



Conference Program

**Eighteenth (18TH) Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference on
Race, Religion and Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora:
Creating Peace & Justice Dialogues**

April 30 - May 2, 2009

California Sacramento University, Sacramento - University Union
Sacramento, California

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College of Health & Human Services
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18th Annual Africa/Diaspora Conference
April 30 May 2, 2009

Conference at a Glance

Thursday, April 30, 2009

12:30p.m.-6:30p.m. REGISTRATION
Redwood Room, University Union,
First floor

1:00-2:45p.m.: Plenary A: An Inquiry
into the Concept of Soul in African
Diaspora Art, Politics and Philosophy as
a Mediating Discourse of Justice & Peace

Presenters: Kimberly Folkes, CSU,
Sacramento: TBA
Darryl Omar Freeman, CSU, Sacramento:
TBA
Tony Tinker, CSU, Sacramento: TBA

Chair: Ricky Green, CSU, Sacramento

2:50-4:50p.m.: Concurrent Panel 1
Religion and Societal Values

Religious Practices: The Bane of Peace &
Justice, A Continuum in Nigeria, Ogugua
V.C. Ikpeze, Nnamdi Azikiwe University,
Awka, Nigeria

2:50-4:50p.m.: Concurrent Panel 2
Religion, Ethnicity and Peace Education

Religion and Ethnic Identity in Ethiopia:
Christian-Muslim Relation in Wallo,
Teshager Mersha, St. Mary's University
College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The religion, factor of peace, and
violence, Jean Mwabantu, Foundation
Afrika, Bujumbura, Burundi

The Clergy Class, Domination and
Accumulation in Nigeria, Victor Adefemi
Isumona, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Church Homilies and Saundry Activities
as Indicator of their Core Values with
Particular Reference to Inter-Faith
Dialogue: A Case Study of Religious
Institutions in Benin City, Nigeria,
P.Chukwugozie Maduka, University of
Benin, Nigeria

The Effect of Modern Religion on the
African Value System; Differences in
Perception by Africans in Africa and the
Diaspora, Larry Ngozi Arafiena, Family
Hope Association, Asaba, Nigeria

Proliferation of Religious Groups on
Nigerian Campuses: Keeping Religious
and Educational Interests on Equipoise,
Kayode O. Fayokun, Kampala
International University, Kampala,
Uganda

Chair: Sylvester Bowie, CAPCR CSU,
Sacramento

Religion and Peace-building in the
Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ayo
Whetho, University of KwaZulu-Natal,
South Africa

Peace Education for Ethnic Groups in
South-East, Nigeria: Implications for
Conflict Resolution, Faith Ebele
Anyachebelu and Ada Anyamene,

Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka,
Nigeria
Faith-Based Education for Ethnic
Cohesion: Gender Sensitive Dialogues for
Strengthening the Capacity for
Sustainable Culture of Peace in Niger
Delta, Nigeria, Virgy Onyene and T.V.
Bakare, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Chair: Lila Jacobs, CAPCR CSU,
Sacramento

Thursday, April 30, 2009

5:00-6:00p.m. Reception: University
Union Redwood Room

Friday, May 1, 2009

8:30a.m.–5:00p.m.
REGISTRATION: University Union
Redwood Room

9:00a.m.
African drumming: TBA

9:10a.m. Call to Order: Moderator Don
Taylor, CSU, Sacramento

9:20a.m. OPENING by Ernest Uwazie,
Director, CAPCR

9:25a.m. Welcome Remarks
▪ Lila Jacobs, CAPCR Board Vice-Chair
▪ Boatamo Mosupyoe, Director Pan
African Studies & Cooper Woodson
College
▪ Bruce Bickle, Chair, Faculty Senate
▪ Miguel Cervantes, ASI President
▪ Marilyn Hopkins, Dean, College of
Health & Human Services
▪ Joseph Sheley, Provost & VP Academic
Affairs

9:55a.m. Introduction of Keynote
Speaker: Don Taylor, CSU, Sacramento

10a.m. Plenary B

Keynote 1: Religion/ethnic relations in
Africa: creating justice and peace
dialogues, Kelechi Kalu, Ohio State
University, Columbus.

