jones and Declan Conway).

Simone Field, 'The internationalisation of the second-hand clothing trade: the Zimbabwe experience', PhD, African Studies Centre, Coventry University, 2001 (supervisors: Angela Brown, Hazel Barret and Roy May).

Hamidin bin Abd. Hamid, 'Unfinished business: the implementation of the Land Titles Ordinance in Coastal Kenya, 1908-1940s' Ph.D, Department of History SOAS, May 2000 (supervisor David Anderson).

David N. Hyde, 'Plantation struggles in Kenya: trade unionism on the land, 1947-63' Ph.D, Department of History SOAS, December 2000 (supervisor David Anderson).

Joyce A. Kannan, 'The cultural politics of bridewealth: marriage, custom and land in colonial Murang'a, 1880-1952' Ph.D, Department of History SOAS, July 2000 (supervisor David Anderson).

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).

Karin Barber, *The Generation of Plays: Yoruba Popular Life in Theatre*. (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press). xiv+475 pp, ISBN 0-253-33807-7 (2000)

Stewart Brown, *Elsewhere: New and Selected Poems*. (author's own poems) (Leeds: Peepal Tree Press). (1999)

Stewart Brown (ed.), *Kiss and Quarrel. Yoruba/English Strategies of Mediation*. (Birmingham: Birmingham University African Studies Series No. 5). 225 pp, ISBN 0-7044-2283-2 (2000)

Reginald Cline-Cole & Carol Madge (eds), *Contesting Forestry in West Africa*. (Aldershot & Burlington, VT: Ashgate Press). ISBN 0-7546-1253-8 (2000)

Kevin C. Dunn & Timothy M. Shaw (eds), *Africa's Challenge to International Relations Theory*. (London & NY: Palgrave). ISBN 0-333-91828-2, £45 (cloth) (February 2001)

David J. Francis, *The Politics of Economic Regionalism*. (Aldershot: Ashgate). (May 2001)

Martin Lynn (ed.), *British Documents on the End of Empire Project*, series B, volume 7, *Nigeria*, part I *Managing Political Reform 1943-1953*, cix + 643pp, ISBN 0-

11-290597-8; part II *Moving to Independence, 1953-1960*, li + 801pp, ISBN 0-11-290598-6. (London, The Stationery Office). £250 the set (September 2001)

Thomas McCaskie, *Asante Identities: History and Modernity in an African Village, 1850-1950*. (Edinburgh and Bloomington, IN: Edinburgh University Press and Indiana University Press). ix+287 pp, ISBN 0-7482-1510-5 (2000)

Sandra J. MacLean & Timothy M. Shaw (eds), *Crises of Governance in Asia and Africa*. (Aldershot: Ashgate). 338 pp, ISBN 0-7546-1410-7, £45 (cloth) (August 2001).

Stephanie Newell (ed.), *Readings in African Popular Fiction* (Oxford/Indiana: James Currey/Indiana University Press in association with the I.A.I.) (January 2002)

John Rhodes Paige, *Preserving Order amid Chaos: The Survival of Schools in Uganda, 1971-1986*. (Oxford: Berghahn Books) 208pp. ISBN: 1-57181-213-X (2000)

Nana Poku, *Regionalization and Security in Southern Africa*. (London & NY: Palgrave). ISBN 0-333-74844-1, £40 (cloth) (February 2001)

Peter Vale, Larry A. Swatuk & Bertil Oden (eds), *Theory, Change and South Africa's Future*. (London & NY: Palgrave). ISBN 0-333-80276-4, £45 (cloth) (May 2001)

Working papers from Drylands Research, 17 Market Square, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 7LG, UK. Abstracts of these and of the more detailed Profile studies can be seen on www.drylandsresearch.org.uk. Working Papers 23 and 39 are also available in French:

F.N. Gichuki, S.G. Mbogoh, M. Tiffen & M. Mortimore, 'Makueni District profile: Synthesis', Drylands Research Working Paper 11. Drylands Research, Crewkerne, United Kingdom. 50 pp. £6. ISSN 1470-9384 (2000).

A. Faye, A. Fall, M. Mortimore, M. Tiffen & J. Nelson, 'Région de Diourbel: Synthesis', Drylands Research Working Paper 23e. Drylands Research, Crewkerne, United Kingdom. 43 pp. £6. ISSN 1470-9384 (2001).

M. Mortimore, M. Tiffen, Y. Boubacar & J. Nelson, 'Department of Maradi: Synthesis', Drylands Research Working Paper 39e. Drylands Research, Crewkerne, United Kingdom. 52 pp. £6. ISSN 1470-9384 (2001).

