Fall 2010
The Walter Rodney African Studies Seminar presents:

Monday, September 29: Susanne D. Mueller
(International Development Consultant/Visiting Researcher, BU)
"Kenya's New Constitution: Will Old Incentives Undermine Formal Legal Changes?"

Monday, September 27: Kwasi Konadu
(CUNY)
"African Diasporic History to African World History"

Monday, October 4: Jeleel Olasunkanmi Ojuade
(University of Ilorin)
"The Yoruba Bata and Dundun Music/Dance In Nigeria: Theological Perspectives"

Monday, October 11: Holiday

Monday, October 18: Sanjay Krishnan
(Boston University)
“Naipaul's Disorientation"

Monday, October 25: Naaborko Sackeyfio
(Dartmouth)
“The Politics of Destoolment in Colonial Accra”

Monday, November 1: Anne Serafin
(Independent scholar)
“African Women Writing Resistance: Contemporary Voices"

Monday, November 8: Doris Sommer
(Harvard University)
“Slaps and Embraces: A rhetoric of particularism”

Monday, November 15: Thomas Turner
(Independent scholar/author)
"Mass Killings and Rapes in Eastern DR Congo: Who is Responsible?"

Monday, November 24 - November 29
Fall Recess

Monday, December 6: Christopher Fomunyoh
(National Democratic Institute)
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Monday Jan 24  Pauline Peters (Harvard University)
“Contested ‘culture’ in a time of AIDS in Malawi”

Monday Jan 31  Pearl Robinson (Tufts University)
“Islam and Female Empowerment among the Tidjaniyya in Niger:
A civic engagement film project”

Monday Feb 7  Duana Fullwiley (Harvard University)
“Mapping ’Mild’ Sickle Cell Disease in Senegal: How Genetic Reductionism
gave rise to Genetic Indeterminacy on African Ground”

Monday Feb 14  Rodolfo Fattovich (University of Naples - L’Orientale)
"The Role of Archaeology in Africa Today: the case of Ethiopia."

Monday Feb 21  Holiday – no seminar

Monday Feb 28  Ron Wyman (Independent filmmaker)
“Agadez, the Music and the Rebellion”

Monday Mar 7  Darren Kew (University of Massachusetts, Boston)
“The 2011 Elections, Conflict, and Democratic Development in Nigeria”

Monday Mar 14  Spring Recess

Monday Mar 21  Candace M. Miller (Boston University, SPH)
“Cash Transfers in Africa: Exciting Impacts and Enormous Challenges”

Monday Mar 28  Séverine Auteserre (Barnard/ Columbia University)
“The Trouble with the Congo”

Monday Apr 4  Leigh Payne (University of Oxford)
“Unsettling Accounts: The Politics of Perpetrators’ Confessions
to Past Authoritarian State Violence”

Monday Apr 11  Heran Sereke-Brhan (Boston University)
“Coffee, Culture and Intellectual Property:
Lessons for Africa from the Ethiopian Fine Coffee Initiative”

Monday Apr 18  Holiday - no seminar

Monday Apr 25  Kim Miller (Wheaton College)
"Regarding Heroes: The Visual Geographies of South African
Women’s Activism Against Apartheid”

Monday May 2  Babacar M’Baye (Kent State University)
“Africa and Colonial New England in Phillis Wheatley’s Poetry”

Monday May 9  Study period

Monday May 16  Final exams