Fall 2009
The Walter Rodney African Studies Seminars

September 28: Samba Gadjigo
(Mount Holyoke College)
Ousmane Sembene: The Making of a Militant Artist

October 5: Solimar Otero
(Women’s Studies in Religion Program, Harvard Divinity School)
Coming Home: Nation, Gender, and Diaspora in Afro-Cuban Religion

October 12: Columbus Day / No seminar

October 19: Athuman Msangi
(Kwala Secondary School, Tanzania / Newton-Tanzania Collaborative)
"The Tanzanian Education System: A Teacher's Perspective"

October 26: Tucker Childs
(Portland State University)
"The disappearance of African languages, who cares?"

November 2: Laurence Breiner
(Boston University)
"'Your presence is our past': Anglophone Caribbean Poets and Africa"

November 9: Ann & Robert Seidman
(Boston University)
"Using Law for Good Governance and Development: The Boston University Africa i-Parliaments Legislative Policy and Drafting Clinic"

November 16: Michael A. Grodin
(Boston University MED & SPH)
“Caring for African Survivors of Torture and Refugee Trauma”
The Boston Center for Refugee Health and Human Rights at BU Medical Center

November 23: No seminar (after ASA)

November 30: Richard Werbner
(University of Manchester)
"Holy Hustlers: Charismatic Youth and Apostolic Reformation in Botswana"

December 7: Magaly Koch
(Boston University)
"Agroecology of Malaria: Images of a Changing Landscape"
Spring 2010
The Walter Rodney African Studies Seminar presents:

Monday, January 25:
Nirvana Tanoukhí (Harvard)
"From Scale to Setting: Reflections on J.M. Coetzee's Disgrace"

Monday, February 1:
Melissa Graboyes (Boston University)
"Facts in the Fantastic and Truth in the Tall Tales: East African Understandings of Medical Research, 1950-present."

Monday, February 8:
Shaheen Mozaffar (Bridgewater State College)
“Role Perceptions of Cross-Pressured Legislators: Preliminary Findings from the African Legislatures Project”

Monday, February 15: Holiday, no seminar

Monday, February 22:
Theodore Trefon (MRAC Tervuren)
“Reform failure in the Congo”

Monday, March 1:
Thomas Kilduff (Freelance journalist/Travel writer)
"Missionaries, Snakes and Survivors: Depictions of Africa with The Poisonwood Bible"

Monday, March 8: Spring recess, no seminar

Monday, March 15:
Christopher LaMonica (US Coast Guard Academy)
"The Politics of Strengthening Local Governments in a Sub-Saharan State: The Case of Zambia."

Monday, March 22:
Carlos Robles Fraga (Consul General of Spain in Boston)
Spain and Africa, A Long and Narrow Road

Monday, March 29:
Teresa de Almeida Cravo (Cambridge University/ Harvard)
What’s In a Label? The Donor Community’s Perceptions of ‘Success’ and ‘Failure’ in Africa

Monday, April 5:
Cheikh Anta Babou (U. of Pennsylvania)
“God’s politics, People’s politics: The Rise and Retreat of Political Islam in Senegal”
Monday, April 12:
James Webb (Colby College)
"Malaria Control in Liberia, 1945-1962: Lessons from the First Large-Scale Use of Synthetic Insecticides in Tropical Africa"

Monday, April 19: Holiday, no seminar

Monday, April 26:
Régine Jean-Charles (Boston College)
"Precious and Pauline: Urban Girls in the African Diaspora and Narratives of Dysfunction"
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
The Walter Rodney Seminar Series - Spring Semester 2011

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"

Monday Mar 7  Darren Kew (University of Massachusetts, Boston)  
“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)  

Monday Apr 18  Holiday - no seminar

Monday Apr 25  Kim Miller (Wheaton College)  
"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
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<td>&quot;This is Play&quot;: Explaining Self-Regulating Aspects in the Ivorian Civil Conflict</td>
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<td>Reading Architecture Back: Two &quot;Houses of Discourse and the Igbo Fear of Twins before Christianity</td>
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<td>The Challenge of Rebuilding Legal and Judicial Institutions in the Aftermath of Conflict in Africa</td>
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Monday, January 23  Zhongwei Liu (Chinese Academy of Social Sciences)  "Chinese Aid to Africa: a Case Study in Rwanda"

