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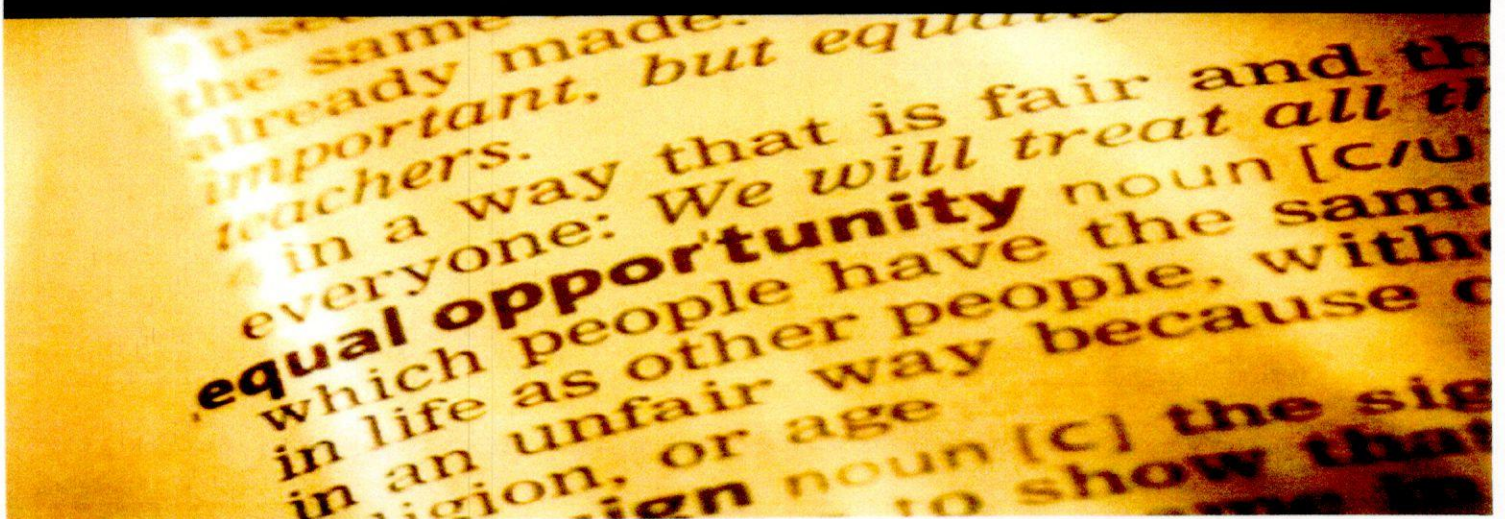
**THE  
ANNUAL AFRICA  
CONFERENCE**

Theme:

**Human and Civil Rights in Africa and the African Diaspora**

April 10, 2015

Avon Williams Campus



## Welcome Remarks from the Conveners

April 2015

Dear Conference Participants,

We are delighted to welcome you to our campus for the third annual Africa Conference hosted by the Department of History, Geography, Political Science, and Africana Studies. The theme of the conference for this year is: "**Human and Civil Rights in Africa and the African Diaspora.**"

Fifty years ago, in 1965, the Black world attained a landmark victory in the struggle for equality when, in the United States, the Voting Rights Act, guaranteeing the right of African Americans to vote, was signed into law on August 6, by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Despite significant strides, human and civil rights remain contentious issues for black people, whether in Africa or the diaspora. This conference, thus aims at offering a unique platform for scholars from various disciplines and other participants to dialogue on issues pertinent to human and civil rights in Africa and the African Diaspora. The struggle for civil and human rights in the Black Atlantic World, indeed, has a multi-dimensional framework. Hence, the presentations scheduled for this conference will explore the varied historical and contemporary dimensions of this complex subject.

