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From the Director's Desk

And so the changing of the seasons continues. Spring is steadily proceeding towards its inevitable end and we all can feel summer approaching. Those familiar with the African Studies Institute will agree that Spring 2012 stands out as one of our most exciting semesters. The feeling also resonated around the University of Georgia, into the Athens Community, and far beyond. The recognizable sources of the spring delight in the Institute are the affiliated staff and faculty. This is due to the success of events and activities that they organized as well as the value of their *laudable* achievements.



There is palpable energy building up in our Institute. We thank you, as we come to the end of the academic year, for all your support and contributions to African Studies at the University of Georgia. I must reiterate the need for us all to channel more energy into increasing available learning opportunities about Africa for our students, and elevating the splendid profile of our institute at the University of Georgia. We must specially highlight the continuing growth of the Introduction to Africa class (AFST 2100). The course has been the cornerstone class for both our certificate and minor programs and its present growth indicates that it will also be critical for the proposed African Studies major. More than two hundred students registered for the spring offering of the course and over a dozen ASI faculty members served as guest lecturers. The institute is grateful for Dr. Ibigbolade Aderibigbe's contributions to the growth of the course as he continues to serve as the primary instructor for the 8am class. In addition to the Introduction to Africa class, growing number of ASI core and affiliated faculty are offering increasingly popular Africa focused courses in almost all the colleges of the University. The growth in the number of available direct and cross-listed AFST courses is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of the ASI faculty across campus. All of us must also be encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive response of the students to these AFST courses in the Spring semester and their increased participation in the Certificate and Minor programs. The eleven recipients of the Certificate in African Studies at the 2012 Darl Snyder event in the Spring represented the largest class of UGA undergraduates to receive the Certificate in African Studies since its inception in 1996.

In pursuit of the Institute's goal of establishing a Graduate Certificate program in the nearest future, we inaugurated the Africa Graduate Students Forum (AGSF) in January 2012. The AGSF is for all University of Georgia graduate students whose research, teaching and general interests are on the African continent. This is further helped by the increase in graduate students' participation in the institute through the three teaching assistants serving in the Introduction to Africa class as well as a Foreign Language Teach In pursuit of the Institute's goal of establishing a Graduate Certificate program in the nearest future, we inaugurated the Africa Graduate Students Forum (AGSF) in January 2012. The AGSF is for all University of Georgia graduate students whose research, teaching and general interests are on the African continent. This is further helped by the increase in graduate students' participation in the institute through the three teaching assistants serving in the Introduction to Africa class as well as a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA for Hausa).

The continued development of the institute is reflected in the number of participating faculty members as well. At the moment, there are sixty affiliated members on the Institute's affiliates only listserv representing all UGA schools and colleges with the exception of the School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), College of Pharmacy, and the MCG/UGA Medical Partnership. We continue to work hard to get representation in these three colleges and get them into the ASI family. Interestingly, ASI and SPIA (through the International Affairs department) had a jointly appointed faculty position up till to four years ago. It will be beneficial to revisit this shared position for the benefit of the students, especially those in the minor program. It is a delight to see the increasing number of ASI affiliates in all the other schools and colleges on campus. This validates our efforts to ensure that the African Studies Institute is truly a UGA campus-wide entity.

The number of budgeted faculty members in the Institute has grown from four (Akinloye Ojo; Karim Traore; Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and Sandra Whitney) to five with the filling of the joint History and African Studies' East Africa position. Hussein Dinani from Emory University has been employed as an assistant professor to start teaching East African history courses beginning in the Fall. We are thankful for the efforts of all the ASI faculty and staff members who contributed to the successful

search, including the East Africa search committee members: Tim Cleaveland (chair), Lioba Moshi, Adam Sabra, and Karim Traore.

We are also grateful for the support of the Chair (John Morrow) and faculty members of the History department. We look forward to welcoming Hussein to the University of Georgia and the African Studies Institute in August.

