The 8th Annual Africa Conference

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Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies



Conference Theme HEALTH AND HEALTH ISSUES IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

APRIL 7 -9, 2022



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WELCOME REMARKS College of Liberal Arts

Thursday, April 7, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to welcome you to the 8th Annual Africa Conference presented by the Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies in the College of Liberal Arts at Tennessee State University.

Dr. Adebayo Oyebade initiated this conference to "provide a platform from which scholars, policymakers, students, and other



participants can interrogate knowledge about Africa and the African Diaspora in diverse areas of inquiry." And beginning in 2011, Dr. Oyebade and his co-convener Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele have done just that with conference themes covering U. S. Foreign Policy in Africa, the New African Diaspora, Civil Rights, Development, Challenges, and Slavery. This conference epitomizes the interconnectedness and inter-reliance of nations, disciplines, and scholarship. The Covid-19 Pandemic brought a break in this tradition but inspired this year's conference theme: "Health Issues in Africa and the African Diaspora."

The Africa Conference continues to draw international experts while serving the education and scholarship of TSU faculty and students. Each year this conference provides a forum for generating understanding and awareness.

I want to thank Dr. Oyebade, Dr. Bekele, and all their colleagues who make this conference possible. The College of Liberal Arts appreciates the support of Academic Affairs and President Glenda Glover who understand the necessity of global thinking and awareness now more than ever before. And most importantly, we want to thank you for your participation that continues the proud tradition of this conference.

Yours truly,

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Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis

Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts

WELCOME REMARKS College of Liberal Arts

April 7, 2022

I am honored to join Dean Morgan-Curtis in welcoming you on behalf of the TSU College of Liberal Arts to our eighth Africa Conference.

The Africa Conference has been a highlight for our College from its first meeting in April 2012, almost exactly ten years ago. Since that time, the Conference has grown remarkably in its size and scope and has become an established institution at TSU, reflecting and expressing our identify and mission as an HBCU.



Each spring semester, the Africa Conference brings colleagues together across disciplines and departments, creates new knowledge, and builds ongoing relationships with a global community of scholars.

I am especially grateful to Dr. Oyebade and Dr. Bekele for their determination not only to continue the conference this year but also to engage with the pandemic and other health issues as the conference theme. Their organization of a virtual conference across multiple time zones is an impressive achievement both logistically and as an expression of the authentically global character of the conference.

Once again, thank you and congratulations to Dr. Oyebade and Bekele for the creativity and dedication that have made this remarkable event possible. And to all guests and participants, welcome and best wishes for a very successful conference.

Dr. Joel Dark

Professor of History and Associate Dean College of Liberal Arts

WELCOME REMARKS Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies

April 7, 2022

Dear Conference Attendee,

The Annual Africa Conference is held under the auspices of the Department of History, Political Science, Geography, and Africana Studies in the College of Liberal Arts. As chair of the department, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the



8th edition of the conference. The department is proud to host this conference again this year. It is 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.

Due to the COVID pandemic, we are compelled to hold this year's conference in a virtual format to ensure the safety of participants. It is true that attendees will miss our usual campus events and the physical touch of Nashville, one of the fasted-growing Southern cities famous for its country music, creative art, best of soul cuisine, and a rich historical past and a growing cultural diversity. Nevertheless, this virtual format extends participation to a more wider audience that cuts across the globe. But the format does not diminish our ability to engage in serious discourse through formal presentations, roundtables, and panel discussions; and informal conversations and sharing of ideas through the hall-way of the chat forum and other virtual spaces. I am confident that this conference will greatly enrich your horizon of health issues and the state of health in Africa and the African Diaspora. Apart from the intellectual engagement, I hope that the conference will also afford participants the opportunity to engage in trans-Atlantic networking, collaboration, and camaraderie.