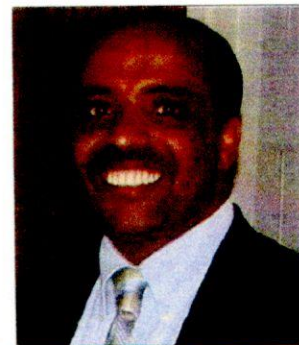
As evident in this year's gathering, the annual Africa Conference continues to maintain an international character. Participants are drawn, not only from the United States, but also from Africa. From the wide range of scheduled presentations and lectures, we have no doubt that this conference will be an intellectually engaging and fulfilling exercise. We wish everyone an enjoyable conference.

Again, we welcome you all!

Sincerely,  
Adebayo Oyebade, PhD  
Professor of History



Gashawbeza Bekele, PhD  
Assistant Professor of Geography

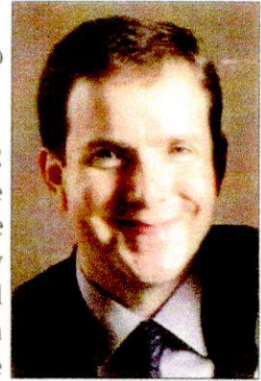


## **Welcome Remarks from the ASSOCIATE DEAN, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

April 2015

On behalf of the College of Liberal Arts at TSU, it is my honor to welcome you to our third Africa Conference.

I have been privileged to attend both previous conferences in 2012 and 2013 and immediately recognize in this year's program the things that made those meetings so memorably successful. The 2015 conference once again explores topics of vital contemporary relevance and includes a nationally, academically, and generationally diverse group of scholars, bringing colleagues from our own campus and region together with others from across the country and the world.



At the same time, it is also clear that the 2015 conference takes these qualities to a new level. The thematic focus and much larger scale of the conference this year, requiring concurrent sessions, represent both the development of the conference's original vision and promising new directions. Over the last three years, the Africa Conference has become an established and growing institution in the College of Liberal Arts, and this year's program impressively reflects the extent of this achievement.

Especially the conference's principal organizers and my colleagues of many years, Dr. Oyebade and Dr. Bekele, I extend profound thanks for the academic vision, creativity, and hospitality that make this event possible. And to all guests and participants, it is a privilege to extend the College's welcome, best wishes for an enjoyable experience of TSU and Nashville, and my confident hopes for a very successful conference.

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

## Welcome Remarks from the Department Head

April 2015

Dear Conference Attendees,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Tennessee State University for our third Annual Africa Conference. This year's theme, "Human and Civil Rights in Africa and the African Diaspora," is one of particular relevance as we mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and yet we continue to struggle with similar issues nationally and internationally. This relevance is reflected in the range of papers, topics, and scholars that are presenting their research here today. As with the previous conferences, our local community of students, faculty, and independent scholars get a unique chance to learn and share their ideas with scholars from around the globe.



Dr. Oyebade and Dr. Bekele have done an impressive job of scheduling a full day of interesting panels and guest speakers. I want to extend a special welcome to those presenters that have traveled from overseas and wish you a most rewarding conference and a pleasant stay.

Erik S. Schmeller, PhD  
Professor of History & Department Head

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

The keynote speaker, Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun, is the Director of Africana Studies, the Public Scholar in African American Studies, Civic Engagement and Entrepreneurship, Professor of Political Science, Professor of Africana Studies, and the Founding Executive Director of the Center for Global Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She is also an award-winning author, inventor and entrepreneur, as well as an internationally-recognized scholar, expert, and advocate on entrepreneurship, economic development, and sustainable development processes.



Dr. House-Soremekun attended Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, where she graduated **Magna Cum Laude** with a degree in English. She subsequently obtained her M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in International Studies at what is now the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.

