

ANNOUNCEMENTS

African Policy Studies Journal Debut

■ *Passages: A Journal of Transnational and Transcultural Studies* is a new interdisciplinary journal concerned with the burgeoning literature on transnational phenomena and cross-cultural encounters. For information contact Mohammed A. Bamyeh, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA 01854. Tel: (508) 934-4305, fax: (508) 934-3023, e-mail: bamyeh@woods.uml.edu.

Two New African Journals

■ The *Journal of Research Methodology and African Studies* is a biannual journal which offers a comprehensive, systematic treatment of the scientific approach in studying aspects concerning Africa. The emphasis is on the relationship between theory, research, and practice, and the integration of various quantitative and qualitative research activities in an orderly framework.

■ The *Journal of African Languages and Linguistics* is a biannual journal interested in reflecting all the various aspects of African languages and linguistics. Abstracts, articles, reviews, squibs, and translations relating to African languages, literature, literary history, literary criticism, and various aspects of linguistics are welcome.

For publication guidelines and information on subscriptions contact The Editor, The African Institution, 7532 Eighth Street NW, Washington, DC 20012. E-Mail: bangura@boe00.minc.umd.edu.

Novel in Afrikaans wins 1995 Noma Award

■ Marlene van Niekerk's novel, *Triomf*, published in 1994 by Queillerie Publishers, Pretoria, South Africa, has been named the winner of the 1995 Noma Award for publishing in Africa. This is the first time in the Award's fifteen-year history that a work in Afrikaans has been selected as the prize winner. The book was cited by the Noma Award jury as "a captivating and innovative novel by a masterly story-teller, which breaks new ground in describing the ways in which poor white Afrikaners, too, were victims of oppression, and thus ushers in a wholly new way of addressing the past as a prelude to the new."

South African Database Change

■ The CD-ROM publication *Index to South African Periodicals* is being amalgamated with the *Joint Catalogue of Theses and Dissertations*, and will eventually be published under the new title *Southern African Studies*.

Political Poster Archive

■ Political posters—and through them the ideas and

struggles they represent—are being preserved, and presented in public exhibitions by the Center for the Study of Political Graphics. For more information contact Carol Wells, Center for the Study of Political Graphics, 8124 West Third Street, Suite 211, Los Angeles, CA 90048-4309. Tel: (213) 653-4662, fax: (213) 653-6991.

Côte d'Ivoire Summer Study

■ Drew in West Africa in a summer study program in Côte d'Ivoire that includes courses in African culture, and the history of African art and Architecture. Estimated cost: \$3,950. The application deadline is April 1, 1996. For further information and application form contact Drew in West Africa, African-American/African Studies Program, Drew University, Madison, NJ 07940. Tel: (201) 408-3013/3383.

Formation of Gays & Lesbians in African Studies (GLAS)

■ GLAS held its first official business meeting at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Orlando. GLAS has its roots in an informal gathering of eight gays and lesbians in Toronto at the 1994 ASA meeting. This year's business meeting brought together nearly two dozen people interested in gay, lesbian, and bisexual issues in the Africa region. GLAS has its mission to:

- Share information, contacts, and network on homosexually-related research and concerns in the Africa region.
- Encourage and support our gay, lesbian, and bisexual colleagues in the field of African studies.
- Encourage and support research and advocacy on homosexually-related concerns in the Africa region.
- Raise the awareness of others of the relevance and need for homosexually-related research in African studies.

