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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Inc.

## 21-24 November 2009

#### THE ELMINA BEACH RESORT, CAPE COAST, GHANA Theme:

# Celebrating Change, Defining the Future Social Justice, Democracy and Cultural Renewal in the Third World

We are pleased to invite proposals for presentations that explore and celebrate significant cultural, social, political and economic accomplishments in the Third World and examine ongoing struggles for social justice, democratic development and cultural revival. We particularly welcome innovative rethinking of strategies for peace, justice, rights and development from within a broad range of disciplinary arenas.

This conference brings together scholars, activists and policymakers working from within the social sciences, the arts and humanities, natural and applied sciences in reconstructing local and global agendas that have benefited or will benefit the dispossessed. Papers and Panels from all academic disciplines that deal with the study of Africa, Asia (except Japan), Latin

America/Caribbean, the Middle East and their Diasporas are welcome.

| Conference Program Chair         | Logistics/Organizing Committee    |
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### Procedure Please submit a 200-word electronic copy abstract online at our conference website onhttp://www.regonline.com/atws2009. (Simply click on the blue Register Button). If interested in serving as chair or discussant, submit the brief electronic copy statement online.

Deadline **June 30, 2009 for submission of abstracts**. All intending presenters must pay their registration fees by **July 31, 2009** or

they will be stricken from the program. Registration fees will be refunded if your proposal is not accepted.

Registration The deadline for early bird registration is **July 31, 2009** and fees increase after **August 1**. Students and participants based in the Third World pay \$50 (U.S. dollars); ATWS members pay \$105; and non-members fees are \$125. Payments can be made online or mailed to:Doyin Coker-Kolo, Ph.D., ATWS Treasurer School of Education, Millersville University P.O. Box 1002 Millersville, PA 17551

Housing Our Conference site is the beautiful Elmina Beach Resort, Cape Coast, Ghana. Three of the "World Heritage" forts are nearby including the one commonly referred to as Elmina fort (Fort Sao Jorge). Cape Coast is about 144 kms from Accra and Kotoka International Airport (KIA). Transportation by coach from the airport will be organized for conference attendees. Find detailed information on our conference website at:http://www.regonline.com/atws2009

Further Registration/Paper/Panel forms and additional information are Information available athttp://www.regonline.com/atws2009.

**Conference** Mario Fenyo, Bowie State (Program Chairperson)

**Organizing** Akwasi B Assensoh, Indiana University (Location/Logistics **Committee**: Committee Chair)

Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Ithaca College, (Location/Logistics Committee Co-Chair) Nurudeen Akinyemi, Kennesaw State University

- Kelechi Kalu, Ohio State University
- Doyin Coker-Kolo, Millersville University

Stephen Agyepong, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi/ Saboney Technologies and Travel Services of Kumasi, Ghana, Mr Osei Bobie, Saboney Technologies and Travel Services of

Kumasi, Ghana.

University of Cape Coast

# **GREETINGS From the President's Desk**

Dear ATWS community, I write with a sense of exultation and soberness, which is well captured in the theme of our forthcoming conference in Ghana, "Celebrating Change, Defining the Future". We certainly have much to celebrate. The 2008 conference in Millersville was a resounding success. Convivial and stimulating, it confirmed ATWS' distinctive capacity to provide an invigorating sense of intellectual renewal, warm and supportive scholarly networks. Of course, the euphoria of our conference was matched and surpassed by the exuberant global participation in the elections and political transitions in Ghana and the United states.

These much feted political transitions temporarily symbolized the search for hope across the global system as societies grapple with the magnitude of the economic crisis that has hit an unprepared world. Thus we are simultaneously confronted with emblems of hope and of triumphal steps toward social transformation, while enmeshed in continuing struggles for social justice, democratic development, economic survival and cultural

renewal.

