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‘Africa at the Crossroads’ coming to campus

The 21st annual Africa/Diaspora Conference will take place April 26-28 at the University Union. The theme of this year’s conference is “Africa at the Crossroads.”

Registration is from noon-6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the University Union, Redwood Room. Concurrent panels begin that afternoon, and program details are available at www.csus.edu/org/capcr. From 5-6:30 p.m., there will be a special film screening and discussion of “Egypt: The Story Behind the Revolution.” This event, which includes a reception and refreshments, also will be held in the Redwood Room. Film director Khaled Sayed will moderate the discussion.

Conference registration will continue from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, April 27, in the Redwood Room. From 8:30-9 a.m., there will be African drumming by Tyehimba Kokayi and an African slide show.

Professor Data Barata, conference chair, will call Friday’s opening session to order and be followed by several welcoming speakers, including Professor Ernest Uwazie, Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution director; and Provost Joseph Sheley. Former U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria Robin Renee Sanders will deliver the keynote address at 10 a.m. The address will be followed at 11 a.m. by activist Heba M. Elwa of the Egyptians' Rights Support Movement. She will share her experiences from the revolution. A variety of panel discussions will round out the day until 6 p.m.

Saturday’s schedule includes four panel discussions and a keynote address by state Sen. Curren Price about health disparities in California. The conference will conclude with the presentation of peace awards and a dinner dance in the Union Ballroom from 6 to midnight.

For more information, contact uwazee@csus.edu or visit www.csus.edu/org/capcr. For media assistance, contact Sacramento State’s Public Affairs office at (916) 278-6156.

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