

Twenty-First Annual ATWS Meeting At LSUS a GREAT Success

The Twenty-First Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS),lnc., the largest professional organization of its kind in the world, was held in Shreveport, Louisiana, November 6-8, 2003. The conclave featured 25 panels and round tables which focused on the theme "Advancing New Dimensions in Third World Studies in the 21st Century."

The conference was hosted by Louisiana State University in Shreveport (LSUS) and the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University, Bloomington.

The following ATWS members are to be commended and congratulated for the immensely successful conference they conceived, organized and implemented: A.B. Assensoh, Ph.D., Program Chair and then Vice-President / President-Elect, who is Richard Bernstein Chair at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; William D. Pederson, Ph.D., Director of the International Lincoln Center at LSUS (local arrangements); William Head, Ph.D., Chief, Office of History, Warner Robins AFB, Georgia, the then President of ATWS; and Gary Kline, Ph.D., ATWS Treasurer and Professor of Political Science at Georgia Southwestern State University.

At the opening session, members were welcomed by Vincent J. Marsala, Chancellor, LSUS, and A.B. Assensoh, now President of ATWS. Dr. Gary Kline presented an opening session speech entitled "The Contours of the Bush Policy;" and Dr. Michael Sartisky, President/Executive Director of Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, gave a lecture on "Louisiana and the Third World: Shared Historical, Cultural, Political, and Economic Factors."

The Keynote Banquet address, "Analysis to Paralysis: Need for Coalitions for Dynamic Change in Developing Nations," was given by Thelma B. Thompson, Ph.D., President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. William Head gave the presidential address, "Where Do We Go from Here: Let Our Past Be Our Guide to the Future."

The prestigious ATWS "Presidential Award" for 2003 was presented to Gary Kline, "In Recognition of His Outstanding Contributions to the Promotion of Scholarship Devoted to the Third World." Kline, a member since 1991, has served two terms as Treasurer and several years on the Board of Editors of JTWS.

Additionally, several awards were presented to recognize individuals who have made significant scholarly contributions to the academic discipline of Third World Studies. The winner of the "Lawrence Dunbar Reddick Memorial Scholarship Award," for the best article published in the year 2002 issues of *Journal of Third World Studies*, was Mueni Wa Muiu, Ph.D., University of North Carolina-Asheville, for her outstanding article, "Fundi Wa Afiika: Toward a New Paradigm of the African State," which appeared in Volume 19, No. 1, Spring 2002 issue of JTWS.

The recipient of the "Cecil B. Currey ATWS Book-Length Publications Award," given for the best book published by an ATWS member during the previous academic year, was William Head, for his outstanding study entitled "War From Above the Clouds: B-52 Operations During the Second Indochina War and the Effects of the Air War on Theory and Doctrine", published by Air University Press, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, 2003.

Kristin S. Tassin, Tulane University, received the "Harold Isaacs Graduate Student Award," given to the author of the top graduate student paper presented at the annual ATWS meeting. The topic of her paper: "Nationalism & the Genesis of the Non- Aligned Movement."

The new officers of ATWS are: Dr. A.B. Assensoh, President; Dr. Andrew Clark, UNC-Wilmington, Vice-President/ President -Elect; and Assefew Bariagaber, Seton Hall University, Executive Council. Gary Kline was re-elected to a third term as Treasurer, and Lauren Eastwood, Syracuse University, was re-elected Secretary.

The 22nd Annual ATWS Meeting will be held October 7-9, 2004 in Macon, Georgia.

Results of the 2003 ATWS Election

Vice President/President Elect: Andrew Clark

Secretary: Lauren Eastwood **Treasurer:** Gary Kline

Executive Council - Post 3: Assefaw Bariagaber **Chair, Nominations & Elections Committee:** David

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Chair, Fund-Raising Committee: Cecil B. Currey

Chair, Teaching Committee: Lily Mendoza

The new Executive Council will therefore consist of President A.B. Assensoh, Past-President Bill Head, Vice-President/President Elect Andrew Clark, Executive Director Shu-hui Wu(ex-officio), Secreary Lauren Eastwood, Treasurer Gary Kline, Editor of the Journal of Third World Studies, Harold Isaacs, Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee David Schwam-Baird, Chair of the Information Services Committee Bhim Sandhu, Chair of the Fund-Raising Committee Cecil B. Currey, Chair of the Teaching Committee Lily Mendoza, and Executive Council members Assefaw Bariagaber, Michael Hall, and Paul Magnarella

Where's Your News?

