Walter Rodney Seminars - Spring 2016 Calendar

The seminars are held every Monday from noon to 1:30 pm in the William O. Brown Seminar Room, Room 505, of the African Studies Center, 232 Bay State Road. Feel free to bring a lunch.

Monday, January 25  
Heidi Gengenbach (U. Mass. Boston)  
“The Hungry State: African Diets, Nutrition, and Imperial Power in Central Mozambique”

Monday, February 1  
Elliot Fratkin (Smith College)  
“Ethiopia’s Dams and Pastoralist Policies: Development, Displacement and Resettlement”

Monday, February 8  
Anitra Nettleton (U. of the Witwatersrand)  
“Beads and embodied aesthetics; Performing Indigenous Modernities in South Africa”

Monday, February 15  
Holiday - No seminar

Tuesday, February 16  
Mustapha Hashim Kurfi (Boston University)  
“Religion, Gender and Civil Society: The Role of a Muslim Women’s Organization in the Evolution of a Nigerian State”

Monday, February 22  
Darren Kew (U. Mass. Boston)  
TBA (Nigeria)

Monday, February 29  
Gareth McFeely (Boston University)  
“Screening Hollywood: Ghana, the Studios, and the Political Big Picture, 1950s-1960s”

Monday, March 7  
Spring recess - No seminar

Monday, March 14  
Valentina Peveri (U. of Bologna)  
“Beloved recipes and lost ingredients from Southern Ethiopia: Resistance and commensality in a fast-changing agricultural landscape”

Monday, March 21  
Daniel G. Maxwell (Tufts University) (pending)  
TBA (The Somalia Famine of 2011)

Monday, March 28  
Ben Twagira (Boston University)  
“Gendered strategies of protecting the urban family and home in militarized Kampala”

Monday, April 4  
Beth Bennett (Boston University)  
“Race and Ethnicity in the 20th Century: Pan-Africanism in Ghana and Beyond”

Monday, April 11  
Len Lyons (Ethiopian Jewry Committee)  
“The Remarkable and Unfinished Exodus of the Ethiopian Jews”

Monday, April 18  
Holiday - No seminar

Monday, April 25  
Benaouda Lebdai (Université du Maine, Le Mans)  
“Winnie Madikizela Mandela: the construction of a South African political icon: History and Memory in progress”