The summer semester is also off to a thrilling start with exciting summer programs in Ghana, Botswana, South Africa, Morocco and Tanzania. We wish all the UGA students, faculty and staff embarking on educational summer programs, safe, enjoyable and productive trips. We salute them for opening themselves up to experience and learn about Africa on the continent. Our special request to all of them is to be great UGA and ASI ambassadors and to bring back local snacks that we could use as part of our Taste of Africa events in the Fall during the ASI @ 25 celebrations. An historical development in ASI Summer programming is that in addition to the African Studies classes being offered on the various study abroad programs in Africa, the Institute will also be teaching African Studies summer classes in residence on campus. The two AFST pioneering summer courses in residence are Nature and Structure of African Religion (AFST 1201) offered in the Maymester session by Dr. Ibigbolade Aderibigbe and African Oral Literature (AFST 4245/6245) offered in the Summer Second session by Dr. Karim Traore.

One of our standout achievements for the Spring semester was the successful organization and hosting of the 20th Annual Darl Snyder Lecture on March 6. This year's lecturer was Dr. Arthur Dunning, Vice Chancellor for International Programs and Outreach at the University of Alabama System. As the former Vice President for Public Service and Outreach here at the University of Georgia, Art Dunning did a good job in speaking on the topic, *"The University of Georgia and Africa: A Future with a Past."* The lecture was followed by the Annual Darl Snyder luncheon.

The luncheon featured award presentations to K-12 GPA participants and deserving ASI faculty members

Earlier on Monday, March 5, we hosted a K-12 Teachers' Forum at 3:30pm as part of the 20th Annual Darl Snyder Lecture commemoration. The forum featured K-12 teachers from across the

country that participated and completed the ASI organized and US department of Education funded Fulbright Hays Group Project Abroad (GPA) program in Tanzania. Our sincere appreciation goes to the 2012 Darl Snyder Events Organizing committee for a fantastic effort.

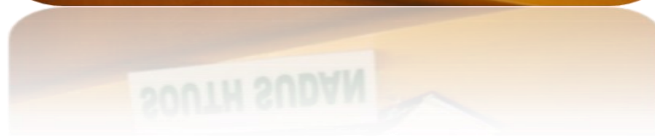
On the heels of the successful Darl Snyder Lecture series, the African Studies Institute hosted the Ambassador from Cape Verde to the United States, Honorable Maria de Fátima Lima da Veiga on April 4 and 5, 2012. The visit, at our invitation, is as a result of the outstanding representation provided by the UGA teams under the leadership of Dr. Karim Traore at the National Model African Union (NMAU) simulations in Washington, DC. For the last two years, UGA represented Cape Verde at the conference. The Ambassador made two presentations (an ASI public lecture on the 4th and the keynote lecture at the 2012 Global Education Forum on the 5th), and met with university officials during her visit. It is our hope that the visit will assist us in our mission to bring students and faculty from Cape Verde (and other Lusophone parts of Africa) to the University of Georgia. Other units that supported the visit included the Latin America and Caribbean Studies Institute (LACSI), Portuguese Flagship program, Global Educational Forum in the College of Education, Global Programs in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and the Office of International Education.

Many more exciting things have happened in the lives of the Institute's faculty and staff affiliates since Fall. Some of them are reported in the following pages for your review. The Fall 2012 semester looks quite promising. We hope you will join us in ensuring the success of all our programs. We will be marking a milestone in the history of the Institute. In 1987, faculty members formed an Africa interest, and so began African Studies at the University of Georgia. Today, twenty-five years later, the program has grown tremendously into an Institute. The African Studies Institute (ASI) will be celebrating this landmark with a series of events in the Fall. Two of our past Directors, Professor Lioba Moshi and Professor Jack Houston are serving as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the 25th Anniversary committee respectively. The committee has chosen November 2012 as the celebration month. A list of some of the planned activities is in this newsletter and we hope you will join us for the celebrations.

Finally, I implore you not to forget that our Institute and all of its activities are only sustained and grown by each individual's intellectual, physical and financial contributions. We strongly urge you to make (or increase) your individual contribution to the growth of our African agenda at the University of Georgia. We thank you for all invaluable past, present and future contributions.

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(Blessings from Africa to us all!)



