Preliminary Program
(the program displayed below is subject to change)

Thursday, January 24, 2008

Arrival and registration  Atrium, Social Science Building

6:30 PM SO 1021
Plenary Session
Welcome: Dr. Rosa Bobia, Director, Center for African and African Diaspora Studies, KSU
Greetings from SEAN: Dr. Abraham Goldman, Acting Director, Center for African Studies, University of Florida
Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Dr. Dan Paracka, Director, Office of International Services and Programs, KSU
Plenary Speaker: Dr. Joseph Opala, James Madison University, “Bunce Island: Slave Castle on the Rice Coast”

Friday, January 25, 2008

8:00 AM Atrium, Social Science Building
Continental breakfast and registration

9:00 AM SO 1021
Opening and Keynote Address
Welcome: Dr. Richard Vengroff, Dean, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, KSU
Greetings from SEAN: Dr. Abraham Goldman, Acting Director, Center for African Studies, University of Florida
Greetings from American Studies: Dr. Sarah Robbins, Faculty Executive Assistant to the President, KSU
Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Akanmu Adebayo, Executive Director, Institute for Global Initiatives, KSU
Keynote Address: Dr. Jacob Olupona, Professor of African and African American Studies and Professor of African Religious Traditions, Harvard University, “Mapping African Immigrant Religious Community: transnationalism, social and civic engagement and identity”
10:45 AM Atrium, Social Science Building
Coffee Break

11:00 AM  Concurrent Sessions

Panel A: **Identity and Representation in Religion** SO 1019
Chair and Discussant: Dr. Flora Devine, Special Assistant to the President for Legal Affairs, KSU
Dr. Sandra Bird, Kennesaw State University, “Sacred Waterways: The Arts of a Nigerian River”
Dr. Jessica Taplin-Stephenson, Emory University, “A Regenerative Cosmovision: The Sculpting of Myth, History and Place in Oshogbo’s Oshun Grove”
Dr. Sarah Robbins and Dr. Ann Ellis Pullen, Kennesaw State University, “Mediating Africa for Early 20th Century Female Readers”
Dr. Malachy Chidike Igwilo, Bells University of Technology, “The American Church in Africa: Pentecostalism and the Recovery of African Identity”

Panel B: **Perspectives on Education** SO 1021
Chair and Discussant: Dr. Frank Butler, Interim Dean, Bagwell College of Education, KSU
Dr. Ngozi Agu, Nnamdi Azikwe University, and Dr. Funmi Amobi, Arizona State University, “Analysis of Preservice Teachers’ Reflections on their Teaching Actions in a Microteaching Activity: An international comparison”
Dr. Ikechukwu Ukeje, Kennesaw State University, and Dr. Ngozi Anyikwa, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, “Issues, Similarities, and Differences between Kennesaw State University and Nnamdi Azikiwe University from faculty and student perspectives”
Felix Olusanjo Olatunji, University of Ibadan, “Reconceptualising the Basis for Character Building in Yoruba (African) Educational Ideology”
Dr. Chinita Allen, Kennesaw State University, “What Is The Effect of Teaching An African Cultural Immersion Program on the Inclusion Attitude of Kindergarten Students?”

12:45 PM
Lunch (On your own; in Student Center Cafeteria)

2:00 PM  Concurrent Sessions

Panel C: **Contemporary Discourses on African Women’s Experiences** SO 1021
Chair and Discussant: Naana Baniywa Horne, Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, FL
Dr. S. K. Keltner, Kennesaw State University, “Race, Gender, and Desire in the Work of Kara Walker”
Dr. Roxanne A. Donovan, Kennesaw State University, “Have Things Changed? Contemporary Stereotypes about Black-American Women”
Dr. Martha N. Cheo, Bells University of Technology, “Branded Sexual Violence Against Women in Africa’s Contemporary Warfare: Sierra Leone in perspective”
Panel D: **Migration: Historical and Contemporary** SO 1021  
Chair and Discussant: Dr. Robert DeVillar, Center for Hispanic Studies, KSU  
Dr. Malachy Chidike Igwilo & Alban Igwe, Bells University of Technology, “Forced Migration and Sustainable futures: The search for an epistemology of migration”  
Dr. Yemisi Lydia Olaleye, University of Ibadan, “Socio-Cultural Factors Influencing Participation in Community Development Activities in a Globalizing World”  
Dr. Josephine Dawuni, Georgia State University, “Gendered Migration: Examining the role of international law and human rights from an African perspective”  
Dr. Ikechukwu Ukeje, Kennesaw State University, “Education through Globalization: Impact of faculty exchanges between Bagwell College of Education, Kennesaw State University and two Nigerian Universities: University of Ibadan and UNIZIK”

