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CALL FOR PAPERS

**TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THIRD
WORLD STUDIES**

7-9 October 2010 – Savannah, Georgia

THEME:

**A CONFIDENT THIRD WORLD: FACING THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL
CHALLENGES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

**CONFERENCE HOSTED BY ATWS, SETON HALL UNIVERSITY,
ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC STATE UNIVERSITY, AND GEORGIA
SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**

SCOPE: The world, especially the Third World, is in rapid transition because of the confluence of many factors. These include: (1) the end of the bipolar international structure; (2) the serious challenges posed by violent transnational extremist groups; (3) the demands of rising powers such as India, China, Brazil, and South Africa for more say in international governance; (4) the persistent demands of the peoples of the Third World to choose who governs them and how they are governed; (5) the rapid diffusion of information through the Internet and other means; and (6) the recent recession that has shaken the foundations of the prevailing international economic order.

At the international level, major powers, such as the U.S., are competing to influence the transition, and the Third World is emerging as pivotal in the outcome of that competition. The prominent role Third World countries played in the recently held Copenhagen Climate Conference and the budding horizontal relationships among Third World countries, such as the Africa-China and Africa-India summits, and the emerging relationship between Brazil and South Africa are cases in point. As a result, the debate on international governance appears to have shifted in favor of Third World countries, and unilateral imposition of the rules of the game by major powers on the rest of the world appears to be ending. Given these, what are the political, social, economic, cultural, and technological effects of the emergence of the Third World as an important player in international relations? How should Third World countries and regional organizations, such as the African Union, Mercado Común de Sur (MERCUSOR), Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), etc. use their “pivotal” power in conducting their relationships with major powers? In what ways can they enhance their horizontal relationships? What is the role of modern means of communication and information technology in advancing Third World agenda during transitional periods?

Also important, the ongoing system transition has been accompanied by, or coincided with, national/domestic transitions, where an increasing number of Third World countries are becoming more democratic and open under pressure from their populations. Challenges to authority as in Honduras, Myanmar, Iraq, and Bolivia, and post election challenges and violence, as in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, and Mexico, are now common. Other forms of protest include: exile across national borders; production and dissemination of censored books, films and documentaries; and formation of religious- and/or ethnic-based organizations. Given these and other forms of protest, how are ethnicity and ethnic conflicts managed in transitional periods? How have political parties, organized labor, youth, women's groups, and others advanced the public's interests? In what ways have such groups exerted pressure on their national leaders to be more open, transparent, and democratic? How are peoples of the Third World making their demands known, and how have the forms of protest changed over time? Is there any role for intellectuals and for academic institutions in the Third World in charting ways to effectively address the economic, political, cultural, educational, social, and other challenges facing their peoples? In what ways can the peoples of the Third World use advances in information technology – including the Internet, the cinema, and other means of communication – in a fast transitioning and globalizing world? What is the role of Third World Diaspora communities, broadly understood, in the continents and countries from which they originally came? And is it time for Third World intellectuals to boldly provide new governance, educational/curricular, legal, and other models in place of existing Euro-centric models?

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. We especially invite people in the arts and humanities to send proposals.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: MAY 30, 2010

Please Note: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION MUST ACCOMPANY SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT
Presenters who are unable to make payments online: Complete the online registration process with online submission of abstracts, and immediately mail a check for conference registration to the Treasurer: Dr. Doyin Coker-Kolo, Treasurer, ATWS, School of Education, Post Office Box 1002, Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551.

IN ORDER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM, A PARTICIPANT MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED. THE DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS 25 JULY 2010. IF NOT, THEY WILL BE STRICKEN FROM THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM. REGISTRATION FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Submission Procedure: Persons interested in presenting papers or organizing entire panels must submit a 150 word electronic copy abstract online. Persons interested in serving as chair or discussant must submit a brief electronic copy statement describing their areas of expertise.