As we look ahead to the coming months, I am mindful that the ATWS community has not escaped this current crisis unscathed: the unexpected dwindling of retirement savings, loss of employment, meager offerings in the job market for newly minted scholars and the challenges of tenure processes, promotions, publishing and research funding continue to confront us all. While some have chosen to hunker down and quietly ride out the crisis, this really is the moment when our collective intellectual presence and influence is most required within our institutions and in the diverse local and global arenas that shape discourse and policy affecting the third world. It is also the moment when our collaborative presence provides affirmation of each member's agenda in teaching, research, activism and global engagement. Therefore more than any other period, this is the time to renew our bonds within the ATWS: the time to define the future, to develop and call on our shared resources, networks and expertise, and to participate even more actively in an association that has long proven its ability to encourage and support the work of its members and their professional development. Some of our goals for the ATWS this year include a concerted effort to ensure members take advantage of the various collaborative research and publishing projects within the ATWS and its various regional groups. We will also be looking to develop frameworks that will enable emerging scholars to seek the mentoring capacity of senior colleagues and take on active roles in the organization. ATWS makes several prestigious annual awards in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in Third World scholarship and service. Committee members invest expertise and time during the selection process and I am delighted that some of our ATWS and ASRF award committees have been strengthened by new membership and rules that will enhance the visibility and global impact of the awards.

As President this year, I am also looking for your support of several exciting initiatives that will continue to shape the dream of the founder of ATWS, Professor Harold Isaacs and the many officers who developed this scholarly community over the past three decades. We will be working on expanding opportunities available to qualified members to participate in forums at the United Nations in New York, Vienna or Geneva via our consultative role as an accredited NGO affiliate of the UN. Dr Lauren Eastwood has served as our UN representative and will be providing a report that will inspire dialogue on the ways in which members can influence critical aspects of global governance. Furthermore, the African Studies and Research Forum, under the leadership of Professor George Kieh, has initiated some outstanding new international initiatives that will open up vital opportunities for professional growth and global service and collaboration.

I look forward to seeing the growth of nascent plans for hosting more mini ATWS sessions in the form of one day workshops, brown bag lunch presentations and other such forum that enable ATWS members to present their ongoing research and engage their institutions and communities in dialogue on critical issues as they affect various societies in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and their diasporas. Please write to me if you are interested in hosting such an event under the ATWS banner and I will gladly send information to assist your planning.

We do need your active participation in meeting the visions of the association. So please continue to send information on vacancies and other opportunities in the field to Dr Bhim Sandhu for onward transmission to members, do invite ATWS scholars to your institution to serve as guest speakers and please support our ongoing membership drive by inviting your friends and colleagues to join this family of scholars, activists and policymakers.

Finally, I encourage you to do all you can to attend the first ATWS international conference to be held in the African continent. *The 2009 conference at the beautiful Elmina Beach Resort in Cape Coast, Ghana*, from November 21–24, will provide an exhilarating historical, cultural and intellectual opportunity for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, writers and artists. Please visit our dedicated conference website at www.regonline.com/atws2009.

Thank you all for your many contributions to the study of the Third World. I look forward to hearing from you with suggestions for moving ahead in the future.

Warm regards and best wishes for the rest of the year,

Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Associate Professor and President Association of Third World Studies, Inc. Department of Politics, Ithaca College. Ithaca, New York, USA

#### SAMUEL ZALANGA ASSUMES POSITION OF ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF AFRICAN SECTIONS OF JTWS

Dr. Samuel Zalanga, Associate Professor of Sociology at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota was appointed by a unanimous vote of the Executive Council of ATWS to be the new Associate Editor of the African sections of the Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS). Dr. Zalanga replaces Dr. John Mukum Mbaku, the internationally-renowned economist, who performed twenty-two years of dedicated and superlative service in this position. Dr. Zalanga, a longtime member of ATWS, received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in Sociology from Bayero University, and the University of Jos, respectively, in Northern Nigeria. He completed his Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Zalanga lived in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia while engaged in research for his dissertation, "The Postcolonial State and the Development Agenda: A Comparative Study of the Role of the Ruling Elites in Development Policy Formulation and Implementation in Malaysia and Nigeria." Possessing a broad area of specialization in development studies and social change, he has published numerous articles in scholarly periodicals, and is a frequent presenter at professional conferences. Among his publications are: "Indigenous Capitalists: The Development of Indigenous Investment Companies in Relation to Class, Ethnicity, and the State in Malaysia and Fiji," (with Erik Larson) in *Political Power and Social Theory*, Volume 16, 75–101 (2004); and "Teaching and Learning Social Theory to Advance Social Transformation: Some Insights, Implications, and Practical Suggestions from Paul Freire," in The Discourse of Sociological Practice (DSP), University of Massachusetts, Boston, Department of Sociology (Fall, 2004). Dr. Zalanga's courses include: "Social Inequality," "Religion in Society," "Urbanization: Growth and Development of the Modern City," "Peoples and Cultures in the United States," and "Sociology of Development." He also teaches graduate courses in Master of Arts programs in Organizational Leadership and Gerontology.