Monday, January 30  Walter H. Sangree (University of Rochester)  "Soul Allocation and Patrilineality: Traditional Irigwe (Nigeria) Conjugal and Parenthood Rites"

Monday, February 6  Christa Clarke (Newark Museum of Art)  "Curating a Continent: African Art at the Newark Museum"

Monday, February 13  Victor Manfredi (Boston University)  "Before Wazobịa; Ominigbọ and polyglot culture in medieval 9ja"

Monday, February 20  Holiday - No seminar

Monday, February 27  Roger Claude Liwanga  "The Process of Democratization in the DRC: What Lessons to Learn from the 2011 Election?"

Monday, March 5  Houchang E. Chehabi (Boston University)  "The Discreet Relationship: Iran and South Africa in the Apartheid Era"

Monday, March 12  Spring recess

Monday, March 19  Christopher B. Mugimu (Makerere University)  "Best practices of incorporating effective pedagogical strategies in HIV/AIDS materials in Teacher Education in Africa"

Monday, March 26  Eyamba G. Bokamba (U. of Illinois @Urbana-Champaign)  "The Geopolitics of the Congo"

Monday, April 2  Daivi Rodima-Taylor (Boston University)  "Money, Growth, and Mutual Help in Tanzania: African Savings and Credit Revisited"

Monday, April 9  Douglas L. Wheeler (University of New Hampshire)  "Rediscovering Lusophone African History, one archive at a time"

Monday, April 16  Holiday - No seminar

Monday, April 23  Katrien Pype (KUL-MIT)  "Risk and Reciprocity in Kinshasa's News World"

Monday, April 30  Jeanne Koopman (Boston University)  "Land Grabs, Family Farms, and Food Security in Senegal"
Walter Rodney Seminars - Fall 2012

The Walter Rodney Seminar lecture series was inaugurated in the fall of 1977, at the initiative of two doctoral candidates in Boston University’s political science department. It was named after Walter Rodney, the Guyanese scholar and political activist murdered in his native country in 1980, whose best-remembered book, “How Europe Underdeveloped Africa” (1972), has long been considered a classic in African studies. Over the past 35 years, the Walter Rodney Seminar has brought more than five hundred guest speakers to BU’s African Studies Center. The lecture series is interdisciplinary, and has included presentations by established and incipient scholars in all Africa-related disciplines, including history, anthropology, political science, economics, sociology, public health, literature, visual arts, musicology, religion, Islamic studies, international relations, and public diplomacy.

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

Sept. 17: Katherine A. Luongo (Northeastern) & Matthew P. Carotenuto (St. Lawrence)
“Revising the Nation: Obama and the New Historiography of Kenya”

Sept. 24: Pamela Allara (Brandeis)
"Training the Artist-Citizen: 21 Years at Artist Proof Studio, Johannesburg"

Oct. 1: Micaela Díaz-Sánchez (Mount Holyoke)
“Habla, Habla, Negra: Articulations of Gender and Sexuality in Afro-Puerto Rican Bomba”

Oct. 8: Holiday – No seminar

Oct. 15: Jean Borgatti (Fitchburg Art Museum)
“Ways of Seeing: The Okpella Viewpoint”

Oct. 22: Martha Saavedra (University of California, Berkeley)
“Fin de siècle? Commanding the Court in Senegalese Women’s Basketball”

Oct. 29: Susanne D. Mueller (Boston University)
"Kenya and the International Criminal Court"

Nov. 5: Iba Mar Faye (Initiative Prospective Agricole et Rurale, Senegal)
"The Peasant Movement's Struggle to Influence Land Tenure Policy in Senegal"

Nov. 12: William F. S. Miles (Northeastern)
“Bar Mitzvah in Abuja”
(Based on his book, Jews in Nigeria: An Afro-Judaic Odyssey)

Nov. 19: Chakanetsa Mavhunga (MIT)
"African Innovation and the Fate of Incoming Technologies: Historicizing the Mobility and Indigenization of Guns in Zimbabwe"