For detailed registration information, including submission of abstracts, proposals for organizing panels, etc, please go to: www.regonline.com/atws2010 or contact Assefaw Bariagaber, the Program Chair, at assefaw.bariagaber@shu.edu or call at 973-275-2877. His mailing address is: Assefaw Bariagaber, Program Chair, Vice President-President-Elect, ATWS, Professor and Chair, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International relations, Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, New Jersey 07079

For Event Information, please contact Dr. Michael R. Hall, the Conference Site Coordinator at michael.hall@armstrong.edu or call at 912-961-3202. His mailing address is: Michael R. Hall, Ph.D., Department of History, Armstrong Atlantic State University, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, Georgia 31419-1997

For information on hotel and accommodations, please go to <http://regonline.com/atws2010>

The conference pre-registration fee is \$105 for ATWS members and \$125 for non-members.

After 25 July 2010, the conference registration fees increase to \$125 and \$145, respectively.

Students and any participants from the Third World pay only \$50.

Tickets for the banquet may be purchased for guests for \$50.

Conference rooms will have audio-visual equipment, but participants should bring their own laptops if needed.

An Exhortation from the President:

We are heading for the “good gardens” of Savannah, Georgia, to another promising annual meeting. I do not know if it can be bigger and better than any heretofore, for we have already congratulated Dr. Peyi Soyinka-Airewele on having presided over the best conference ever, and rightly so.

There are a few things I do know. I know, or at least I suspect, that the countries of the Third World are still undergoing significant political, socio-economic and cultural change, individually and as a whole. It behooves us to take stock of that transformation. While there are centrifugal political forces favoring secession here and there, sometimes aiming to balkanize a region or country, there are, at the same time, centripetal trends toward forming better cohesion, greater harmony, here and there, around the globe. Some regional organizations seem to have consolidated themselves; certainly the European Union deserves praise on this account and, let us concede, may serve as a role model in this regard. Despite occasional dissent, most African leaders, and most scholars among us, pay at least lip-service to the notion of a Pan-Africa, to the expectations raised by the African Union.

While we have acknowledged the demise of a bipolar world, with its poles around the USA and the USSR, there are clear signs of a return to bipolarity. China is about to overtake Japan and Germany as the world’s second largest economy, in terms of its GDP. China is challenging the United States, not just militarily, but along many domains. In fact, let us face it, China is enjoying superpower status already, along with its restraint, eschewing belligerence, ostensibly advocating world peace.

As we found out, bipolarity proved to be an advantage for the “underdeveloped world.” The two poles were vying for the “hearts and minds” of Africans and of all citizens of underdeveloped regions. Consequently, crumbs off the table from the ongoing Western dinner party accrued to many a developing nation (or at least to their leaders). Today there is an obvious Chinese presence in Africa, and many other areas of the South. This fresh competition between great powers may well benefit the target countries, once again.



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Whether we are heading towards a more universal harmony or whether we shall continue to survive with conflict, distant or next door, a second Bandung conference may be in order. I am aware that neutral countries have held occasional meetings, after Bandung, but the meeting historians and other recall readily is the one that took place in Indonesia, with or without “the presence of the white man,” as Malcolm X put it. Perhaps the time has come to hold another meeting under the aegis of neutrality, and to rally the countries of the South across Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and Africa around a common cause. Indeed, there are many common causes: to mention but one, why do Africans, Asians and Latin Americans, banging on the doors of wealthier nations, asking for admittance, sometimes have to pay with their life? Even if these causes are not endorsed by all, even if harmony is not likely to result, the Third World needs a rallying point, another prominent symbol such as Bandung.

Our Association is also a rallying point. We are striving to become more inclusive, geographically, ideologically, but also as regards fields of knowledge. We know that all knowledge is one. We have to turn this principle into reality.

In concrete, specific terms, we have committed ourselves to recruit new members, in addition to retaining all our former ones. *We have committed ourselves to recruiting at least one new member from each of the institutions of higher learning to which we belong, from the schools where we study and teach. We have also committed ourselves to extend greetings to colleagues from countries that are not yet represented in our Association. We have committed ourselves to extend a welcome to faculty and students in disciplines in the humanities, the arts, and the “hard” sciences—disciplines that are presently underrepresented among us today. There are scientists, humanists, artists, writers who hail from Third World countries in our midst, who have overlooked us so far, who may not even be aware of our existence as an organization. Moreover, there are scientists, humanists, etc. who are mindful of the Third World, and demand nothing better than to contribute to our Association, to our meetings and activities.* The tragedy in Haiti has been a revelation. It has shown that we can work together across governments, across disciplines, across cultures, across civilizations; that we can overcome self-interest, our urge for selfish personal and national gain, that capitalism does not trump all. Maybe a new spirit is in the offing, maybe “we are the world.”

