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Theme:

**DEMOGRAPHIC, ECONOMIC,
& SECURITY CHALLENGES IN AFRICA**

April 5-6, 2018

**Tennessee State University
Avon Williams Campus
Nashville, Tennessee**



THE 6TH ANNUAL AFRICA CONFERENCE

Demographic, Economic and Security Challenges in Africa

Convened by:

Adebayo Oyeade, PhD.
Professor of History & Department Chair

Gashawbeza Bekele, PhD.
Associate Professor of Geography



Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies
Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee
April 5-6, 2018

THEMES OF THE PAST CONFERENCES

April 13, 2012:

U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa in the 21st Century

September 13, 2013:

**The New African Diaspora in the United States:
Immigration, Transnational Identities, and Integration**

April 10, 2015:

Human Rights and Civil Rights in Africa and the African Diaspora

April 1, 2016:

**Africa in the 21st Century: The Promise
of Development and Democratization**

April 7, 2018:

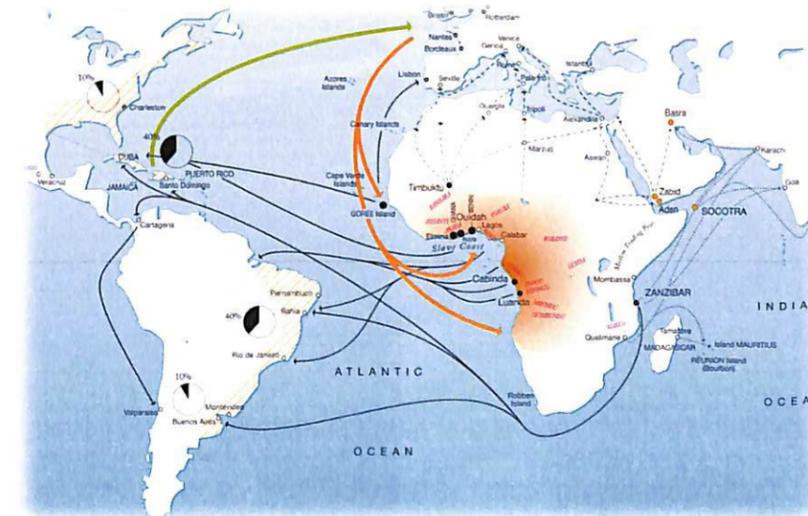
**Transformations in Africana Studies:
Epistemology, Theory Building, and Methodology**

2019 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 7th Annual Africa Conference will take place in April 2019. The conference theme is:

**Slavery and Its Aftermath in the African World:
Reconstructing the Past and the Present**

The call-for-papers will be issued by August 31, 2018. Please, check the conference website at [<http://www.tnstate.edu/usafriacconference>]. You may also request a copy by emailing aoyebade@tnstate.edu or gbekele@tnstate.edu



Conference Advisory Committee

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Dr. Sekhmet Maat, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies

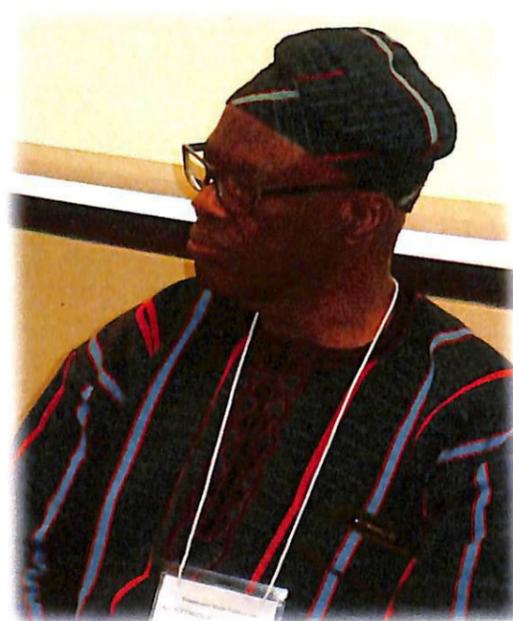
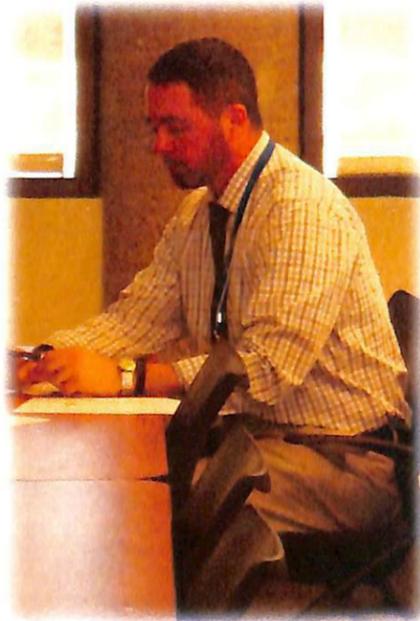
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WELCOME REMARKS FROM THE CONVENERS