3:45 PM Atrium, Social Science Building  
Coffee Break

4:00 PM Concurrent Sessions

Panel E: **Literary Perspectives from the Atlantic World** SO 1021  
Chair and Discussant: Dr. Akintunde Akinyemi, University of Florida  
Dr. Robert Simon, Kennesaw State University, “The Poetry of Luis Kandjimbo in a Post Colonial Context”  
Dr. Jeremy Rich, History Department, Middle Tennessee State University, “Slavery, Patronage, and Cultural Flows in Early Colonial Gabon in the Writings of Richard Lynch Garner, c. 1890-1920”  
Dr. Alix Pierre, Morris Brown College, “The Maroon Aesthetic in Francophone Caribbean Literature”

Panel F: **Africana Studies** SO 1019  
Chair and Discussant: Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi, Center for African and African Diaspora Studies, KSU  
Dr. Chester J. Fontenot, Jr., Mercer University, “Africana Studies: The Search for a Methodology”  
Dr. Ardith Peters, “Road Trippin’: The Socialization of US Professors Traveling in West Africa”  
Dr. Hakeem Ibikunle Tijani, Morgan State University, “Forging a Link: Diaspora Developmental Activities for the Homeland: The Case of Eko Club International”  
Mr. Michael O. Sylfad Afolabi, University College Hospital, Ibadan, “Entrenched Colonial Influences and the Dislocation of Healthcare in Africa”

6:00 PM Atrium, Social Science Building  
Reception
7:00 PM Room TBA
An Evening of Spirituals by the Georgia Spiritual Ensemble
Director/Conductor: Dr. Oral Moses, Kennesaw State University

Saturday, January 26, 2008

8:00 AM Atrium, Social Science Building
Continental Breakfast and Networking

9:00 AM Concurrent Sessions

Panel G. Pan-Africanism SO 1019
Chair and Discussant: Dr. Napoleon Bamfo, Valdosta State University
Dr. Felix Chinwe Asogwa and Chidebere Ngwu, Enugu State University of Science and Technology, “Africa-Americas Relations in Historical Perspective: A re-examination of the relevance of Pan-Africanism in the contemporary African History”
Dr. Jesse Benjamin, Kennesaw State University, “Toward the Decolonization of Nationalism: African Socialism, Pan-Africanism, and Neo-Colonialism in the Thought of Kwame Nkrumah and Julius K. Nyerere”

Panel H: Media and Film and Transatlantic Relations SO 1021
Chair and Discussant: Mr. Dewi Wilson, Horace Sturgis Library, KSU
Dr. J. Hollenbeck, Appalachian State University, “The Battle of Algiers: A Critique of the film by Gillo Pontecorvo”
Dr. Felicia Mabuza-Suttle, South African Tourism USA, “Thinking Globally: Exploring Opportunities in Other Countries”
Dr. Ernesto Pierre Silva, Kennesaw State University, “Birth of a Nation: The Role of Africans in the Making of National Identity in Contemporary Peru”

10:45 AM Atrium, Social Science Building
Coffee Break

11:00 AM Panel Discussion SO 1021
Theme: Choosing a Logo: Cultural Representations of the Atlantic World
Panelists:
  Dr. Sandra Bird
  Ms. Holly Miller
  Dr. Eva Thompson
  Ms. Carole Mauge-Lewis
  Dr. Dan Paracka
12:00 noon SO 1021
Plenary Session
   Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Dr. Sandra Bird, Department of Visual Arts, KSU
       Jimoh Buraimoh, “Jimoh Buraimoh: The Artist and His Works”

1:00 PM  Atrium, Social Science Building
   Lunch

2:00 PM  **Special Presentation on Georgia-Sierra Leone Connection**  SO 1021
   - “Crossing the Sea on a Sacred Song”
   - “The Bunce Island Experience”
   - “Sierra Leone and the Legacy of the African Diaspora”