For information regarding "Guidelines for Submission of Manuscripts" to JTWS, please click-on:http://itc.gsw.edu/atws/journal.htm **TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ATWS MEETING** 

A GREAT SUCCESS The Twenty-Sixth Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Inc., the largest organization of its kind in the world, was held at Millersville University (PA), October 26–28. The conclave featured 80 attendees who participated in 25 panels and round tables which focused on the theme, "Voices of the Subaltern: Identities, Hierarchies and Social Struggles in a Globalizing Age."

The conference, hosted by Millersville University, was co-sponsored by ATWS, Millersville University, Georgia Southwestern State University, Ithaca College, and Louisiana State University-Shreveport.

The "Welcome Reception," sponsored by The School of Education at Millersville University, featured remarks by Doyin Coker- Kolo, Ed.D., associate dean of education at Millersville University, who served as conference site coordinator; Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, Ithaca College, program organizer; Dr. Jane Bray, Ph.D., dean of school of education; and Gary Kline, then President of ATWS. The "Opening Address" was presented by Dr. Vilas A. Prabbu, Ph.D., provost & vice president for academic affairs. Reception music was provided "The Sheftet," a local jazz guartet, and Zachary Mason, Pianist.

The Keynote Banquet Address, "The Colonial in the Global: Where Does the Third World Fit in?" was presented by Marnia Lazreg, Ph.D., professor of sociology, Hunter College. Dr. Gary Kline gave the presidential address, "Who Will Speak for the Voiceless?"

The prestigious ATWS "Presidential Award" for 2008 was presented to Doyin Coker-Kolo, "In Recognition of Her Outstanding Contributions to the Promotion of Scholarship Devoted to the Third World."

Several awards were presented to recognize individuals who have made significant scholarly contributions to the academic discipline of Third World studies. The winners of the "Lawrence Dunbar Reddick Memorial Scholarship Award," for the best article published on Africa in the 2007 issues of *Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS*), were James G. Guseh, Ph.D., professor of public administration, North Carolina Central University, and Emmanuel O. Oritsejafor, Ph.D., professor of political science, North Carolina Central University. Professors Guseh and Oritsejafor received the Reddick Award for their outstanding article, "Government Size, Political Freedom and Economic Growth in Nigeria, 1960–2000," published in Volume 24, No. 1, Spring 2007 issue of JTWS.

The winner of the "Cecil B. Currey ATWS Book Award," presented to the author of the best book published in the area of Third World studies during 2007–2008, was Elizabeth F. Drexler, Ph.D., assistant professor of anthropology, Michigan State University. Dr. Drexler received the award for her superlative work, "Aceh, Indonesia: Securing the Insecure State," published by the University of Pennsylvania Press in 2008.

There were two winners of the Toyin Falola ATWS Africa Book Award, given for the best book on Africa published in 2007–2008: Ogbu Kalu, Ph.D., professor, McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, author of *African Pentecostalism*: *An Introduction*, published by Oxford University Press in 2008; and Collins O. Airhihenbuwa, Ph.D., professor, department of biobehavioral health, Pennsylvania State University, author of *Healing Our Differences: The Crisis of Global Health and the Politics of Identity*, published by Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

The "Harold Isaacs Graduate Student Award," given to the author of the top graduate student paper presented at the annual ATWS meeting, was presented to Joseph Agbonifo, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, for his excellent paper, "Beyond Exclusion and Inclusion: The Ogoni and the Politics of Subversive Patriots."

The ATWS affiliated African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) presented the "Excellence in Research" award to Dr. Ismael I. Munene, Assistant Professor of Education, Northern Arizona University; and the "Presidential Award" to Dr. John Mukum Mbaku, professor of economics and John S. Hinkley Fellow, Weber State University, and to Dr. Harold Isaacs, professor emeritus of history, Georgia Southwestern State University.

Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, Ithaca College, who as Vice-President/President-Elect organized the conference program, received the "ATWS Outstanding Leadership Award." "ATWS Outstanding Service Awards" were presented to Dr. Gary Kline, Dr. Harold Isaacs, and Dr. A.B. Assensoh (professor of history, Indiana University). Entertainment at the banquet was provided by the "Imani Edu-Tainers,"Dance Group of Lancaster, Pa.

Newly elected ATWS officers are: Peyi Soyinka-Airewele; President; Mario D. Fenyo, Ph.D., professor of history, Bowie State University, Vice-President/President-Elect; and Mueni wa Muiu, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, Winston-Salem State University, Executive Council Post #2 The Twenty-Seventh annual ATWS meeting will be held in Ghana, November 21-24, 2009.

# **RESULTS OF THE 2008 ATWS ELECTIONS**

Vice-President/President/Elect: Mario Fenyo Executive Executive Council - Post #2: Mueni wa Mueni

**The new Executive Council** will therefore consist of President, Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Gary Kline, Immediate Past President, Vice-

President/President/Elect, Mario Fenyo, Secretary, Lauren Eastwood, Executive Director, William D. Pederson, 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 Teaching Committee Lily Mendoza, and Executive Council members Nurudeen Akinyemi, Mueni wa Muiu, and Peng Deng.

### GSW Third World in Perspective Program Seminar Series Celebrating Twenty-Eighth Anniversary

The Georgia Southwestern State University Third World in Perspective Program Seminar Series, founded in 1981 by Dr. Harold Isaacs, is currently celebrating its 28th anniversary. The series was the seedbed for the founding by Dr. Isaacs of ATWS in 1983 and JTWS in 1984.

"Major Third World Developments" are the focus of the series during the 2008–2009 academic year. Fall semester seminars included two forums: a seminar on "The World Food Crisis: Causes, Results, and Possible Solutions, featuring ATWS members Gary Kline and Philip I. Szmedra; and a seminar on "Major Contemporary Developments in Iraq, Iran, and Afghanistan," with members of the GSW Department of History and Political Science (Richard Hall, Brian Parkinson, and Brian Smith) serving as featured speakers. First Spring semester seminar, "The Global Financial Crisis and Its Impact on the Third World," was held on February 4, and the second forum, "Russia and the Near Abroad," will be held on March 25. Large numbers of students and faculty continue to attend and participate in the forums which are taped by the Instructional Technology Center at GSW and shown to the community on GSW Channel 16.

ISAACS EDITS SPRING 2009 ISSUE OF JTWS Harold Isaacs, Ph.D., professor

emeritus of history at Georgia Southwestern State University, has edited "Voices of the Subaltern: Identities, Hierachies and Social Struggles in a Globalizing Age," which is the Spring 2009 issue of *Journal of Third World Studies*(JTWS), published by the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Inc.

The 245-page volume contains selected papers presented at the 26th annual meeting of ATWS held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 26-28, 2008, and additional manuscripts as well as book reviews and book review essays approved for publication by the JTWS Board of Editors, which is comprised of scholars who are nationally and internationally-recognized experts in their respective fields.

Since 1984, when the semi-annual scholarly periodical was founded by Isaacs, ATWS has published 51 issues of JTWS for a worldwide readership of scholars, practitioners in the area of Third World Development, U.S. and

foreign government officials, and employees of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Hardcopy subscriptions are sent to fifty-one countries and JTWS is accessible globally via the internet.

The next issue of JTWS, Fall 2009, will focus on "Third World Problems and Issues: Past and Present," the theme of the 2009–2010 GSW Third World in Perspective Program Seminar Series.

**LAWRENCE DUNBAR REDDICK SCHOLARSHIP AWARD** Named in honor of the late Lawrence Dunbar Reddick, professor of history and friend of several post-colonial leaders, the Reddick Award is given annually to the best article to appear in the Journal of Third World Studies, the flagship journal of the

ATWS. The award was established during the ATWS presidency of John Mukum Mbaku as a result of the initiative and funding provided by A.B.

Assensoh and Yvette Alex-Assensoh, both of Indiana University, Bloomington. A selection committee is named each year to pick the recipient. Dr. Reddick, a prolific scholar who wrote the first authorized biography of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (**Crusader Without Violence**), died several years ago in New Orleans, Louisiana.

