2011 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THIRD WORLD STUDIES

20-23 November 2011 – Salvador de Bahia, Brazil

THEME:

GLOBAL CHANGE: SHIFTING DYNAMICS AND THE THIRD WORLD

The 29th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) will be held at the Hotel Pestana in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil from the 20th to the 23rd of November 2011. Local arrangements will be provided by Condor Travel. Condor Travel has created a website where conference participants can make hotel reservations, sign-up for airport/hotel transfers, local tours, and pre- and post-conference tours. There is also information about visas and Brazil available on the page.

This link leads to the Condor Travel page:
http://www.opcotours.com/events/atws/index_ing.htm

For questions regarding logistics and site activities, contact Michael Hall:
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To register for the conference and submit paper/panel proposals, please use the link listed below. We will be using the Regonline service. It should be available in March 2011.
http://www.gsw.edu/~atws/
Early registration (before 1 July 2011) is $135. Late registration (before 1 September 2011) is $150. The registration fee must accompany your paper or panel proposal submission. If your paper proposal is declined, ATWS will refund your registration fee if you wish. Cost for extra banquet tickets for guests is $50 and is payable to ATWS at the time of registration. When proposing a paper or panel and registering please indicate if you would be willing to chair a panel. For further information, contact Lauren Eastwood: eastwole@plattsburgh.edu

1. Air Travel and Passport Info
Participants are responsible for making their own flight arrangements. ALL US CITIZENS REQUIRE A BRAZILIAN VISA that must be obtained prior to travel. The most convenient and inexpensive flight option to Salvador da Bahia (SSA) is American Airlines #980 out of Miami (MIA). They offer non-stop service and the cost is about $1000. For participants who depart on Saturday 19 November at 9 p.m. and arrive in Salvador at 7 a.m. on Sunday there will be transfer to hotel service available for $20. This allows you to participate in one of two optional day tours on Sunday and attend the opening ceremony dinner theater. A $20 shuttle will also be available for those arriving at 7 a.m. on Monday. Departure flights American #980 back to Miami (with a touchdown in Recife) on Wednesday and Thursday morning will also have shuttle service for $20 per person. You can book the airport/hotel Condor Travel shuttle service when you make your hotel reservation with Condor Travel. People arriving on any other flight are responsible for finding their own transport to the hotel.

2. Conference Site and Hotel
Participants must make their hotel reservations for the Hotel Pestana directly with Condor Travel before 1 September 2010 to get the special rate of $150 (which includes all taxes and a lavish breakfast available until 10:30). The rate is good for one or two people in the room. Please check out the hotel’s website to see the amenities that the hotel offers and does not offer. Internet access is not included in the room price. The hotel does not provide free shuttle service to the airport. All panels on Monday and Tuesday will be held at the hotel: 8:30-10:00, 10:15-11:45, 2:30-4:00; and 4:15-5:45. All four panel rooms will include power-point machines and large viewing screens. You should, however, bring your own laptop computer.

There will also be afternoon coffee and snack breaks on Monday and Tuesday. The Opening Cocktail Reception on Sunday night and the Awards Banquet with entertainment on Tuesday night will be held at the hotel and the cost is included in your registration fee. On Sunday night immediately following the opening reception cocktail at the hotel there is an optional Folklore show and dinner at Coliseo with transportation provided. The price, including taxes and transport, is $88. The show is a
manifestation of Afro-Brazilian culture, which includes Candomble, Maculel, Puxada de Rede, Dana do Caboclo, Samba de Roda and Capoeira. It is a spectacular experience not to be missed. You must make your reservations and pay for this event with Condor Travel.

3. Cultural Activities and Tours
A choice of two different tours will be available to participants on Sunday and Wednesday. All choices include lunch. On both days, there is the Upper City Salvador Tour. On Sunday, there is the Lower City Salvador Tour. On Wednesday, there is the Cachoiera Tour. Space is limited. In addition, Condor offers the Dinner Theater Folklore Show on Sunday night. In addition, Condor has made available pre- and post-conference tours at special rates. These tours will be tailor-made for interested people and are discussed on the Condor website. Listed below are the local tours.