The newsletter needs news from you about publications, papers presented, grants, professional travel awards and current research projects.

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The ATWS Announces the 2004 ISAACS AWARD Competition for Graduate Students

At its 2001 meeting the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) instituted The Harold Isaacs Award competition for graduate students. The Award is named in honor of the Association's founding president and aimed toward supporting research focusing on the various problems facing "Third World" peoples. The Award will be made to the top graduate student paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the Association. The Award is designed to encourage high quality research and writing among graduate students who have an interest in Third World studies. All candidates MUST have their papers accepted for presentation at the meeting in order to be eligible for the competition AND they must be present at the 2004 ATWS meeting to deliver their paper. The winner will be presented with a \$400 check award at the annual meeting's banquet. Other selected graduate student papers will also be presented with Certificates of Excellence. Interested graduate students must submit papers that I) demonstrate originality in terms of research area and/or interpretation, 2) contribute to the intellectual debates within the subject area in which they are framed, and 3) present well substantiated arguments. Please note that submissions should be near ready for publication. The winning paper will be published in the Journal of Third World Studies after any revisions suggested by the Review Subcommittee.

The selection procedure is as follows: students will submit abstracts of their papers according to established procedures of the Association (see Call for Papers above). Upon acceptance for presentation at the meeting, the student will send three copies of the completed paper to the Education Committee Chair. The deadline for receipt of the papers is 31 AUGUST, 2004. The current chair is Dr. S. Lily Mendoza Human Communication Studies, 2142 South High St., Denver, Colorado 80208, USA. Dr. Mendoza and two other ATWS members will compose the Graduate Student Award Selection Subcommittee

Greetings From the President's Desk ...

A.B. Assensoh, Ph.D., Professor, Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University-Bloomington & 2003-2004 Richard A. Bernstein Research Professor, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore Campus (UMES)

The 21st annual meeting of the Association of Third Studies (ATWS), held at Louisiana State University in Shreveport (LSU-S) from November 6-8, 2003, and hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) of Indiana University and The Department of History and Social Science of LSU-S, brought together scholars from academic and professional institutions on several continents, including Africa, Asia, Europe and North America.

As ATWS President-Elect and the 2003 meeting's Program Chairman, 1 was ably assisted in structuring the panels by LSU-S political science Professor William D. ("Bill") Pederson, who is also the distinguished Chairman of the campus' International Lincoln Center American Studies Program. As a true scholar himself, Bill made sure that his fellow scholars submitted acceptable topics, themes and abstracts for papers and the panels. All of us at ATWS are grateful to Bill as well as to our immediate Past President William P. ("Bill") Head, Chief Historian at Warner Robins Air Force Base (AFB) in Georgia, who very patiently guided us, like an intellectual guiding angel, to ensure that our panels and their presenters were on keel. Additionally, among those playing yeoman's roles for the success of the 21 st Annual Meeting, at which these proceedings were collected, were ATWS Executive Director Shu-hui Wu of the Department of History at Mississippi State University in Mississippi; our hardworking Treasurer Gary Kline of Georgia Southwestern State University; the collective ATWS Executive Council members and, happily, colleagues of the African Research Forum (who are also active ATWS members). We are grateful to everyone, including the scholars and professionals who sent copies of their essays for the ATWS Proceedings, 21st Annual Meeting. The theme for the 21 st Annual Meeting was "Advancing new dimensions in Third World Studies in the 21st Century." Admirably, several scholars from varied intellectual fields built their contributions around this theme to underscore that the 21st century has become an epoch of unimaginable dimension. Therefore, when humankind crossed the threshold of the 19th century, it was understood that the preceding century --albeit, the 20th -would be the last to endure the prophetic words of the legendary Dr. W.E.B. Du Bois: that the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line! Interestingly, that prophecy has followed the 21 st century, thereby necessitating international and sub-regional tribunals in The Hague and Africa for the trial of perpetrators of war crimes, arising from ethnic or racial cleansing and genocide.

Dr. Du Bois' color line prophecy initially appeared in his seminal work, *Souls of Black Folk* in 1903, hence its century of existence has been observed in 2003 in elaborate celebrations of pomp and gaiety in academic and professional arenas. Of course, the essays that make up this volume do not necessarily or specifically reflect the prevailing racial-cum-ethnic divide, although there were thematic panels, at the 21st Annual Meeting, that spelled out the crises that societies faced in various wars.