# "CALL FOR BOOKS" CECIL B. CURREY BOOK AWARD 2008-2009

ATWS wishes to announce the formal request for submissions of books for the Cecil B. Currey Book Award for 2008–2009. This award is named in honor of one of the foremost experts on the war in Vietnam. Topics on any part of the Third World are acceptable. ATWS members are encouraged to have their works published and submit them for the book award. The award will not necessarily be given out each year, but only when the committee determines that a book of sufficient merit is submitted. Publications must be 2008 through May 15, 2009 **Submission deadline is June 30, 2009**. Qualifications:

**1.** Only monographs and studies will be considered. Please do not submit anthologies or edited works.

2. If an individual wishes to be considered s/he must send a letter of application to the committee chair, Dr. Paul J. Magnarella, Director, Peace Studies Program, Warren- Wilson College, P.O. Box 9000, Asheville, NC 28815 E-mail: pmagnarella@warren-wilson@edu

**3.** Persons interested in entering the competition must submit a copy of their book to EACH of the members of the committee – please mail them yourself or have your publisher send copies.

Committee members are:

Dr. Paul J. Magnarella, committee chair, Director, Peace Studies Program,

Warren- Wilson College, P.O. Box 9000, Asheville, NC 28815. Email: pmagnarella@warren-wilson.edu

Dr.Philip Aka, Department of History and Political Science, Chicago State University, 9501 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL, 60628-1598. Email: philip\_aka@hotmail.com

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## "CALL FOR BOOKS" THE 2008–2009 TOYIN FALOLA ATWS AFRICA BOOK AWARD

The Toyin Falola Africa Book Award, in honor of Toyin Falola, one of Africa's outstanding historians and intellectuals, will be given for the best book on Africa published in 2008–2009.

Book submissions must be published in 2008 through May 15, 2009. **The deadline for the submission of entries is June 30, 2009**. The award will not automatically be given each year, but only whenever the committee decides that a book of considerable merit has been submitted. ATWS members are encouraged to enter their publications into the competition. The recipient will receive a plaque, citation, and a \$500 cash award. Qualifications are:

**1.** Only monographs and studies will be considered. Please do not submit anthologies or edited works.

2. An individual who wishes to be considered must send a letter of application to the committee chair, Dr. Abdul Karim Bangura, The African Institution, 7532 Eighth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012. E-mail; theai@earthlink.net

**3.** Publishers are permitted to nominate an author's book as long as the above rules are observed.

**4.** An individual seeking the award is responsible for sending a copy of his/her book to each member of the committee.

Committee members are:

Dr. Abdul Karim Bangura, committee chair, The African Institution, 7532 Eighth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20012. E-mail; theai@earthlink.net Dr. James T. Gire, Department of Psychology, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450. E-mail:GireJT@vmi.edu

Dr. Jose Arimateia da Cruz, Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, GA 31419-1997. E-mail: dacruzjo@mail.armstrong.edu

Dr. Ishmael Munene, Center for Education Excellence, Northern Arizona University, Flagg Staff, AZ 86011–5774. E-mail: Munene@nau.edu CALL FOR PAPERS: The People's Republic of China at 60: Internal and External Challenges, an international conference at Bucknell University, Pennsylvania, October 2, 2009

October 1, 2009, the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) will be 60 years old. What a turbulent *jiazi* (60 years)! To mark this significant occasion, Bucknell University will be hosting an international conference to reflect upon the past and explore the future of the PRC in October 2009. We are planning to have three panels: two on Chinas domestic challenges, one on Chinas foreign relations.

We encourage established and promising scholars on China to submit paper

proposals on political, economic, social, environmental, technological, and diplomatic challenges facing China today from a historical perspective. Proposals that are theoretically grounded and empirically informed are most welcome.

Bucknell University will provide accommodation and offer honoraria to the selected panelists for their contribution to the conference. Papers of the highest guality will also be published in an edited volume by a reputable publisher.

The conference is coordinated by the MacArthur Chair in East Asian Politics at Bucknell University and co-sponsored by the University Office of the Provost and relevant programs. Located in central Pennsylvania beautiful Susquehanna Valley, Bucknell University is ranked among the top liberal arts institutions in the United States.

Please submit a paper proposal of no more than 300 words and a short bio as a word document tozz004@bucknell.edu before March 15, 2009. Please put PRC at 60 Conference as the subject.