Nov. 26: Hugh Roberts (Tufts University)
“After the Liberation: Algeria 1962-2012: reflections on the experience of independence”

Dec 3: Manga Kuoh (Cameroonian author)
“Socialism and Political Leadership in Africa in the Twentieth Century”

Dec. 10: Michael Woldemariam (Boston University) & Dan Connell (Simmons College)
“Views of the Eritrea / Ethiopia Conflict”

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<td>Laura Ann Twagira (History, Boston University)</td>
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<td>Cheryl Sterling (Literature, NYU)</td>
<td>&quot;Traveling the Road of the Orishas: From Yoruba Identity to the Nagô Ideal in Brazil&quot;</td>
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<td>Rodolfo Fattovich (Archeology, U. of Naples ‘L'Orientale’)</td>
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<td>&quot;Hot and Haute: African Fashion, FIMA, and Globalization&quot;</td>
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<td>Casey Golomski (Brandeis University)</td>
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<td>“‘School is the path now!’ Gendered Dimensions of Environmental Change in Rural West Africa”</td>
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<td>Taryn Vian (BU-SPH)</td>
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<td>Lauren Nicole Coyle (University of Chicago)</td>
<td>“Valences of Sacrificial Mining and the Blood of the Body Politic in Ghana”</td>
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<td>&quot;Completely Catholic and Completely African': Francophone Catholic African Students and Africa's Future in the 1950s&quot;</td>
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Walter Rodney Seminar Series - Spring 2014

January 27  John Harris and Daivi Rodima-Taylor (Boston University)  
"Rebuilding Post-Conflict Africa through Remittances: Perspectives from Economics and Anthropology"

February 3  Kwamina Panford (Northeastern University)  
“Ghana’s Petroleum: What needs to be done to Avoid the Resource Curse”

February 10  John Thornton (Boston University)  
“Kongo Christianity and the Formation of Afro-Cuban Religion”

February 17  Holiday - No seminar

February 24  Samuel Mendlinger (Boston University)  
"Motivation of Safari Tourists visiting Ngorongoro Conservation Area, Tanzania"

March 3  Elizabeth Parsons (Boston University)  
TBA

March 10  Spring recess - No seminar

March 17  Senzeni Marasela (SA Artist)  
TBA

March 24  Lucia Luzi (Boston University)  
"Long-Term Impact of Health and Nutrition Status on Education Outcomes for Children in Rural Tanzania"

March 31  Marek Pawełczak (University of Warsaw)  
TBA

April 7  Kim Miller (Wheaton College)  
"The place that used to be Hell has been changed to heaven": Women's incarceration, agency, and the reinvention of space in a South African prison.”

April 14  Linda Heywood (Boston University)  
“Politics, Memory and the Re-making of Queen Njinga in contemporary Angola”

April 21  Holiday - No seminar

April 28  Lidwien Kapteijns (Wellesley College)  
"Writing about Communal Violence in the Somali Civil War: Intent and Outcomes”

May 5  Study Period - No seminar
## WALTER RODNEY SEMINARS – FALL 2014

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Walter Rodney Seminar Revised Schedule - Spring 2015

January 26: William F.S. Miles (Northeastern University)
“Scars of Partition: Franco-British Colonial Legacies in Borderlands"

February 2: Cancelled – rescheduled for Monday, April 27

February 9: Cancelled – rescheduled for Friday, April 17

February 16: Holiday – no seminar

February 23: Bruce Larson (Boston University / SPH)
HIV/AIDS, Adult Health, and Agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa: How PEPFAR Changed the Story

March 2: Ousmane Kane (Harvard Divinity School)
"Religion and Politics in Post-colonial West Africa"

March 9: Spring recess – no seminar

March 16: Jeremy De Silva (Boston University)
“New fossil discoveries from the Cradle of Humankind, South Africa”

March 23: Victor Manfredi (Boston University)
“The BK Expansion- Grammar, demography and lexical tone”

March 30: Abel Djassi Amado (BU/BC)
"The Illegible State in the PALOP"

April 6: Prita Meier (Clark Museum, Williamstown)
"Trading the Gaze: African Photography at the Indian Ocean Crossroads."

