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ASAUK Distinguished Africanist Awards

Tony Kirk-Greene, ASAUK Distinguished Africanist Award, 2005

Tony Kirk-Greene's distinguished career began in 1950 in the colonial service in Nigeria – Adamawa, then Borno, and then at the Institute of Administration in Zaria both pre- and post-independence. Ahmadu Bello University appointed him as its founding Reader in Government in 1961. He has remained a figure well-known and much respected in Nigeria ever since those days. Following the first military coup of 1966, he returned to England and secured a Senior Research Fellowship at St Antony's College in Oxford where he has continued his long association with Africa and with Nigeria in particular.

His publication record is prodigious, ranging from works on Hausa, to public administration, African politics and history, and to Commonwealth history more generally. He is a one-time President of this Association and a Vice-President of the Royal African Society. A fuller picture of the range and nature of his publications and associations is to be found in the Festschrift for Tony that was edited by Terence Ranger and Olufemi Vaughan and published by Macmillan in 1993.

Tony is held in high esteem across the whole range of African Studies, but he is equally the object of great affection among many, and this is due to the constancy of his warm encouragement and unflinching support for generations (and there are many generations now) of colleagues and students, both at Oxford, in the UK more widely, and in Nigeria. His generosity of spirit, his wit and his impish sense of humour have endeared him to all who meet him. His commitment to teaching and his financial generosity in funding first a Junior Research Fellowship at St Antony's and then a Lectureship have contributed to the making of a stream of UK-educated and, by now, internationally-based cohort of leading Africanists.

It is therefore with great affection and high esteem that the ASAUK confers Tony Kirk-Greene with the Distinguished Africanist Award for 2005.

John Lonsdale, ASAUK Distinguished Africanist Award, 2006

John Lonsdale's work has been absolutely foundational in four major areas. First, John's original and pioneering scholarship has deeply shaped our understanding of African nationalism. Where scholars of the 1960s were preoccupied with tracing the connections between nationalist parties and earlier forms of political protest, John focused on the non-elite, popular roots of nationalism.

Second, John's work has helped scholars reconceptualize the African colonial state. Scholars of the 1970s were pre-occupied with underdevelopment, with the search for the roots of Africa's economic dependency. In contemporary analyses colonial states were seen as functional extensions of metropolitan capitalism. John's work, in contrast, illuminated the partial autonomy of colonial states, showing how local officialdom navigated the contending demands of metropole, capital, and African locality.

Third, John's most influential area of investigation has been into the history of ethnicity and tribalism; here he has single-handedly rehabilitated an entire field of inquiry. Earlier generations of scholarship had treated ethnicity as an unfortunate remnant of an earlier political order. John's early work on ethnicity challenged this orthodoxy by highlighting the modern roots of African tribalism.

Last, but not least, is John's current research, on Jomo Kenyatta and the making of modern Kenya, similarly promises to open up new avenues of scholarly inquiry.

John has additionally made major contributions to the study of South African history, to the understanding of Luo identity, to the periodizing of post-World War II government policy in east and southern Africa, and to the study of African Christianity.

Like a good pioneer, John has opened up paths for development and cut back thickets of misunderstanding. Many of us work in the fields of knowledge that John has cleared. Hundreds of undergraduate students have sat with him at Trinity College, where he has taught for three decades. He has served on editorial boards for several important journals. He has acted as president of the ASAUK and as vice-president of the Royal African Society. And he has tutored dozens of graduate students, who today occupy the highest levels in academia and politics.

It is therefore with great affection and high esteem that the ASAUK confers John Lonsdale with the Distinguished Africanist Award for 2006.

Conferences Future...

UNITED KINGDOM

'The Power of Water: Landscape, Water and the State in Southern Africa', Centre of African Studies, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, 28-29 March 2007. This interdisciplinary conference focuses on the three themes in order to explore the interrelationship between practices and discourses of water, landscape and the state in southern Africa: water, landscape and the past; the urbanisation of water; and water, governance and development intervention.