Her research interests are gender and political development processes, globalization and its impacts on Africa and the African Diaspora, Economic Development and Sustainable Development Issues, and African and African American Entrepreneurship. She has published numerous journal articles in some of the top journals in her fields of concentration and book chapters. She has also published six books which include *Class Development and Gender Inequality in Kenya, 1963-1990*; *African Market Women and Economic Power: The Role of Women in African Economic Development*; *Confronting the Odds: African American Entrepreneurship in Cleveland, Ohio (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Editions)*, which received the Henry Howe Book Award; *Globalization and Sustainable Development in Africa*, which was selected as a Choice Outstanding book for African American Studies; and *Gender, Sexuality and Mothering in Africa*. She is currently writing three additional books. She serves on the editorial boards of Carolina Academic Press and the *Journal of History Research*. She is also working with an emmy-award-winning film producer and officials at PBS/wviz/ideastream to create a documentary film based on her award-winning book, *Confronting the Odds: African American Entrepreneurship in Cleveland, Ohio*, that will be shown nationally on PBS television stations in the United States in 2016.

Through the years, Professor House-Soremekun has created five entrepreneurial centers. She has made more than 100 public presentations that include public lectures, keynote speeches, workshops, panel presentations, radio and television appearances to academic and lay audiences in the United States, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Russia. She has written and received more than 21 grant awards totaling almost \$1.4 million dollars for her research projects, conferences that she has developed, and programmatic work.

Dr. House-Soremekun has received many accolades, awards, and honors. These include, among others, the Elizabeth E. Fackt Honors Fellowship for Graduate Study from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, the University of Tubingen, West Germany Exchange Fellowship, Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, the Henry Howe Book Award, the Distinguished Public Service Award from the University of Texas at Austin, the Gold Key to the city from the Mayor of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and the *Northern Ohio Live Magazine* Rainmaker of the Year Award in the category of Education and Research.

## GUEST SPEAKER

The Guest Speaker is Mrs. Elizabeth Harbour McClain, retired professor of history at Tennessee State University. An active figure in the 1960s' Civil Rights Movement in Nashville, she participated in sit-ins, stand-ins, pickets, and hotel sleep-ins. She served in the Nashville Movement from 1961 until 1964, a movement that successfully led to the opening of all public establishments to every citizen in Tennessee. During the period, as civil rights advocate, she was arrested 13 times.



Mrs. McClain graduated from Tennessee State University in 1966 and went on to obtain a Master's degree from the same institution. Subsequently, in 1971, she joined the institution's faculty. Following her master's degree, she did doctoral work at Columbia University in New York, Emory University in Atlanta, as well as George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Mrs. McClain continues to be active in the commemoration of the history of the civil rights movement in Nashville. Since 1985, she has been involved in the planning and execution of anniversaries of the Nashville Civil Rights Movement. She participated in the 40th anniversary of "Ride to Freedom;" and the 2001 re-enactment of the 1961 Freedom Rides. In February 2006, she co-sponsored (with Dr. Rip Patton and Ray Arsenault, author of *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice*), the 45th Anniversary Luncheon for Freedom Riders. She was a panelist at the seminar, "TSU's Involvement with the Civil Rights Movement," in February 2000. She was interviewed for a documentary "Partners of the Heart," a National Endowment for the Humanities Documentary for PBS, in July 2000. She was also interviewed by TV personality Cassandra Finch, producer of Tennessee Crossroads for the Study of Jim Crow for Nashville Public Television, in October 2002.

As an academic, Elizabeth McClain has done research into the history of the Civil Rights Movement. She has presented many papers on this subject including, "The Nashville Civil Rights Movement and the National Leaders it Produced," presented at the Nashville Public Library in February 2002, and "Nashville Community and the Civil Rights Movement," presented at John Wesley United Methodist Church in February 2006. She co-wrote with her colleague, Dr. Hoyt King, a proposal to grant honorary doctorate degrees to the fourteen TSU students who were expelled from TSU in 1961 for going on a Freedom Ride.

A member of the Nashville Student Movement Legacy Foundation, Mrs. McClain was honored in April 2010 by the Nashville Metro Council, and again by the Tennessee State Legislature on the 50th Anniversary of the Sit-Ins in Nashville. Later that year, she was honored by the Tennessee State University chapter of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for college freshmen as Outstanding Teacher for 2010.