April 6, 2018

Dear Conference Participant,

We are delighted to welcome you to Tennessee State University for the 6th Annual Africa Conference. Since its inception six years ago, the conference has grown tremendously, with participants attending from Africa, Europe, Canada, Asia, and the United States. We are glad that the conference continues to serve as a platform from which scholars and other participants can interrogate knowledge about Africa and the African Diaspora.

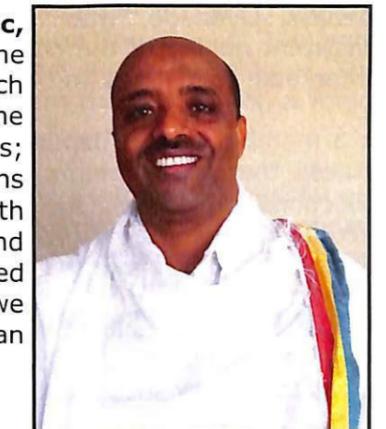
The theme of this year's conference is "**Demographic, Economic, and Security Challenges in Africa.**" This theme allows pertinent questions to be posed on relevant issues such as Africa's rising population and the impact on economies; the lack-luster sustainable economic growth in many states; security issues such as militant extremism that some regions continue to face; lack of political inclusion associated with differences in ethnic, religious, and national ideologies, and other challenges. From the wide range of scheduled presentations and the plenary and keynote addresses, we believe that this conference will, once again, be an intellectually engaging and fulfilling experience for everyone.

We wish everyone of you an enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

Adebayo Oyeboade, PhD.
Professor of History
Co-convener

Gashawbeza Bekele, PhD.
Associate Professor of Geography
Co-convener



**WELCOME REMARKS FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN,
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

April 6, 2018

The Africa Conference has become an established annual tradition at TSU supported by our faculty across departments and colleges, transcending disciplinary boundaries, and expressing the University's identity and mission as an HBCU. Our faculty members, students, and colleagues at other institutions can look forward each spring to a full day of panels, lectures, and cultural activities in a welcoming and, for many of us, familiar scholarly space.

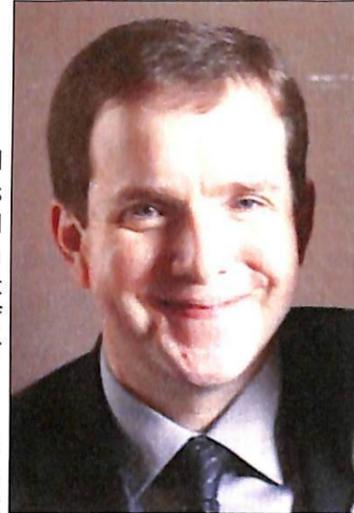
It would be easy to imagine that the Africa Conference had been with us for a very long time, but this is not the case. The conference began in 2012 as an initiative of our Department of History, Political Science, Geography, and Africana Studies and particularly of Dr. Adebayo Oyeade, who has chaired the department since 2015. The success and consistent quality of the conference over the years has been attributable largely to these remarkable colleagues and their collaborative engagement within and beyond TSU.