We now look forward eagerly to the next conference which will be held in Macon, Georgia, October 7-9, 2004. I know this conclave will present another opportunity to exchange important ideas and for fellowship. Please consult the ATWS web site (http://itc.gsw.edu/atws) for the Call for Papers and other relevant information pertaining to the conference. We are seeking paper presenters, panel chairs, discussants, and others to help us make this conference another great success.

I encourage all members to make a sincere effort to enroll friends and colleagues worldwide in ATWS. There is an urgent need for more attention to the crucial issue confronting the world's majority in the Third World. Please assist us in furthering our noble mission, to promote peace and justice and the general welfare, by persuading those of good will to join us.

Finally, please check out our web site regularly (http://itc.gsw.edu/atws). It is being constantly updated and it contains useful and interesting information. Again, I look forward to working with you and serving as your President. Please feel free to contact me with ideas and, suggestions. 1 send my warmest wishes for the year ahead.

Sincerely, A.B. Assensoh e-mail: <u>aassenso@indiana.edu</u> or <u>abassensoh@mail.umes.edu</u>

UPCOMING CONFERENCE

22nd Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, Inc OCTOBER 7-9,2004 MACON, GEORGIA

<u>Theme</u>: "Exploring Conflicts and Conflict Resolution in the Contemporary Third World."

Scope: Papers and panels from all academic disciplines that deal with the study of Asia (except Japan), Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East, and Africa are welcome. Presentations that pertain to contemporary Third World conflicts are especially encouraged. All papers must link the events and trends to issues of regional security, politics, economics, as well as social and environmental concerns of the present and future.

<u>Submissions Procedure</u>: persons interested in submitting papers or organizing panels MUST submit a 200-word abstract. Persons interested in serving as chair or commentator/discussant MUST submit a brief statement describing their areas of expertise. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: MAY 31, 2004. In order to be included on the program, a participant must be pre-registered. The DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION: September 3, 2004.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONCERNING:

<u>Proposals for papers, Panels. and Chair/Discussants</u> contact:

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Rolin Mainuddin is New Associate Editor of the Middle Eastern Sections of JTWS

Dr. Rolin G. Mainuddin, Associate Professor of Political Science at North Carolina Central University (NCCU), is the new Associate Editor of the Middle Eastern sections of the Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS). Dr. Mainuddin's appointment was confirmed by the Executive Council of ATWS. A life member and former president of ATWS (1998-1999), Dr. Mainuddin has served with distinction for many years on the Board of Editors of JTWS. He is the author of several scholarly articles and one book, Religion and Politics in the Developing World: Explosive Interactions, published in 2002 by Ashgate Publishers. Dr. Mainuddin received a Fulbright-Hays scholarship to study in Jordan and Israel during the summer of 2001. He was also the recipient of the NCCU "Excellence in Teaching Award" in 1999. Dr Harold Isaacs, Editor of JTWS, indicated that he was "extremely pleased Dr. Mainuddin, an outstanding person and scholar, had been appointed to the Middle East position, and looked forward to working with him to improve the scope and depths of JTWS."

Individuals interested in submitting manuscripts or book reviews on the Middle East should contact Dr. Mainuddin at:

Department of Political Science North Carolina Central University 1801 Fayetteville Str. Durham, NC 27707 Telephone number is (919)530-7259 Fax Number is (919) 530-6246

CECIL B. CURREY BOOK AWARD

ATWS wishes to announce the formal request for submissions of book length manuscripts for the Cecil Currey Book Award for 2003-2004. Only monographs and studies will be considered. Please do not submit anthologies or edited books. Topics on any part of the Third World are acceptable. Publications must be 2003 through May 31, 2004.

Qualifications--Please submit a copy of your book to EACH of the members of the committee no later than September for consideration--mail them yourself or have your publisher send copies.

- 1. Unrevised theses will not be considered.
- 2. If an individual wishes to be considered, she must send a letter of application to Dr. Cecil B. Currey, 3330 Crenshaw Road, Lutz, FI 33548.
- 3. The committee urges that members seek to have their books published by commercial houses, rather than relying on such firms as Mazda, Routledge, et al. Visibility is important and, if your book sells for \$75-80, it will not be given wide distribution.
- 4. An individual seeking the prize must insure that each member of the committee receives a copy of the book.
- 5. The award will not necessarily be given out each year, but only when sufficient books are submitted so that a real contest can occur.
- 6. Edited books will not be considered.
- 7. The committee encourages ATWS members to seek to have their works published and to submit them for the book award.