In recent years there has been a growing interest in the social, cultural and political roles of water. David Mosse's book *The Rule of Water* broke new ground by exploring the complexity of historically and culturally situated inter-relationships between irrigation, 'the elementary facts of ecology' and social and political organisation in India. Taking forward this carefully picked path between the pitfalls of environmental determinism and the extremes of social constructivism, the aim of this conference is to use water as a 'conceptual lubricant' to explore the inter-linkages between practises and discourses of the postcolonial state, and the cultural, environmental and experiential aspects of landscape. The conference seeks to explore how practises and discourses of water and landscape are inevitably tied up with, and invoke different ideas, imaginations and perceptions of what the postcolonial state is, should, and could be, in southern Africa. A special conference rate is offered for students/unwaged and speakers from universities/institutions in southern Africa. 500-word abstracts and short CV by 1 November 2006 to: Cas.Conference07@ed.ac.uk For more information, www.cas.ed.ac.uk/conference or contact Grace Owens at CAS: 0131-650-3878.

'Slavery: Unfinished Business', Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation (WISE), University of Hull, Hull, 16-19 May 2007. With the bicentenary of the abolition of the British slave trade in 1807, the conference bring together scholars, educators, heritage practitioners and policy-makers to consider both historical and contemporary aspects of slavery, emancipation and human rights. Three sub-themes for the conference have been identified. These are: the past and the present; movement and identity; and the boundaries of freedom and coercion. Hull is the birthplace of William Wilberforce, the Parliamentary leader of the British antislavery movement, who in alliance with Thomas Clarkson, Olaudah Equiano and those who fought slavery from within, led the campaign that succeeded in convincing Parliament to outlaw the British slave trade. This marked the beginning of an international crusade against slavery that ultimately resulted in the formal outlawing of slavery worldwide. But two hundred years on from the abolition of the British slave trade, slavery and other forms of coerced labour continue to blight millions of lives. Slave trafficking, child labour,

forced prostitution and other abuses of human rights, according to some authorities, have increased in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries in the context of globalisation and widening differentials in wealth. The emancipation movement still has unfinished business. Proposals, whether for papers or panels, by 30 November 2006 to Jane Ellison: j.ellison@hull.ac.uk

'Empires and Their Contested Pasts', Irish Conference of Historians, Queen's University, Belfast, 18-20 May 2007. The conference organisers invite proposals for papers exploring aspects of the general theme of empires and their contested pasts. There is no restriction on chronology, location, or type of empire. Comparative studies and papers examining historiographical debates and/or contestations of race, religion, gender, class, and culture are welcome. The organisers particularly invite papers from postgraduate students. 300-word abstracts by 31 December 2006 to Dr Robert Blyth: r.blyth@qub.ac.uk

'Refugees and the End of Empire', De Montfort University, Leicester, 29-30 June 2007. Empires which ended during the twentieth century led to successor states which developed new forms of exclusivist national ideologies which identified, and often expelled, sectors of their populations, which did not possess the right ethnic credentials. The end of the British and French colonial empires was accompanied by population 'exchanges' and expulsions, especially in the case of India/Pakistan and Algeria, but also in smaller colonies such as Cyprus. The conference examines the relationship between imperial collapse, the emergence of successor nationalism, the exclusion of ethnic groups with the wrong credentials, and the refugee experience. Themes of particular interest include: the role of empire in creating distinct ethnic populations; the emergence of exclusivist nationalist ideologies and their views of minorities; the attitude and role of successor states in the creation of refugees; and the refugee experience. The organisers hope to offer some subsidised places to doctoral students. 250-word abstracts by 30 November 2006 to Dr Pippa Virdee: PVirdee@dmu.ac.uk

'NGO: Non-Governmental Organisations and Politics in Contemporary Britain', University of Birmingham, 5-6 July 2007. Since 1945, NGOs and new social movements have proliferated in Britain. Historians are only just becoming aware of their key role in redefining notions of political engagement, and their importance for understanding social and political history. NGOs have driven new political agendas, transformed and revived associational life, and re-politicised generations seemingly disillusioned with the politics of the ballot box. This conference, hosted by the DANGO (Database of Archives of UK Non-Governmental Organisations since 1945) project, aims to open up the subject and to contribute to an initial 'mapping' of the scope and extent of NGO-based activism in Britain since the Second World War. 200-word abstracts by 23 December 2006 to James McKay, Department of Medieval and Modern History, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, B15 2TT *or* j.r.mckay@bham.ac.uk

