AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

Los Angeles Hilton Hotel October 31-November 3, 1979

"AFRICA AND THE MEDIA: CHANGING ASPECTS OF COMMUNICATION"

The theme of the 1979 ASA annual meeting to be held at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel will be "Changing Aspects of Communication in Africa." Communication will be defined broadly in terms of language, informal communicative systems, and formal institutions that focus upon communications including the mass media. Emphasis will be placed on the interface between cultural, socio-economic, and political sources of change and the communitative forms that they influence. Interdisciplinary thematic symposia within these areas ranging from studies of language and culture change to more formal institutional change are welcome. Scholarly presentations on other topics will also be accepted. It is hoped that the upcoming meeting will attract scholarly work of the highest caliber about contemporary developments on the continent. Quality media products from and about Africa are also sought for special sessions that will be scheduled to run throughout the meeting. (See p. 10-11 for a tentative list of panels.)

A steering committee has been established based at the University of California-San Diego to coordinate the organization of the meeting. Contact should be made with the committee through Professor Bennetta Jules-Rosette, the program director. The deadline for panel submission is April 1, 1979 and the deadline for all individual contributions is April 15, 1979. Participants are encouraged to submit their materials as early as possible for full consideration.

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