**Upper City Tour with Lunch (Sunday and Wednesday)**
Discover the sights of the Upper City, tracing the development of the city from its beginnings to what is now the third largest city in Brazil. Visit the mouth of the immense Bay of All Saints before arriving in the Pelourinho, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the largest complex of colonial architecture in South America. Especially interesting is the church of São Francisco with its exuberant gold-leafed Baroque interior. A traditional Bahian lunch of African-infused cuisine at the Gastronomic Museum is a highlight of the tour.

**Lower City Tour with Lunch (Sunday)**
The Lower City tour takes us to the quiet waters of the Itapagipe Peninsula. Fishermen fish from dug out canoes. We visit the famous Bonfim Church, one of the most important churches of pilgrimage in Brazil and deeply synchronized with the Candomblé faith. We continue to the Monserrat district with its panoramic view of the city and on to the Mercado Modelo, a thriving market for local artifacts and souvenirs. A traditional Brazilian rodizio (barbeque) lunch is a highlight of the tour.

**Cachoeira - A Day in the Heartland with Lunch (Wednesday)**
We leave the city behind to explore the farming hinterland of sugarcane plantations, peaceful colonial towns, and busy country markets. Essentially, it will be a day of insights into the life in rural Brazil. We stop at the busy country market town of Sao Amaro. We continue through rolling hills to Cachoeira, nestled in the deep valley of the Paraguaçu River. After a traditional hinterland lunch we take a walking tour of the town, with an opportunity to browse in some local wood carvers’ stores. Candomblé plays an integral part in the life of the town, epitomized by the Sisterhood of the Boa Morte, a sorority which traces its origins back to the time of slavery. We cross to the western
bank of the slow moving river and visit the Danemann Cultural Center where we can also see
world class cigars being expertly rolled.

4. Conference Program

**Sunday 20 November**

Registration
2 Optional Day Tours
Small Cocktail Reception in Hotel
Optional Coliseo Folklore Show and Dinner

**Monday 21 November**

Registration
Session 1 at 8:30 to 9:45
Session 2 at 10:00 to 11:30
Executive Council Meeting – noon
Session 3 at 2:30 to 4:00

PM Coffee Break 3:45 to 4:30
Session 4 at 4:15 to 5:45
Africa Council Meeting – 5:45 to 7:00

**Tuesday 22 November**

Session 1 at 8:30 to 9:45
Session 2 at 10:00 to 11:30
Session 3 at 2:30 to 4:00
PM Coffee Break 3:45 to 4:30
Session 4 at 4:14 to 5:45
Awards Banquet and entertainment – 7:00

**Wednesday 23 November**

2 Optional Day Tours

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

**Reflections:**

Assefaw Bariagaber, Ph.D.
President, ATWS

The Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) was
held at the in Savannah, Georgia on October 7-10, 2010. In the words of one prominent ATWS
member, it was a “highly successful conference … [well] conceived, organized, and
implemented. I have been to every meeting but one, and the conference we just had in Savannah
was one of the very best.”
The conclave featured 110 attendees from around the world who participated in 27 panels and round tables that focused on the theme, “A Confident Third World: Facing the Multi-Dimensional Challenges of the Twenty-First Century.”

I was gratified to see quite a few new ATWS members at the conference. All of us gained from their drive and dynamism. This was very encouraging. Therefore, if each of us resolves to recruit one – just one – new member, we would have a 100% increase in ATWS membership and about 40% increase in conference attendance driven by newly-recruited and dynamic individuals. Let us, therefore, do our best to recruit new members, and invite those recruited to join us at the 29th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, to be held in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, on November 21-23, 2011 (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of the Thanksgiving Week).

See you all in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil!!

Assefaw Bariagaber, Ph. D.
Professor and Chair,
Whitehead School of Diplomacy & International Relations
Seton Hall University
Dear Colleagues and supporters of The Association of Third World Studies (ATWS):
I am delighted to report a tremendous increase in the percentage of membership renewals for the
months of January and February, 2011. Compared to the same time last year, the renewals rose
by 300 percent. This is very significant news because it shows that even with minimal
advertisement the members of ATWS have not wavered in their support of the Association. I say
Kudos to all of you. I would especially like to thank the ATWS Executive Director, Dr. Bill
Pederson, for sending out renewal notices and for his unrelenting recruitment efforts.