INTERNATIONAL

'Sufi Arts, Rituals, and Performance in Africa Conference', Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas, USA, 22-25 February 2007. Through exploration of the cultural dimension of Sufism in Africa, this conference seeks to create a deeper understanding of the religion and perhaps to inspire consideration of Islam as something other than an opposing world view. Popular Islam in Africa is deeply connected with Sufism in its various forms. Sufi brotherhoods have played major roles in African societies historically, in anti-colonial movements, social welfare, and cultural practices. Sufi saints and marabouts have been moral compasses for millions of Muslims from Morocco to Egypt, as well as in Senegal and along the Swahili coast. For such Africans, Sufism is a way of life, with rich wells of artistic traditions. Scholarship on Sufism has generally neglected these myriad artistic dimensions, which the conference seeks to highlight. The organisers seek papers and panels that address Sufi arts and ritual performances in Africa: visual culture, ritual performance, dance, music, drumming, poetry, architecture and urban design, political arts and performance, or gender in Sufi performance. 250-word abstracts by 1 December 2006 to Dr Gitti Salami: gsalami@ku.edu

'Literature and the Arts in Senegal I: Birago Diop and Léopold Sédar Senghor, Then and Now', Indiana University, Bloomington, USA, 29-31 March 2007. Following the centennial birthdays in 2006 of Léopold Sédar Senghor, the poet, prophet of négritude, and first president of Senegal, and of Senegalese veterinarian and ambassador Birago Diop, the remarkable raconteur of neo-traditional tales, this symposium seeks to honour these two figures in the cultural life of Senegal and West Africa, to situate their creative practice, and to assess their legacies for contemporary "francophone" and Senegalese literature and culture. It is one of a series of symposia being planned by Indiana University, Northwestern University, and the Université Cheikh Anta Diop to consider the past and future of culture in Senegal. 250-word abstracts and short CV by 10 November 2006 to Natasha Vaubel: nvaubel@indiana.edu Conference website at: www.indiana.edu/~complit/poet.html

'Africana Studies Conference: Citizenship, Identity, and Race 150 Years after Dred Scott Decision', Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania, USA, 30-31 March 2007. This interdisciplinary conference examines contemporary and historical issues of citizenship, identity, ethnicity and race in the African Diaspora from the era of Dred Scott to the present. The struggle for citizenship that Dred Scott underwent from 1847 to 1857 has been repeated in different forms across the African world. Papers should investigate how people of African descent have struggled for, shaped, challenged, or broadened notions of citizenship, identity, ethnicity, and race from disciplinary and inter/multi-disciplinary perspectives at both the national and transnational levels. 300-word abstracts by 1 November 2006 to: africanastudiesconference@gettysburg.edu

'African Language Pedagogy and Media: Striving for a successful learning experience', African Language Teachers' Association 11th Annual Conference (ALTA 2007), University of Florida, Gainesville, USA, 5-8 April 2007. Papers are invited addressing theoretical and/or practical issues pertaining to the nature of the information conveyed by the media; the channels of information; the phases in the process of learning, teaching and testing (used for presentation, repetition, testing); the didactic functions (used to motivate learners, convey information, stimulate real life communicative situations); the degree of availability, accessibility and adaptability; the possibilities for supporting, supplementing, or replacing the teacher; and curriculum and material development. Other topics in phonology, syntax, morphology, semantics and pragmatics as they relate to second language acquisition and particularly to African language pedagogy are also very welcome. 250 word abstracts by 4 December 2006 to Dr Charles Bwenge: cbwenge@africa.ufl.edu