Maybe this new spirit is just clamoring for a motto, a new guiding principle, a new leadership. Let us allow the Third World to forge ahead. Perhaps our membership can come up with a meaningful motto that can lead to meaningful action.

Mario Fenyo
President

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD STUDIES



The Twenty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) was held at the Elmina Beach Resort in Cape Coast, Ghana on November 21-24. The conclave featured 100 attendees from around the world who participated in 18 panels and round tables that focused on the theme, “Celebrating Change, Defining the Future: Social Justice, Democracy and Cultural Revival.”



The conference, a historic event since it was ATWS’ first annual meeting on the continent of Africa, was co-sponsored by ATWS, Ithaca College, Georgia Southwestern State University, Indiana University, and the Ohio State University.

Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, President of ATWS, with the assistance of a superlative conference organizing committee, conceived, organized and implemented a tremendously successful meeting. The conference organizing committee included: Dr. Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Professor of Politics, Ithaca College, Program Organizer, and now Immediate Past President of ATWS; Dr. Mario D. Fenyo, Professor of History, Bowie State University, now President of ATWS; Dr. Doyin Coker-Kolo, Associate Dean of Education, Millersville University, Treasurer of ATWS; Akwasi B. Assensoh, Professor of African- American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University; Kelechi Kalu, Professor; Director, Center for African Studies, the Ohio State University; and Nurudeen Akinyemi, Associate Professor of Political Science, Kennesaw State University; Dr. Richard Amuah, University of Cape Coast, Ghana; and Dr. Abane, University of Cape Coast, Ghana.



Special thanks and appreciation are extended to Dr. Sylvia Kwakye, Conference Secretary and Saboney Technology and Travel Services, Kumasi, Ghana.

The meeting's keynote address, "Diasporas', Mobility and the Social Imaginary: Getting Ahead in West Africa," was presented by Emmanuel K. Akyeampong, Ph.D., professor of history and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University. Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Ithaca College, gave the presidential address, "Emergent Discourses of Audacity and the Revocation of Marginality."

Entertainment at the reception and banquet was provided by the Cultural Dance and Music Troupe, Elmina/Cape Coast, Ghana.



Tours of historic sites in the Cape Coast area were organized by Saboney Travel Services, Kumasi, Ghana.



Awards:

A number of awards were presented to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the various academic disciplines of Third World Studies.

1. The prestigious ATWS “Presidential Award” for 2009 was presented to Nurudeen Akinyemi, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science at Kennesaw State University, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the promotion of scholarship devoted to the Third World.
2. The recipient of the “Lawrence Dunbar Reddick Memorial Scholarship Award,” for the best article published on Africa in the year 2008 issues of *Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS)*, was Sherri McFarland, Ph.D., Defense Intelligence Agency, for her outstanding article, “The Victimization of the Nuba Women of the Sudan,” published in Volume 25, No. 2, Fall 2008 issue of JTWS.
3. The winner of the “Cecil B. Currey ATWS Book Award,” was Huaiyin Li, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, University of Texas Austin, for his excellent study, *Village China Under Socialism and Reform: A Micro-History, 1948-2008*, published by Stanford University Press in 2009.
4. The Toyin Falola ATWS Africa Book Award was presented to Bayo Holsey, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology and African American Studies at Duke University, author of *Routes of Remembrance: Refashioning the Slave Trade in Ghana* (University of Chicago Press, 2008).
5. “ATWS Outstanding Leadership and Service” awards were presented to:

Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Politics, Ithaca College, ATWS President, 2008-2009
Doyin Coker-Kolo, Ed.D., Associate Dean of Education, Millersville University (PA), and treasurer of ATWS
Akwasi B. Assensoh, Ph.D., Professor of African- American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University.
6. The “ATWS Outstanding Service Award” was presented to Samuel Zalanga, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, Bethel University, for his outstanding work as associate editor of the African sections of the *Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS)*.
7. Dr. Mueni wa Muiu, Winston Salem University, received the Excellence in Research Award of the African Studies Research Forum (ASRF) at its 15th annual business meeting on November 23, 2009 at Elmina Castle Resort, Cape Coast, Ghana.

