California State University- Sacramento

Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

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Conference Preliminary Program

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The 23rd Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference

April 24-26, 2014

Theme:  Rethinking & Managing Ethnic and Religious Relations in Contemporary Africa/Diaspora:
Past Experiences, Present Realities and New Directions

Location: University Union(UU), California State University, Sacramento

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The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

MISSION

The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution (CAPCR) was established in 1996 at California State University, Sacramento, to provide conflict resolution and reconciliation services for agencies, governments, institutions, businesses, civil society and community organizations and other groups through training, education, research, and intervention.

CAPCR develops curricular/materials and provides training on mediation, negotiation, arbitration, and other conflict resolution services for governmental and nongovernmental organizations, business and community groups, public and private agencies, educational institutions and allied professional associations (in US/Africa).

GOALS

- Develop and implement programs that educate and promote peace & conciliation among families, organizations, community groups, and governments, both in US/Africa
- Conduct research and evaluations on African conflict situations, and serve as a clearinghouse/resource center
- Establish institutional and community network of support in US/Africa on conflict resolution and assist in creation of indigenous conflict resolution institutes in Africa
- Assist in mediation/arbitration/resolution of conflicts among Africans, when possible and with consent of disputing parties

Since CAPCR's founding in 1996, CAPCR has developed independently, and in conjunction with other agencies, numerous major initiatives on conflict resolution, alternative dispute resolution and peace education. Our partners include the U.S. State Department and Department of Education, the U.S. Institute of Peace, USAID, JAMS Foundation, World Bank, California Wellness Foundation, the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in Lagos, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, the Nigerian Human Rights Commission, the University of Ghana-Legon, the Ghana Bar Association, Judiciary and Ministry of Justice, the Ghana Association of Certified Mediators and Arbitrators, Ethiopia Dispute Resolution Association, Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)-Kenya and Ethiopia, National University of Rwanda-Butare, The Gambia Judiciary, Addis Ababa University, the University of Liberia in Monrovia, the University of Dakar in Senegal, the African Center for Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), among others.

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Thursday, April 24, 2014

Registration: 10:00am

Venue: University Union Redwood Room

Opening Concurrent Panel A: 10:30am – 12:00pm

A.1: Title: Ethnicity, Conflict Dynamics, and the Law

PANEL CHAIR
Jessie Gaston, CSU-Sacramento

THE PLACE OF ARBITRATION PRACTICE IN RESOLVING ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE/CONFLICTS IN NIGERIA
Charles Chudi Nwabichili, Anambra State University, Igbariam campus, Nigeria

JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE UNDER NIGERIA’S FOURTH REPUBLIC: PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS
Philip Aka, Chicago State University, Chicago

RESURGENCE OF ETHNIC NATIONALISM IN AFRICA: A THEORETIC ENQUIRY
Ferdinand Ottoh, University of Lagos, Nigeria

TOWARDS FOSTERING NATIONAL INTEGRATION: ISSUES IN LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF ETHNO-RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS IN NIGERIA
Olu Ekunday Babatunde, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

NEW STATE POLICY, ETHNIC IDENTITY & CONFLICT: THE SIDAMA-GUJI CONFLICT IN WONDO GENET AREA, ETHIOPIA
Ambaye Ogato, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany.
A.2: Title: Gender, Education, Human Rights and the Environment

PANEL CHAIR
Kaylene Richards-Ekeh, CSU-Sacramento

JURISDICTION OF THE AFRICAN COURT OF JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS OVER INTERNATIONAL CRIMES: SOME FUNDAMENTAL AND PROBLEMATIC ISSUES
Timothy FWA Yerima, Kogi State University, Anyigba, Nigeria

GENDER IMBALANCE IN ETHIOPIAN HIGHER INSTITUTIONS: A CASE STUDY OF ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY, MEKELE UNIVERSITY, AND JIMMA UNIVERSITY
Frehiwot Negash Gebriye, Social Economy Advancing Foundation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

GENDER ROLES IN AGRICULTURE AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION PROGRAM: A CASE STUDY IN THE HIGHLANDS OF ETHIOPIA
Asres Elias Baysa, Tottori University, Japan

THE ROLE OF TRANS-BOUNDARY RIVER BASINS IN DEVELOPMENT FOR REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND INTEGRATION: A CASE STUDY OF THE BLUE NILE RIVER
Nigussie Haregeweyn Ayehu, Tottori University, Japan

ETHNIC POLITICS: THE BANE OF PEACE IN NIGERIA
Chinyere C.P. Nnorom, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:20pm (see list of campus eateries).