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

Sincerely,

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Dr. Adebayo Oyebade Department Chair

WELCOME REMARKS

Conference Conveners

April 7, 2022

Dear Conference Participant,

As conveners of the Annual Africa Conference, we are delighted to welcome you to the 2022 meeting, the 8th in our conference series. This year, we are holding the conference virtually because of the COVID pandemic. Although, virtual, as in the past, participants have come from different parts of the world. 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 "Health Issues in Africa and the African Diaspora." It is a timely subject as the still on-going pandemic has exposed the poor state of healthcare in Africa and the disproportionate access to the healthcare system by African Americans in the United States. Whether in Africa or the African Diaspora, Black people continue to face significant healthcare challenges. This dismal reality on both sides of the Atlantic compels a closer look at the subject of healthcare in both constituencies. The conference thus provides scholars, healthcare practitioners, and policymakers, an opportunity to turn a searchlight on the subject and raise pertinent questions. From the wide range of scheduled presentations and the keynote addresses, we believe that this exciting conference will, once again, be an intellectually engaging experience for everyone.

We wish you all of you an enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,



Adebayo Oyebade



Gashaw W. Bekele

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ANNUAL AFRICA CONFERENCE

The Annual Africa Conference was initiated in 2012 by Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History and currently. Chair, Department of History, Political Science, Geography, and Africana Studies. The first conference was held on September 13, 2013, co-convened with Dr. Wosene Yefru, Professor of Africana Studies. Subsequently, the conferences have been co-convened with Dr. Gashaw Bekele, Associate Professor of Geography. Since its inception, the conference has featured a variety of themes (see below), and has grown tremendously with participants attending from Africa, Europe, Canada, Asia, the Caribbean, and the United States.

THEMES OF PAST CONFERENCES

- **2012** U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa in the 21st Century
- **2013** The New African Diaspora in the United States: Immigration, Transnational Identities, and Integration
- 2015 Human Rights and Civil Rights in Africa and the African Diaspora
- **2016** Africa in the 21st Century: The Promise of Development and Democratization
- **2017** Transformations in Africana Studies: Epistemology, Theory Building, and Methodology
- 2018 : Demographic, Economic, & Security challenges in Africa
- 2019 : Slavery in the African World: Interrogating the Past and Confronting the Present

Note: The Africa Conference was not held in 2020 and 2021 because of the COVID pandemic.

THE 2023 CONFERENCE

The call-for-papers for the 2023 conference will be issued by August 31, 2022. Please, check the conference website at <u>Africa Conference (tnstate.edu</u>). You may also request a copy by emailing <u>TSUAfricaConference@Tnstate.edu</u>

CONFERENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele, Associate Professor of Geography Ms. Pamela Bobo, Instructor of History Dr. Rebecca Dixon, Professor of English and Women's Studies Dr. Sekhmet Maat, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies Dr. Kyle Murray, Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Learotha Williams, Associate Professor of History

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Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, TSU Dr. Joel Dark, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, TSU Faculty, Department of History, Geography, Political Science, & Africana Studies

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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OPENING REMARKS

8:00-8:20 am (CDT US) 1:00-1:20 pm (Ghana/UK) 2:00-2:20 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Dr. Adebayo Oyebade

Conference Convener, Professor of History, Chair, Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies, Tennessee State University

Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis

Professor of English and Women Studies, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Tennessee State University

Thursday, April 7, Continued

OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

8:30-9:15 am (CDT, US) 1:30-2:15 pm (Ghana/UK) 2:30-3:15 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Gashawbeza Bekele, Conference Co-Convener, Associate **Professor of** Geography, Tennessee State University

Keynote Speaker

DR. WENDELYN INMAN

Interim Program Director of Public Health, Department of Public Health, Health Administration, and Health Sciences, Tennessee State University

Title of Keynote Address

COVID-19: A BLACK EXPERIENCE

Dr. Wendelyn Inman is a medical microbiologist, a public health and infection disease control specialist. She is the first African American woman to receive a medical doctoral degree from Vanderbilt University's School of Medicine.

Dr. Inman had previously served in a variety of leadership positions including as an investigator and evaluator of public health projects at local, national and international levels. Her career includes directing divisions at the state level in Breast & Cervical Cancer; HIV/AIDS Prevention Services; Health Policy; Minority Health; Tuberculosis Prevention; and Youth Tobacco Prevention. Dr. Inman has served as a national and international consultant to the White House to address HIV/AIDS reduction in the minority communities. In addition, she served as a consultant to various bodies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on HIV/AIDS; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) on mental health disparities; Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) for environmental hazards in minority communities; and the U.S. Census Bureau on race and ethnicity.