While support remains strong among existing membership, we have not done as well in
attracting new members. I would like to use this opportunity to encourage the veterans to
continue in their quest to invite their colleagues and friends to join the Association so that they
too can experience the strong networking, brilliant scholarship and professional support that are
the hallmarks of membership with ATWS. Please note that ATWS also offers institutional
membership which provides coverage for all faculty and administrators of an institution and
access to membership benefits including the bi-annual journals, newsletter, discount rates at
conferences and support for their professional development. The cost is only $1000.00. With the
tsunami-like political, social and economic changes occurring around the world, especially in the
regions considered Third World, the relevance of our association is indisputable. There is no
time like now to focus on issues of human rights, hunger, homelessness, social justice, and
political, economic and social sustainability.

As we prepare for the coming conference in Brazil, bear in mind that while your
participation and passion are crucial to keep the momentum going, we need new folks with fresh
minds and ideas to propel us to a higher level.

Let “each one, bring one” to Brazil in November!

Dr. Doyin Coker-Kolo, Ph.D.
Treasurer, ATWS
Association of Third World Studies

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**ATWS Executive Council**

**President:** Assefaw Bariagaber, Professor and Chair, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University

**Newly Elected Members (2010)**

**Vice-President/President-Elect:** Lauren Eastwood, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, SUNY at Plattsburgh

**Executive Council Post #2:** William P. Head, Ph.D., Chief Historian, Warner Robins Air Force Base

**Continuing Members**

**Immediate Past President:** Mario Fenyo, Bowie State University

**Executive Director:** William D. Pederson, Louisiana State University Shreveport

**Editor of the Journal of Third World Studies:** Harold Isaacs, Georgia Southwestern State University

**Chair, Information Services Committee & Editor of the ATWS Newsletter:** Chaitram Singh, Berry College

**Secretary:** Philip Szmedra, Georgia Southwestern State University

**Treasurer:** Doyin Coker-Kolo, Millersville University of Pennsylvania

**Executive Council Post #1:** Nurudeen Akinyemi, Kennesaw State University

**Executive Council Post #3:** Bhim Sandhu, Westchester University (PA)

**Chair, Nominations and Elections Committee:** Michael Hall, Armstrong Atlantic State University

**Chair, Teaching Committee:** Rita Koyame-Marsh, Florida Memorial University
Harold Isaacs, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of History at Georgia Southwestern State University, has edited “Third World Problems and Issues in Historical Perspective,” which is the Fall 2010 issue of *Journal of Third World Studies* (JTWS), published by the Association of Third World Studies, Inc.

The 379 page volume is the 54th 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 field.

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.

**New Associate Editor of Latin American Sections of JTWS**

Chaitram Singh, Ph. D.
Gund Professor of Gov’t & Int’l Studies
Berry College
Chaitram Singh, Ph.D., Gund Professor of Government and International Studies at Berry College, is the new associate editor of the Latin American sections of Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS), replacing Dr. J Patrice McSherry of Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus).

The position was previously held by J. Patrice McSherry, internationally-known Latin Americanist who teaches at Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus). Dr. McSherry’s tenure of 13 years resulted in a vast improvement in the Latin American pages in JTWS. Her outstanding scholarship and exemplary professionalism enhanced considerably the worldwide reputation of JTWS.

Dr. Singh, a longtime member and officer of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), publisher of JTWS, has an outstanding background in Latin American Studies. He received his M.A. in Latin American Studies and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Florida. Dr. Singh is the author of three books: Guyana: Politics in a Plantation Society (Praeger, 1988); Multinationals, the State, and the Management of Economic Nationalism: The Case of Trinidad (Greenwood Press, 1989); and The Flour Convoy (University Press of the South, 2005). His second novel, The February 23rd Coup, is expected to be out in early summer. He has also written numerous articles and book reviews and given panel presentations on the political life of the Caribbean especially Guyana, his native country, where he served as an officer in the Guyana Defense Force following graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

At Berry College, Dr. Singh has served as Director of International Studies and Dean of the Evans School of Humanities and Social Sciences. He has been a professor in the Department of Government and International Studies since 1984.

