

THE WALTER RODNEY SEMINAR SERIES: Academic Year 2007-2008

Fall semester 2007:

- Sep.24: Edouard Bustin (Boston University)
"Back to the Future or Forward to the Past? Sarkozy's *"rupture"* and Franco-African relations"
- Oct. 1: Caroline Smartt & Molly Williams (Boston University)
"Human Images from the Landscape of Maize and Malaria 2007"
- Oct. 15: Samba Gadjigo (Mt.Holyoke)
"The making of Ousmane Sembene's *Moolaade*: Filming for man's sake!"
- Oct. 22: Peter Anderson (Austin College)
"Breyten Breytenbach's Black Tongue"
- Oct. 29: Helen Tilley (Princeton University)
"The Nature of Vernacular Science: Fieldwork, Ethnography, and Indigenous Knowledge in British Colonial Africa (circa 1900 to 1960)"
- Nov. 5: David Gordon (Bowdoin College)
"A Community of Suffering: History and Identity in the Zambian Lumpa Church"
- Nov. 19: Carol Thomson (Northern Arizona University)
"Sustainability: Alternative Policies from Africa"
- Dec. 3: Stephen Reyna (University of New Hampshire)
"Developing Dystopia: The World Bank, Patrimonialism, Imperialism and Chadian Oil"
- Dec. 10: Richard Landes (Boston University)
"Upping the Ante in Response to Apocalyptic Disappointment:
The Xhosa Cattle-Slaying and Starvation in mid-19th Century Southern Africa"

Spring semester 2008:

- Jan. 28: Ellen Messer (Tufts University)
"Human Rights and U.S. Food Security Policy in Africa :
Political, Geographic, Ethnic and Religious factors in The Horn of Africa"
- Feb. 4: William F. Miles (Northeastern U./ Wharton Institute)
"When Ph.D. Meets G.I.:The Format and Ethics of Africanist Consulting for the U.S. Military"
- Feb. 11: Rodolfo Fattovich (University of Naples, L'Orientale)
"Kings and Farmers. The Urban Development of Ancient Aksum ca. 700 BC-AD 1500"
- Feb. 25: Susanne D. Mueller (Harvard University)
"Explaining Kenya's Post-Election Crisis"
- Mar. 3: Vincent K. Machozi (Boston University)
" The Role of the External Partners of the Peace Process in the D.R. Congo"
- Mar. 24: Cynthia Becker (Boston University)
"Hunters, Sufis, Soldiers & Minstrels: Trans-Saharan Linkages and the Arts of the Moroccan Gnawa"
- Apr. 7: Yesim Tozan (Boston University SPH)
"Improving Rural Health and Eliminating Extreme Poverty:
A Case Study on the Millennium Villages Project"
- Apr. 14: Boubacar Boris Diop (Dakar)
"African Intellectuals Respond to Nicolas Sarkozy"
- Apr. 28: Jon P. Kirby, SVD :
"Culture Drama and Peacebuilding in Ghana"

Walter Rodney Lectures, Cont'd.

Fall Semester 2008

- September 22: Harcourt T. Fuller (The London School of Economics) "Symbolic nationalism in Ghana: The Nkrumah Years"
- September 29: Paulina Makinwa Adebusoye Nigeria Institute of Social and Economic Research "Migrations In and Out of Africa"
- October 6: Penelope Siopis (University of Witwatersrand) "Strange Violence: African Inside Out"
- October 13: Columbus Day/No Seminar
- October 20: Nancy Hafkin (UNECA, ret./"Knowledge Working") "Whatsupoch on the net: the role of information and communication technology in the shaping of transnational Ethiopian identity" *
- * A translation of whatsupoch: In Ethiopia Ethiopian-Americans, the most numerous of the Ethiopian Diaspora, are commonly referred to in Amharic-English as "Whatsupoch" because of how they greet Ethiopians; och is the plural form of a noun in Amharic.
- October 27: Tavneet Sur (MIT/Sloane School) "Emerging Markets and Emerging Opportunities: The Case of Africa"
- November 3: Bernard Wom (Dagara Music and Arts Center, Ghana) "Gyil Journeys: From the Dagara Homeland to Symphonic Stage"
- November 10: Jeanne Koopman (Boston University) "Globalization, Gender, and the Modernization of Poverty in the Senegal River Valley"
- November 24 : Katherine Luongo (Northeastern University) "Dala and Diaspora: Reading Obama's Rise"
- December 1: No seminar (after Thanksgiving)
- December 8: Diana Wylie (Boston University) "On 'Art and Revolution, The Life and Death of ... [a] South African Artist': Thoughts on Writing African Biography"