As an intervention expert, Dr. Inman also works with the faith-based community for projects directly addressing health disparities. She has served as the Director of the Office of Health Policy and as the Chief of Epidemiology for the State of Tennessee within the Department of Health, directing infectious disease control activities such as health promotion, disease prevention, breast cancer reduction, immunization promotion, and tuberculosis reduction.

Dr. Inman has been interviewed regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic on major news outlets such as the *New York Times*, and local television outlets for ABC News, NBC News, CBS News and FOX News.

Thursday, April 7, Continued

PANEL 1: AFRICA AND THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

09:30-11:45 am (CDT, US) 02:30-04:45 pm (Ghana/UK) 03:30-05:45 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Chair:

Dr. Sheri Brown, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists:

The Impact of Vaccine Hesitancy and COVID-19 Vaccine Accessibility in Africa's Healthcare System and Resources Aleshia Seaton-Terry, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Political Leadership and Public Health in Africa: Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic

Felix Kumah-Abiwu, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio

Covid-19 and the Deepening of Gender Inequalities in Tunisia

Hajer ben Hadj Salem, Higher Institute of Humanities of Tunis, Tunisia

COVID-19 and Gender Impact: A Comparative Analysis of Nigeria and Mexico

Monica Eshi Obakhedo, Ambrose Ali University, Nigeria

The Covid-19 Pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Analysis of Key Factors and its

Implications on Education

Dominick T. Kamssu, Brentwood High School, Brentwood, Tennessee

Use of Nose Masks among Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Views of Parents in an Academic Environment in Ghana

Rosemary Quarcoo, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana Fred Yao Gbagbo, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

PANEL 2: WELLNESS AND LITERACY IN HEALTHCARE CONTEXT

12:00-01:55 pm (CDT, US) 05:00-06:55 pm (Ghana/UK) 06:00-07:55 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Chair:

Dr. Kyle Murray, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists:

Midwestern Black Parents' Motivations to Homeschool

Rachel A. Johnson, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin

Wellness, Ubuntu Ethics, and Impact: Learning from Black Homeschooling Families

Dannielle Joy Davis, Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri

Mapping the Existing Research on Black Homeschooling and Setting a Course for Future Research

Cheryl Fields-Smith, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia Meca Williams-Johnson, Georgia Southern University

Problem of Sources and Data Collection in Researching Colonial Healthcare Policies in Nigeria

Gloria Ajiroghene Ilivieda, Edo State University, Nigeria

Impact of Literacy on Health Education and Practice

Oladayo Oyelola, Daiichi Sankyo, Inc., Basking Ridge, New Jersey

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PANEL 3: INDIGENOUS MEDICINE AND TRADITIONAL HEALING

08:00-09:55 am (CDT, US) 01:00-02:55 pm (Ghana/UK) 02:00-03:55 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Chair:

Prof. Pamela Bobo, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

<u>Panelists</u>: The Gift of Healing: W.E.B. Du Bois and African- American Tradition Rebecca S. Dixon, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Bounding Cause and Cure: Whether African Indigenous Medicine or Western Medicine Sunday Layi Oladipupo, Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria Aanuoluwapo Fifebo Sunday, Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria

"All That I Can Do": Gloria Naylor's *M'Dear* and the Black Folk Healing Tradition Jennifer L. Hayes, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

The Role of Traditional and Orthodox Medicine in Tackling Mental Illness in Colonial Nigeria Gloria Ajiroghene Ilivieda, Edo State University, Nigeria

Herbs: A Study in Traditional Healing Practices in Akokoland

Olusanya Faboyede, Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria

Friday, April 8, Continued

ROUNDTABLE

10:10-11:40 am (CDT, US) 03:10-04:40 pm (Ghana/UK) 04:10-05:40 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Topic: Harnessing the Emerging African Diaspora Medical Organizations in Strengthening the Health Systems in Africa

Moderator:

Quentin Eichbaum, MD PhD MPH MFA MMHC JD MEd FACP FASCP

Professor of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC); Professor of Medical Education and Administration at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine; member, Board of Directors, the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH); and co-founder and Executive Committee member, the Consortium of New Sub-Sahara African Medical Schools (CONSAMS).

