



WALTER RODNEY SEMINARS – FALL 2015

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.

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| Monday, Sept. 14 | Daivi Rodima Taylor (Boston University)
Contested Sovereignities and Informal Authority
in Post-Socialist Tanzania |
| Monday, Sept. 21 | Muhammad Zaman (Boston University)
Bitter Pills: The challenges and impact of a compromised drug supply in
Africa |
| Monday, Sept. 28 | Jennifer Johnson (Yale)
Nyanja is Not Lake Victoria: Ontological Problems and Possibilities
Around an Inland African Sea |
| Monday, Oct. 5 | Sarah Westwood (Boston University)
Brothers in Arms: Tirailleur Forces in the
Franco-Dahomean Wars, 1890-1894 |
| Monday, Oct. 12 | Columbus Day. No seminar |
| Monday, Oct. 19 | Ellen E. Foley (Clark University)
Regulating sex work: subjectivity and stigma in Senegal |
| Monday Oct. 26 | Daniel Jordan Smith (Brown University)
AIDS, Morality, and Social Change in Nigeria |
| Monday, Nov. 2 | Karl Haas (Boston University)
Music, masculinity, and grassroots cultural preservation in Northern
Ghana |
| Monday, Nov. 9 | Priya Lal (Boston College)
African Socialism in Tanzania: A Postcolonial Project in a Cold War
World |
| Monday, Nov. 16 | Richard B. Allen (Framingham State College)
Slaves, Convicts, Indentured Laborers and the Tyranny of the Atlantic |
| Monday, Nov. 23 | Thanksgiving |
| Monday, Nov. 30 | Nathalie Etoké (Connecticut College)
Memory and the Black Diaspora in France: Theoretical Fragments |
| Monday, Dec. 7 | Misty L. Bastian (Franklin & Marshall College)
The Murder of Amelia: Taking Liberties with a Girl's Commoditized Body
in Mercantile Onitsha |

Walter Rodney Seminars - Spring 2016 Calendar

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| 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 20 th 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 Lebdaï (Université du Maine, Le Mans)
“Winnie Madikizela Mandela: the construction of a South African political icon: History and Memory in progress” |