Keynote 2: Introduction of Keynote
speaker, Sylvester Bowie, CAPCR CSU,
Sacramento

Echoes of History: Peace, Justice and
Idealism in the 21st Century, Judith
Byfield, Cornell University, New York

11: 50a.m.-1:00p.m.
Lunch (on your own; see list of campus
eateries)

1:00-3:00p.m. Concurrent Panel 3
The politics of justice, ethnicity and
conflict resolution

Creative Response to Conflicts in Africa:
The Nigeria Niger Delta Experience
Prince Amadichukwu: E-alliance for
Global Excellence, Nigeria

Highway to Hell: Ethnic and Religious
Conflict and its Impact on Women and
Children, Esine Okudzeto, Sam
Okudzeto Associates Law firm, Accra,
Ghana

The Conflict Between Customary Rights
of Female Inheritance and Statutory
Provisions of Inheritance in Nigeria,
Oluyemisi Abimbola, Lead City
University, Ibadan, Nigeria

The Impact of the ICC on Conflicts in
Northern Uganda and Darfur, Nicki
Alam, The Brookings Institution,
Washington, DC

The Power and the Glory: The Role of
Religion, Ethnicity and Wealth in the
Choice of Political Leaders in Africa; A
Study of the Choice of Running Mates in
Ghana's Presidential Election, Eric Nii

Yarboi Mensah, Sam Okudzeto & Associates law firm, Accra, Ghana

Chair: Browne Onuoha, CSU-Sacramento/University of Lagos, Nigeria
1:00-3:00p.m. Concurrent Panel 4
'Just' war, the non state, ethnicity and conflict resolution

Cannabis Cultivation and Trade in Morocco: Examining Links to Terror Finance Amanda Towler, LBJ School of Public Policy, Austin, Texas

Are Ethnic Politics Inevitable? Lessons from Senegal, Dominika Anna Koter, Yale University, New Haven.

The Tiv-Jukun Conflict, the State and Human Rights Violations in Central Nigeria A.O. Banjo, University of Zululand, South Africa

Africa's Scramble for Africa: The Changing Nature of International Relations in Sub-Saharan Africa, Jennifer De Maio, California State University, Northridge

Rationalizing the Rwanda Genocide: The Irrationality of a Three- Player Decision Game Eric. H. Honda

Chair: Kaylene Richards-Ekeh, CSU-Sacramento

3:00-3:15p.m.: Break

3:15-5:15p.m.: Concurrent Panel 5
Youth, Religion and Marriage and International Exchanges

Challenging Fundamentalism of Religion, Race and Ethnicity in African Politics and Communities: Lessons from the Concepts of Obamanism, Restorative Democracies, and Ecumenism, Don John O. Omale, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

Youth Exchange Program: A Vital Tool in Engaging Youths as Agents of Peace Building and Sustainable Economic Development of a Nation (A Case Study of 10 Niger Delta Youths on a Exchange Program to Dubai, UAE Aug-Sept 2008)

Lizzy Uche Onwumah, Concern for Peace and Society Survival, Asaba, Nigeria, and Paul Owumi, Office of the Governor of Delta State, Nigeria

Rebirth in the Refugees Diaspora: Organizing Somali Youth Around Religion, Gender and Culture in San Diego, California, Jesse Mills, University of San Diego

The Role of Islam and Islamic Law in Childhood Marriages, Tonja Khabir Fisk University, Nashville, TN

The origins and patterns of migration of Southern Sudanese ethnic and linguistic groups, Scopas S. Poggo, Ohio State University, Mansfield campus

Chair: Beatrice Rusell, CAPCR-CSU-Sacramento

3:15-5:15p.m.: Concurrent Panel 6
Ethnicity, Democracy and Justice Dialogues

Ethno-Politics and Tribal Violence: The Case of Ethnic-Based Conflicts in Post 1991 Ethiopia, Markos Mezmur, St. Mary's University College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Influence of Westernization and Monarchism in Ethnic Conflicts: Case of Owo, South-West, Nigeria, 2003-2007 Conflicts, Olumide Coker, Achievers University, Owo, Nigeria

Sudan: Is the discovery of oil promoting racial and religious unity?
Jacqueline Munalula Msiitwa, Drexel University

Democratic Principles and Sports Ethics: the Imperatives of Sustainable Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in West Africa,
Virgy Onyene and Joesph Olayinka Awoyinfa, University of Lagos, Nigeria, and Ousmane Gueye, Universite d' Cheik Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal

Chair: Cecil Canton, CAPCR CSU, Sacramento

5:30-9:00p.m.: Sacramento site seeing/Dinner (Optional, non host)

Saturday, May 2: 8:30a.m.-3:00p.m. Registration contd. Redwood, University Union. Refreshments provided.