Speakers:

Eiman Ahmed Mahmoud, MD MPH

Professor of Pathology, and Global Health Program Director, Touro University, California; Board of Directors member and Head of Strategy Office, Sudanese American Physician Organization (SAPA).

Seble Frehywot, MD MHSA

Professor of Global Health and Health Policy, The George Washington University; Director of Health Equity On-Line Learning for the Atlantic Philanthropy Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity global program.

Begna Kebede, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine, Consultant hematologist and co-director Global Bridge Oncology, Mayo clinic; executive member, the Ethiopian high-level Diaspora COVID-19 Advisory Board.

PANEL 4: LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN HEALTHCARE

11:50-01:45 pm (CDT, US) 04:50-06:45 pm (Ghana/UK) 05:50-07:45 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

<u>Chair</u>:

Dr. Sekhmet Maat, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists:

Legal and Judicial Attitude to Mental Illness in Criminal Cases in Nigeria Akin Alao, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

When the Law is Ambiguous: Ethical Dilemmas of Accessing Second-Trimester Abortion Services During COVID-19 Pandemic in Ghana

Fred Yao Gbagbo, University of Education Winneba, Ghana Krystal Rampalli, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

Determinants for Pricing Induced Abortion Services in Licensed Health Facilities in Ghana Fred Yao Gbagbo, University of Education Winneba, Ghana

Mental Disability in the African Context: From Charity to Solidarity Ethics

Anthony Idoko Okpanachi, Kogi State University, Nigeria

Law, Medical Abuse, and Black Americans: An Overview of the Legal Basis used to Justify the Abuse

Robert L. Smith, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

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PANEL 5: WOMEN, YOUTH, CJILDREN, AND HEALTHCARE

08:00-09:55 am (CDT, US) 01:00-02:55 pm (Ghana/UK) 02:00-03:55 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Chair:

Dr. Rebecca Dixon, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists:

Contraceptive use among Basic School Pupils in Ghana: A Case Study of Municipality Fred Yao Gbagbo, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

Examining Major Depression among African American College Women at a Historically Black University in a Southern State (Atlanta, GA)

Shani Collins Woods, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee.

Youth Unemployment, Development, and Political Stability in sub-Saharan Africa: The Cases of Ghana and Nigeria Bright Owusu Gyasi, Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio

Does Race-Based Traumatic Stress and Africultural Coping Moderate Outcomes at Historically Black Colleges and Predominantly White Institutions? A Study of Racial Identity Development and Academic Self-Efficacy Outcomes Among Black College Students Richard P. Garvin, Jr., Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Perspective, Attitude, and Awareness toward Sex Education among High School Students in the Volta-Region of Ghana

Isaac Rowland Aklamanu, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee

PANEL 6: PUBLIC HEALTH: SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS DIMENSIONS

10:10 am-12:05 pm (CDT, US) 03:10-05:05 pm (Ghana/UK) 04:10-06:05 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Chair:

Dr. Wosene Yefru, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists:

Public Health Crises in the Developing World: The Ugandan HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Historical Perspective Kyle Patrick Murray, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Political Economy of Public Health in Nigeria: A Study of Media and Discourse Paradigm

Grace I. Omo-Ojugo, Ambrose Ali University, Nigeria Monday Okugbe, Ambrose Ali University, Nigeria

Africa's Public Services and the Management of Covid-19 Pandemic

Tokunbo Aderemi Ayoola, Anchor University, Lagos, Nigeria

Telling Truthful Stories: Looking Backward to Move Forward on Racial Justice and Health Equity

Sheri Bartlett Browne, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

The Mahogany Legacy Project: Addressing Social Determinants of Healthcare

Terrence Duncan, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

PANEL 7: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, AND THE GLOBAL SPACE

12:15-02:10 pm (CDT, US) 05:15-07:10 pm (Ghana/UK) 06:15-08:10 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Chair:

Dr. K.T. Ewing, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Panelists:

The Oil Wealth in the Niger Delta Region, Nigeria: A Historian Discourse on the Myth and Reality of Environmental Health Question Opeyemi Anthony Iroju, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

Black Public Health and Vibrational Healing Trinity Young, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee

Exploring the Perceptions, Beliefs, Knowledge, and Practices around Dietary intake Among Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Adults in England