2012 Certificate in African

By Akinloye Ojo



The Certificate in African Studies provides UGA undergraduate students with valuable knowledge about Africa and various aspects of life on the continent. The Certificate is recommended to students wishing to gain international perspectives before entering the global marketplace. The courses offered through the program cover a variety of disciplines to ensure that the Certificate lends itself to any major area of study. It is not necessary to study abroad to earn the Certificate, but credit towards the Certificate can be earned by studying abroad in Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa or Tanzania.

Eleven Certificate Recipients

In order to earn the Certificate in African Studies, students must complete seventeen credit hours from the list of courses endorsed by the African Studies Institute. There are presently six candidates working towards the Certificate. The Certificate is awarded every spring during the African Studies Annual Darl Snyder Lecture event.

The eleven undergraduate students of the University of Georgia who had successfully completed the requirements for the Certificate in African Studies in 2011-2012 were recognized during the 20th Annual Darl Snyder Lecture event on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Mahler Auditorium of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. The 2012 recipients were Lea Babcock, Kathleen Block, Anna Jolley, Christina Kramer Klug, Sadie Lambert, Kaley Lamon, Mayowa Joy Pius, Kaitlin Shumate, Vivien Tsuo, Ama Enoidem Udoh, and Richard Grimm Waterworth.

Dr. Arthur Dunning, the Vice Chancellor for International Programs and Outreach in the University of Alabama System and the 2012 Darl Snyder Lecture speaker awarded the certificate to the

recipients. He was ably assisted by Dr. Traore, the current Associate Director of the African Studies Institute and Chair of the ASI Curriculum committee.

The 2012 class represented the largest group of UGA undergraduates to receive the Certificate in African Studies since its inception in 1996. This large number of recipients reflects the growth of the certificate program as well as the steady enrollments in our different African languages (such as the Swahili and the Yoruba programs). Students working toward the Certificate are required to complete three semesters of study in an African language offered at the University (including Arabic, Swahili, Yoruba, and Manding). There are currently six registered undergraduates. Available courses for the program come from different colleges and disciplines such as African Studies, Comparative Literature, Religion, Agricultural Economics, Forestry, History and more.

To enroll in the Certificate in African Studies program or for more information, please contact akinloye@uga.edu or visit the program website: <http://www.uga.edu/afrstu/certificate/index.htm>

AGSF 2011 - 2012

By April Conway and Felisters Kiprono

At the beginning of Fall 2011, Dr. Akinloye Ojo proposed the creation of a forum where graduate students from Africa and those studying African issues could come together to discuss their research, get support through the University, and interact with the faculty. Janet Musimbi M'mbaha and Felisters Kiprono organized and chaired the first meeting for the organization in November 2011. A low attendance at the meeting was due to not having access to many students' email addresses. After the meeting, emails from African students were obtained through Robin Valerie Catmur (Director International Students, Scholar & Immigration Services).

Another meeting was planned and held on January 18th, 2012. This meeting was held at the African Studies Institute and a total of 11 members were present. Two graduate students, Jena Hickey and April Conway, from the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources gave short talks on their experiences working in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sierra Leone. Another meeting was planned and held on January 18th, 2012.

Discussion during the meeting focused on the purpose and mission for the organization. The name of the organization was debated, and "Africa Graduate Student Forum" (AGSF) was the name agreed upon by members. Some of the goals determined for the organization were:

- ◆ Involvement of graduate students in the Introduction to Africa.
- ◆ Welcoming new students from Africa and getting them acquainted with the University
- ◆ Involving African faculty to provide their expertise and act as advisers.
- ◆ Involvement of graduate students with the African Students Union as mentors and
- ◆ Increase awareness of African issues on campus through various networks and events.

The members nominated interim officials, who included: President: Felisters Kiprono; Vice-President: April Conway; Secretary: Boineelo Mantu; Treasurer: open; Public relations: Byron

Kipchumba. The interim officials were asked to develop the mission and vision statements for the group, as well as to draft the by-laws.

Felisters, April, Mantu, and Kipchumba met together on several occasions to draft the by-laws. After the draft was created, the by-laws were submitted to the advisors, Dr. Karim Traore, and Dr. Rose Chepyator-Thomson for editing and revising. These edits were incorporated into the final draft, which was then sent out to the general membership for further review by March 5th. After March 5th, all inputs were included and the final version of the by-laws was completed.