Opening Plenary: 1:20 - 2:55pm

1:20pm: AFRICAN DRUMMING: Tyehimba Kokayi, Lion King Entertainment, Sacramento

1:30pm: Master of Ceremonies: Marlyn Jones, CSU-Sacramento

CONFERENCE OPENING:
Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR

WELCOMING REMARKS:
Fred Baldini, Dean, College of Health & Human Services
Fredericka Harmsen, Provost & Vice President, Academic Affairs

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Professor Vincent Nmehielle, Legal Counsel, African Union Commission, Addis Ababa-Ethiopia. Introduction by Dr. Don Taylor, Interim Asst. Vice President, Academic Programs and Global Engagement, CSUS

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Plenary 2: 3:00 - 5:00pm

Title: Religion, Diversity, and Interfaith Peacebuilding

PANEL CHAIR
Data Barata, CSU-Sacramento

THE RISE OF RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS IN CONTEMPORARY ETHIOPIA: THE MULTIFACETED FACTORS AND THEIR INTERPLAY
Meron Zeleke, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

LESSONS FROM NEGOTIATING SOUTH AFRICA’S MULTIRACIAL SOCIETY AND NATIONAL DEMOCRATIZATION
Victoria Maloka, Center for Mediation in Africa, Pretoria, South Africa

PERSPECTIVES IN CONFLICT-INDUCED TRAUMA IN NIGERIA
Betty Bassey, Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution, Abuja, Nigeria

INTERFAITH ORGANIZATIONS AND PEACEBUILDING
Jon Fish, Interfaith Council of Greater Sacramento

CAPCR Welcome Reception: 5:00 - 6:30pm (Refreshments/drinks provided)

A PHOTO SLIDESHOW: TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA, JANUARY 2014
Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR

Friday, April 25, 2014

Plenary 3

Registration: (Continued throughout the day)

Panel B: 8:30 - 10:05am

Title: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Human Migration, and Nonviolence

PANEL CHAIR
Lisa William-White, CSU-Sacramento
CROSS BORDER HUMAN MIGRATION DYNAMICS: BENEFITS AND RESERVATIONS

Chika Hyginus Dike, University of Lago, Nigeria

USE OF ADR BY AFRICANS IN THE UK AND THE PREVENTION OF CONFLICT

Ijeoma Ononogbu, Solicitor, London, UK

THE PERFORMATIVE THEATRE: AN INESTIMABLE MEDIUM FOR THE CONTROL AND MANIPULATION OF THE THEATRE OF WAR AND TERRORISM IN SUBSahARAN AFRICA

Somtoo Arinze -Umobi, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Nigeria

Emmanuel Ebekue, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

THE THEOLOGY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.: WAS IT CHRISTIANITY OR SOMETHING ELSE?

Derek Holt, Afrikan Restoration Project, Long Beach, California

Break 10:05 - 10:15am

Panel C: 10:15 - 11:45am

Title: Ethnic conflicts, Niger delta conflict & youth development

Panel Chair

Maggie Beddow, CSU-Sacramento

THE RHETORICS AND REALITIES OF MANAGING ETHNO-RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS: THE NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE

Beloveth Nwankwo, University of Derby, UK.

ETHNIC CONFLICT AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION IN THE NIGER DELTA OF NIGERIA

Robert Dibie, Indiana University, Kokomo

CONFLICT, ETHNICITY, AND RESOURCE CONTROL: AN EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF COMMUNITY STRUCTURE IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE NIGER-DELTA REGION OF NIGERIA

Olayinka Ajala, University of York, UK

YOUTH & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA: RETHINKING QUALITY EDUCATION

Akinyele Olaseinde, Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria
Panel D: 11:45am-1pm:

Film/Discussion: *Kinyarwanda*, Alrick Brown, Writer & Director  
During the 1994 Rwandan genocide, the Mufti of Rwanda, the most respected Muslim leader in the country, issued a fatwa forbidding Muslims from participating in the killing of the Tutsi. *Kinyarwanda* is based on true accounts from survivors who took refuge at the Grand Mosque of Kigali, and the Imams who opened their doors to give refuge to the Tutsi and to those Hutu who refused to participate in the killing.