Abimbola Ojo, Teesside University, Middlesbrough, United Kingdom Oyebola Wuraola Osayuwa, University College Hospital, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Reimagining the Body: Commoditization and Commodification of the Dressed Body in Nigeria's Urban Communities

Bukola Adeyemi Oyeniyi, Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri

Understanding Implications of Research Colonialism to Make Change for the Future

Elizabeth S. Rose, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

Theodore Kobla Boafor, Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital, Ghana Muhammad Asaduzzaman, University of Oslo, Norway

Saturday, April 9, Continued

CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

02:20-03:05 pm (CDT, US) 07:20-08:05 pm (Ghana/UK) 08:20-09:05 pm (Nigeria/Tunisia)

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Conference Convener, Professor of History, Chair, Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies, Tennessee State University

Keynote Speaker

PROF. JAMES E. ATOLAGBE

Provost, College of Graduate Studies, Professor of Public Health and Preventive Care, & former Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Science, Adeleke University, Ede, Nigeria

Title of Keynote Address



INADEQUATE HEALTH CARE FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE IN AFRICA: A PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CHALLENGE TO ACHIEVING THE UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

James Atolagbe is a professor of Public Health and Preventive Care in Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria. He was trained in the School of Public Health, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California. He began his career in the academics at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria (1983 – 1989). He was the Coordinator of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education Program in the Department of Public Health, Kern County, California from 1990-1995. He was a member of the HIV/AIDS Prevention Working Group for the State of California, from 1993-1995. He was the former Director of Comprehensive Healthcare Systems, LLC. – a company that provides consultation in preventive perinatal care services, from 1995-2014. He was also the Director of Preventive Care at Comp Weight Loss System, Inc. in the cities of San Bernardino and Rialto, California, from 2007-2014. As a contract faculty member in his alma mater, Loma Linda University, he taught Preventive Care Practice and Management and supervised field work for doctoral students from 2002-2013.

Professor Atolagbe currently works at Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State, Nigeria. He was the maiden head of Department of Public Health (2014), and maiden Dean of the Faculty of Basic Medical Science (2015-2017). Presently, he serves as the Provost of the College of Postgraduate Studies. His research interests are in primary health care, health promotion and disease prevention.

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

Dr. Adebayo Oyebade, Professor of History, Chair, Department of History, Political Science, Geography, & Africana Studies, Tennessee State University

Journal Announcement



The Annual Africa Conference announces its journal, *Global Africa: Journal of African and African Diaspora Studies*, an open access, peer-reviewed online publication. The journal will offer a unique perspective to historical and contemporary issues of political, economic, social, and cultural significance to Africa and the African Diaspora. It will publish full-length original research articles of 20-30 double-spaced pages and book reviews of 1-4 double-spaced pages. Two issues will be published per year, in January and July. The January volumes will be special issues devoted to papers presented at the Annual Africa Conference on the theme of the conference. Thus, the inaugural issue of the journal scheduled for publication in January 2023, will be devoted to Health and Health Issues in Africa and the African Diaspora, the theme of the 2022 conference. Accordingly, we invite conference presenters who wish to have their papers considered for publication in the journal to submit them for peer review no later that June 1, 2022. Papers should be prepared in Microsoft Word format and submitted as email attachment to <u>TSUAfricaConference@Tnstate.edu</u>

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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 Former 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: Plenary Keynote Speaker

Mrs. Elizabeth Harbour McClain Retired Professor of History, Tennessee State University

2016: Banquet Keynote Speaker



Adjunct Professor of Africology



2016: Plenary Keynote Speaker

Dr. Olayiwola Abegunrin Late Professor of Political Science Howard University



2017: Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. Bobby L. Lovett Retired professor of history Former Dean, College of Liberal Arts Tennessee State University

2017 Plenary Keynote Speaker

Dr. Victor Oguejiofor Okafor Professor & Department Head Africology & African American Studies East Michigan University

2018: Banquet Keynote Speaker



Dr. Abiodun Alao Professor of African Studies Director of the African Leadership Center King's College, University of London, UK



2018: Plenary Keynote Speaker

Dr. Kidane-Mariam Retired Professor of Geography Edinboro University of Pennsylvania



