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**Friday, April 7**
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Saturday, April 8  
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8:30-9:00 am  BREAKFAST

9:00-10:15 am  PANEL 3: GENDERING PUBLICS  
Moderator: Faith Umoh

9:00-9:15 am  Arianna King, Tulane University  
“Queens in the Market: Gender, Food, and Public Space in Urban Ghana”

9:15-9:30 am  Tereza Kidane, Ohio University  
“Subversive Victims: Eritrean Women Freedom Fighters’ Pursuit for Gender Liberation”

9:30-9:45 am  Jordan Steiner, Rutgers School of Social Work  
“Sexual Relations Between Male Secondary School Teachers and Adolescent School Girls in Benin, West Africa: Qualitative Interpretations on the Causes and Consequences through an Ecological Framework”

9:45-10:15 am  Questions

10:30-11:45 am  PANEL 4: UNDERSTANDING TRAGEDY AND POSSIBILITY  
Moderator: Josh Castillo

10:30-10:45 am  Emily Williamson, Boston University  
“Singing Discomfort: Living Together Differently in Nima-Accra, Ghana”

10:45-11:00 am  Katie Hickerson, University of Pennsylvania  
“A Death that Matters: Anthropology, Urban Life, and Cultural Resilience in Sudan”

11:00-11:15 am  Junfu Wong, Peking University  
“The Primitive Myth of Enclosure: Motif of Illusionary Death of Shantytown in the Ways of Dying”

11:15-11:45 am  Questions

12:00-1:30 pm  MENTORING LUNCH [provided by Flour Bakery, Cambridge, MA]

1:45-2:45 pm  PANEL 5: Exploring Disease in Atlantic Africa  
Moderator: Dima Hurlbut

1:45-2:00 pm  Dylan Proctor, Georgetown University  
“Language Migration, Subsistence, and Disease in the Rainforest: The Early African Settlement History of Coastal Gabon, 5000 BCE to Present”

2:00-2:15 pm  Faith Umoh, Boston University  
“A Deep Dive into the Urban Public-Private Health System of Malaria in Pregnancy in Monrovia, Liberia”

2:15-2:45 pm  Questions

3:00 pm  Please join us for a pub reception at Cornwall’s Pub!  
Location: 654 Beacon Street (Kenmore Square)
KEYNOTE BIOGRAPHY:
DR. ALEX DE WAAL
Alex de Waal is executive director of the World Peace Foundation and Research Professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University. Considered one of the foremost experts on Sudan and the Horn of Africa, his scholarly work and practice has also probed humanitarian crisis and response, human rights, HIV/AIDS and governance in Africa, and conflict and peacebuilding.

Alex de Waal has served as an advisor to the African Union for mediation efforts in Sudan. He has published several books, most recently The Real Politics of the Horn of Africa: Money, War and the Business of Power, Cambridge, Polity, 2015. He was on the list of Foreign Policy’s 100 most influential public intellectuals in 2008 and Atlantic Monthly’s 27 “brave thinkers” in 2009. He received an OBE in 2009.

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