Lunch: 1:00 – 2:00pm *Meal provided.*

Friday, April 25, 2014 (contd.)

Panel D: 2-3pm

A Special Student Panel: *Sisters of Nia*: African Centered Pedagogy at work in Sacramento, Malika Murray and Synthia Smith, *Sisters of Nia, Sacramento*

A presentation of Sisters of Nia, an African Centered non-profit organization and after school program from Oak Park, Sacramento. The workshop will cover the inspiration, philosophy, and mission of the organization. The middle school girls will introduce various elements of the program through oral presentations, performance, and power point. We will highlight our curriculum as well as our major annual activities such as: our 8th grade Rites of Passage program (based on the Nguzo Saba), our Black History Month Performance, our Youth Leadership Conference, our HBCU trip, and our Summer Performing Arts Camp. The workshop will include a panel of middle school girls for questions and answers about the impact of African pedagogy on the lives of adolescent Black girls.

Chair: Lisa William White, CSU-Sacramento

Presenters/discussants: (TBD)

Panel E: 3-4pm

TBA: Elizabeth Githinji: *African Student Association*

Optional Sacramento Sightseeing Tour/Non-host dinner: 5:00 – 8:00pm
Saturday, April 26, 2014

Registration: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Venue: University Union, Redwood room.

Refreshments provided

Panel F: 8:30am - 10:00am

Special Roundtable: Exploring Negotiation and Mediation Prospects, Options and strategies in the ‘Boko Haram’ Conflict in Nigeria.

Kelechi Kalu, Ohio State University, Columbus
Robert Dibie, Indiana University, Kokomo
Salman Yusuff, Imam, New Jersey
Victoria Maloka, Center for Mediation in Africa, Pretoria/South Africa
Daniel Yamshon, CAPCR

Libby & Len Traubman, Co-Producers of Dialogue in Nigeria: Muslims & Christians creating their future together.

Break: 10:00 - 10:10am

Saturday, April 26 (contd.)

Panel G: 10:10am - 12:30pm

Community forum on Economic Empowerment and Terrorism in Africa

MODERATOR

Kwame Acquaah, Organization of African Leaders in Diaspora, Sacramento

Select African Ambassadors to the United States (TBA)

April 26, 2014, contd!
CAPCR Peace Awards Dinner/Dance: 6:30pm – 12:00am

Venue: University Union, Redwood Room

Peace Awardees (TBA).

Special musical entertainment: Musical debut of Idara and the Spirits and Souls Ensemble

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Jerry Blake, CSU-Sacramento

African food: Lilyz Catering, Sacramento, California
2014 (April 24-26) Africa/Diaspora Conference Registration Form

NAME__________________________________________________________

Mailing Address__________________________________________________________________________

Phone Number ( )______________ FAX ( )________________________

Email_____________________________________________________________________________________

Equipment request (for presentation): Visual Aids [ ] VCR [ ] Overhead [ ]

Other (Specify) _________________________________________________________

*Registration Fee [ ] $100.00 (Required of all!; non CSUS )

April 26, 2014
Peace Awards Dinner [ ] $50.00 [add $5 at door]

~or~

April 26, 2014
Peace Awards Dinner Reserved Table for 10 [ ] $650.00
(Prior to April 21, 26, 2014)

Pay Online: https://commerce.cashnet.com/csusacevent; go to Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution (CAPCR)

Or make check of money order payable to: University Enterprises/CAPCR.

Mail completed Registration form and check before April 10, 2014 to:

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General Conference Information

Parking

Ask how to purchase a parking permit from an information kiosk found at either entrance to the Sacramento State campus. **No permit necessary for Saturday, April 26.**

**Recommended Hotels:**

*Prices are subject to change.*

Goodnite Inn: 25 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone (916) 386-8408.
Price: $48 per night/1 bed. Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest.

Comfort Inn & Suites: 21 Howe Avenue, Sacramento CA 95826. Phone 916-379-0400. Price: 1 bed $119.32; 2 beds $129.26, continental breakfast included; Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest to get the price.

