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In Collaboration with the

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**Conference Preliminary Program**

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The 24th Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference

April 23-25, 2015

**Theme:** *The African Family: Traditions, Transitions and Transformation*

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

Open to Public!!!       Free for all CSUS Students/faculty/Staff
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 23, 2015

Registration: 9:30am

Venue: University Union Redwood Room

Concurrent Panel B: 10:30am - 12:10pm

B.1: Title: Culture, Law, Religion and Family

Ijeoma Ononogbu, Solicitor, UK: The Law/Culture/Custom and Family
Anne Obiora, Anambra State University, Igbariam campus, Nigeria: The African/Nigerian Family in Diaspora: An Appraisal
F.U. Chukwumezie, Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria: Relationship between Communication Techniques and African Traditional Social Control Systems
John Enyinnaya, All Saints Catholic Church, Avutu-Obowo, Imo State, Nigeria: The Changing role of the Church in the African family: Lessons from Nigeria

PANEL CHAIR
Jessie Gaston, CSU-Sacramento

B.2: Title: Women, Gender relations and Culture

Aleta Kazadi, Author, Sacramento, California: Congolese Solutions for Congolese Women
Chinyere C.P. Nnorom, University of Lagos, Nigeria: Patriarchy and the Woman’s Condition in Nigerian Families: The Need for Cultural Reevaluation and Legal Rebalance
Browne Onuoha, University of Lagos, Nigeria: Re-thinking Youth Development in Africa: The Case of Nigeria
Joanna Davidson, Boston University, USA: The Problem of Widows
Funmi Bammeke, University of Lagos, Nigeria: Issues of marital conflict and violence: Sociological analysis of narratives of selected Yoruba women
PANEL CHAIR
Sylvester Bowie, CSU-Sacramento

Lunch: 12:10 - 1:10pm; see various campus eateries in union!

C: Opening Plenary: 1:10 - 2:55pm

1:10pm: AFRICAN DRUMMING: Tyehimba Kokayi, Lion King Entertainment, Sacramento

1:20pm: Moderator: Marilyn Jones, CSU-Sacramento

CONFERENCE OPENING:

Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR-CSU-Sacramento

WELCOME REMARKS:

Frederika “Fraka” Harmsen, Provost/VP Academic Affairs, CSUS
Fred Baldini, Dean, College of Health & Human Services, CSUS
Orn Bodvarsson, Dean, College of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Studies, CSUS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Professor Yewoubdar Beyene, University of California, San Francisco; to be introduced by Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe, Director, Pan African Studies & Chair, Ethnic Studies, CSUS

Venue: Redwood Room

D: Plenary 2: 3:00 – 4:30pm

Title: African Philosophy Student Research and Presentation

This spring semester, California State University, Sacramento students taking the upper division course on African Philosophies and Religions have been researching issues regarding the conflict and compatibility of traditional African philosophies and religious practices with western philosophies and modern religious practices. This panel will present some of the best research papers by this group.

Crystal Capponi, African American heritage: Traditional African Philosophical Influences in Economic Development of Africa and the Diaspora


Effat Salimi, Iranian heritage: Conflict and Syncretism; Traditional African Religions and Western Religions Philosophies and Practices.

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Darryl Omar Freeman, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood room

E: Welcome Reception: 4:30:7:00 pm (Refreshments/drinks provided)

A Special Student Dialogue: Bridging the Gaps: African Student Association, CSUS

Moderator: TBA

Venue: Redwood room

Friday, April 24, 2015

Plenary 3: 9:00am-10:50am

Registration: (Continued throughout the day)

F: PANEL Title: Contemporary Issues in African & Diaspora Family

Sanyu R. Mulira, California State University, Sacramento: The Disappearing Act of the Family and Tradition in “The Sun Hath Looked Upon Me”

Assumpta A. Oturu, KPFK 90.7Radio, Los Angeles: The African Family in Context of Amilcar Cabral “Return to the Source”

Felix Ntim, Goethe University, Fankfurt, Germany: Understanding the African Diaspora’s Transnational Socio-Political Pathology

Chinyere Nnorom, University of Lagos, Nigeria: The Challenge of Youth Development in Nigeria: Implications for Leadership and National development


Panel Chair: Elizabeth Mukiibi, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood room

10:50am-11am: Break (refreshments provided)
G: Plenary 4: 11am-12:15pm

**Title: The African Diaspora Youth & Elderly Support**

*Dale Allender*, California State University, Sacramento: *Touching the Diaspora Spirit in High School English Classroom*

*Elizabeth Mukiibi*, California State University, Sacramento: *Children of African immigrants and their school experiences: Identity construction and academic achievement*

*Chinwe Oriji*, University of Texas: *Raised Abroad: The Development of Racial, Ethnic, and National Identities for Second-Generation Nigerian Young Adults in Britain*

*Bola Amaike*, University of Lagos: *Patterns of Intergenerational Social Supports among Retired Older People in Lagos State, Nigeria*

**Panel Chair: Data Barata, CSU-Sacramento**

**Venue: Redwood room**

H: Plenary 5: 12:15-1:30pm: Special Luncheon Discussion Panel:

**Title: Critical Issues in the African American Family (lunch provided).**

The state of the African family in the Diaspora: How are we doing anyhow? A critical examination of issues affecting, influencing, supporting and burdening the African Family in the United States of America.