Timeline: Deadline for Paper Proposal: March 15, 2009

Notification of Paper Acceptance and Invitation to Conference: April 15, 2009 Completed Paper Due: September 15, 2009

Conference: October 2, 2009 (arriving on Oct. 1, leaving on Oct. 3) Revision of Paper Due: November 15, 2009

Publication of Book: Early 2010

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# International Journal of South Asian Studies

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# Call for Papers

# Scope of the lournal

The Journal would be promoting original academic research in humanities, culture, comparative religion, social science, industry, education, rural development, science & technology for development, ecology & environment, gender & development, security issues, ethnic conflicts, domestic politics, governance & social movements, grassroots governance etc.

### Objectives

South Asia is one of the great cradles of civilization in the world. It has been the theatre of great conflicts and wars too. The scars of partition have been haunting the region ever since the withdrawal of the British. However following the initiative of the late General Zia-ul-Rahman of Bangladesh an arrangement has been hammered out for regional co-operation in South Asia. Thus came into existence the SAARC.

Even though SAARC is moving on a slow pace it has contributed towards greater understanding among the people of South Asia. For furthering of understanding among the people of the region, academic centers of South Asian Studies are required to be established and networked in various Universities in different countries of the region. Similarly, for dissemination

of knowledge as also to promote serious research in all aspects of South Asia an inter-disciplinary Journal is proposed from Pondicherry University. Specific objectives of the Journal are to publish original empirical research and theoretical studies on religion, ethnicity, bi-lateral and multi-lateral relations, trade and economic relations, gender and development studies, civil society movements and studies on democracy, problems of marginalized sections, cross border terrorism and violation of human rights, ecology and environment, issues in governance at the local, national and regional levels. Original papers that fall within the scope of the Journal shall be submitted to the Editor-in-Chief on or before March 31, 2009 for the inaugural issue. An abstract of the paper in about 150 words must accompany the papers. The text shall be in font size 12 in Times New Roman in Double Space. The length of the research papers should be between 5000 to 7000 words. Short notes, perspectives and lengthy papers will be published if the content justifies their publication. Notes should be placed at the end of the text and their location in the text marked by superscript Arabic Numerals. References should be cited within the text in parenthesis. Bibliography should be placed at the end of the text. All articles will be, as a rule, referred to experts in the subject concerned. Those recommended for publication will be published after appropriate editing.

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Prof. J A K Tareen Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University.

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## THE ATWS ANNOUNCES THE 2009 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 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 2009 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 AND they must be present at the 2009 ATWS meeting to deliver their paper.

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). Paper submissions MUST follow "Guidelines for Submission of Manuscripts" for *Journal of Third World Studies* (JTWS). Click-on *Journal of Third World Studies* at http://itc.gsw.edu/atws 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 papers is 30 September 2008. The current chair is Dr. S. Lily Mendoza, Department of Rhetoric, Communication, and Journalism, Oakland University, 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester, MI 48309-4401.

Email: mendoza@oakland.edu. Dr. Mendoza and two other ATWS members will compose the Graduate Student Award Selection Subcommittee. Interested graduate students must submit papers that 1) 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 and the Editor of JTWS.

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

# **MEMBER'S CORNER**

Dr. Cecil B. Currey, Professor Emeritus of Military History, University of South Florida has now visited all seven continents, the latest of which was Australia in its mid-winter season (June, July, August).

Professionally he has now submitted a paper he first worked up in 1965, but never published in as much as it was filled with illustrations. It has been submitted to a Hollywood agent who specializes in TV and movie reality dramas.

**Peng Deng**, Prof. of history at High Point University, presented a paper titled "The Pre-Cultural Revolution *Shangshanxiaxiang* (Transfer of urban youth to the countryside) Movement and the Maoist Utopia, 1955–1966" at an international conference in Shanghai, in Dec. 20–22, 2008. The conference was sponsored by Fudan University and the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences. Peng Deng's article, "Chinese Intellectuals' Ordeal: The Anti-Rightist Campaign of 1957 Revisited" has been accepted by the *World History Bulletin* for publication.

**William Head**, Ph.D., Chief WR-ALC Office of History, Robins AFB, GA Reports his scholarships as follows:

On May 11, 2009 he will receive the Air Force Book Publications award from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio for his book "Shadow and Stinger: the Development and Deployment of the AC-119G/K Gunships;" published by Texas A&M University Press in 2007.