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New Executive Council

President: Mario Fenyo, Ph.D., Professor of History, Bowie State University

Newly Elected Members (2009)

Vice-President/President/Elect: Assefaw Bariagaber, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University

Treasurer: Doyin Coker-Kolo, Associate Dean of Education, Millersville University

Secretary: Philip Szmedra, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Georgia Southwestern State University

Executive Council Post #3: Bhim Sandhu, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, West Chester University (PA)

Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee: Michael Hall, Ph.D., Professor of History, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Chair, Information Services Committee: Chaitram Singh, Ph.D., Gund Professor of Government and International Studies, Berry College

Chair, Teaching Committee: Rita Koyame-Marsh, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Economics, Florida Memorial University

Continuing Members

Immediate Past President: Dr. Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, Associate Professor of Politics, Ithaca College

Executive Director: Dr. William D. Pederson, Louisiana State University

Editor of the Journal of Third World Studies: Dr. Harold Isaacs, Professor Emeritus of History at Georgia Southwestern State University

Executive Council Members: Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi, Dr. Mueni wa Muiu, and Dr. Bhim Sandhu.

ISAACS EDITS FALL 2009 ISSUE OF JTWS

Harold Isaacs, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history at Georgia Southwestern State University, has edited "Third World Problems and Issues: Past and Present," which is the Fall 2009 issue of *Journal of Third World Studies* (JTWS), published by the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Inc.

The 365 page volume is the 52nd issue edited by Isaacs since 1984 when he founded the bi-annual scholarly publication. Articles, book reviews and book review essays are 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.



JTWS has a global readership of scholars, practitioners in the area of Third World development, U.S. and foreign government officials, and employees of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The publication is sent to subscribers in 52 countries and is available worldwide via the internet.

Member's Corner



Dr. A.B. Assensoh (AAADS) received the "2009 Africa Civic Awareness & History Preservation Award" from Nigeria's Anambra State Association of Dallas-Fort Worth (ASA-DFW) "in recognition and appreciation of your extensive professional efforts to uphold African History." Assensoh presented a research paper on Nigeria's first indigenous President, Dr. N. Azikiwe at the annual (2009) Biennial Zik of Africa symposium.

Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh, Dean of The Office for Women's Affairs at Indiana University, was promoted in the Fall 2009 semester to the rank of full Professor of Political Science at Indiana University-Bloomington. "Newcomers, Outsiders, and Insiders: Immigrants and American Racial Politics in the Early Twenty-First Century" is Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh's 322-page co-authored new book, published in the spring of 2010 by University of Michigan Press.

Professors A.B. Assensoh (AAADS) and Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh (Political Science), at the invitation of Professor Emmanuel K. Akyeampong of Harvard University, recently (in the fall of 2009) presented two seminars at the Harvard University-affiliated Institute for Advanced Studies in Accra, Ghana, West Africa. A.B. Assensoh's seminar paper topic was titled, "African Political Leadership: Kwame Nkrumah's Exile Years in the Context of Pan-Africanism." Alex-Assensoh's seminar paper was titled, "Immigrants as Newcomers in American Racial Politics."

A.B. Assensoh and Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh co-chaired a panel on "Abraham Lincoln's Influence in the Third World" at the Fall 2009 annual conference of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) at Elmina, Central Ghana. In addition, Assensoh received the Outstanding Leadership and Service Award from the President of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, at the Association's Fall 2009 annual conference in Central Ghana.



Dr. and Mrs. Cecil B. Currey traveled for three weeks in Oman, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Jordan.