Since her retirement in May 2014, after 42 years of teaching and advising students, Mrs. McClain now enjoys the serenity of working with her flowers, researching different aspects of the Civil Rights Movement, and spending time with her Freedom Rider friends.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015

### **4.00-6.00 pm**

Screening of *Finding Fela* (A film by Alex Gibney)

Venue: The Forum (210), Floyd-Payne Student Center, Tennessee State University Main Campus

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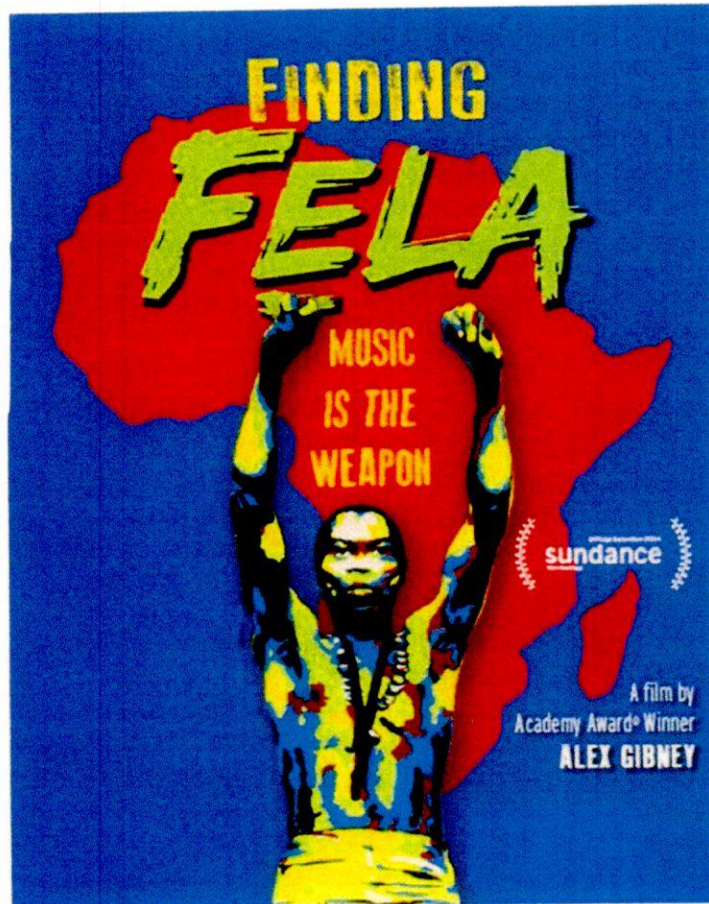
### **6.15-7.30 pm**

Reception for conference participants

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

Welcome Remarks

Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele, Assistant Professor of Geography, Tennessee State University (Conference co-convenor)





## UNFINISHED POEM

By Adebayo Oyebade (For Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela)

### I

*Mandela Released From Prison, Feb. 11,  
1990*

As you threw off the rusty chains  
From that clenched saluting fists  
Unbroken by ages of incarceration

And

Emerging from the dank valley  
Of apartheid dungeon  
Fresh as foliage  
We saw the sun of tomorrow already risen  
Ahead of darkened days

And we heard liberty bells toll  
From Limpopo to the Western Cape  
And sounds of freedom  
Explode in the graveyard of tyranny

Yet

Warrior without a war  
Legend of ages  
Architect of reconciliation  
You carved concord in place of conflict  
And an ailing land burst forth in jubilation  
From Kwazulu-Natal to Northern Cape

*Let the throbbing drums of your being  
Teach us more  
Teach us more  
A lesson in man's humanity to man*

When will those who profit from oppression  
Learn your song?

### II

*Mandela Died, Dec. 5, 2013*

As though we bear no witness  
To mischief of waning days  
Suddenly  
Like a night bandit  
We rose from the yawning slumber of  
Yesternight  
To daybreak stripped of sunny gaze!

What shall we do now?

The golden bird has soared  
Beyond the hazy horizon  
Outside the recall of spent seasons  
The nest is empty like a vacant lot!

What shall we do now?