Prof. Head is completing the last of 35 articles for the CQ Press publication of the "Encyclopedia of U.S.-Latin American Relations"-Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Tom Leonard (also an ATWS member).

Dr. Head completed 90% writing of his third book in his gunship trilogy for Texas A&M entitled the "The Business End: a History of the AC-130 Gunship." He is "talking head" for the Discovery & Military Channel documentary series "Weaponology."

**Kempe Ronald Hope's** most recent book, entitled "Poverty, Livelihoods, and Governance in Africa: Fulfilling the Development Promise," has been published by Palgrave Macmillan. The book provides an upbeat analysis and assessment of Africa's development performance and prospects. Prof. Hope is a Life Member of ATWS.

http://us.macmillan.com/povertylivelihoodsandgovernanceinafrica **Robert Lawless** Department of Anthropology Wichita State University Wichita, Kansas,

In 2008 published an article in Histories of Anthropology Annual Volume 4 titled "John Dos Passos and Anthropology" and an article titled "Time among the Kalingas: An Account of a People in the North Luzon Highlands, Philippines" published in Volume 4 of the online journal Omertaa 4. **Guy Martin,** who is co-author (with **Mueni wa Muiu**) of the recently-published *A New Paradigm of the African State: Fundi wa Africa*, has recently been appointed Chair of the Standing Committee on Awards for the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) for 2008–2010.

J. Patrice McSherry's award-winning book *Predatory States: Operation Condor and Covert War in Latin America,* is scheduled to be published simultaneously in its translated and updated version in 2009. Three South American houses, Ciccus in Argentina, LOM in Chile, and Banda Oriental in Uruguay will release the book this year. Prof. McSherry, who is Associate Editor for Latin American sections of *Journal of Third World Studies* and a political science professor at Long Island University, also has been selected to receive the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award by the political science faculty of The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York. She will deliver an address at the awards ceremony at CUNY in May.

**Mueni wa Muiu** recently published two books: *The Pitfalls of Liberal Democracy and Late Nationalism in South Africa* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008; 239 pp. ISBN-13: 978-0-230-60815-3; ISBN-10: 0-230-60815-9); and (with **Guy Martin**) *A New Paradigm of the African State: Fundi wa Afrika* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009; 271pp. ISBN-13: 978-0-230-60780-4; ISBN-10: 0-230-60780-2).

Prof. Mueni will also attend the international conference on *1989: Global Histories* sponsored by the *Haus der Kulturen der Welt* to take place in Berlin (Germany), 19–22 February 2009, where she will present a paper on "The Pitfalls of Liberal Democracy in Kenya and Zimbabwe."

In addition, **Mueni**and **Guy** made a presentation on the same topic at the 10th annual meeting of the Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN) at their meeting of February 7, 2009 at Mercer University in Macon, GA, organized around the theme *Africana Studies: The Search for Methodologies*.

**Mueni wa Muiu** and **Guy Martin** made a presentation on *A New Paradigm of the African State: Fundi wa Afrika* at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (African Studies Center's Carolina Seminar in African Ecology & Social Processes) on 29 January 2009.

**Taysir Nashif,** ,besides serving as associate professor in the Department of Modern Languages at Mercer College (NJ), was appointed for the Fall semester as assistant professor in the department of Critical languages at Temple University, Philadelphia.

**Donald Simmons,** ATWS past-president, associate professor of Public Service and Leadership at Dakota Wesleyan University, has been appointed dean of the College of Leadership, Public Service and Graduate Studies at DWU. He also recently joined Ambassador George S. McGovern and Dan Gaken, of Central Michigan University, as co-editor and contributing author of *Leadership and Service: An Introduction,* a college textbook released by Kendall/Hunt Publishing this past summer.

**Chaitram Singh,** reports his scholarships as follow: "Redemocratization in Guyana and Suriname: Critical Comparisons," *European Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* (April 2008), pp. 71–85.

In addition, professor Singh presented,"Toward a Reclassification of Praetorian Rulers : Lessons from Pakistani Experience," at the ATWS 2008 Conference, Millersville, PA, October 26, 2008. Prof. Singh continues his research on civil-military relations in Pakistan, and is working on the final third of a novel based Guyana and Suriname, with an expected completion date of July 31.

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