William Head, Ph.D., Chief WR-ALC Office of History, received the USAF Excellence in Published Books Award for 2009 for his Texas A&M University Press book "Shadow and Stinger: A History of Development and Deployment of the AC-119G/K Gunships." The Warner Robins ALC History Office has been nominated for the outstanding field office in the AF for 2009. He will also be submitting his manuscript "Night Hunters: A History of the AC-130 Gunships" to TAMU Press in mid-February. Head has 32 articles in Tom Leonard's Encyclopedia of Latin American-United States Relations being published by CQ Press in the fall of 2010. He has had four more entries placed in the on-line publication: "The New Georgia Encyclopedia" which is the official publication of the Governor of Georgia and managed by the Georgia Humanities Council. One of the entries was on Col. Charles Dryden (better known as "A-Train") of Tuskegee Airman fame.

John Hickman, Associate Professor, Department of Government and International Studies has had two articles accepted for publication:

"Prisoners of the Official Explanation: Popular Nonfiction Accounts of the Guantánamo Decision" in the *Journal of Human Rights* and "Election or Lottery?"

"Candidate Performance in Afghanistan's 2005 *Wolesi Jirga* and Provincial Council Elections" in the *Journal of Central Asian Studies*.



Hanchao Lu has published two new books:

The Birth of a Republic: Francis Stafford's Photographs of China's 1911 Revolution and Beyond (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2010)

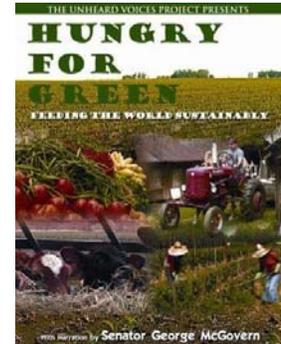
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A Man of Two Worlds: The Life of Sir Robert Hart, 1835-1911 (in Chinese; Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences Press, 2009)

Mueni wa Muiu was granted tenure and promotion (to Associate Professor in political science) by WSSU in December 2009.

Mueni and **Guy Martin** gave a public lecture on "A New Paradigm of the African State: Fundi wa Afrika" under the auspices of the African Studies Academy at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte on February 11, 2010.

Donald Simmons, Dean of Public Service, Leadership and Graduate Studies and Associate Professor at Dakota Wesleyan University, lectured and premiered the documentary film, "Hungry for Green: Feeding the World Sustainably," on Nov. 13 at Harvard Medical School's Center for Health and the Global Environment.



"Hungry for Green: Feeding the World Sustainably" was produced by Simmons and directed by Matthew Barr of the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

The documentary short film uses the 2008 McGovern Conference on World Hunger as a jumping-off point for a discussion on the challenge of feeding the world's ever expanding world population sustainably, as well as the future of agriculture in America and abroad.

"This is an important film that underscores the urgency of achieving agricultural sustainability to help alleviate hunger and protect our natural environment," said acclaimed documentary filmmaker Ken Burns after reviewing the film.

The Harvard University lecture and presentation by Simmons was followed two days later by the film's television premier on South Dakota Public Broadcasting on Sunday, Nov. 15, during National Hunger and Homeless Week. The film will be aired nationally by select public broadcasting affiliates in 2010.

"Hungry for Green" is narrated by Sen. George McGovern who, along with Sen. Bob Dole, was the 2008 co-recipient of the World Food Prize for his work fighting world hunger. Simmons said he would welcome invitations from fellow members of ATWS to screen the film and he has agreed to waive his usual honoraria for speaking at such events.



G.N. Uzoigwe, completed the final editing of his book *Visions of Nationhood: Prelude to the Nigerian Civil War*. Trenton, NJ: Africa World Press, 2010, 470pp. and also conducted research in Nigeria, May – June 2009 for his book “Understanding the Nigerian Experience.” He was also one of only three history professors chosen from the United States to participate as experts on the subject of the film *Berlin 1885 – The Scramble For Africa*, a documentary movie by Chiloe Productions, a group of European filmmakers. Written and directed by the famous French movie director, Joel Calmettes, it is an educational film to be shown throughout the European Union beginning from fall 2010. His segment of the movie was filmed at Mississippi State University in December 2009. In spring 2009, he provided historical background for the Starkville Daily Newspaper on the ongoing piratical activities on the Somali coast in a piece published by the newspaper. He also attended three conferences in the last year presenting his papers: “The Igbo People and the Nigerian Experiment: A Prospectus for Future Association,” “Forgotten Genocide: The Igbo People and Genocide Studies,” and “Prelude to Secession and War: The Nigerian Census Crisis, 1062-1963.”

