Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution

Presents

The 30th Annual Africa & Diaspora International Conference:

THE AFRICA PEACE & SECURITY AGENDA:
LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

April 28 – 30, 2022

All panels will be held in the Redwood Room in the University Union

Conference Registration link:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/csusacevent?CNAME=CAPCR

The conference is open to the public and free for Sac State students, faculty & staff, and students in the Sacramento region.

All times are Pacific Standard Times (PST)
Thursday, April 28th 2022

REGISTRATION BEGINS  8:30am
Coffee/tea provided

SESSION A  9:00am – 10:30am
Threats to Sustainable Peace

1. “Mediation As a Tool of Oppression: Neutrality and Ethical Ramifications” Daniel Yamshon, Esq., Sacramento, USA
2. “Politics of Insults: A Threat to Constitutional Democracy in Ghana” Dr. Mohammed Marzuq Abubakari, University of Applied Management, Ghana

Moderator: Dr. Tina Jordan, California State University, Sacramento

SESSION B  10:35pm – 12:05pm
Emerging Models for Sustainable Peace

1. “Local Peacebuilding Structures for managing conflict” Bridget Osakwe, National Network Coordinator West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), Lagos Nigeria
2. “The Role of Young Persons in Deepening a Culture of Peace and Democracy through Education” Imoh Collins Edozie, Sacramento, CA
3. “Accomplishing peace and security in Africa: The human security imperatives” Dr. Chukwudi Victor Odoeme Veritas University Bwari Abuja, Nigeria

Moderator: Dr. Maria da Luz Alexandrino, California State University, Sacramento

LUNCHEON DISCUSSION PANEL  12:10pm – 1:10pm
Lunch Provided- Sponsored by the University Foundation at Sacramento State
Examining Peace and Violence Prevention Initiatives in the Sacramento Area

Brian Muhammad, Program Manager, Advance Peace-Sacramento
Paris Dye, Director, Impact Sac.
Mervin Brookins, Founder, Brother 2 Brother-Sacramento

Moderator: Ernest Uwazie, Director CAPCR & Professor/Chair, Criminal Justice, California State University, Sacramento
Thursday, April 28th 2022

KEYNOTE ADDRESS  1:15pm – 2:50pm
Opening Drumming: Led by Benjamin Ofori, Bodac African Drumming and Dance Company.
Opening remarks: Conference Chair Dr. Nicole Fox

Welcome
Dr. Ernest Uwazie, CAPCR Director & Chair of the Division of Criminal Justice
Dr. Mary Maguire, Interim Dean, College of Health and Human Services
Dr. Carlos Nevarez, Interim Provost & VP-Academic Affairs
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Data Barata, CAPCR Board Chair
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bettina Ng’weno, “Africa is the Future: Leadership and Demographics in a Changing World” Associate Professor of African American and African Studies at University of California, Davis.
Moderator: Dr. Data D. Barata, California State University, Sacramento

AFTERNOON SESSION C  3:00pm – 3:50pm
1. Dr. Alexa Sardina, California State University, Sacramento
2. Dr. Ernest Uwazie, California State University, Sacramento
3. Dr. Tina Jordan, California State University, Sacramento
Moderator: Dr. Kai Lin, California State University, Sacramento

AFTERNOON SESSION D  4:00pm – 4:45pm
California State University, Sacramento’s Summer 2022 Study Abroad in Ghana
1. Dr. Nicole Fox, Lead Faculty Instructor
2. Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Program Facilitator
3. Student participants
Moderator: Dr. Alexa Sardina, California State University, Sacramento

RECEPTION & TRIBUTES  5:00pm – 6:30pm
Refreshments provided
Drumming: led by Benjamin Ofori Bodac African drumming and dance company
Reception & Tributes: Remembering Archbishop Desmond Tutu
Opening: Dr. Ernest Uwazie
Welcome/Tribute: Dr. Mia Settles-Tidwell, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence & University Diversity Officer, California State University, Sacramento
Tribute by Her Excellency, Thandile B. Sunduza, Consul General of South Africa- Los Angeles
Tribute: Dr. Boatamo Mosupyoe, Associate Dean, SSIS, California State University, Sacramento
Tribute: Dr. Elaine Leeder, Dean Emerita/Professor Emerita of Sociology, Sonoma State University
Entertainment:
Musical Perseverance Esemble performance: led by Faculty Lecturer Julian Dixon, California State University, Sacramento, with students Portia Njoku, Aaron David & Benwar Shepard, California State University, Sacramento
Moderator: Dr. Robert Dibie, Vice Provost Academic of Affairs & Dean of Graduate Education, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia
Friday, April 29, 2022

REGISTRATION BEGINS  8:30am
Coffee/Tea provided

SESSION A  9:00am – 10:30am
**TOPIC: The Role of Religion, Interfaith Dialogue and Civic Engagement in Peace Building**

1. “Intercultural Communication, Interfaith Dialogue and Conflict Transformation in Nigeria: A Missiological Perspective,” Chris E. A. Gankon, Cook School of Intercultural Studies, Biola University; and Bala A. Musa, Department of Communication Studies, Azusa Pacific University, CA