Committee members are:

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For more information, please check out the ATWS website at: http://itc.gsw.edu/atws

GSW Third World in Perspective Program Seminar series Celebrating Twenty-Third Anniversary

Georgia Southwestern State University's Third World Perspective Program Seminar Series, founded in 1981 by Dr. Harold Isaacs, is currently celebrating its 23rd anniversary. The series was the seedbed for the founding by Dr. Isaacs of ATWS in 1983 and JTWS in 1984. "Major Third World Problems and Issues" are the focus of the series during the 2003-2004 academic year. During the Fall semester seminars were held on "Global Effects of International Terrorism," "Free Trade Area of the Americas," and "Contemporary Problems Confronting Small Island Nations." Spring semester seminars included "Understanding Islam: Bridging the Divide," "European Union and the Third World," and "Major Contemporary Third World Education." Large audiences of students and faculty have attended the forums which are taped by the instructional Technology Center at GSW and shown to the community on GSW Channel 8.

Spring 2004 Issue of JTWS to be Published in Late April or early May

Editor Harold Isaacs informs us that the Spring issue of JTWS is at the printshop and will be published in either late April or early May 2004. Centered on the theme "Advancing New Dimensions in Third World Studies in the 21st Century," the issue will contain 12 outstanding articles and numerous book reviews. There are papers on such subjects as great Asian historians. attempts to control the security sectors in Chile, models for development of distressed communities, autonomous communities in precolonial Nigeria, modernization and Cambodia, human resources and economic development in Saudia indigenous Filipino history, political and ethnic conflict in Africa, and the decline of Azerbaijan.

KENYA CHAPTER CONFERENCE

The Kenyatta University hosted the fourth conference of the ATWS-Kenya Chapter 12-19 September 2003. The theme of the conference was "Disparities in the Developing Countries: Types, Challenges and The Way Forward." The main objective of the conference was to bring together scholars and researchers from Third World countries interested in research on disparities in various sectors that affect development of there countries. Hence its objectives were:

- To critically assess the disparities existing in various sectors within Third World countries.
- To map out strategies to address them.
- To offer recommendations and the way forward.

Out of 105 papers received, 89 were presented in this conference. The total number of participants who attended the conference was 110. Besides Kenya, several countries were represented. These were: Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Nigeria, and the United States.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD

A Message from Tom Leonard, Editor

In the recent past, many of you have contacted me about the *Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, originally to be published by Fitzoy Dearborn Company in Chicago Illinois. As you know, Fitzroy Dearborn was bought out by Taylor-Francis, a division of Routledge and you will be glad to know that the project is alive and well. Publication is scheduled for 2005.

Many of you submitted contributions that may be in need of updating. Beginning in March, we will be reviewing all submissions and, should your entry be in need of updating, you will be hearing from us.

Others of you may wish to consider contributing to the worthwhile project. If so, please refer to devworld@Taylorandfrancis.com.

Should you have any questions and wish to contact me directly, you may do so at: <u>Tleonard@unf.edu</u>. For those of you have been waiting, know that your patience is appreciated. For new contributions, welcome aboard.

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GARY KLINE RECEIVES 2003 ATWS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Gary Kline, Professor of Political Science at Georgia Southwestern State University, and current ATWS Treasurer, is the 2003 ATWS Presidential Award winner. Those who know Gary's lengthy record of dedication and hard work in behalf of ATWS know that this recognition was long overdue.

Gary came to GSW in 1990 and immediately became involved in numerous campus activities. His most recent contribution to the University was his two-year service as cochair of the GSW Self Study Committee. He has also served as advisor to the student newspaper (Sou'wester) and chair of the Dolores Capitan Writing Awards. A superlative teacher and outstanding scholar, as well as expert on Third World development, Gary joined ATWS soon after his arrival at GSW and has been a major force in the Association's success ever since. All ATWS members appreciate greatly meticulous attention Gary has given to the finances of the organization. We all hope he will continue on as our treasurer for many years.

HOST AN ATWS CONFERENCE

Although plans are set for our 2004 meeting, the ATWS Executive Council would gladly entertain proposals to host future annual meetings.

Access to convenient transportation and the availability of conference rooms and hotel accommodations are necessary for any meeting site. Also, ATWS requests the host institution to provide a welcome reception. Hosts frequently have student volunteers available to help with registration. They also provide break time snacks.

