The African Family: Traditions, Transitions and Transformation

The 24th Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference
April 23-25, 2015

Location: University Union (UU), California State University, Sacramento
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Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution
In Collaboration with the Pan African Studies/Cooper-Woodson College Enhancement Program

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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 and 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.

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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.
**A: Concurrent Panel 1: 10:30am - 12:10pm**

**A.1: Culture, Law, Religion 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*


*Gordon Onyango Omenya*, Pwani University, Kilifi, Kenya, Legislating Sexuality and Marriage Relations: *A Reflection on the New Constitution of and Gender Justice in Kenya*

Panel Chair: Jessie Gaston, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room

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**A.2: 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*

Panel Chair: Sylvester Bowie, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Lobby Room

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**Lunch: 12:10 - 1:10pm**

See various campus eateries in the University Union

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**B: Opening Plenary 1: 1:10 - 2:55pm**

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

1:20pm: Moderator: *Marlyn 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 and Human Services, CSUS

*Orn Bodvarsson*, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies, CSUS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The African/Diaspora Family: Traditions, Transitions and Transformation

*Professor Yewoubdar Beyene*, University of California, San Francisco; to be introduced by *Dr. Data Barata*, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room
C: Concurrent Panel 2: 3:00pm – 4:30pm

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 of CSUS students and a student from South Africa.

C.1: African Philosophy Student Research and Presentation

Crystal E. Williams Capponi, Traditional African Philosophical Influences in Economic Development of Africa and the Diaspora

Evelyn Iyawe, Traditional African Philosophical Influences on Societal Development in Africa and the Diaspora.

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

Tyler Smith, Challenging Africa’s "Third World" Designation - Constructive vs. Non-constructive.

Zach Muhumuza (South Africa), Traditional Versus Modernity - Issues of Governance in Africa

Panel Coordinator and Chair: Darryl Omar Freeman, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room

C.2: Women, Church and Family Case Studies

Funmi Bammeke, University of Lagos, Nigeria: Issues in marital conflict and violence: Sociological analysis of narratives of selected Yoruba women

Abraham A. Ali, Hawassa University, Ethiopia: I Got Peace And Stability: Women’s Perception of Contraceptive Use in Sidama, SNNRP, Ethiopia

John Enyinnaya, All Saints Catholic Church, Avutu-Obowo, Imo State, Nigeria: The Changing role of the Church in the African Family: Lessons from Nigeria

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

Panel Chair: Daniel Yamshon, CAPCR

Venue: Lobby Room

D: Welcome Reception: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

(refreshments and drinks provided)

Recognition of Hon. Cyril Ndaba, Consul General of South Africa to Los Angeles

Plenary 2: 5-6:30pm: A Special Student Dialogue: Bridging the Gaps

African Student Association, CSUS

Moderator: Othelia Marwieh, Miss Black Sacramento 2015 and Association of Friends and Citizens of Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room
Registration: Continued throughout the day
Venue: University Union Redwood Room

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

Contemporary Issues in African and Diaspora Family

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

Felix Ntim, Goethe University, Frankfurt, 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

Break: 10:50am – 11:00am

F: Plenary 4: 11:00am - 12:15pm

The African Diaspora Youth and Elderly Support

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

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
G: Plenary 5:  12:15pm - 1:30pm

Special Luncheon Discussion Panel:
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, True Love Baptist Church, Fairfield, California
Kofi Dodi, Financial Adviser
Teahsha Bankhead, CSU-Sacramento
Deborah Simmons, St. Joseph Business School, Sacramento

Moderator/Coordinator: Sylvester Bowie, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room

H: Plenary 6:  1:30pm - 3:00pm

A Round Table Discussion - 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 Bammek, University of Lagos, Nigeria: The African Family and the Care and Protection of Vulnerable Members: Historical Perspective and Overview
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 Beddow, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room
I: Plenary 7:  3:30pm - 8:00pm

Sacramento-Africa Cultural Education and Business Travels, concluding with non-host dinner at Queen Sheba restaurant:

Shabbir Jiwa, Travelforless, Sacramento.