Moderator: Dr. Data D. Barata, California State University, Sacramento

SESSION B  10:45am – 12:15pm
**The Role of Governments and Governing Bodies in Dynamics of Peace**

1. “Independence or a federation? Perceived discrimination as an antecedent of Anglophone Cameroonian’s preferences towards the form of state” by Dr. Elvis Nshom, California State University San Marcos, USA
2. “From Foreign Paternalism to African Peace: Hierarchy and Improvisation in US-Africa Security Relations” Dr. Sobukwe Odinga, University of California, Los Angeles, USA [Virtual]
3. “The intractability of the Malthusian Catastrophe on Africa” Chika Dike, University of Lagos, Nigeria [virtual]
4. “US Immigration Policy: Past, Present and Future Implications for Black and Brown families” Kelechi Wright, University of Kansas, USA

Moderator: Dr. Robert Dibie, Vice Provost Academic of Affairs & Dean of Graduate Education, Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia

FRIDAY AFTERNOON ROUNDTABLE  12:45pm – 2:15pm
**Enhancing the African Family Values: Towards Creating a World Without Domestic Violence**

1. Dr. Theresa Abah, California State University, Sacramento
2. Dr. Tina Abena Jordan, California State University, Sacramento
3. Mrs. Toni Tinker, California State University, Sacramento
4. Dr. Data D. Barata, California State University, Sacramento

Moderators: Dr. Data D. Barata and Dr. Theresa Abah, California State University, Sacramento

CLOSING KEYNOTE  2:20pm – 3:00pm

Moderator: Dr. Nicole Fox, California State University, Sacramento
Friday, April 29, 2022

CONFERENCE SUMMARY  3:00pm – 3:10pm
Dr. Nicole Fox, Conference Chair
Closing Remarks: Data Barata, CAPCR Board Chair

Saturday, April 30, 2022

AFRICA PEACE AWARDS  6:30pm – 9:30pm
Peace Awardees:

- Dr. Olivia Kasirye
- Ms. Ramona Mosley
- Mr. Fatai Yusufu
- Pastor Les Simmons
- Hon. Betty Bigombe
- Neighborhood Wellness Foundation-Sacramento

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ENTERTAINMENT
INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. COVID-19 Protocols: Vaccination & Mask Recommended!
For the entirety of the conference participants, including presenters and all conference organizers, will comply fully with CSUS campus protocols for the COVID-19 pandemic that are in place at the time of the conference. You can find these protocols at: https://www.csus.edu/compliance/risk-management/coronavirus.html
Visitors to Sacramento should be mindful of the Sacramento County Public Health guidelines found here: www.saccounty.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx

II. Travel Information

CAMPUSS ADDRESS
California State University, Sacramento
6000 J St, Sacramento, CA 95819

AIRPORT
Our Local Airport is the Sacramento International Airport. The airport code is SMF.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS:
*Prices are subject to change until booked.

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Transportation

RENTAL CARS
Sacramento International Airport has a number of car rental options for those that wish to rent a vehicle from the airport for the duration of their trip. Make sure to make a reservation in advance to ensure that you have access to a vehicle.

- **Alamo**
  (800) 327-9633
  www.alamo.com

- **Avis**
  (916) 922-5601
  www.avis.com

- **Budget**
  (800) 763-2999
  www.budget.com

- **Dollar Rent a Car**
  (866) 434-2226
  www.dollar.com

- **Enterprise**
  (800)736-8227
  www.enterprise.com

- **Hertz**
  (800) 654-3131
  www.hertz.com

- **National**
  (800) 227-7366
  www.nationalcar.com

- **Dollar Rent a Car**
  (866) 434-2226
  www.dollar.com

- **Payless Car Rental**
  (916) 441-4488
  www.paylesscar.com

- **Thrifty**
  (916) 285-0648
  www.thrifty.com

- **Zipcar**
  (866) 494-7227
  www.zipcar.com/airports

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Use our campus address, they will drop you off at the “Campus Visitor Center” where signage will direct you to the event.

*Rates vary by ride availability, time of day, distance, etc.

**Parking at Sac State**
Daily Parking permits at Sac State cost $7

**METHOD 1**
PURCHASE GUEST PARKING IN ADVANCE

**Step 1** Go to the Pay for Parking link on the:
https://sacstate.t2hosted.com/cmn/auth_ext.aspx

**Step 2** Click “Guest Signup” if you have never purchased parking at Sac State before

**Step 3** Input your personal Information and create an account

**Step 4** Use your license plate number to pay for parking

**METHOD 2**
PAY BY PHONE ON DAY OF

**Step 1** Visit the website and Signup: https://paybyphone.com/ or sign up by downloading the “PaybyPhone” app on either iOS or Android

- **iOS**(https://apps.apple.com/ca/app/paybyphone-parking/id448474183)

**Step 2** When you arrive on campus open the app and tap “Start New Parking” then:

- Enter your license plate (use last seven digits of VIN if no license plate is available)
- Use the Sac State location code: 5115
- Choose daily or two-hour parking