As a member of this department, I have been impressed and proud but not surprised to witness the achievements of the conference and its contributions, including published collections, to African studies. This year's program on "Demographic, Economic, and Security Challenges in Africa" continues to reflect the disciplinary breadth and international participation that make the Africa Conference such a unique and rewarding experience.

On behalf of the College of Liberal Arts, I extend thanks especially to the conference's principal organizers, Dr. Oyeade and Dr. Bekele, and best wishes to all participants and guests for a very successful conference.

Joel Dark

Joel Dark, PhD.
Professor of History and Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts



WELCOME REMARKS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR

April 6, 2018

The Annual Africa Conference is held under the auspices of the Department of History, Political Science, Geography, and Africana Studies. As chair of the department, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 6th edition of the conference. This year again the department is proud to host this conference, an event that has now become a major intellectual enterprise, not only in the state of Tennessee, but in the entire mid-south region of the United States.

I also welcome you to Nashville, one of the fastest-growing Southern cities, famous for its country music, creative art, and the best of soul cuisine. In addition to these, the city boasts of a rich historical past and a growing multicultural diversity. One of the most significant events in Nashville's history occurred during the Civil Rights Revolution. This was the Freedom Ride of 1961 in which civil rights activists from the city played a major role. I encourage you to enjoy all that the city has to offer.

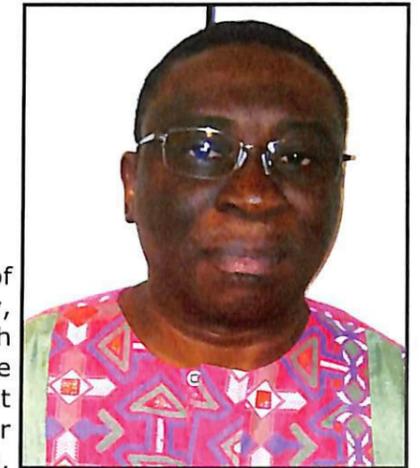
Meanwhile, through formal presentations, panel discussions, and informal conversations and sharing of ideas along the hallways, over lunch, and in other spaces, I am confident that this conference will greatly enrich your understanding of contemporary African challenges. Apart from the intellectual engagement, I hope that the conference will also afford participants the opportunity to engage in trans-Atlantic networking, collaborations, and camaraderie.

Once again, I welcome you to this year's conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adebayo Oyeade". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Adebayo Oyeade, PhD.
Professor of History & Chair



2018 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Plenary Keynote Speaker Dr. Tadesse Kidane-Mariam

Dr. Kidane-Mariam is a retired Professor of Geography at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. His areas of specialization are human geography; environmental management; urban development and housing; national, urban and regional planning and sustainable development.

He obtained his PhD from the University of Iowa, in Geography, with a concentration in environmental policy and sustainable development. His Master's and Bachelor's degrees were respectively from Kansas State University and the Haile Selassie I University, Ethiopia.

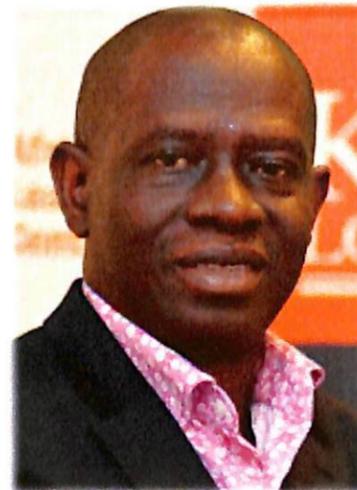
Dr. Kidane-Mariam's research interest mostly revolved around issues of housing, national planning, urban management, urbanization, population, sustainable development and environmental management in Ethiopia and the rest of Africa. He has authored several research papers on these subjects. In addition to academics, he has a long service in the Ethiopian government and in a number of international organizations.

Banquet Keynote Speaker Professor Abiodun Alao

Dr. Abiodun Alao is Professor of African Studies at King's College, University of London. He is also the Director of the African Leadership Center at the same institution.