Persons interested in submitting articles and book reviews on Latin America should contact Dr. Singh at csingh@berry.edu

J. Patrice McSherry Retires from Associate Editorship of Latin American Sections of JTWS

J. Patrice McSherry, Ph. D.
Professor of Political Science
&
Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Long Island University (Brooklyn Campus)
Professor J. Patrice McSherry, Ph.D., internationally-renowned Latin Americanist, retired from her position as associate editor of the Latin American sections of the Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS) in October, 2010. Professor McSherry, who is professor of political science and founding chair and Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program at Long Island University, Brooklyn campus, held the position from 1997-2010. During that period, according to Editor Harold Isaacs, “Professor McSherry improved immensely the quality of articles and book reviews on Latin America published in our pages, and it was a great personal pleasure and honor to work with her.” What is amazing to me,” Isaacs said, “is that during the thirteen year period of her tenure Professor McSherry was also able to publish several award winning books (Incomplete Transition: Military Power and Democracy in Argentina; Predatory States: Operation Condor and Covert War in Latin America; and Iraq Papers, and book chapters and articles on military governments, civil-military relations, state terror, and U.S. foreign policy. On behalf of all members of the editorial board of JTWS, and the membership of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), I extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Professor McSherry for her outstanding service.”

MEMBERS’ CORNER

Awards—28th Annual Association Conference

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 2010 was presented to Peyi Soyinka-Airewele, “in recognition of her 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 2009 issues of Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS), was George K. Kieh, Jr., Ph.D., professor of political science, University of West Georgia, for his outstanding article, “Reconstituting the Neo-Colonial State in Africa,” published in Volume 26, No. 1, Spring 2008 issue of JTWS. First runner-up winner was Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., professor of research methodology and political science, Howard University, for his scholarly article, “Reconstituting the Neo-Colonial State in Africa,” published in Volume 26, No. 1, Spring 2008 issue of JTWS. First runner-up winner was Abdul Karim Bangura, Ph.D., professor of research methodology and political science, Howard University, for his outstanding article, “A Time Series Analysis of the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act,” which appeared in Volume 26, No. Fall 2009 issue of JTWS. Honorable mention winner was Veronica Nmoma, Ph.D., associate professor of Africana studies, University of North Carolina Charlotte, author of “Power and Force: Libya’s Relations with the United States,” Volume 26, No.2, Fall 2009 issue.

3. The winner of the “Cecil B. Currey ATWS Book Award,” was Bryan Tilt, Ph.D., assistant professor of anthropology, Oregon State University, for his excellent study, The Struggle for Sustainability in Rural China: Environmental Values and Civil Society, published by Columbia University Press in 2010. Honorable mention winners were: Kalyani Devaki Menon, Ph.D., assistant professor of religious studies, DePaul University, for the outstanding work, Everyday Nationalism: Women of the Hindu Right in India (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009); and Toyin Falola, Ph.D., Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor in History, University of Texas Austin, for his excellent tome, Colonialism and Violence in Nigeria, (Indiana University Press, 2009).

4. The Toyin Falola ATWS Africa Book Award was presented to Patrick Manning, Ph.D., Andrew W. Mellon Professor of World History, University of Pittsburgh, author of The African Diaspora: A History Through Culture (Columbia University Press, 2009).

5. “ATWS Outstanding Leadership and Service” awards were presented to:

Assefaw Bariagaber, professor and chair, Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, current president of ATWS

Michael R. Hall, professor of history, Armstrong Atlantic State University, former president of ATWS and site coordinator ATWS conferences held in Dominican Republic, Peru, and Savannah.

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.

8. The “Harold Isaacs Award,” given to the top graduate student paper presented at the Association’s annual meeting, was presented to **Melissa T. Williams**, a graduate student at Howard University, for her excellent paper, “Free Movement of Skilled Labor Under the Caribbean Single Market with a Special Emphasis on St. Kitts-Nevis: A Vision for Unity.”