'The Global Perspective of Beads and Beadwork: History, Trade, Manufacture, and Adornment', International Conference on Bead and Beadwork, Istanbul, Turkey, 22-25 November 2007. The conference is conceived in the broader context of worldwide interest in beads and beadwork. It will feature a keynote address by Lois Dubin, an evening performance by Joyce Scott, and numerous illustrated presentations by bead and beadwork experts, such as Valerie Hector on ancient Egyptian beadwork and Frank Jolles on Zulu beadwork of the Msinga and Umvoti regions. In addition to these presentations, the conference will feature a large bead bazaar, many workshops, and a number of significant exhibitions of beadwork and beads. 200-word abstracts by 15 January 2007 to Valerie Hector: valeriehector@sbcglobal.net

...Conferences Past

'Displacement and Survival: The Britain Zimbabwe Society 2006 Research Day', 17 June 2006, St. Antony's College, Oxford, convened by JoAnn McGregor (UCL) and Ranka Primorac. This one-day conference brought together scholars working on recent displacements within and beyond Zimbabwe's borders. It combined research addressing the political and moral economies of survival on the part of those displaced, with debates about identity and diaspora. The research day was attended by more than 70 BZS members and others, including international scholars and members of the rapidly growing Zimbabwe diaspora based in Britain. The conveners would like to extend their thanks to the ASAUK and St. Antony's College, Oxford, for support for the event. ASAUK provided funds for James Muzondidya (Zimbabwe Institute, Cape Town) to participate. Muzondidya spoke in the first panel about his research on Zimbabweans in South Africa, with a paper entitled 'Mukwerekwere: renegotiating citizenship, nationhood and identity within the Zimbabwe

diaspora', which was complemented by Blair Rutherford's (Carleton, Canada) paper on the situation of Zimbabwean farm workers in Limpopo Province. The second panel turned to 'survival in Britain', which combined briefings on Zimbabweans and the UK asylum system (by Steve Symmonds of the Refugee Legal Centre and Mark Henderson of Doughty Street Chambers), research on Zimbabwean careworkers (by JoAnn McGregor), and a multi-sited ethnography of Zimbabweans in the UK (by Dominic Pasura, Warwick University).

A further session concerned reflections on exile and identity, bringing together research on Zimbabweans' use of the internet (by Clayton Peel, Oxford), web-based debates about Makosi's participation in Big Brother, as a source for reflections on gender and identity in the diaspora (by Winston Mano, Westminster and Wendy Willems, SOAS), and a reading from a new novel 'Steak and Porridge' by Caine prize-winning author Brian Chikwava. The final session looked at on-going displacements inside Zimbabwe, based on-going research by the Amani Trust and Bill Kinsey (Free University, Amsterdam).

The day was notable for the way its theme, 'Displacement and Survival', brought together reflections on the economic, cultural, psychological and legal dimensions of movement across borders and survival thereafter, grounding discussion of diasporic identity and cultural change in the context of debates over shifting social networks and the struggle to work, seek asylum, trade and remit home from particular receiving contexts. It highlighted the ways in which new movements were connected to older flows, and how displacements across physical borders were intimately linked to the reworking of conceptual borders, notions of inclusion and exclusion both in and outside Zimbabwe. Finally, the day highlighted how multiple forced displacements within and across state borders, which have been so important in shaping Zimbabwe's history, will undoubtedly continue to shape its future.

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Theses Recently Accepted at UK Universities

Marloes van Amerom (2005) 'On the Road to Peace?: Co-operation and Conflict in Southern Africa's Peace Parks', Ph.D thesis, University of Durham. Supervisors: Professor Jonathan Rigg and Professor Joe Painter.

Prerna Banati (2006) 'Scaling the Epidemic: Contextualised Responses to AIDS in South Africa', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge. Supervisor: Dr Daniel Low-Beer.

Anna Crozier (2005) 'The Colonial Medical and Colonial Identity: Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania before World War Two', Ph.D thesis, University of London. Supervisors: Dr Anne Hardy and Professor William F. Bynum.