To find electric vehicle parking, refer to the document at the link below:
https://www.csus.edu/parking-transportation/parking/_internal/_documents/evchargingstations.pdf
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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

1996 The African Woman: An Agenda for the 21st century, Ms. Vivian Lowery Derryck

1997 African/African American Organizations in US: An Agenda for Political-Economic Empowerment in 21st Century, Mr. Mel Foote

1998 The African/African American Family: An Agenda for 21st century, Dr. Nkiru Nzegwu

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

2004 African and African American Relations in US, Americas and Africa, Dr. Karenga Maulana

2005 Contemporary/Critical Issues in African Development, Mr. John Prendergast

2006 Indigenous African Institutions/Systems in Era of Globalization, Dr. Chudi Uwazurike

2007 Building a Culture of Peace in Africa: Best Practices/Models, Mr. Nii Akuetteh

2008 The African Youth in America and Africa: Bridging the Gaps, Mukoma wa Ngugi

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
Past Africa/Diaspora Conference Themes and Keynote Speakers

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

2015  The African Family: Traditions, Transitions, and Transformations, Dr. Beyene Yewoubdar


2018  The African Peace and Security Architecture: Lessons, Challenges, and Opportunities: Joao Porto Gomes

2019  Peace Commerce: The Role of Peace in Economic and Business Development: Ms. Almaz Negash

2020  Peacebuilders/Peacemakers in Africa & Diaspora Communities and Nations: People, Places and Processes: Dr. Laurence (Laurie) Neil Nathan (Virtual)

2021  Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic challenges

2022  The Africa Peace & Security Agenda: Lessons Learned and Future Directions

2023  Conference & Peace Awards: April 27-29th, 2023, Theme: TBD
Beloved Brothers and Sisters, particularly the unvaccinated,

The challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic have resonated with us all in so many special ways. One important consequence has been our response to the call to get vaccinated so as to save lives, including our own. We understand that it’s really a very tough decision. Please understand that if you have not yet been fully vaccinated we love you and share in our collective agony and anxiety over the COVID-19 pandemic. Yet, some of us have had to bear witness to some heart wrenching, possibly unavoidable tragedies. We have lost many of our loved ones, many others are still suffering from the infections or displacement from home or work or livelihood. But the images of our family members or friends dying alone in the hospital, with regrets or confessions of the deceptive misinformation for not taking the vaccine remain, to say the least, stressful. Consider: The 29-year-old niece whom we mourn with painful hearts of a life cut too short, with young children left behind for us to care; The 44-year-old doctoral student who died within 4 days of the infection, and the community rallied around to mourn and contribute toward sending the body to her parents on the East Coast for burial; We suffered the emotional toll of planning the funeral of a 58-year-old with 5 teenage/youth-adult children and dealing with the funeral home, public health officials in California and Africa as well as the embassy in Washington, DC, the airlines, and transportation services in preparation to ship his body to Africa. We can go on and on of the sorrowful stories of people amongst us who died or are suffering of the COVID-19 after refusing to vaccinate. As we pen this note, a worried 85-year-old mother has asked the community to pray for her unvaccinated son on a ventilator suffering from the infection, and thankfully she tested negative, along with her grandson and son’s wife who are vaccinated. Yes, we’ll continue to pray for the son, and hope that he’ll recover to testify.

While we acknowledge the many reasons for refusal or reluctance in taking the vaccine, we appeal to you to listen to our black scientists and public health authorities of African descent whom we have trained, supported, and prayed for their professional judgment to get us out of the pandemic. We believe that God’s answer to our prayer to end the pandemic is the vaccine, plus other health and safety precautions and guidelines we must obey—despite our vaccination status. Let’s not look for another God to do the needful. According to the Sacramento Department of Public Health the rate of vaccination among members of our black community is only about 45%, which is unacceptable, the lowest among all key racial/ethnic groups in the County. Frankly, this rate is not acceptable and does not represent who we are as a people. It seems un-explainable that whilst 80% of all Californians have been fully vaccinated, only our communities have fallen so far behind in the rate of vaccination. We need to do better to achieve the so-called herd immunity of 80% or higher and help all of us get out of the misery and pains of the pandemic!
Please, brethren and beloved sisters, if you have not yet been vaccinated, do the needful in the spirit of Ubuntu: ‘I AM because you are, therefore we are.’ Let’s seize the moment, own this one, despite the very strong head winds that have held you back and take that first step and find a place in your heart to help strengthen the community we have together. Let’s prevent our people from dying unnecessarily from the COVID-19. We are counting on you to consider the interest of the collective, our community, and our people. With one love, let’s join the effort to educate each other by sharing the good news of vaccine safety as our own doctors have reinforced every day. Indeed, each one, teach each one! Let us bear good witness to the positive change we desire!

Signed by Coalition of Concerned Leaders

Dr. Ernest Uwazie, Board Chair, Africa House Sacramento
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Board member of Afripiece Department and Foundation
Toni Tinker, President, Black American Political Association of California

Ubuntu: One Love, Save Lives- Vaccinate!