**Faculty-Student Collaboration Boosts Academic Accomplishment**

by Joyce Venida ’13, Bethel University

When Bethel University junior Ryan Steel recently presented at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies in Savannah, Ga., he was the only undergraduate student in attendance. Steel, who spent two months as an intern for a microfinance development organization in Ghana, presented on “Leading and Implementing ‘Bottom Up’ Community-Level Microfinance Organization in a Developing Country: How Evaluation Research Can Help.”

Steel’s presentation and his thoughtful questions following other panel presentations were well-received. “It was great being in an academically focused environment,” says Steel, who was even invited to participate in a conference on poverty alleviation by some faculty members in attendance so that he can inspire more students.

Steel is majoring in three disciplinary areas: economics, socio-cultural studies, and third world studies. Professor Samuel Zalanga has worked closely with Steel following his transfer to Bethel from Purdue University. Their relationship is exemplary of how faculty-student collaborations can evolve and help students excel.

“The collaboration shows that there are many students at Bethel who can become challenged to do much more than others think possible. Faculty-student collaboration provides a unique opportunity to support students at a level that they can be challenged,” says Zalanga.

Steel agrees, stressing that collaborations are very valuable. “Spending time with my professors is where the majority of true learning comes from. They are great resources, and I’ve really gotten the most out of my education.”

As Steel’s advisor, Zalanga could not be more proud. “Ryan is an example of the academic excellence and rigors we are trying to prepare Bethel students to cultivate in several ways,” he says, “Working with Ryan has inspired me. He has a deep commitment to issues of
social justice inspired by faith. He is a man of humility in the way he interacts with his classmates.”

**Publications**

**Books**


**Johnny Coomansingh**, PhD, Assistant Professor of Geography, Minot State University, had two books published in 2010, *Sweet and Sour Trinidad and Tobago*, Xlibris Publishers, Indiana, USA and *Show me Equality*, Xlibris Publishers, Indiana, USA.

**J. Patrice McSherry**, Professor of Political Science at Long Island University, coauthored a book published by Oxford University Press in 2010 on the Iraq war. *The Iraq Papers* [with John Ehrenberg, José Ramón Sánchez, and Caroleen Marji Sayej] is a documentary reader with comprehensive analysis and key documents, covering the causes of the U.S. invasion, the Bush administration's policy of preemption, and the impact of the war on the Middle East, the world, and the U.S. at home.


Articles

Philip C. Aka, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Chicago State University has released or will release this year the following journal publications: "Culturally and Linguistically


Johnny Coomansingh, PhD, Assistant Professor of Geography, Minot State University published, “The Calypso Artform: a Weapon against Afro-Indo Unity in Trinidad and Tobago” in the *Journal of Development Alternatives and Area Studies*, 29(1&2), 128-160. He also published *Social Sustainability of Tourism in a Culture of Sensuality, Sexual Freedom and Violence in Trinidad and Tobago* (Book chapter [Chap. 9], in press: *Island Tourism—Perspectives on Sustainability* due March 2011).


Taysir Nashif had a paper, entitled "Elite Composition and Socio-Political Correlations: Age, Foreign Travel and Writings of the Jewish Political Elite During the British Mandate over


Conference Papers and Papers under Publication Consideration

Johnny Coomansingh, PhD, Assistant Professor of Geography, Minot State University presented at multiple conferences in 2010 including the National Council for Geographic Education Conference [NCGE] held in late September in Savannah, Georgia, where he presented Poems, Posters, PowerPoints, and Place, the Great Plains/Rocky Mountain Division Conference for the Association of American Geographers held in October in Lawrence, Kansas, where he presented Rotting Away: the Tourism Product in Trinidad and Tobago, and the Mid-Atlantic Latin American Studies [MALAS] Conference held in November in St. Louis, Missouri, where he presented An Exploration of the Steelpan Landscape of Trinidad and Tobago.

William P. Head, Ph.D., Chief WR-ALC, Office of History has submitted his manuscript "Night Hunters: A History of the AC-130 Gunships" to Texas A&M where it is awaiting publication.