Michele Zebich-Knos, Ph.D. was appointed Director of the Master of Science in International Policy Management Program at Kennesaw State University and continues to publish in the area of environmental policy with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. Her chapter, "Ecotourism, Park Systems, and Environmental Justice in Latin America" was published in: *David V. Carruthers. 2008. Environmental Justice in Latin America: Problems, Promise, and Practice*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Kennesaw State University's Master of Science in International Policy Management, offers online courses in a 16-month program for meeting global career challenges. The Master of Science in International Policy Management (MSIPM) is an applied program designed for those who seek greater practical understanding of the global arena. All courses are taught online with the exception of IPM/7760/Global Experience and IPM 7765/Capstone: Practicum or Thesis.

The program was designed so that students can complete an academically solid degree program and still continue their current employment, whether it is in-state, nationwide, or abroad.
Contact: msipm@kennesaw.edu

OTHER REGIONAL PROGRAMS

GSW Third World in Perspective Program Seminar Series

The Georgia Southwestern State University Third World in Perspective Program Seminar Series, founded in 1981 by Dr. Harold Isaacs, is currently celebrating its 29th 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 2009-2010 academic year. Fall semester seminars included two forums: a seminar on “A Bulgaria Travelogue: Student Experiences During the GSW Maymester in Bulgaria Program,” and a seminar on “Major Developments in Contemporary Turkey,” featuring two members of the

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Department of History at GSW: Richard Hall and Brian Parkinson. The first seminar during the spring semester, "The Nature and Impact of Third World Diseases," had as speakers Dr. Anh-Hue Thi Tu, associate professor of biology at GSW, and ATWS member and secretary, Philip I. Szmedra. There will be two additional seminars this semester: "Major Historical and Contemporary Developments in Ghana," featuring Professor Dr. Daniel Buor, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), and "U.S. Policy Toward Pakistan and Afghanistan," a subject which will be discussed by GSW history and political science department faculty. 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.

AFRICAN STUDIES AND RESEARCH FORUM NEWS

The African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) held its 15th annual business meeting on November 23, 2010, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., during the 2009 ATWS annual meeting at the Elmina Beach Resort, Cape Coast, Ghana. President George Klay Kieh presided over the meeting which attracted a large number of members.

Officers in attendance were: Dr. George Klay Kieh, Grand Valley State University, President; Dr. Richard Yidana, Grand Valley State University, Vice-President; Dr. Kelechi Kalu, The Ohio State University, Director of Research; Dr. Theodora Ayot, North Park University, Treasurer; and Dr. Ismael Munene, Northern Arizona University, Executive Secretary.

Dr. Richard Yidana tendered his resignation as Vice-President during the meeting. The president and executive secretary will organize a special election to fill the position as per the constitution.

President George Kieh outlined the leadership structure, various committee coordinators or chairs responsible for several aspects of organizational functioning. These are: Kelechi Kalu, Research and Publications Committee; Guy Martin, Winston Salem State University, Awards Committee; and Mueni wa Muiu, Projects Committee.

On behalf of the Projects Committee chair, Mueni WA Muiu, President Kieh asked members with materials for the Cape Coast schools to forward them to Peyi Soyinke-Airewele, President of ATWS, so she could make arrangements to distribute the supplies to the schools.

Research and Publications Chair Kelechi Kalu emphasized the need to encourage young African scholars to publish; create a viable connective intellectual relationship with the members on the African continent.

Members voted overwhelmingly to adopt the "Journal of African Studies and Research" as the name of the official journal of the forum.

Regarding the ASRF-ATWS link, members were unanimous in their sentiment that although ASRF is in the process of getting registered as a non-profit organization in order to enhance its programs and activities, it should continue to function as a caucus within ATWS.