Motel 6: 7850 College Town Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone (916) 383-8110. Price: $52/Weekday; $56.52 weekend/ per night (taxes included).

Larkspur Landing Hotel: 555 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone (916) 646-1212.
Price $84 per night (plus tax). Sacramento State rate includes breakfast, wireless internet, fitness center, and laundry.

Sacramento Airport Transportation

Super Shuttle: 1-800-258-3826

*Feel free to check online for possible lower Hotel/Transportation rates!* 

Conference Paper Publication

*Arrangements are made for publication of select conference papers in the Journal of International Politics and Development. Please contact North American Editor of the journal at rdibie@yahoo.com or Dr. Robert Dibie, School of Public and Environmental Health, Indiana University, Kokomo, IN 46904.*

Presenters will be notified of other publication or conference proceedings plans. Please plan for 15-20 minute presentation of your paper. Only prepaid/registered(by April 10) presenters/papers will be published in the final printed program and allowed to present their paper.
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The Pan African Studies Program
California State University, Sacramento
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Pan African Studies at California State University, Sacramento is immersed in three worlds: (1) the African experience as represented in the United States, the Diaspora, and the continent; (2) academic excellence; (3) involvement in the Black community.

The unique synthesis of these three elements has established Pan African Studies in Sacramento as a program of distinction. Our curriculum addresses this dimension of life: What is the nature of the African world; under what conditions has it been formed; what adversities has it met in the past and what does it continue to meet; how has it been used to contribute to human civilization and well-being; and how can it be used in the effort to create a better world in memory of our ancestors, for us, and for those who come after us?

Students intellectually attracted to this synthesis can pursue a concentration in Pan African Studies as part of the major in ethnic studies.

Affiliation with the Pan African Studies Program
Cooper Woodson College Enhancement Program and Pan African Studies work collaboratively. A certificate in Pan African Studies is available through the Ethnic Studies Department. Only students enrolled in the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program are eligible for the certificate. The Director of Pan African Studies certifies those graduated of the Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program who are eligible for the certificate. Total units required for the Pan African Studies Certificate are 24.

About the African Student Association at CSU-Sacramento

The African Student Association (ASA) at CSU, Sacramento was founded in 1991 by a group of African students concerned by their under-representation on campus. These students decided to create an organization to unify all people of African descent, and socializing all members of the community.

ASA provides a welcoming and supportive cultural space for African students to build community at Sacramento State. We promote the academic and professional success of our members by expanding their networks on campus, and beyond. We deeply value our diverse cultural experiences, which we infuse into our interactive and informative events.
PAST AFRICA/DIASPORA CONFERENCE THEMES AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

1992: Africa and New World Order, Ambassador Ibrahim Gambari
1993: Africa in the Diaspora: Bridging the cultures of the African Peoples, Randall Robinson
1994: The African Heritage: Myths, Realities and Prospects, Dr. Molefi Asante
1995: Conflict Resolution in Africa, Former Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda
1997: African/African American Organizations in US: An Agenda for Political-Economic Empowerment in 21st Century, Mr. Mel Foote
1999: Conflict Resolution and Peace Education in Africa: Lessons and Opportunities, Dr. Chris Bakwesegha
2000: Africans in the Americas: Past, Present and Future, Dr. Ali Mazrui
2001: Human Rights, Justice, Peace and Development in Africa, Dr. Edmond Keller
2002: African Studies in California Schools, Colleges and Universities: Teaching/Thinking across Disciplines/Programs, Dr. Molefi Asante
2003: Ethnicity, Religion, and Conflict Diamonds in Africa, Dr. Charles Wedderburn
2007: Building a culture of peace in Africa: best practices/models, Mr. Nii Akuetteh
2008: Mukoma Wa Ngugi: The African Youth in America and Africa: Bridging the Gaps
2009: Race, Religion and Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora: Creating Peace & Justice Dialogues: Dr. Judith Byfield and Dr. Kelechi Kalu
2010: Africa Health, Peace, Security and Development. Dr. Chinua Akukwe and Dr. Michele D. Pierre-Louis
2011: Contemporary Issues in African Development by Dr. George Ayittey
2013: African/Diaspora Health & Human Security: Dr. Anvar Velji