Rita Koyame-Marsh, Ph.d., has two research papers currently under publication review: “The Impact of Workers' Remittances on Economic Growth: Evidence from ECOWAS Countries” and “The Complexities of Economic Transition: Lessons from Czech Republic and Slovakia.”

J. Patrice McSherry, professor of political science at Long Island University, presented a paper entitled "The Slow Erosion of Impunity: Operation Condor on Trial," at a conference on human rights in Latin America held in Aix-en-Provence, France, in 2010. The paper will be included in a volume edited by Sophie Daviaud titled Droits de l'homme et politique dans les Amériques (France: Collection Amérique Latine chez l'Harmattan).

Dr. S. Bola Tilghman, Georgia Southwestern State University, will present papers at the following conferences this year: the Academic and Business Research Institute International Conference in March, The Ninth Annual Interdisciplinary Conference for Teachers of Undergraduates, Teaching Matters: Discovering What Works on March 25-26, and the 6th International Conference on Business and Education in April.

Lectures

Assefaw Bariagaber, Ph.D., President, Association of Third World Studies, Professor and Chair, Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University travelled to Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia, to give a series of lectures on quantitative methods to 27 Ph.D. candidates from 9 eastern and southern African countries, who assembled in the Ethiopian Capital for training in quantitative methods. The participants came from Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia, Mozambique, and the Malagasy Republic. The training, which was organized by the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA), was held from November 15, 2010 to November 27, 2010.

Guy Martin, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science at Winston-Salem State University will give a public lecture on April 6 at the African Studies Academy of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on "The Post-Electoral Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire: A Crisis of Legitimacy."

G.N. Uzoigwe was in Galway Ireland on October 1, 2010, as a keynote speaker at a seminar on “Ireland and Biafra”. The seminar, funded by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, was organized by the Moore Institute, The National University of Ireland, Galway. He spoke on “Prelude to Secession and Civil War.”

**Awards**

Johnny Coomansingh, PhD, Assistant Professor of Geography, Minot State University received the Minot State University Vision 2013 Meritorious Service Award.

Dave Jervis has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Marie Curie Sklodowska University in Lublin, Poland for the 2011 calendar year.

Guy Martin, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science at Winston-Salem State University was appointed a member of the Editorial Board of the *Africa Peace and Conflict Journal* (published by the University for Peace Africa Program, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia).

Dr. S. Bola Tilghman, Georgia Southwestern State University, received the GSW Faculty Development Grant.

Egodi Uchendu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, received the following grants: National Universities' Commission, Conference support, 2010 and Alexander von Humboldt (AvH) grant for Humboldt Kolleg, 2010.

**Other**

Dr. Cecil B. Currey, traveled to Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, Sharza, Dubai and Jordan.

Guy Martin, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science at Winston-Salem State University reviewed the following books: Filip Reyntjens' *The Great African War* in *Africa Today* 56, 3 (Spring 2010): 103-107., R.T. M'bayo *et. al.*, eds., *Communication in an Era of Global Conflict* in
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Monica Juma & K.N. Miti, eds., The State of Africa 2010/11 in Africa Today 57, 3 (Spring 2011).

Dr. S. Bola Tilghman, Georgia Southwestern State University, traveled professionally to Las Vegas, Nevada in December last year and will travel to Nashville, Tennessee in March and Charleston, South Carolina in April of this year.

Egodi Uchendu, University of Nigeria, Nsukka is currently working on the following research project: The Emergence of Islam in Nigeria’s Eastern Niger Delta Region, 1800s till date. She also would like to announce the institution of two new prizes. One for the best-graduating female student of the Department of History and International Studies, UNN which awards an annual cash award of N5,000.00 and last for the duration of the 2009/2010 - 2013/2014 academic years. The other award is for the best-graduating female student of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, UNN which awards an annual cash prize of N5,000.00 ad last for the duration of the 2009/2010 - 2010/2011 academic years.