Professor Alao holds a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in International Relations from the Universities of Ibadan and Ife respectively. He also holds a PhD in War Studies from King's College, London, where he was a Ford Foundation Scholar. He has undertaken numerous assignments for many African states and for international organizations including the United Nations, African Union, European Union, World Bank, and the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Professor Alao's extensive publications on African security issues include eight books, the latest being a co-edited work, *China and African Security* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017). Previously, he held teaching and research positions at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Nigeria; and was a Visiting Research Associate at the University of Zimbabwe. He presently holds a visiting professorship position at the Nigerian Defense Academy.



THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018

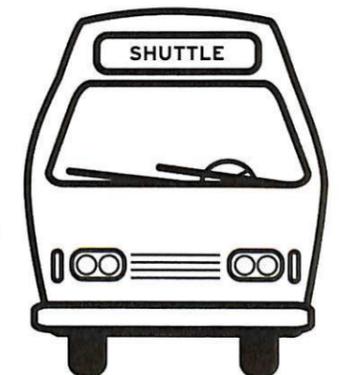
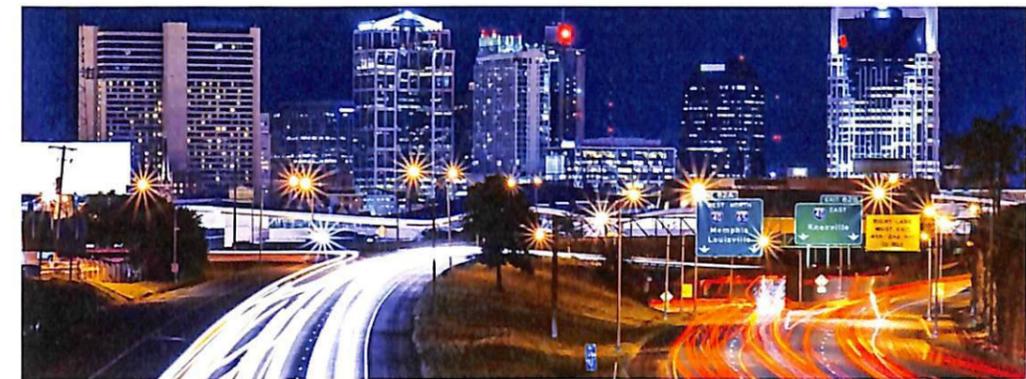
6.00-7.00 pm

Reception for conference participants

Venue: Faculty & Staff Dining Room, Floyd-Payne Student Center, Tennessee State University Main Campus

7:15-9:30 pm

Visit to Gaylord Opryland



SHUTTLE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thursday:

Shuttle leaves hotel at 5:15 pm

Shuttle leaves Main Campus for Gaylord Opryland at 7:15 pm

Shuttle leaves Gaylord Opryland for the hotel at 9:30 pm

Friday:

Shuttle leaves hotel at 7:00 am

Shuttle leaves Avon Williams (downtown) campus for the hotel at 9:30 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 2018

All conference events will be held at the Avon Williams (downtown) Campus of Tennessee State University, 330 10th Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37203

7:45-8:30: Arrival and Registration

Venue: The Capital Dinning Room

8:00-8:40: Continental Breakfast

Venue: Capital Dinning Room

8:40-8:50: Opening Remarks

Venue: Capital Dinning Room

Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History, Tennessee State University (Conference co-convenor)

Dr. Joel Dark, Professor of History and Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University



9:00-10:50— SINGLE SESSION A Panel #1: Women, Youth, and Children

Venue: **Training Room 2**

Chair: Kyle Murray, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

African Youth unemployment, Political instability, and Emigration: Causes and Solutions

Philothe Kabasele, University of Calgary/University of Kwa Zulu, Natal, South Africa

The Dilemma of Child Soldiers in Post-Conflict Africa: Retribution or Rehabilitation and Reintegration?

