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) TBA

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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" Darren Kew (University of Massachusetts, Boston) Monday Mar 7 "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 Kim Miller (Wheaton College) Monday Apr 25 "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