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 30th 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 2010-2011 academic year. A seminar on “The Water Crisis: Issues Confronting the Global Community,” featuring three members of the GSW faculty, including ATWS member Philip Szmedra, was held during the Fall semester. “U.S. Influences in Southeast Asia,” was the theme of a January 26th seminar, which was highlighted by the appearance of three nationally-known historians. James Gillam, Spelman College, discussed “The Political and Diplomatic Preparation for the Cambodian Invasion.” Paul Rodell, Georgia Southern University, gave a presentation on “John F. Noffsinger and the Philippine Colonial Origins of the US Peace Corps;” and William Head, Robins Air Force Base, discussed “The Mayaguez Incident: The Final Tragedy of the U.S. Involvement in the Second Indochina War.” A seminar on “Education in China,” will be held on March 16. Large numbers of students 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 15th Annual Business Meeting of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) was held in Savannah, Georgia, in conjunction with the 28th annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), October 7-9, 2010.

Professor George Kieh in his capacity as the president of ASRF called the meeting to order. A motion was moved to approve the minutes of the 14th ASRF annual meeting which was held in Cape Coast, Ghana in 2009. The minutes of the 14th annual meeting were adopted and approved.

The executive secretary, Ishmael Munene, announced that he e-mailed the minutes of the association’s meeting to all the members but often people did not read it. He encouraged people to take time and read the minutes so that they can be well-informed about what is happening.

President Kieh provided a historical narrative account of the background and formation of ASRF. The aim of doing that was to clarify some misunderstanding that had to do with some people insinuating that ASRF’s effort to become an incorporated non-profit organization was a clandestine move to break away from ATWS which it was affirmed was not the case. ASRF right from the time it started was an independent organization that meets during the annual meeting of the Association of Third Studies. Nothing will change the pre-existing relationship between ASRF and ATWS.

Professor Ike Odimegwu from Nigeria, representing voices from Africa, was given the opportunity to speak in order to convey the challenges that many people in Africa face in trying to be members of ASRF and also the difficulties they encounter in attending the annual meeting of ATWS. The struggle they have in registering for the conference was explained.

The financial report of the ASRF was circulated by the treasurer of the association in the person of Theodora Ayot. Then new Members were granted the opportunity to ask questions so that they can understand how the organization operates.

Professor Kelechi Kalu gave report on the activities and role of the publications’ committee. It was clarified that the meeting in Ghana interrupted his effort to coordinate the effort of the committee in spearheading publication projects for interested members of the Forum.

A vote was taken and it was agreed unanimously that the ASRF should proceed to pursue its status as an independent non-profit organization with the clear understanding that there was nothing clandestine in its program of activities. Several people expressed gratitude to the contribution of Professor Harold Isaacs to not just ATWS but the ASRF as well, which he is a member.

Elections for new officials were conducted and a new set of officers took over the leadership of the ASRF from the previous leadership team:

- President: Nurudeen Akinyemi, Kennesaw State University, Georgia, USA.
- Vice-President: Ike Odimegwu, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Nigeria
- Executive Secretary: Fredline M’Cormack-Hale, Seton Hall University, New Jersey, USA
The outgoing leadership team promised to work together with the incoming leadership so that the transition can be smooth and the new leadership can carry out its responsibilities effectively. Members expressed profound appreciation for the contribution that

With the completion of the election of new officers, the meeting was adjourned at 6.00 PM.

The above news is based on information provided by Ishmael Munene, ASRF Executive Secretary, in his "ASRF Annual Business Meeting Report."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2011 Awards Competitions

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 2010-2011. Book submissions must be published 2010 through June 15, 2011. The deadline for submission of entries is June 30, 2011. 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:
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: theafricaninstitution@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.

Committee Members:
- Dr. Abdul Karim Bangura, committee chair, The African Institution, 7532 Eighth Street, Washington, D.C. 20012. E-mail: theafricaninstitution@verizon.net
- Dr. James T. Gire, Department of Psychology, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, VA 24450. E-mail: GireJT@vmi.edu
“CALL FOR BOOKS”

CECIL B. CURREY BOOK AWARD

ATWS wishes to announce the formal request for submissions of books for the Cecil B. Currey Book Award for 2010 – 2011. 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 considerable merit is submitted. Publications must be 2010 through May 15, 2011.

Submission deadline is May 31, 2011.