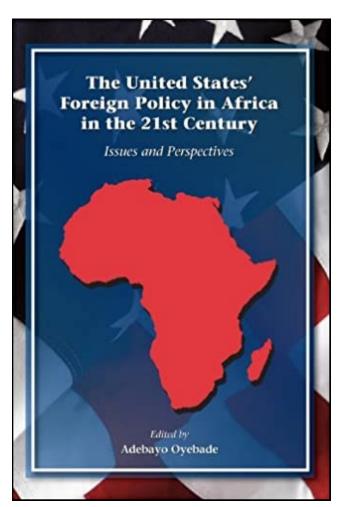
2019: Plenary Keynote Speaker

Dr. K.T. Ewing Associate Professor of history Tennessee State University

2019 Banquet Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jane Landers Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor Department of History Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee





Africa in the Twenty-First Century



The Promise of Development and Democratization

> Edited by Gashawbeza W. Bekele and Adebayo Oyebade

Conference Publications



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DISCOURSES ON HUMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

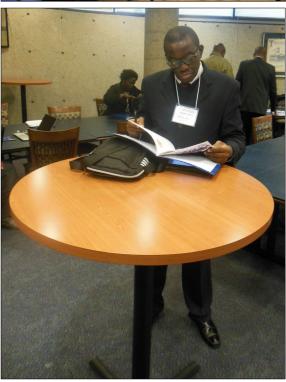
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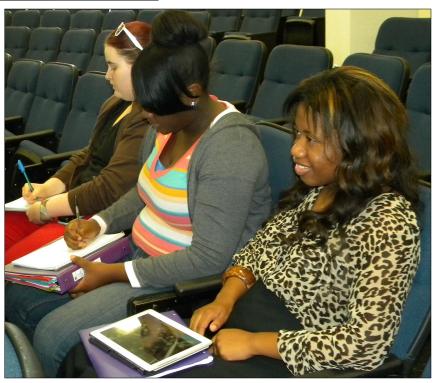
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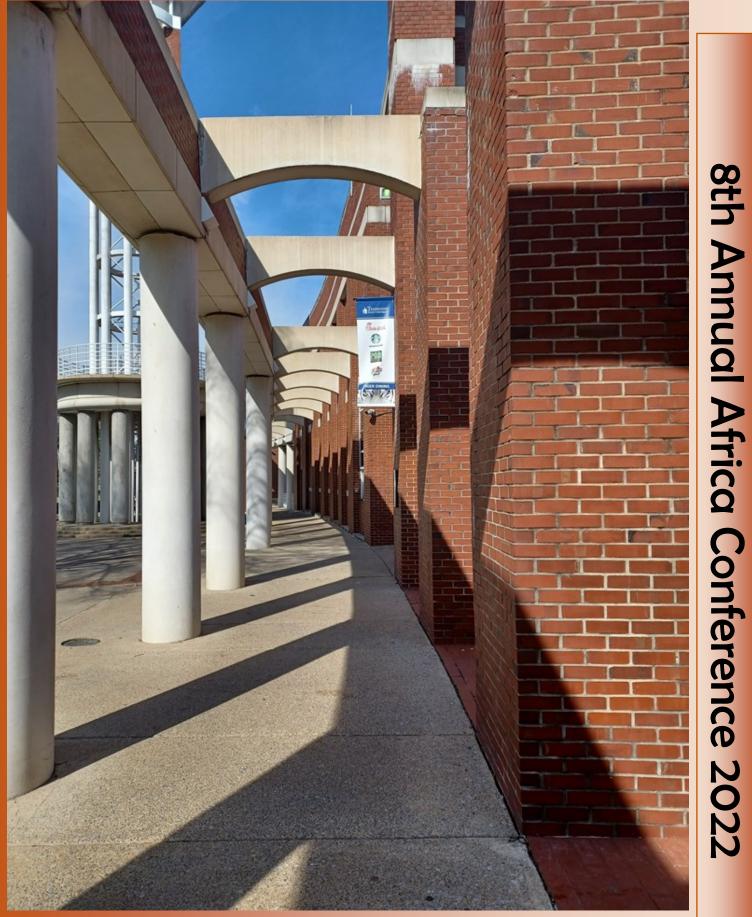












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