Claire Helena Griffiths (2005) 'Gender and Social Development Policy in Francophone West Africa: Realities and Fictions', Ph.D thesis, University of Hull. Supervisor: Professor Peter Beardsell.

Theophilus Hacking (2006) 'Assessment for Sustainable Development: Theoretical Framework and Mining Sector Case Studies from Canada, Namibia, and South Africa', Ph.D thesis, University of Cambridge.

Hector Daniel Thabo Magome (2005) 'Managing Protected Areas in Post-apartheid South Africa: A Framework for Integrating Conservation with Rural Development', Ph.D thesis, University of Kent at Canterbury. Supervisors: Professor Nigel Leader-Williams and Professor Norman Owen-Smith.

Stephen C. Mangi (2006) 'Gear Management in Kenya's Coastal Fisheries', Ph.D thesis, University of York. Supervisor: Professor Callum Roberts.

Oliver Masakure (2005) 'Export Supply Chains and Small-scale Producers in Africa: Horticultural Exports from Zimbabwe', Ph.D thesis, University of Reading.

Anna Margaret Molesworth (2005) 'Epidemic Meningitis in Africa and its Association with the Environment', Ph.D thesis, University of Liverpool. Supervisor: Dr Luis Eduardo Cuevas.

William Oliver Norman (2005) 'Living on the Frontline: Politics, Migration and Transfrontier Conversation in the Mozambican Villages of the Mozambique-South Africa Borderland', Ph.D thesis, University of London. Supervisors: Dr Deborah James and Matthew Engelke.

Claire Helen Quinn (2005) 'Coping with Ecological Uncertainty in Semi-arid Tanzania: Livelihoods, Risks and Institutions', Ph.D thesis, University of York. Supervisors: Dr Jon Lovett and Dr Meg Huby.

Alan Shelley (2006) 'Survival of the Dispossessed. A Study of Seven Athol Fugard Plays', Ph.D Thesis, Nottingham Trent University. Supervisor: Professor Patrick Williams.

Zoë Alexandra Sheppard (2004) 'The Health and Educational Implications of Child Fostering in South Africa', Ph.D thesis, University of Southampton. Supervisors: Dr Nyovani Madise and Dr Monique Hennink.

Leo Isaac Zeilig (2005) 'Students and the Struggle for Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1995-2005: with a focus on Senegal and Zimbabwe', Ph.D thesis, University of Brunel. Supervisors: Dr Nicola Ansell, Dr Lorraine van Blerk and Dr Alan Patterson.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

Olayiwola Abegunrin and Olusoji Akomolafe (eds.) (2006) *Nigeria in Global Politics, Twentieth Century and Beyond: Essays in Honor of Professor Olajide Aluko*. Hauppauge, New York: Nova Publishers. Hardback, ISBN: 1-59454-997-4, \$79.

Sola Adeyemi (ed.) (2006) *Portraits for an Eagle: Essays in Honour of Femi Osofisan*. Bayreuth African Studies Series (BASS). 259pp, paperback, ISBN: 3-927510-95-5, £20.99.

Jocelyn Alexander (2006) *The Unsettled Land: State Making and Politics in Zimbabwe, 1893-2003*. Oxford: James Currey. 224pp. Cloth, ISBN: 978-0-85255-893-9, £50.00; paperback, 978-0-85255-892-8, £18.95.

Michael Amoah (2006) *Reconstructing the Nation in Africa: The Politics of Nationalism in Ghana*. London: IB Tauris. Hardback, ISBN: 1-84511-2598, £47.50.

Karin Barber (ed.) (2006) *Africa's Hidden Histories: Everyday Literacy and Making the Self*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press. 432pp, hardback, ISBN: 0-253-21843-8, £18.99.

Emmanuel N. Chia (ed.) (2006) *African Linguistics and the Development of African Communities*. Dakar: Codesria. 237p, ISBN: 2-86978-160-1, £19.95. Available from African Books Collective: www.africanbookscollective.com

Jan-Georg Deutsch (2006) *Emancipation without Abolition in German East Africa, c.1884-1914*. Oxford: James Currey. 320pp, cloth, ISBN: 978-0-85255-986-4, £55.00; paperback, ISBN: 978-085255-985-7, £17.95.