George Kakoti, Tennessee State University

Family Planning and Women Empowerment in Nigeria

Uzoma P. Agwu, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria

Myths, Misconceptions and Miscommunications Surrounding Family Planning in Igbo Communities in South Eastern Nigeria

Nkechi Emma-Echiegu & Ngozi Emeka-Nwobia, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria

Family Planning and Women Empowerment in Rural Households in Nigeria: Implications for Food Security

Kemi Omotesho & Israel Ogunlade University of Ilorin, Nigeria

10:50-11:00 Tea/ Coffee Break Venue: Capital Dining Hall



**11:05-12:30—CONCURRENT SESSION B
Panel #2: Governance and Development**

Venue: Training Room 1

Chair: Michael Bertrand, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

The Politics of Godfatherism in Nigeria: A Threat to Democracy

Joseph O. Oboh & Collins Akahomhen, Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria

Civil Organizations and Good Governance in Nigeria: the Fourth Republic in Focus

Cletus Ikpunuekhai, University of Benin, Nigeria

The Economic, Social and Political Decline of Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe, 1980-2017

Tyler Gibson, Tennessee State University

Harnessing the Synergy of Diversity as Tool for Development in Africa

Isidore Nwanaju, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria

**11:05-12:30—CONCURRENT SESSION B
Panel #3: Leadership, Development, and Society**

Venue: Training Room 2

Chair: Andrew Patrick, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

A Dying Colonialism: Examining the legacy of Lumumba through the Films "Lumumba" and "Black Jesus"

Frank E. Dobson, Vanderbilt University

Trend Analysis of Private and Public Partnership in Agro-Input Development in Africa: Implication for Extension Service Delivery

Kemi Omotesho, S.A. Adebayo, D.A. Olabode, and P.O. Olabanji, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Africa and her Contributions to Society

Kerdelle Cuffy, Midwestern State University

Communicating Slavery in 21st Century Africa: The Libyan Experience

Ifeyinwa Nsude, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria, & Adline Nkwam-Uwaoma, Imo State University, Nigeria

**12:35-1:25
Lunch Break:
Venue: Capital Dining Hall**

**1:30-2:25
Plenary Session Lecture:
Venue: Room 353**

Introduction of Speaker:
Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele, Tennessee State University

Plenary Speaker:
Dr. Tadesse Kidane-Mariam

Title of Lecture:
Africa: The Political Ecology of Sustainable Development



2:30-4:00—CONCURRENT SESSION C
Panel #4: Challenges of Continental and National Security

Venue: Training Room 1

Chair: Rebecca Dixon, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

Old and New Paradigms and the Challenges of National Security in Sub-Saharan Africa

Sabella Abidde, Alabama State University

Nigerian Youths Migration to Europe: Implications On National Security and Development

Fidelis Aiyaa, Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria

Citizens Without Security

Biale Zua, Tennessee State University

Coming to Africa: A Review of the Effects of Chinese Migration to the African Continent

Robert Smith, Tennessee State University

2:30-4:00—CONCURRENT SESSION C
Panel #5: Sustainable Economic Development

Venue: Training Room 2

Chair: Pamela Bobo, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

Impact of the Agricultural and Trade Policies of the OECD Countries on Africa

Alice Katherine Schmidt, University of Münster, Germany

Nigeria's Petroleum Resources: A Threat to the Security of the Nation

Olayiwola Abegunrin, Howard University

Historical Legacy and Africa's Economic Challenges: The Example of the Management and Development of the Nigerian Railways, 1999 - 2015

Tokunbo Ayoola, Elizade University, Nigeria

Economic Recession in Africa: The impact of corruption and insecurity (Nigeria's Experience)

Douglas N. Nnachi & Anthony Isu, Ebonyi State University

4:00-4:10

Break

Venue: Capital Dinning Hall

4:15-6:05—CONCURRENT SESSION D
Panel #6: Economic Growth and Social Development

Venue: Training Room 1

Chair: Sekhmet Maat, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

The Expansion of Financial Regulation to Include Humanitarian Issues: An Examination of the Development of Conflict Mineral Reporting Requirements using Actor-Network Theory