8:30-10:40a.m.: Concurrent Panel 7
Gender, Media, Ethnicity and Peace Building

Best practices for creating peace and justice dialogues: Memory, performative art, and the TRCs on the African Diaspora stage, Veronica K. Ehrenreich, University of California, Santa Barbara

Gendering War, searching for peace and reconciliation in President Sirleaf's speeches, Beatrice Russell, CAPCR CSU, Sacramento

Using Institutional Mechanism for Peace Building and Conflict Management in Nigeria: The Case of Nigeria Interreligious Council (NIREC), Ekundayo O. Babatunde, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

The Media and Cultural Identity in Africa, Euloge Ishimwe, World Scout

Bureau Africa Regional Office, Washington, DC

Violence Against Women in Conflict Situation: A Deterrent to Peace Building and Sustainable Economic Development in Nigeria and the African Continent
Lizzy Uche Onwumah, Concern for Peace and Society Survival, Asaba, Nigeria

Chair: Jessie Gaston CSU, Sacramento

8:45a.m.-10:45a.m.: Concurrent Panel 8
Ethnicity and Peace-building Dialogues

Are Ethnic Politics Inevitable? Lessons from Senegal, Dominika Anna Koter, Yale University, New Haven

Effect of Socio-Legal Intervention in Building Sustainable Peace in Post – Conflict Ife – Modakeke Communities of Nigeria, Adeleke M. O., Obafemi Awolowo University Ile – Ife, Nigeria., and Ekundayo, E.O., University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Africa, the future land of peace – A case of proactive grassroots peace building
Titus K. Oyeyemi, Foundation for Peace and Love Initiatives, Country Club Hills, Illinois

Dealing with Traditional Asymmetrical Societies in Ethiopia: A New Approach to Conflict Resolution, Abebe Getachew, Alternative Dispute Resolution Initiative, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Advancing positive Lessons for Peace Dialogues in Nigeria Through Islamic Prospect-Case Study of Islamic Faithfuls in Asaba, Delta State, Nigeria, Adekola Yinusa Adekunle, Federal College of Education (Technical), Asaba, Nigeria.

Chair: Kebede Gashaw, CAPCR

Awardees: TBA

10:55a.m.-12:30p.m.: Plenary C

6:30p.m.-1a.m.: Peace Awards
Dinner/Dance---African food/music!!!!
California State University, Sacramento
University Union Ballroom

A Roundtable: (Re)Energizing US-policy toward Africa under the new President Obama administration: Prospects and Challenges on conflicts, governance, human rights, US AFRICOM, environment, oil/energy, health, and Trade/commerce.

Guest/Keynote Speaker: His. Excellency, Atiku Abubakar, Immediate Past Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, *Managing interethnic/religious conflicts in Nigeria*

Discussants:

Nii Akuetteh, Washington, DC
Mel Foote, Constituency for Africa, Washington, DC
Judith Byfield, Cornell University, New York
Kelechi Kalu, Ohio State University, Columbus
Browne Onuoha, University of Lagos, Nigeria
TBA's

Chair: Ernest Uwazie

12:30-1:10p.m.: Lunch (on your own)

1:10-2:10p.m.: Plenary D
Conclusion/Summary/Resolution

Co-Chairs: Ernest Uwazie and Boatamo Mosupyoe, California State University, Sacramento

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- Beatrice Russell, CSU, Sacramento
- Kaylene Richards-Ekeh, CSU, Sacramento
- Don Taylor, CSU, Sacramento

Conference Information

Parking

Ask for how to purchase parking permit from information kiosk, at either entrance to Sacramento State campus. No permit is required for May 2, Saturday.

Hotels

Goodnite Inn: 25 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone (916) 386-8408.
Price: \$53.00 per night. Continental Breakfast included. Mention that you are a Sacramento State guest.

Motel 6: 7850 College Town Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone (916) 383-8110.
Price: \$50.52 per night (tax included).

Larkspur Landing Hotel: 555 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95826. Phone (916) 646-1212. Price \$95.40 per night (tax included). Sacramento State rate includes breakfast, wireless internet, fitness center, and laundry.

Sacramento Airport Transportation

Super Shuttle: 1-800-258-3826

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Hotel/Transportation RATES!!

