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"