**Discussants:**

Mervin Davis  
Kofi Dodi  
Joy Degruy  
Teiahsha Bankhead  
Deborah Simmons, St. Joseph Business School, Sacramento

**Panel Moderator/Coordinator: Sylvester Bowie, CSU-Sacramento**

I: Plenary 6: 1:30-3:00pm: A Round Table Discussion
Title & Description: African Family and the Care and Protection of Vulnerable Members:

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The African family has been beset with crises emanating from modernization which led to changes in the traditional structure that provides care and protection for the vulnerable group. The vulnerable persons in this discourse include women, children and older persons who are the most affected in the family. The discourse is geared towards exploring the state of vulnerable persons during the pre-industrial period, the changes that have taken place in the family with modernization as well as the challenges and prospects of the African Family in this Millennium. The issue will be discussed by various speakers from different perspectives. The speakers and the topics to be discussed are as stated below:

Discussants:

Funmi Bammeke, University of Lagos, Nigeria: *The African Family and the Care and Protection of Vulnerable Members: Historical Perspective and Overview*

Chinyere C.P. Nnorom, University of Lagos: *Care and Protection of Vulnerable Members of the African Family in a Changing World*

Bola Amaike, University of Lagos, Nigeria: *Care and Protection of Vulnerable Members of the African Family: Challenges and Prospects*

Browne Onuoha, University of Lagos, Nigeria: *The State and the Care and Protection of Vulnerable African family Members*

Moderator: Maggie Beddo, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood room

J: 3:30-8pm: Sacramento-Africa Cultural Education & Business Travels/Sacramento Sightseeing Tour, concluding with Non-host dinner (tbd.): Shabbir Jiwa, Travelforless/Sacramento

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Registration: 8:30am – 12:00pm.
Refreshments provided

K: Panel  9:00am – 10:50am: Co-sponsored by the Sacramento Africa Peace/CAPCR


Presenters:

Patti Colston, California Student Aid Commission

Charles Cole, CSU-Sacramento

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room

1050-11am: Break

L: Panel 11am-12:30pm: Co-sponsored by the Sacramento Africa Peace Committee-CAPCR

A Special Forum: Black Lives Matter!

The unfortunate and tragic deaths of black men in the hands of the police in Ferguson, Missouri and Staten, New York, to name a few incidents, has raised alarm over police relationship or treatment of people of color. The public outrage resulting from the said cases has justifiably created a mass protest across racial/ethnic and gender boundaries in the US to demand that Black lives matter!

The main purpose of the forum is to increase the level of understanding and positive engagement about police-minority relations, conflict de-escalation and effective communication strategies, basic citizen rights in their interactions with the police and mechanisms for ensuring accountability and discipline in cases of police abuse.

Discussants:

Ms. Francine Tournour, Director, Office of Public Safety Accountability, City of Sacramento
Lt. Marc Coopwood, Internal Affairs, Sacramento City Police Dept.

Attorney Arthur Bowie, Sacramento County Public Defender

Moderator: Darryl Omar Freeman, CSU-Sacramento

12:30-1:30pm: Lunch; see campus eateries!

1:30-2pm: Conference Summary/Closing

Sanyu Mulira, CSU-Sacramento: Conference Rapporteur

Boatamo Mosupyo, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood room

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento

CAPCR Peace Awards Dinner/Dance: 6:30pm – 12:00am

Venue: University Union, Redwood Room

Peace Awardees

TBD!

Guest Presentation by Kane Smego, Spoken Word Poet, Washington, DC.

Special musical live serenade of the honorees by Idara

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Edwin Okongo, African Comedian-Berkeley, California

African food: Lilyz Catering, Sacramento, California.
2015 (April 23-25) Africa/Diaspora Conference Registration Form

NAME__________________________________________
Mailing Address_______________________________________

Phone Number ( )________________________ FAX ( )________________________
Email________________________________________

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

*Registration Fee [ ] $125.00 (Required of all; non CSUS)

April 25, 2015 Peace Awards Dinner [ ] $50.00 [add $5 at door]
~or~
April 25, 2015 Peace Awards Dinner Reserved Table for 10 [ ] $650.00
(Prior to April 20, 2015)

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

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

Or Mr. Shabbir Jiwa: Travelforless: 916-4411133: travelforlessstockton@yahoo.com

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

Conference Paper Publication

Arrangements are being negotiated for publication of select conference papers in a special Journal or as proceedings.

Presenters will be notified of any journal publication or conference proceedings plans. Final papers (revised) must be submitted by June 30, 2015 for publication consideration.
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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.

**CWC 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.
San Joaquin Global Education Project – SJGEP

SJGEP is one of the regional projects of the statewide California International Studies Project.

Project leaders provide standards-based professional development in history and international studies to prepare students to live, work, and be informed, active citizens in a world where conditions, people, and distant events may have a critical impact on their own and others’ lives. We do this by:

- Developing teachers’ academic content knowledge and strengthening their instructional skills;
- Conducting site and statewide programs designed to bridge cultures, cultivate equity, and enhance access for California’s diverse student population; and
- Examining the complexity of historical and contemporary issues from a range of discipline perspectives.

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

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2011: Contemporary Issues in African Development by Dr. George Ayittey
2012: Africa at the Crossroads: Revolution, Democracy, Youth Empowerment, Social Media And Nonviolence: Ambassador Robin Sanders.
2013: African/Diaspora Health & Human Security: Dr. Anvar Velji

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