

Fall 2009
The Walter Rodney African Studies Seminars

September 28: Samba Gadjigo
(Mount Holyoke College)
Ousmane Sembene: The Making of a Militant Artist

October 5: Solimar Otero
(Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School)
Coming Home: Nation, Gender, and Diaspora in Afro-Cuban Religion

October 12: Columbus Day / No seminar

October 19: Athuman Msangi
(Kwala Secondary School, Tanzania /Newton-Tanzania Collaborative)
"The Tanzanian Education System: A Teacher's Perspective"

October 26: Tucker Childs
(Portland State University)
"The disappearance of African languages, who cares?"

November 2: Laurence Breiner
(Boston University)
"Your presence is our past': Anglophone Caribbean Poets and Africa"

November 9: Ann & Robert Seidman
(Boston University)
"Using Law for Good Governance and Development: The Boston University Africa i-Parliaments Legislative Policy and Drafting Clinic"

November 16: Michael A. Grodin
(Boston University MED & SPH)
"Caring for African Survivors of Torture and Refugee Trauma"
The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at BU Medical Center

November 23: No seminar (after ASA)

November 30: Richard Werbner
(University of Manchester)
"Holy Hustlers: Charismatic Youth and Apostolic Reformation in Botswana"

December 7: Magaly Koch
(Boston University)
"Agroecology of Malaria: Images of a Changing Landscape"

Spring 2010

The Walter Rodney African Studies Seminar presents:

Monday, January 25:

Nirvana Tanoukhi (Harvard)

"From Scale to Setting: Reflections on J.M. Coetzee's Disgrace"

Monday, February 1:

Melissa Graboyes (Boston University)

"Facts in the Fantastic and Truth in the Tall Tales: East African Understandings of Medical Research, 1950-present."

Monday, February 8:

Shaheen Mozaffar (Bridgewater State College)

"Role Perceptions of Cross-Pressured Legislators: Preliminary Findings from the African Legislatures Project"

Monday, February 15: Holiday, no seminar

Monday, February 22:

Theodore Trefon (MRAC Tervuren)

"Reform failure in the Congo"

Monday, March 1:

Thomas Kilduff (Freelance journalist/Travel writer)

"Missionaries, Snakes and Survivors: Depictions of Africa with The Poisonwood Bible"

Monday, March 8: Spring recess, no seminar

Monday, March 15:

Christopher LaMonica (US Coast Guard Academy)

"The Politics of Strengthening Local Governments in a Sub-Saharan State: The Case of Zambia."

Monday, March 22:

Carlos Robles Fraga (Consul General of Spain in Boston)

Spain and Africa, A Long and Narrow Road

Monday, March 29:

Teresa de Almeida Cravo (Cambridge University/ Harvard)

What's In a Label? The Donor Community's Perceptions of 'Success' and 'Failure' in Africa

Monday, April 5:

Cheikh Anta Babou (U. of Pennsylvania)

"God's politics, People's politics: The Rise and Retreat of Political Islam in Senegal"

Monday, April 12:

James Webb (Colby College)

"Malaria Control in Liberia, 1945-1962: Lessons from the First Large-Scale Use of Synthetic Insecticides in Tropical Africa"

Monday, April 19: Holiday, no seminar

Monday, April 26:

Régine Jean-Charles (Boston College)

"Precious and Pauline: Urban Girls in the African Diaspora and Narratives of Dysfunction"