Robert Tennant, Tennessee State University

Bank Credit to the Manufacturing Sector: A Strategy for Economic Growth for Africa, the Case of Nigeria

Mustafa Isedu, Ambrose Alli University, Nigeria

Poverty and its Social Impacts: A Case Study of the City of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Musanga Norbert Amisi, Conseil Supérieur de la Magistrature, République Démocratique du Congo

Trade Activities of South Africa-Appling Gravity Model

Pallabi Mukherjee & Vivek Kushawaha, IBMR, IPS Academy, India

Preserving African Knowledge for Social and Community Development

Sylvia Owiny, Penn State University

4:15-6:05—CONCURRENT SESSION D
Panel #7: Historical Legacies and Contextual Discourses

Venue: Training Room 2

Chair: Rebecca Dixon, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

The Historical and Contextual View of Nigerian Popular Music in Pre-Colonial, Colonial and Post-Colonial Eras

Sheyi Kehinde, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Axis Diplomacy in Africa: Germany's Efforts to Balance the Territorial Demands of Italy, Vichy France, and Spain in North Africa during World War II

John Miglietta, Tennessee State University

Post-Apartheid South African Choral Music: Cultural Reconciliation through Integrated Musical Styles

Allyss Haecker, Emory & Henry College

Circles, Thatched Dwellings and Building Pan-African Relationships

Angela Grant, Baruti Katembo, & Jason Richardson, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

Africa and the Challenge of Sustainable Development: Reflections on Colonial Legacies

Mojibayo Fadakinte, University of Lagos, Nigeria

6:15-8:35
Banquet and Keynote Address
Venue: The Atrium

Dinner & Entertainment
African Music Performance by Leons Kabongo and Ketch Secor

Welcome & Opening Remarks:
Dr. Adebayo Oyeade, Tennessee State University
Dr. Gloria Johnson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University

Awards Presentation:
Dr. Sekhmet Maat, Tennessee State University
Dr. Keisha Brown, Tennessee State University
Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele, Tennessee State University
Dr. Adebayo Oyeade, Tennessee State University

Introduction of Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Adebayo Oyeade, Tennessee State University

Keynote Speaker & Address:
Dr. Abiodun Alao
Professor of African Studies
King's College
University of London, England

Title of Address
"Africa's Security in an Insecure World"

8:40
Closing Remarks
Dr. Adebayo Oyeade, Tennessee State University

Previous Conference Speakers



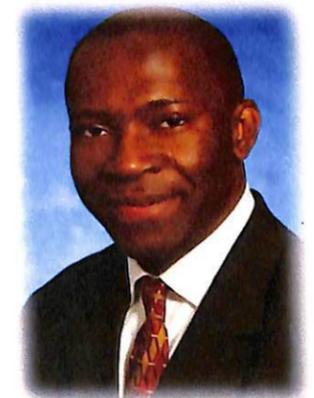
2012 Banquet Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Toyin Falola
The Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities
& University Distinguished Teaching Professor
University of Texas at Austin

2012: Plenary Keynote Speaker:
Ambassador Neneh MacDouall-Gaye
Former Gambian Ambassador to the United States



2013 Banquet Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Akanmu Adebayo
Professor of History
& Director, Center for Conflict Management
Kennesaw State University

2013: Plenary Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Peter Nwosu
Former Professor of Communications
& former Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Tennessee State University





2015: Banquet Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun
Professor and Associate Dean
College of Liberal Arts
Jackson State University



2015: Banquet Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Bobby L. Lovett, retired professor of history
Former Dean,
College of Liberal Arts
Tennessee State University



2015: Plenary Keynote Speaker:
Mrs. Elizabeth Harbour McClain
Retired Professor of History
Tennessee State University



2015: Plenary Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Victor Oguejiofor Okafor
Professor & Head
Department of Africology & African American Studies
East Michigan University



2016: Banquet Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Mayowa Ogedengbe
Adjunct Professor of Africology
Temple University



2016: Plenary Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Olayiwola Abegunrin
Professor of Political Science
Howard University

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