GLAS sponsored the first ASA panel focusing on the subject of homosexuality in Africa at the Orlando conference titled, "Homosexuality in Africa: Does it Exist and Why Does it Matter?" Over 40 participants discussed a range of important issues, including human rights abuses against gays and lesbians in Zimbabwe, Kenya, and elsewhere; the systematic absence of research on same-sex behavior in the region and potentially tragic lack of HIV/AIDS prevention efforts targeting men who have sex with men; and the difficulties researchers face trying to conduct and publish research on homosexuality in Africa. The roundtable provided a forum for people to share their experiences and research findings. For example, two recent doctoral studies have identified same-sex behavior and cultural patterns in northern Nigeria, and historical roots of homosexuality in Rwanda. It also became clear

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that though there has been little published work on same-sex behavior in Africa, there is a tremendous need to begin archiving research findings and to support future work. It was unanimously agreed at the business meeting that GLAS will seek Affiliate Organizational status with the ASA and sponsor two panels at next year's annual meeting in San Francisco. People interested in submitting paper proposals on the subject of "Developing Methodologies for Same-Sex Research in Africa" should contact Leonard Hirsch (lhirsch@si.edu) and Matthew Roberts (mroberts@fhi.org) by January 5. People interested in submitting paper proposals on African same-sex research they have conducted should submit their proposals to Deb Amory (amory@brick.purchase.edu) and Wolfram Hartmann (wolfram@public.unam.na) by January 5. GLAS will begin archiving information on homosexually-related issues and research on Africa. If you have done work—or know of people who have done work—on homosexuality in Africa, please send papers, citations, researcher information or contacts, and any other relevant information to GLAS. In the future, GLAS will make every effort to provide people with archival information on request. The members of GLAS are excited and pleased with the progress made at this year's ASA meeting and look forward to a growing membership, presence, and contribution at future ASA meetings. For further information about GLAS, please contact Gays & Lesbians in African Studies (GLAS), Matthew W. Roberts, 1930 New Hampshire Ave., NW #12, Washington, DC 20009 USA. E-mail: mroberts@fhi.org, tel: (202) 986-1453, (703) 516-0460 x153, fax: (703) 516-9781.

African Cinema Resource Guide

■ California Newsreel announces the publication of its 1995–96 Library of African Cinema resource guide, featuring ten new releases which reflect the increasing breadth of genres in which contemporary African film-makers are working. In addition to four new feature films (from Senegal, Burkina Faso, and Guinea-Bissau) and three new documentaries, they include a controversial South African television series, an anthology of short films, a performance film featuring music superstar Youssou N'Dour, and three documentaries by African women directors. Copies of the new resource guide are available at no charge from California Newsreel, 149 Ninth Street, San Francisco CA 94103. Tel: (415) 621-6196, fax: (415) 621-6522; e-mail: newsreel@ix.netcom.com.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

January 15, 1996—Religion

● Applications for senior and post-doctoral fellowships from the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis in Varieties of Religious Experience for 1996–97. Contact Phyllis Mack, Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, 88 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

January 16, 1996—Minority Scholars

● Applications for resident fellowships from the Five College Fellowship Program for Minority Scholars. Contact Carol Angus, Five College Fellowship Program Committee, Five Colleges, Inc., 97 Spring Street, Amherst, MA 01002-2324. Tel: (413) 256-8316.

January 16, 1996—African & African-American Studies

● Applications for visiting scholar fellowships from the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University. Contact Richard Newman at (617) 495-4193.

March 15, 1996—Gender Studies

● Applications for Rockefeller Resident Humanities Fellowships at the Institute for the Study of Gender in Africa at UCLA. Contact Muadi Mukenge, African Studies Center, 10244 Bunche Hall, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1310.

UNC-CH NSF Graduate Traineeships

● The National Science Foundation has awarded UNC a Graduate Traineeship grant to support graduate students doing interdisciplinary research on "Democracy and Democratization: Social Conditions, Institutional Forms, Transitions". Contact Kevin Moore, Associate Director, University Center for International Studies, CB# 5145, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-5145. Tel: (919) 962-5374 /5375, e-mail: kevin_moore@unc.edu.

Rockefeller Archive Center Grants

● Rockefeller Archive Center 1997 grants-in-aid for research on 20th-century African topics at the Center and in its collections. For further information—tel: (914) 631-4505, internet: <http://www.rockefeller.edu> (see "administration").