Director, Program of African Studies Northwestern University

Northwestern University seeks a senior scholar of international standing to direct its Program of African Studies. Founded in 1948, PAS is home to several major research initiatives, including the Program on International Cooperation in Africa, the Institute for Diasporic Studies, the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, and the Institute for Advanced Study and Research in the African Humanities. Through an array of special activities and the presence of visitors, PAS links faculty from across the University with scholars from around the world. The director should have proven leadership skills, administrative experience, and fundraising ability. The director should also have substantial contacts with Africans involved in scholarship, the arts, and the professions, as well as with a wide range of African institutions. Nominations or letters of application, accompanied by vitae, should be forwarded to Director Search,

Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, 620 Library Place, Evanston, Illinois 60208-4110, U.S.A. Nominations and applications from women and minorities are especially welcome. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Department of English, University of Alberta

The Department of English, University of Alberta, invites applications for a tenurable position at the Assistant Professor rank in the area of African Literatures in English. Applicants should have a PhD, or be close to finishing it at the time of appointment, teaching experience and publications. Appointments commence July 1, 2002. Candidates should send the Chair a letter of application, complete curriculum vitae, a writing sample (20 page maximum), copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts, and the names, institutional addresses, and email addresses of three referees who the candidate has invited to write on his or her behalf. Candidates are responsible for ensuring that transcripts and letters of reference are received by the Department. The closing date for applications is November 20, 2001. Applications and reference letters should be sent directly to Dr. Jo-Ann Wallace, Chair, Department of English, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E5, Canada. See the department web page: <http://www.ualberta.ca/~englishd/enghome/1.htm>, or contact the Chair: jo-ann.wallace@ualberta.ca. Applications are encouraged from Canadians, Permanent Residents of Canada, and non-Canadians.

Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

From September to December 2001 Iain McLean, of Nuffield College, Oxford, will be William H. Orrick Visiting Professor in the Program in Ethics, Politics and Economics, Yale University. He can be contacted by email: iain.mclean@yale.edu, or at his office, 31 Hillhouse Avenue, New Haven, CT 06520, tel +1-203 436-4074.

Centre of African Studies, University of London. Richard Fardon succeeds David Anderson as Centre Chair, with effect from 1 September 2001.

The Association of Commonwealth Universities scholar based at the Centre of African Studies October 2001 to September 2001 inclusive will be Dr Hebron Ndlovu, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Swaziland, Swalufeni, Swaziland, doing research on the meaning and role of sacred monarchies in modern African societies.

For the Leventis Research Co-operation Programme and East African Visiting Scholarship visitors see ASAUk Newsletter no. 24. All scholars can be contacted through the Centre of African Studies/tel: 020 7898 4370/fax: 020 7898 4369/e-mail: jc7@soas.ac.uk.

Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London: Timothy M. Shaw, has been inaugurated as Professor of Commonwealth Governance & Development, and Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London. He may be contacted at the ICS, 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS, UK; tel: +44 (0)20 7862 8826/8844; fax +44 (0)20 7862 8820; email Tim.Shaw@sas.ac.uk.

University of Liverpool: Dr Dmitri Van Den Bersselaar is the new Director of the African Studies Group at the University of Liverpool. Please contact him (at dvd@liverpool.ac.uk) for details of ongoing lectures and seminars on Africa and Diaspora related topics.

Dr. Ola Uduku (ouduku@liverpool.ac.uk) will be transferring from the School of Architecture, University of Liverpool to the School of Architecture and Building Science, University of Strathclyde from December 2001. She will however be continuing her association and collaboration with the African Studies Group at the University of Liverpool.

Keele University: David Maxwell has been promoted to Senior Lecturer in International History, and has been awarded a Rockefeller Foundation long residency at their centre on Lake Bellagio, Italy, for October.

Oxford University: academic visitors in Michaelmas term include Jacob Babarinde, senior lecturer in Estate Management/Urban Planning, University of Lagos, researching sustainable refugee integration models for the ECOWAS region; Lionel Demery, World Bank, working on poverty dynamics in Africa; Peter Delius, Oppenheimer visiting fellow from the University of Witwatersrand, attached to St Antony's College, working on the history of sexuality and HIV/AIDS in South Africa; Paul Maylam, Oppenheimer visiting fellow, working on Cecil John Rhodes' legacy; Deborah Lavin, Trevelyan College, Durham University, senior associate member at St Antony's College, working on the history of water in South Africa; Bernard Leeman, recently from Al-Akhawayn University in Morocco; Hugh Macmillan, working on trading networks in Central Africa; Mavis Matenge, from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, California and the Population Reference Bureau in Washington, doing research on gender-based violence resulting from internal displacement caused by Angola's civil war; Renu Modi, senior research associate, Department of African Studies, Mumbai University and co-ordinator of the Refugee Unit and the India Centre for Human Rights and Law, studying trans-border migration into South Africa, looking at guest worker schemes and voting rights of migrants.

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. 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 (please send as text, not as attachments). Deadlines are 31 December (for the January Newsletter), 25 March (for April), 25 June (for July), and 30 September (for October). Any opinions expressed are those of the contributors and do not necessarily represent the ASAUK.

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