Douglas H. Johnson (2006) *The Root Causes of Sudan's Civil Wars: Updated to the Peace Agreement*. Oxford: James Currey. 256pp. ISBN: 987-08522-392-3, £12.95.

A. H. M. Kirk-Greene (2006) *Symbol of Authority: The British District Officer in Africa*. London: I.B. Tauris. 333pp, hardback, ISBN: 1-85043-452-2, £40.

W. Roger Louis (2006) *The Ends of British Imperialism: The Scramble for Empire, Suez and Decolonisation*. London: IB Tauris. 1,082 pp, Hardback, ISBN: 1-84511-3098, £24.50.

Ranka Primorac (2006) *The Place of Tears: The Novel and Politics in Modern Zimbabwe*. London: IB Tauris. Hardback, ISBN: 1-84511-1206, £47.50.

David Turton (ed.) (2006) *Ethnic Federalism: The Ethiopian Experience in Comparative Perspective*. Oxford: James Currey. 256pp. Cloth, ISBN: 978-0-85255-896-6, £50.00; paperback, ISBN: 978-0-85255-897-3, £16.95.

African Arguments is a series of short books about Africa today published by Zed Books in association with the IAI (International African Institute). Aimed at the growing number of students and general readers who want to know more about the continent, these books intend to highlight many of the longer-term strategic as well as immediate political issues confronting the African continent.

Alex de Waal (2006) *Aids and Power: Why There is no Political Crisis – Yet*. 160pp, paperback, ISBN: 1-84277-707-7, £12.99.

Tim Allen (2006) *Trial Justice: The International Criminal Court and the Lord's Resistance Army*. 256pp, paperback, 1-84277-737-8, £12.99.

Julie Flint and Alex de Waal (2005) *Darfur: A Short History of a Long War*. 176pp, paperback, 1-84277-697-5, £12.99.

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Appointments, Academic Links and Exchanges

Dr Justin Willis, New Director of the British Institute in East Africa. Dr Paul Lane has left the British Institute in Eastern Africa after eight years as Director to take up a new post as Deputy Director of the MacDonal Institute for Archaeological Research in Cambridge. His successor is Dr Justin Willis, who joins the Institute on secondment from the University of Durham, where he is a Reader in the History Department. Dr Willis is well-known for his extensive research and publications on the history of eastern Africa, especially in the 19th and 20th centuries. His book 'Potent Brews, A social history of alcohol in East Africa, 1850-1999' was published in 2002 and is already a standard text in the field. He will be supported by Dr Stephanie Wynne Jones, an archaeologist. Dr Willis knows the Institute well, having been its Deputy Director himself in the past and having acted as treasurer in recent years. He took up his post in mid-September 2006, and amongst his immediate plans is to open up renewed work by the Institute in Southern Sudan.

The British Institute has been active in East Africa since 1959; its current remit is to promote research in all areas of humanities and social sciences, and it actively seeks to build research partnerships and to build and maintain a sustainable research community within the region. Justin Willis would welcome enquiries from researchers considering work in eastern Africa: justin.willis@africaonline.co.ke

Awards, Prizes and Fellowships

'Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan', Scholarships for Postgraduate Studies in Commonwealth Countries, 2007/2008. This prestigious scheme, established in 1959, provides opportunities for British students of high academic promise to pursue fully-funded postgraduate studies overseas. The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSCUK) is pleased to invite applications for the annual Commonwealth Scholarships offered by the following countries: Botswana, Brunei, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Malta, New Zealand and South Africa. Closing dates: 31 October 2006, except for New Zealand and South Africa which is 31 March 2007. For further information see the CSFP website at: www.csfp-online.org or contact: CSFP Outward, Commonwealth Scholarship Commission, The Association of Commonwealth Universities, Woburn House, 20-24 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9HF or csfpout@acu.ac.uk

Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships tenable in the UK. These awards are available to citizens of Commonwealth countries who wish to study at UK higher institutions. The awards cover all tuition fees, as well as providing a generous maintenance allowance. Nominations are made to CSCUK by the scholarships agencies in the individual Commonwealth country; regrettably, CSCUK cannot accept direct applications from candidates. Those interested in applying for a Commonwealth Scholarship tenable in the UK should visit: www.csfp-online.org/hostcountries/gb.html for further information on the awards currently available. They should then contact the scholarships agency in their home country for details of the application process in that country.