Conference Proceedings/Publication

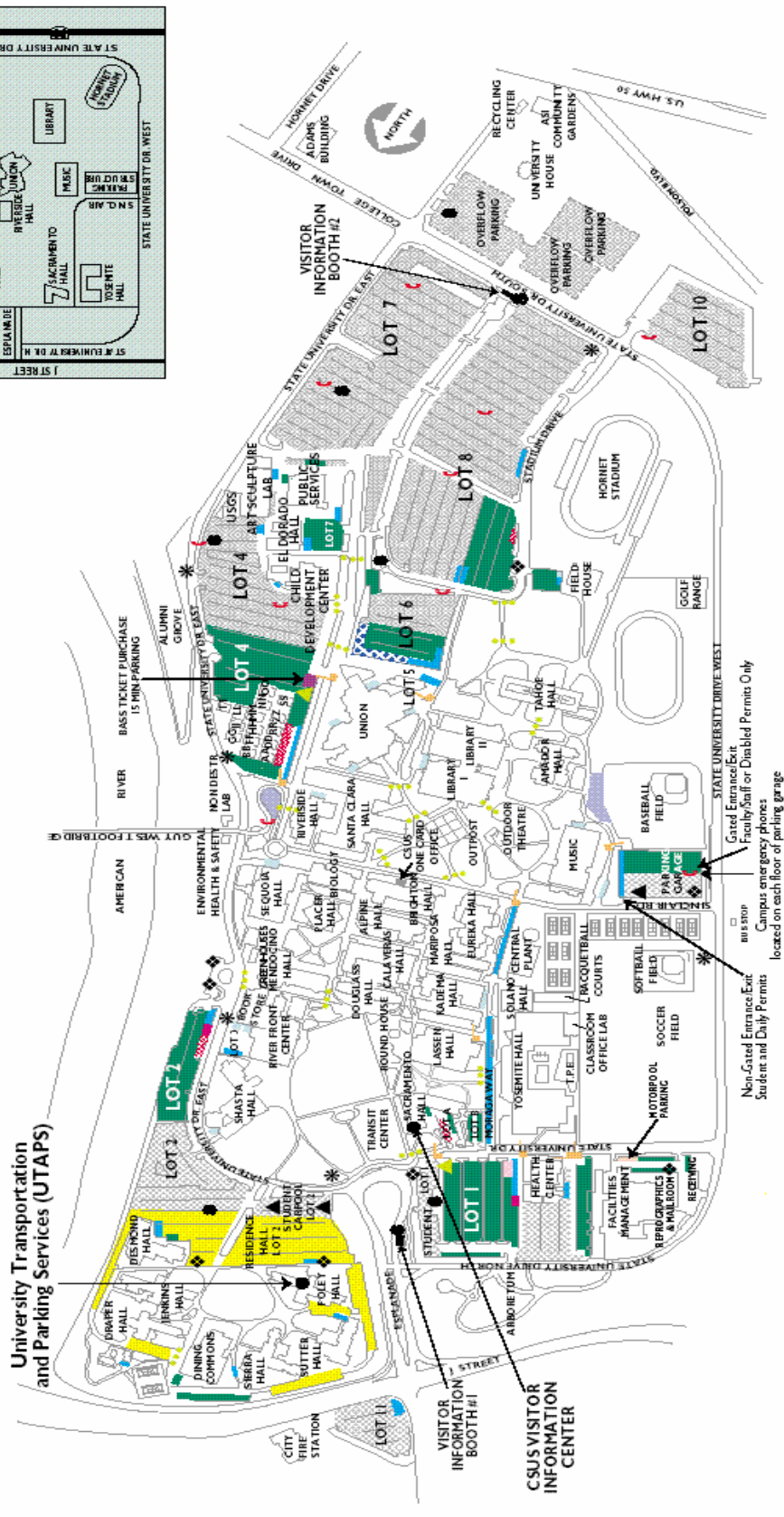
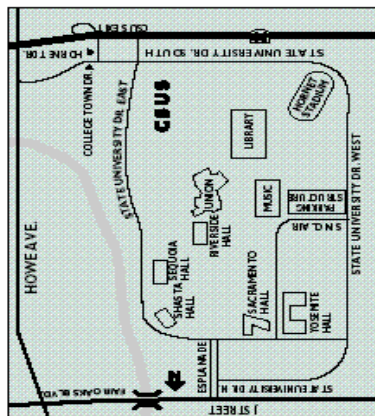
All presenters are expected to submit a revised electronic copy (MS Word file) of their papers in publishable quality by June 22, 2009, for inclusion in the conference proceedings/publication. *Select papers will be published in a special book reader volume.*

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| | FACULTY/STAFF PERMIT | | 30 MINUTE PARKING | | HEALTH CTR. PATIENT PARKING | | FAC./STAFF CARPOOL PERMIT | | DAILY PERMIT MACHINES |
| | STUDENT & DAILY PERMIT | | VISITOR/DISABLED | | ACCESS GATE | | STUDENT CARPOOL PERMIT | | EMERGENCY TELEPHONES |
| | RESIDENCE HALL PERMIT | | LOADING ZONE | | BOLLARDS | | EMERGENCY TELEPHONES | | |
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NAME _____

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Phone Number () _____ FAX () _____

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

Other (Specify) _____

*Registration Fee [] \$50.00 (Required of all!)

May 2, 2009

Peace Awards Dinner [] \$35.00 [add \$5 at door]

~or~

May 2, 2009

Peace Awards Dinner & Reception [] \$50.00 [add \$5 at door]

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