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J: Plenary 8: 9:00am - 10:50am

Community Information Forum: Seeking US College/University Admission and Financial Aid Opportunities:
Helpful Tips and Strategies for Success.
Co-sponsored by the Sacramento African Peace Committee-CAPCR

Presenters:
Patti Colston, California Student Aid Commission
Charles Cole, CSU-Sacramento

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room

Break: 10:50am - 11:00am

K: Plenary 9: 11am - 12:15pm

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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, North Charleston, South Carolina 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 Department
Attorney Arthur Bowie, Sacramento County Public Defender

Moderator: Darryl Omar Freeman, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Redwood Room
L: Plenary 10:  Special Roundtable Discussion: 12:20-1:30pm

Nigeria Decides 2015: Reflections and lessons for peace and ethno-religious relations from the 2015 Nigeria elections

( Participants/discussants are welcome to bring their lunch)

Discussants:
Browne Onuoha, University of Lagos, Nigeria
Bola Amaike, University of Lagos, Nigeria
Uche Stevina Ugbah, CSU-East Bay

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Lobby Suite

M: Plenary 11:  1:30-2:00pm: Conference Summary/Closing

Sanyu Mulira, CSU-Sacramento: Conference Rapporteur

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, CSU-Sacramento

Venue: Lobby Suite
CAPCR Peace Awards Dinner and Dance   6:30pm-12am:
Venue: University Union, Redwood Room

Peace Awardees:

Mr. Salisu & Mrs. Naomi Bargoma (Nigeria)
Mr. Isaac Kwesi & Mrs. Matanah Buoh (Ghana)
Mr. Edrine & Mrs. Juliet Ddungu (Uganda)
Mr. James & Mrs. Loise Gathairu (Kenya)
Mr. Berhanu Zergaw & Mrs. Ehite Gebre (Ethiopia)
Mr. Isiah & Mrs. Helene Harris (Jamaica)
Chief Emenike & Chief/Mrs. Beulah Iroegbu (Nigeria)
Professor Christopher & Mrs. Molly Lubwama (Uganda)
Mr. Kana Alex Murara & Mrs. Josepha Muyango (Rwanda)
Bishop Esley Simmons & Dr. Deborah Simmons (Sacramento)

Guest Presentation by Kane Smego, Spoken Word Poet, Washington, D.C.
Special Live Musical Serenade of the Honorees by Idara

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Edwin Okongo, African Comedian, Berkeley, CA
African Food by Lilyz Catering, Sacramento,
General Conference Information

Parking
Parking permits are required and available by using cash or credit at daily permit machines. Machines are located in student lots 1, 7, 8, 9, 5th floor of Parking Structure I, 3rd floor of Parking Structure II and the 3rd floor of Parking Structure III. See campus map for exact locations. Parking permit fees are $6 per day or $3 for two hours. Exception: parking is free on Saturday, April 25, near the University Union/Bookstore areas (close to the conference building).

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 and 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 per weekday; $56.52 per weekend 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: 916-441-1133, travelforlessstockton@yahoo.com

Feel free to check online for possible lower hotel/transportation rates!
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And
Travel Forless African Safari, Sacramento
San Joaquin Global Education Project

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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The Pan African Studies Program
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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.

Cooper Woodson College 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 about 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 disciplinary 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 and 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, Dr. George Ayittey
2012: Africa at the Crossroads: Revolution, Democracy, Youth Empowerment, Social Media And Nonviolence, Ambassador Robin Sanders.
2013: African/Diaspora Health and Human Security, Dr. Anvar Velji
2014: Rethinking and Managing Ethnic and Religious Relations in Contemporary Africa/Diaspora: Past Experiences, Present Realities and New Directions, Prof. Vincent Nmehielle

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