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 interim committee chair, Dr. Dorothea A.L. Martin, Department of History, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608. E-mail: martinda@appstate.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:

- Dr. Dorothea A.L. Martin, interim chair, Department of History, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608 E-mail: martinda@appstate.edu
- Dr. Philip Aka, Department of History and Political Science, Chicago State University, 9501 S. King Drive, Chicago, IL, 60628-1598. E-mail: philip_aka@hotmail.com
- Dr. Paul Magnarella, Director, Peace Studies Program, Warren-Wilson College, P.O. Box 9000, Asheville, NC 28815. E-mail: pmagnarella@warren-wilson.edu
- Dr. Chaitram Singh, Department of Government, Berry College, Mount Berry, GA 30149-5010. E-Mail: csingh@berry.edu

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 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
Dr. Reddick, a prolific scholar who wrote the first authorized biography of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Crusader without Violence), died a few years ago in New Orleans, Louisiana.

2011 ISAACS AWARDS 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 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 2011 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 2011 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 on ATWS website, http://gs.w.edu/~atws/) Paper submissions MUST follow “Guidelines for Submission of Manuscripts” for Journal of Third World Studies (JTWS). Click-on Journal of Third World Studies on the ATWS website. Upon acceptance for presentation at the 2011 meeting, the student will send an electronic copy of the completed paper to the Education Committee Chair. The deadline for receipt of the papers is 30 SEPTEMBER 2011. The current chair is Dr. Rita Koyame-Marsh, Associate Professor of Economics, School of Business, Florida Memorial University, 15800 N.W. 42nd Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33054 E-mail: rkoyame@fmuniv.edu 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.

For more information, please check out the ATWS website at: http://www.gsw.edu/~atws/
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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Andrew Clark
Professor of History
University of North Carolina Wilmington
President of ATWS, 2005-2006

Dr. Andrew Clark passed away on January 2, 2011, at the age of 56, due to illness. A Peace Corps veteran, Andrew received his Ph.D. in African History from Michigan State University and arrived at UNCW as an assistant professor in 1990. He travelled extensively in Africa and Europe, and his work on Africa, particularly Senegal and West Africa, was highly respected. He published numerous articles and reviews as well as two books: the *Historical Dictionary of Senegal* and *From Frontier to Backwater: Economy and Society in the Upper Senegal Valley*. He was promoted to full professor in 2000.

A scholarship fund at University of North Carolina Wilmington in Dr. Clark’s name has been established to commemorate and in some small way perpetuate Andrew’s absolute commitment to sharing his love of history with students. Contributions or inquiries about the fund can be directed to the Department of History through Paul Townsend, History Department Chair, or to Beau Cummings in UNCW’s Development Office. We encourage those who valued Andrew’s life to contribute to this effort, or to organizations near and dear to his heart, including Amnesty International and the Peace Corps.
On January 31 our esteemed ATWS founder, Dr. Harold Isaacs, lost his wife and partner for the past 37 years. Doris (Caroline Mack) Isaacs spent 33 years in Civil Service as Secretary General Staff at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Besides her husband, she left behind two siblings and two daughters, five grandchildren, a dozen great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. She taught Sunday school for many years, loved reading, sewing, and doll making. And she was a long-time member of a local garden club. She often accompanied her husband on the golf course when he took a well-deserved break from editing the journal. To say that she will be missed is an understatement.

Some of you will remember Doris as the loyal supporter of our founder, and the royal mother of ATWS. She has been there beside Dr. Harold Isaacs from the first. Doris attended many of our conferences and numerous programs planned and sponsored by Harold on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University. Like Harold, she poured her heart and energy into our association year after year to help it grow into the outstanding community of scholars it is today. Steadfast and endlessly patient, bright and buoyant, Doris always encouraged and supported Harold and the rest of us who had the good fortune to get to know her. She was a lady in the most authentic sense of the word.

Through Harold and the good works of ATWS, Doris’ spirit will go on. We all know, Harold most especially, that this is what she would want. We – the family of ATWS members – will miss her, of course; but she will never be far from our thoughts.

On behalf of the ATWS membership,
Gary Kline, Ph. D.
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Georgia Southwestern State University