### III

Now that the sun has hidden its fading face  
Behind the hazy horizon

Now that Nelson's song  
Like thunder  
Has turned to cold sound of silence  
And the spell of Madiba  
Is eclipsed  
Finally

What shall we do now?

Who now will mop the blood of Soweto  
From stained memory?

How shall we sing the requiem of Sharpeville  
When Rolihlahla's hurricane  
Vibrates only in distant day dreams?

### IV

When the legion of tyrants across our  
landscape  
Those who plunder the rights of forgotten  
folks  
Learn your song  
At the dawn of that new day  
This poem will be completed!

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# **FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2015**

All conference events are scheduled for 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 Atrium

## **8:40-8:55: Opening Remarks**

Venue: The Atrium

Dr. Adebayo Oyeade, Professor of History, Tennessee State University (Conference co-convener)

Dr. Erik Schmeller, Chair, Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies, Tennessee State University

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

## **Panel #1: 9:00-10:50**

### **Enslavement, Injustices, Racial Segregation and Profiling**

Venue: Room 353

Chair: Dr. Michael Bertrand, Associate Professor of History, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

1. **Memories of Apartheid in the Nigerian Press: Some Reflections**, Prof. Abolade Adeniji, Professor of History & Dean, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University, Ojo, Nigeria
2. **Slave Narratives and their Historical Antecedents in the Literature of Black Diaspora**, Dr. Jide Balogun, Department of English, University of Ilorin, Ilorin, Nigeria
3. **Ebola, Poverty, Economic Inequity, and Social Injustice in Sierra Leone**, Dr. Tamba E. M'bayo, Assistant Professor, Department of History, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
4. **A Study of the History of Racial Profiling: Slave Patrols and Their Influence on Racial Biases in the Policing of African-Americans**, Jasmine White, Undergraduate Student, Tennessee State University
5. **Tennessee Court Decisions and the Perpetuation of Slavery**, Robert L. Smith, J.D., Department of Criminal Justice, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN

**Panel #2: 9:00-10:50**  
**Minority Rights: Ethnic, Creed, and Gender Dimensions**

Venue: Room 354

Chair: Dr. Rebecca S. Dixon, Associate Professor, English and Women's Studies, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN

Panelists:

1. **Minorities at Risk: Protest Movements and Militancy in the Niger Delta**, Dr. Tunde Agara, Lecturer, Centre for Strategic and Development Studies, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria
2. **Voicelessness, Vocality and Identity in Kanchana Ugbabe's *Soulmates***, Dr. Foluke R. Aliyu-Ibrahim, Department of English, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
3. **Gender Stereotype in Nigerian Television Commercial Adverts**, Dr. Ike Elechi Ogba, Director, Academic Planning, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria, & Dr. Ngozi U. Emeka-Nwobia, Department of Languages and Linguistics, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria
4. **The Enigma of Domestic Violence on Igbo Women: A Linguist Perspective**, Dr. Ngozi U. Emeka-Nwobia, Department of Languages and Linguistics, Ebonyi State University, Nigeria
5. **LGBT Rights in the English-Speaking Caribbean**, Doug Janoff, Diplomat in Residence, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky

**10:55-11:05: Tea/Coffee Break**

Venue: The Atrium

**Panel #3: 11:05-12:35**  
**Race, Religion, and Construction of Identities and Stereotypes**

Venue: Room 353

Chair: Dr. Felix Okokhere, Department of Political Science, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria

Panelists:

1. **African Americans, Social Practice in Art, and the Shifting Dialogue about Race, Identity, and Civil Rights**, Cynthia Gadsden, Department of Art, Tennessee State University
2. **Sanfei Blacks: How the Chinese State Construct Africans as Dangerous Illegals**, Guangzhi Huang, State University of New York at Buffalo, NY
3. **Exclusive Recognition of Christianity and Islam as Basis for Official Oath-Taking in Nigeria: Implications for Citizen Rights**, Dr. Victor Iyanya, History Department, Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria
4. **Migration and the Quest for Better Livelihoods in Edda, Afikpo South L.G.A., Ebonyi State, Nigeria**, Mercy Agha Onu, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria

**Panel #4: 11:05-12:35**  
**Transcending Geography: Artistic Expression and Political**  
**Expression on Both Sides of the Sahara**

Venue: Room 354

Chair: Dr. Kyle Patrick Murray, Instructor of History & Politics, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN

Panelists:

1. **Literature, Sedition, and the African Awakening: The Struggle for Democracy on Both Sides of the Sahara,** Dr. Debbie Barnard, Associate Professor of French, Department of Foreign Languages, Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN.
2. **Atlantic Sacrifice: Moussa Sene Absa's *Yoolé/Sacrifice* and Fatou Diome's *Le Ventre de l'Atlantique* in Conversation about Immigration and Identity,** Dr. Leah Tolbert Lyons, Associate Professor of French, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
3. **Burning What Exactly?** Dr. Victoria Steinberg, Associate Professor of French, Department of Modern and Classical Languages, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN
4. **Negotiating Freedom: The Tenuous Nature of Freedom in the Period of Accommodation in Caryl Phillips' *Dancing in the Dark*,** Dr. Rebecca S. Dixon, Associate Professor, English and Women's Studies, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN

**Lunch Break: 12:40-1.30**

Venue: The Atrium

**Guest Lecture: 1:40- 2:25**

Venue: Room 353

Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Learotha Williams, Assistant Professor of History, Tennessee State University

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Elizabeth McClain, Retired Professor of History, Tennessee State University.

Title of Lecture: **Nashville's Role in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement**



Malcolm X



Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Panel #5: 2:30-4:15**  
**Historical and Conceptual Contexts of Civil & Human Rights**

Venue: Room 353

Chair: Prof. Abolade Adeniji, Professor of History & Dean, Faculty of Arts, Lagos State University, Ojo, Nigeria

Panelists:

1. **The Multi-dimensional Struggles for the Emancipation of Africa: Nigeria's Foreign Policy and the African Diaspora**, Prof. Philip E. Agbebaku, Department of Political Science, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria; and Mohammed Itakpe, Department of Political Science, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria
2. **Claude Ake and the Political Economy of Human Rights in Africa**, Dr. Tokunbo A. Ayoola, Department of History and International Relations, Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State, Nigeria
3. **Using Technology to Promote Pan-Africanism**, Kalonji McClellan, Instructor, Africana Studies, Tennessee State University, Nashville
4. **Sovereignty: Survival or State Failure—Historical and Ongoing Challenges for African States**, Dr. Kyle Patrick Murray, Instructor of History & Politics, Tennessee State University, Nashville
5. **Millennium Development Goals as a Strategy for Poverty Alleviation in Nigeria: Ornamentation or Reality**, Dr. Joseph Okwesili Nkwede, & Dr. Larry Udu, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria

**Panel #6: 2:30-4:15**  
**Perspectives on States, Socio-Cultural, and Economic Engagements**

Venue: Room 354

Chair: Dr. Victor Iyanya, History Department, Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria

Panelists:

1. **Foreign Development in Ethiopia and the Transformation of Rural Life**, Travis Cady, MA Candidate, Patterson School of Diplomacy & International Commerce, University of Kentucky
2. **South Africa: When Idealistic Laws Hinder Progress**, Ariel Gutierrez, M.A. Candidate, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky
3. **The Implications of Poverty and Economic Inequality in Education of African Americans**, Sarah Iriogbe-Efionayi, Graduate student, College of Education, Tennessee State University
4. **The Influence of Time on Linguistic Violence in Marriage: The Igbo Language Perspective**, Chinwe Obianika, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria
5. **Fela Anikulapo's Struggles for Human and Civil Rights**, Dr. Sheyi Kehnnny, Music Unit, Creative Arts Department, University of Lagos