April 13: Dan Connell (ASC/BU)
“Eritrea: Refugees, migration & trafficking: How it works & what to do about it”

April 17 * : Robin Wolfe Scheffler (MIT/American Academy of Arts and Sciences)
“From Tropical Disease to Molecular Cancer: The Global Politics of Biomedical Research, 1958-1978”

April 20: Holiday – no seminar

April 27 * : Diana Wylie (Boston University)
"Part of who we are": Historic Preservation in North Africa

* rescheduled events
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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, 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 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”
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SEPTEMBER

9.10  Robert Mattes and Shaheen Mozaffar
“The ‘Dumbing Down’ Effect of Proportional Representation Electoral Systems in Africa”

9.17  Catherine L. Kelly
"Meanings of Justice and Security in Bangui, Central African Republic”

9.24  Rita Kiki (Nkiru) Edozie
"Pan ‘Africa’ Rising: The Paradox of Culture, Third Ways, and Coproducing Global Development”

10.29  Ghirmay Negash
“Wounded Identities in the Clinic of Pan-Africanism”

NOVEMBER

11.5  Lauren Honig
“The Struggle for Land: The state, customary authorities, and citizens in Senegal and Zambia”

11.12  Serena Stein
“Notes on a Donor Darling: Agribusiness, Transnational Intimacies and the Infrastructure of Obligation in Mozambique’s Nacala Corridor”

11.26  Kenda Mutongi
"Reading Under the Covers: A History of Schooling in Kenya”

OCTOBER

10.1  Lawrence Were
“From African Socialism to Neoliberal Dispensation: The Case of Healthcare Reform in Kenya”

10.9*  Nancy Jacobs
"Washington Okumu and the Miracle of South Africa’s 1994 Elections”

10.15  Emilie Diouf

10.22  Jennifer Johnson
“Negotiating Health after Empire: Rewriting the History of Family Planning in North Africa”

DECEMBER

12.3  Michael Woldemariam
“Divide and Rule: Partition and Illiberal State-Building in the Horn of Africa”

12.10  George Paul Meiu
“Plastic Panics: Masculinity, Materiality, and Citizenship in Kenya”

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JANUARY

28 Chipo Dendere (Amherst College)
“Understanding Political Transitions in the Social Media (Digital Age)”

FEBRUARY

4 Hilary Matfess (Yale University)
“Women, War, and Agency: A Study of Boko Haram and Gender”

11 Samantha Lakin (Clark University)
“Kwibuka: Divergent Memory and the Quest for Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda”

25 Lori de Lucia (UCLA)

MARCH

4 Abigail H. Neely (Dartmouth College)
“When Children Become Ancestors: Death and Dying in Post-Apartheid South Africa”

18 Karen S. Barton (University of Northern Colorado)
“The Geographical Dimensions of Senegal’s Maritime Spaces”

25 Brian Valente-Quinn (University of Colorado, Boulder)
“Staging Sufi Stories: Theater and the Murids of Senegal”

APRIL

1 Katherine Luongo (Northeastern University)

8 Lilly Havstad (Boston University)
“To Live a Better Life: The Making of a Mozambican Middle Class in Maputo City”

17* Nadia Sabri (Université Mohammed V, Rabat)
“Contemporary Artistic Investigations of Morocco: Concrete Territory and Palimpsest of the Sensitive”

22 Eric J. Schmidt (Boston University)
“Arid Fidelity and ‘Reluctant Capitalists’: Independent Record Labels and the Circulation of Tuareg Music”

29 Christopher B. Steiner (Connecticut College)
“The Missionary as African Art Collector and Dealer: Dr. George W. Harley in Liberia, 1925-1960”

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SEPTEMBER
16  Darren Kew (U. Mass. Boston)

23  Dinah Hannaford (Texas A&M University)
    “Foreign Assistants: Development and Care in an African City”

30  Séverine Autesserre (Columbia/Barnard)
    “On the Frontlines of Peace: The Unlikely People Who Are Getting It Right”