The Leverhulme Trust's Study Abroad Fellowships. Study Abroad Fellowships support a period overseas in a stimulating academic environment. These awards support a range of activities other than straight-forward research, for example, the exchange of ideas or the development of new lines of research and collaboration. Approximately 15 awards offered annually. All fields are eligible. With a duration of between 3 and 12 months, an award should commence between June 2007 and April 2008. Eligible costs include reasonable replacement cover whilst the applicant is overseas; travel to and within the overseas country or countries; a maintenance grant to meet the increased expense of living overseas; and essential research costs. The Fellowship is worth up to a maximum of £21,000. Eligible applicants must be resident in the UK, aged over 30 and have held an established full-time post in a UK institution of higher education, or in a museum, art gallery or comparable institution for at least five years. Those registered for a degree, for doctoral studies, or for professional or vocational qualifications, are ineligible. The closing date is 9 November 2006. Applications form: www.leverhulme.ac.uk/grants_awards/grants/study_abroad_fellowships/

'Travel, Environment and Local Knowledge', Fourth Cadbury Fellows' Programme and Workshop 2007, Centre of West African Studies (CWAS), University of Birmingham. CWAS announces two or three fellows will be appointed to participate in a ten-week schedule of seminars and discussion groups, culminating in an Interdisciplinary Conference in May 2007, led by Dr Reg Cline-Cole and Professor Karin Barber. One aim of the Fellowship scheme is to assist new scholars to develop a research paper and bring it to publication.

The 2007 theme explores the impact of displacement and change on the nature, pace and direction of local environmental knowledge and socio-ecological practice. CWAS is particularly interested in the way that, through increasing exchange between 'insiders' and 'outsiders', travel influences the construction and evolution of local environment-related knowledge and practices, both indigenous and non-indigenous. CWAS encourages proposals involving informal/organized and individual/group movement; small-scale/short-term mobility and larger-scale/longer-term migration; intra- and extra-African travel; historical/contemporary case studies; and rural/urban examples. Topics could include: soil, water, vegetation, animal and climate/weather classifications and use; land, tree and water tenure, and resource rights; borrowings from architectural designs, adaptations of settlement plans, and adoption of building materials and construction methods; Innovation and experimentation in hunting, fishing and livestock rearing; mechanisms of acquisition and adaptation of knowledge of the environment which is both embedded in, and transmitted via travel as texts, poems, ritual, song, performance, material artefacts and products; health therapeutics and indigenous medicine; landscape production, typology and transformation; biotic diversity and conservation of biodiversity; and food production and processing techniques; collection/gathering/processing of sylvan or 'wild' products for food and non-food uses; and introduced dietary practices and cuisine.

Cadbury Fellowships are for young African scholars who have something to contribute to the theme, and whose research would benefit from a residential fellowship of up to ten weeks at the University of Birmingham. They should be in the early stages of their academic careers and based in an institution on the African continent. They should have a Ph.D or be close to completing one. Fellowships will cover return air-fare, accommodation and living costs for a period of up to ten weeks. In order to be considered for the 2007 fellowship, state how you learned about the programme; ensure your availability for up to ten weeks from late March to early June 2007; send a research project description of up to 1,000 words on the theme, showing what research you have already done and what you would work on during the fellowship as well as a short CV (up to 3 pages) and the names of two referees. Applications by 1 December 2006 to Dr Reg Cline-Cole, Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT *or* r.e.a.cline-cole@bham.ac.uk

Obituaries

Professor Frank Willett, CBE (18 August 1925 – 15 June 2006).

Charles Janson (25 December 1917 – 15 June 2006).

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