We would love to visit your campus. Keep in mind that campus administrators are often willing to host academic meetings because they enhance the reputation of their institution, so support might not be difficult to obtain if plans are made in advance.

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of hosting a future ATWS meeting, please contact the executive director for the guidelines detailing the required specifications, procedures, and timelines.

MEMBER'S CORNER

Berch Berberoglu, Professor of Sociology and Director of Graduate Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, has published two books titled "Globalization of Capital and the Nation-State", 2003 and the second book "Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict", 2004. For more details about his book please contact: Phone: (775)784-1855 or Fax: (775) 784-1358

Robert Curry, During March and April 2004 Robert "Bob" Curry will teach a course titled "International Business and Economic Change" for The Institute of International Studies at Ramkhamhaeng University in Bangkok, Thailand. RU is Thailand's Open University and it serves some 150,000 people countrywide. He will also give a talk on "The Global Economy in 2003" to students who will receive their degrees from Ramkhamhaeng during Spring 2004."

Dr. Peter Hefron, Troy State University, recently visited Saigon and the nearby Mekong Delta provinces of Vinh Long and An Long. He reports the following: "This was my third visit to the southern part of Vietnam. The first was with the US Army in 1969-70, the second in July 1995, as the US normalized relations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and most recently during ten days in November 2003. The following observations focus on the contrast between Saigon and its environs between 1995 and 2003. Saigon still exists. Although in 1975, the communists created Ho Chi Minh City by adding suburbs to Saigon, locals still call it Saigon. In 1975, Saigon's infrastructure (roads, bridges, traffic lights, port facilities, power grid, ect.) still consisted of American wartime investment. And after 30 years it was in better condition and more modern than what I saw in Hanoi. By 2003, Vietnamese government investment in infrastructure was quite evident. Many roads had been repaved and new traffic lights installed. The electric grid had expanded to handle an explosion of near signs, street lights and TV sets. Tall TV antennas sprout fat into the countryside. The telecommunication is now available to the public and tourists alike. Cell phones are proliferating." For details of his observation, contact Professor Hefron.

Dr. Rolin G. Mainuddin, North Carolina Central University, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Political Science. With a mini-grant from the United Nations Foundation, Washington D.C, he organized a debate on the United States foreign policy under the current Bush Administration, North Carolina Central University campus, November 6, 2003. Arguing the two sides of the debate were Peter Feaver (Duke University) and Heidi Hobbs (North Carolina State University). Mainuddin has accepted to serve as associate editor for the Middle East for the *Journal of Third World Studies*. In the 2002-2003 academic year he served as president of the North Carolina Political Science Association.

Dr. Taysir Nashif, Presented a paper, titled "State in South-West Asia: Factors of Strength or Weakness", at the June 2003 Hawaii International conference on social sciences in Waikiki, West OAHU, and a paper titled "Palestinian National Consciousness in Israel Prior to the 1967 War", at the November 2003 Middle East Studies Association Meeting Anchorage, Alaska. He also published a book, titled "Authority, Thought and Social Change", Amman, Jordan, 2003.

Drs. Santosh Saha and Thomas K. Carr edited a book entitled "Islamic, Hindu, and Christian Fundamentalism Compared-Public Policy in Global Perspective." (December 2003) and Dr. Saha edited another book "Religious Fundamentalism in the Contemporary World, Critical Social and Political Issues", (January 2004). Recently he presented a paper at the Annual Conference of the Psychology of Religion, University of Glasgow, Scotland in August 2003.

Dr. E. Ike Udogu, A Faculty Fellow, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Appalachian State University, published a paper, titled, "National Constitutions and Human Rights Issues in Africa," *African and Asian Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (2003): 101 - 123. A variation of this paper was presented at the 19th annual conference of the ATWS held in Savannah, Georgia, in 2001, and at the 20th annual conference of the ATWS geld at the National University of Taiwan, Taipei, the Republic of China, in December 2003. Dr. Udogu also presented a paper titled "Information Technology, Managing Ethnic Diversity, and the National Question in Contemporary African Politics," at the World Forum on Information Society conference sponsored by the International Research Foundation for Development (IRFD), Geneva, Switzerland, December 8-10,2003. He also attended the World Summit on the Information Society conference held at the Palexpo in Geneva, Switzerland, on December 10-12 2003. This conference that was attended by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and heads of state tackled the problem of the digital divide between North and South,

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