**4:20-4:30: Tea/Coffee Break**

Venue: The Atrium

**Panel #7: 4:35-6:05**

**Democratization, Political Participation, and Conflict Resolution**

Venue: Room 353

Chair: Doug Janoff, Diplomat in Residence, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky

Panelists:

1. **Urban Space, Human Rights and Political Participation: Evidences from Nigeria**, Dr. William E. Odion, Department of Political Science, College of Education, Igueben, Nigeria; Prof. Phillip E. Agbebaku, Department of Political Science, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria; & Prof. Stephen K. Omorogbe, Department of Sociology, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria.
2. **The Impact of Internally Displaced Persons on Good Governance in Nigeria**, Leslie Stubbs, M.A. Candidate, Patterson School of Diplomacy & International Commerce, University of Kentucky
3. **Political Participation as a Catalyst for National Development in a Democratic Society**, Umezurike Grace, Department of Philosophy and Religion, Ebonyi State University Abakaliki, Nigeria
4. **Utilizing the Language and Translation Tools as Means for Conflict Resolution in Nigeria**, Uzoma P. Agwu, Department of Languages and Linguistics, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria

**Panel #8: 4:35-6:05**

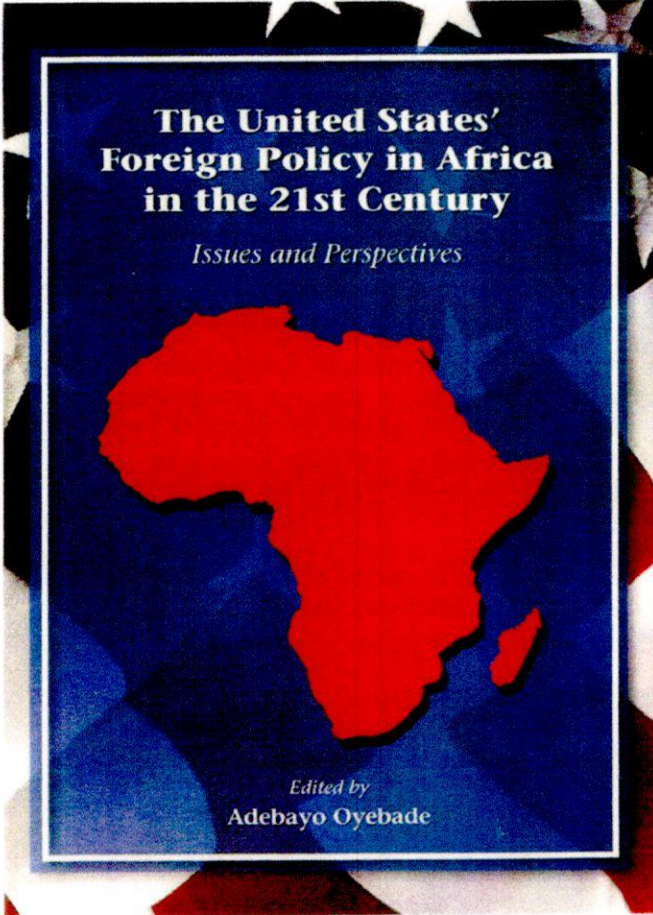
**Genocide, Wars, and Crimes against Humanity**

Venue: Room 354

Chair: Kalonji McClellan, Instructor, Africana Studies, Tennessee State University

Panelists:

1. **Petrodollar and Genocide: Agitation for Justice in Ken Saro-Wiwa's *A Month and A Day***, Saeedat Bolajoko Aliyu, Department of Languages and Literary Studies, Kwara State University, Malete, Nigeria
2. **Human Rights and State Repression: An African Perspective**, Dr. Omoh Felix Okokhere, Department of Political Science, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria
3. **One Million in One Hundred Days: Explaining the 'Madness' of the Rwandan Genocide**, Dr. Shadrack W. Nasong'o, Rhodes College, Department of International Studies, Memphis TN
5. **Autocracy and Crimes against Humanity in Africa: Some Case Studies**, Biale Aabe Zua, Graduate Student, Tennessee State University



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**Publication of Selected Papers**  
 The annual conference endeavors to publish selected, well-researched and well-written scholarly papers presented during the conference.