OCTOBER
7   Adeline Masquelier (Tulane University)

21  Bryan Trabold (Suffolk University)
    “Opposition Journalism: The Weekly Mail and New Nation in Apartheid South Africa”

28  Katarzyna Pieprzak (Williams)
    “Poems on Mass Housing in North Africa”

NOVEMBER
4   Sara Beth Keough (Saginaw Valley State University)
    “Water, Life, and Profit: Water Vending in Niamey, Niger”
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JANUARY
27 Hugh Roberts (Tufts)
“Algeria: The People and the Power”

FEBRUARY
3 Rudo Mudiwa (Princeton)
“You Idiot, I’m One of You!”: Policing and the (Mis)recognition of Female Citizenship in Zimbabwe”

24 Laura E. Seay (Colby)
“(Re)constructing the Congolese State: International Interventions and Informal Governance”

MARCH
16 Kwasi Konadu (Colgate)
“Communographies: Histories of Healing, Religion, Politics, and Decolonization in Africa”

23 Sara Berry (Johns Hopkins)
“On Whose Authority? ‘Land Reform,’ Power and Economic Uncertainty in Contemporary sub-Saharan Africa”

30 Anima Adjepong (Simmons)
“Love and Culture: On Compulsory Heterosexuality as Ghana’s Neocolonial Inheritance”

APRIL
22 Parker Shipton (BU)
“Savagism: Prejudice, Permutation, and Performance”

27 Jennifer Yanco & Daivi Rodima-Taylor (BU)
“The Process and Ethnography of the NEH Ajami Research Project”
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Hosted on Zoom | 12:15pm to 2pm ET | Register at https://tinyurl.com/RODNEYFALL20

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OCTOBER
10.19 Kris Berwouts (Independent)
"Democracy in the Democratic Republic of Congo: What Are the Prospects for Real Change After the 2018 Elections?"

10.26 Jean Borgatti (Clark University)
“Ekasa Performance in Benin – Song, Dance, Prayer – Coronation 2016“

NOVEMBER
11.2 John Thornton (Boston University)
“The Rise and Expansion of the Lunda Empire”

11.9 Nana Osei-Opare (Fordham University)
"Making the Ghanaian Citizen and State During the Cold War"

11.16 Shannen Hill (Smithsonian National Museum of African Art)
"South African Mining and Art: Imagining an Industry"

11.30 Ṣẹniọlá Ánúólùwápó Šọyémi (European University Institute)
“Freedom in the Political Thought of Steve Biko”

DECEMBER
12.7 Kwasi Konadu (Colgate University)
“Communographies: Histories of Healing, Religion, Politics, and Decolonization in Africa”
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FEBRUARY

02.08 Marc Sommers (Boston University)
“Youth, Pop Culture and Terror Warfare in Sierra Leone”

*02.16 Les Kaufman (Boston University)
"Food-Energy-Water Security, Biodiversity, and Climate Change in the Nilotic Great Lakes of Africa"

MARCH

03.01 David Frankfurter (Boston University)
"Re-Modeling the Christianization of Egypt"

03.08 Shingirai Taodzera (Wellesley College)
"Nations Within a State and the Emerging Hydrocarbons Industry in Uganda"

03.15 Anima Adjepong (Independent Researcher)
"Afropolitan Vibes: Race, Class, and Cultural Politics in Accra and Houston"

03.22 Patricia-Pia Célérier (Vassar College)
"Can One Talk of a Decolonial Turn in France Today?"

03.29 Trent Masiki (Boston University)
"The Road to Kampala: African American Ambassadors and Foreign Service Officers in Uganda"

APRIL

04.05 Adia Benton (Northwestern University)
"Spy, Patrol, Police: Black Life and the Production of Epidemiological Knowledge from Atlanta, Georgia to Freetown, Sierra Leone”

04.12 Tim Weiskel (Boston University)
"Some Troubling Chapters in the Political Ecology and History of West African Agriculture”

04.26 Abdoulaye Sounaye (Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient)
“Projecting Life: Boko, Learning and Religiosity on a University Campus in West Africa”

* This date is a Tuesday; BU will be operating on Monday Schedule