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Members agreed on the following membership fee structure:

Ordinary Membership for Residents in the Developing Countries: (a) Faculty-\$30; (b) Students-\$15

Life Membership for Residents in (a) Developed Countries- \$400; (b) Developing Countries-\$150

The above news is based on information provided by Ishmael Munene, ASRF Executive Secretary, in his "ASRF Annual Business Meeting Report." and an E-mail message to Harold Isaacs on January 19, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New ATWS Website:

There is a redesigned ATWS website. Take a look at <http://gsw.edu/~atws/> Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, outstanding scholar and ATWS leader, had the idea, and Peyi, Richard Samples, known as the "webguy," of Discovery Towers Multimedia, Svetlana Peltsverger, ATWS webmaster, Tim Faircloth, GSW webmaster, Doyin Coker-Kolo, ATWS Treasurer, and Harold Isaacs, worked together to get the redesigned site up and running. Thanks to them all!!

2010 Awards Competitions

Lawrence Dunbar Reddick Memorial 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 on Africa 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, who wrote the first authorized biography of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (**Crusader Without Violence**), died in 1995 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

2010 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

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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 2010 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 2010 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 July 2010. The current chair is Dr. Rita Koyame-Marsh, School of Business, Florida Memorial University, 13800 N.W. 42nd Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054. E-mail: rkoyame@fmuniv.edu Dr. Koyame-Marsh 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.

CALL FOR BOOKS THE 2009-2010 TOYIN FALOLA ATWS AFRICA BOOK AWARD

The Toyin Falola ATWS 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 2009-2010. Book submissions must be published in 2009 through June 15, 2010. **The deadline for the submission of entries is June 30, 2010.** 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, Washington, D.C. 20012. E-mail: the africaninstitution@verizon.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.

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CALL FOR BOOKS 2009-2010 CECIL B. CURREY BOOK AWARD

ATWS wishes to announce the formal request for submission of books for the Cecil B. Currey Book Award for 2009-2010. The 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 2009 through May 15, 2010.**

Submission deadline is June 30, 2010.

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2. Should an individual wish 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 Also, in order to enter the competition, authors 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.

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Isaiah Azariah
(1929-2005)

It is a great personal honor to write a commemoration for Dr. Isaiah Azariah, founder of the South Asia chapter of ATWS, on the fifth anniversary of his passing. He certainly had an impact on my life as well as many others who had the opportunity to know and work with him.

I first got to know Dr. Azariah when he was a professor at Albany State University and, then, as founder of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), I had the pleasure of working with him when he established the South Asia Chapter of ATWS in the early 1990s. He shaped the South Asia Chapter of ATWS into our most successful chapter, an entity which to this day gathers together scholars and practitioners in Third World development to study, analyze, and develop solutions to Third World problems. I also admired his work as Honorary Director of the Centre for Rehabilitation of the Disabled and his other charitable activities. As a teacher, leader of ATWS, and tireless worker for the poor and disabled, Dr. Azariah illustrated that he was truly a dedicated, hardworking, and compassionate leader who devoted his life to improving the quality of life of the less fortunate.

Dr. Azariah had a tremendous impact on the lives of his colleagues and the less fortunate whom he aided. He was a role model, an example to follow, in his exemplary values and contributions. If others follow the path that Dr. Azariah paved they also will succeed in helping others have a better and more complete life. The spirit of Dr. Azariah lives on in the superlative example he created as his legacy. We know that this example has and will continue to motivate others to use their lives in behalf of mankind. We thank God that Dr. Isaiah Azariah was on this earth for seventy-six years, and that his work continues to inspire others to serve humanity.

Let's honor Dr. Azariah's memory by doing all within our power to improve the lives of those who need help.

Harold Isaacs
Founder, Association of Third World Studies

Dr. Jeffrey Michael Elliot
1947-2009

Dr. Jeffrey Michael Elliot, Chair and Professor, Department of Political Science, North Carolina Central University, and a former member of ATWS, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Dr. Elliot was a fine and respected teacher and scholar who published numerous books and articles over his lengthy career. He interviewed numerous Third World political leaders, to include Fidel Castro, Michael Manley, former Prime Minister of Jamaica, and Nobel Prize Winner Desmond Tutu. All ATWS members extend their condolences to friends and colleagues of Dr. Elliot.