Kwame Nkrumah



Nelson Mandela

6.15-8.50

## **Banquet and Keynote Address**

Venue: The Atrium

Welcome: Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History, Tennessee State University

Remarks: Dr. Gloria Johnson, Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University

Awards Presentation: Rebecca S. Dixon, Associate Professor, English and Women's Studies, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN; Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele, Assistant Professor of Geography; & Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History, Tennessee State University

Keynote Address: Dr. Bessie House-Soremekun, **Director of Africana Studies & Professor of Political Science and Africana Studies, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, IN**

8.50

### **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Erik Schmeller, Chair, Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies, Tennessee State University



### **Conference Planning Committee**

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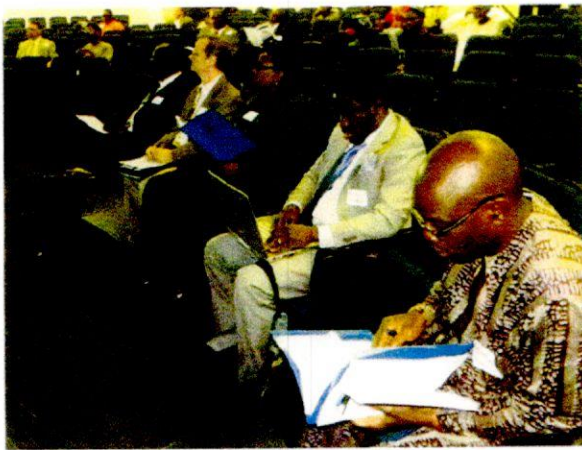
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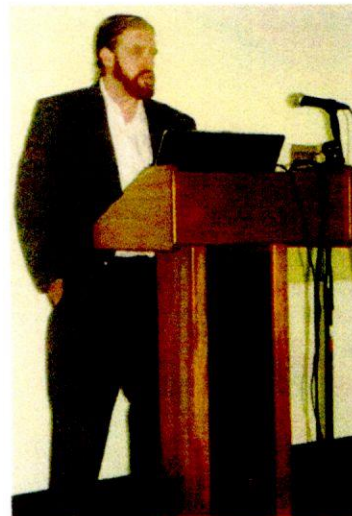
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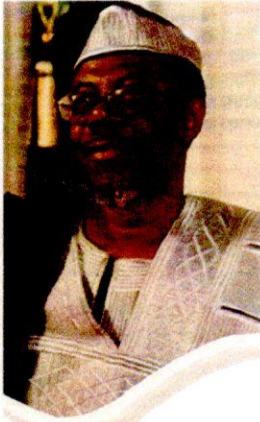
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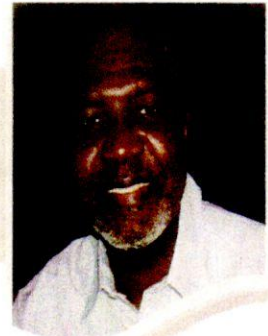


## The Annual Africa Conference: Previous Speakers



**Dr. Toyin Falola** was the Keynote Speaker in the maiden edition of the conference (2012). He is the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities and University Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. A scholar of African and Diasporan African studies, he has published over 100 books.

**Dr. Akanmu Adebayo** gave the keynote address at the second conference (2013). An accomplished scholar, he is Professor of History and Director of the Center for Conflict Management (CCM) at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia.



**Ambassador Neneh MacDouall-Gaye** was the Plenary Guest Speaker in 2012. She was the former Gambian Ambassador to the United States. She had also served as Secretary of Trade and Industry, and as Secretary of Communications and Information Technology in the Gambian government.

**Dr. Peter Nwosu** gave the Plenary Guest address at the second conference (2013). A Fellow of the American Council on Education (ACE) and Fulbright Scholar, he is a professor of communications and former Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Tennessee State University.

