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THE 13TH ANNUAL AFRICA/DIASPORA CONFERENCE

APRIL 29-MAY 1, 2004
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, SACRAMENTO

OPEN TO PUBLIC
FREE FOR CSUS STUDENTS/FACULTY/STAFF
Thursday, April 29

2-6 p.m.
REGISTRATION – SUMMIT ROOM, UNIVERSITY UNION, 3rd floor

2:30-4:30 p.m. – Summit Room, University Union, 3rd Floor
OPENING PANEL I: BRIDGING THE GAPS AMONG STUDENTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT
Exploring cultural identities, experiences, and relationships among students of African descent in U.S. universities: This panel brings together students from the CSUS and University of the Pacific to discuss and share their socio-cultural experiences that are an amalgamation of several factors, including racial/ethnic isolation, class distinctions, cultural identities, diverse historical knowledge and ignorance. This is part of the continuing dialog on “bridging the gaps” initiated by African American and African students at CSUS, toward building cross-cultural knowledge and mutual understanding.
Chair: Eddah Mutua Kombo, CSUS

PRESENTERS/DISCUSSANTS:
Kenyon Hill, CSUS; Greg Dossie, CSUS; Shani Ellington, CSUS; Regina Unimike, CSUS; Dzifa Duose, CSUS; Moses Njuki, CSUS; Robert Cabiness, CSUS; Anthony Coleman, University of the Pacific, Stockton

4:35-6:40 p.m.
OPENING PANEL II: THE CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN RELATIONS – SUMMIT ROOM
• Funwi Ayuninjum, Kentucky State University, Frankfort: Intercultural miscommunications: perceptions and misperceptions between Africans and African Americans
• Ema Etuk, Alliance for Democracy, Washington, D.C.: Africans and African Americans: Historical Reflections and Contemporary Realities—the way forward
• Opuogu Paul, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, Nigeria: Dialogue and involvement: A Blueprint for harmonious relations between Africans and African Americans
• Jude Emeka Madu, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka, Nigeria: The trado religious foundation of African identity: a mosaic for stable Africa and African diaspora relationship
• Ogbo Ugwuanyi, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria: Cultural Sattertie: towards a cultural fusion of African and African American culture.
Chair: Ricky Green, CSUS

6:40-7:35 p.m.
RECEPTION – SUMMIT ROOM. Special musical demonstration by Chondo, Inc.
Friday, April 30

8:30 a.m.
Registration – HINDE AUDITORIUM

8:55 a.m.
Call to Order
Moderator: Hortense Simmons, CSUS

9 a.m.
Opening
Ernest Uwazie, Director, CAPCR

9:10 a.m.:
Welcome Remarks:
Cecil Canton, CAPCR Board Chair; Ricky Green, Director, Pan African Studies; Jack Godwin, Director, Office of Global Education; Marilyn Hopkins, Dean, College of Health & Human Services; Alexander Gonzalez, CSUS President

9:45 a.m.
V.S. Chochezi, Straightout Scribes, Sacramento: Poetry Reading

9:55 a.m.
Introduction of Keynote Speaker
David Covin, CSUS

10 a.m.
Keynote
Dr. Maulana Karenga, CSU Long Beach: African and African American Relations in U.S., the Americas and Africa

11:05 a.m.
Keynote 2 – HINDE AUDITORIUM
Dr. G.N. Uzoigwe, Mississippi State University, Starkville: Pan Africanism in World Politics

Chair: Donald Taylor, CSUS

12:10-1:30 p.m.
Lunch (See list of campus eateries)

12:30 p.m.–2 p.m.
Rwanda Fulbright Orientation (for participants only) – CAMELLA

12-6 p.m.
Registration continued – SUMMIT ROOM

1:30-3:30 p.m.
PLENARY 3: PROMOTING AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN RELATIONS – SUMMIT ROOM

• Mikhail Vishnevsky, Institute of African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: The African American influence and U.S. foreign policy toward Africa

• Nina Marini, Ashesi University, Accra, Ghana, and Sebastian Tennissen, UC Berkeley: Creating educational opportunities in Ghana: the birth of Ashesi University

• Ogochukwu Anagodo Agu, University of Calabari, Nigeria: Filling the gap of history: The usefulness of cultivating a common and collective African experience

• Adewale Aderemi, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria: The African Crisis, Development Partnership and the African Diaspora: Constructing the synergies

• Gaddam Jalendar Reddy, Osmania University College for Women, Koti Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India: Role of African Americans in the U.S.A economy: 1865-1914

• Deborah LeBlanc, National University, Los Angeles: African American public administrators rebuilding our communities through service

Chair: Smile Dube, CSUS

3:30-3:45 p.m.
Break
Refreshments Provided

3:45-6:30 p.m.
PLENARY 4: TEACHING AND WRITING AFRICAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE – SUMMIT ROOM

• Jamila Moore, Tufts University: Speaking the poem: the role of the oral poet in trans-Atlantic conversation

• Christopher Kuria Githiora, Michigan State University, East Lansing: Language attitudes towards African American vernacular English (AAVE)/U.S. Ebomics by African students at Michigan State University

• Nancy Ezeji: Imo state Education Services, Owerri, Nigeria: Examining African Americans in Nigerian secondary school literature

• Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, University of California, San Diego: The incoming of those of foreign births and strange tongue and habits for prosperity of the south

Chair: Chaunce Ridley, CSUS

Saturday, May 1st

8 a.m.
Registration – REDWOOD ROOM

8:30-9:30 a.m.
PLENARY 5: AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN RELATIONS: VIEWS FROM GHANA – REDWOOD ROOM

Presenters:
Daniel Oduro, Assemblies of God Church, Agona Swedru, Ghana, J.A. Brown, Assemblies of God Church, Assin Fosu, Ghana, and Kenneth Abruquah, Foso Teachers College, Ghana

Chair: Boatamo Mosupyoe, CSUS

9:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.
PLENARY 6: CONFERENCE SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION – REDWOOD ROOM

This panel will highlight key presentations on the conference theme and recommend practical, feasible, and relevant strategies and programs that address the future of African and African American relations.
CONCLUDING KEYNOTES:
• Dr. Wade Nobles, San Francisco State University: One Africa: In Africa and throughout the world
• Dr. George Ayittey, American University, Washington, D.C.: Opportunities for economic partnership and development between Africans and African Americans

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PAST 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, Mr. 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 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
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