Fall Planned Activities

Spring Social and Member Meeting

- ◆ Members and advisors will gather for a potluck to socialize
- ◆ Discussion of the constitution and future activities
- ◆ Voting for new officers for 2012-13 academic year, including: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations
- ◆ Location & Date TBD

Annual Conference

Begin plans on the first Campus Interdisciplinary Graduate Students' Conference on Africa in Fall 2012. Theme TBA

2012 Darl Snyder Lecture

By Ibigbolade Aderibigbe



The 20th Annual Darl Snyder Lecture took place on March 5-6, 2012. This year's Darl Snyder lecture was unique for two landmarks. First, it was the 20th in the series and secondly it coincided with the 90th birthday anniversary of Dr. Darl Snyder. Therefore, the planning committee was bound to celebrate these landmarks by expanding the scope and content of the annual Snyder lecture to a two-day program.

The committee was faced with the challenge of finding a speaker who would be able to deliver a lecture that captures the history of the African Studies Institute at UGA while stressing the ties of the ASI and UGA to the African continent at the same time.

As indicated above, the 2012 Darl Snyder lecture was a two-day program. On the first day, Monday 5th of March, two major events took place. The first was a roundtable discussion by past participants

Institute's Tanzania K-12 Teachers GPA program under the directorship of Dr. Lioba Moshi and with funding from the United States Department of Education.

The program was established to take K-12 school to Tanzania for field experience of African school systems. It was gratifying to witness a turnout of participants that went beyond every expectation. The teachers shared their illuminating and interesting experiences that they successfully incorporated into their classroom activities. An enthusiastic large audience listened to the participants and contributed with good questions and insightful comments.

The second event for the day was the reception for the Darl Snyder keynote speaker, Dr. Dunning. This occasion was the ideal moment to celebrate Dr. Darl Snyder's 90th birthday. Dr. Cheri Snyder, the daughter of the celebrant, presented a genealogy of the "Snyder dynasty" in a very humorous manner. Friends of Dr. Snyder congratulated our birthday child on the witty mode.

On the second day, Dr. Dunning gave his lecture titled "The University of Georgia and Africa: A Future with a Past". Our speaker's presentation revealed that he is very familiar with the history of the African Studies at UGA. He was formerly UGA's Vice-President for Public Service and Outreach.

This experience fed into his insightful presentation. Dr. Dunning thoroughly acquainted the development of the African Studies at UGA: he masterly summed up the history of the discipline and convincingly designed recommendations for the future. Dr. Dunning insisted on the vital importance of outreach and partnership with

African educational institutions. Moreover, the speaker declared that mutual respect is the guarantee for sustainable cooperation and lasting engagements.

Also during the program and for the first time ever, there was a performance by a group of students from the various African Studies classes. The group, whose core membership came from the Ensemble class taught by Dr. Jean Kidula, performed two songs. The quality of the performance speaks to Dr. Kidula's competence as a teacher. She brought about this "ensemble" in only a few weeks of rehearsal. Dr. Kidula teaches in the School of Music at UGA.

During the Darl Snyder lecture, 11 students were awarded their "Certificate in African Studies". The Lecture was followed by the annual Darl Snyder Luncheon. This year's Luncheon was attended by top University administrators including a representative of the president of the University, Dr. Adams. The luncheon featured a presentation of perspectives on 20 years of Darl Snyder Lecture from Dr. Cheri Snyder (Snyder Family perspective) and Dr. Lioba Moshi (African Studies Institute perspective). Remarks from Dr. Dunning; then recognition and presentation of certificates to the 2011 K-12 teachers program participants.

The event was rounded off with African Studies Exemplary Service Recognitions to Professor Lioba Moshi (former and longest serving Director of ASI) and Professor Jack Houston (the immediate past Interim Director of ASI). Dr. Ibigbolade Aderibigbe was also awarded a Certificate of recognition for Undergraduate teaching in African Studies.



Dr. Cherie Snyder assisting her father, Dr. Darl Snyder with cutting his 90th birthday cake

In conclusion, as the Chair of the 2012 20th Annual Darl Snyder lectures planning committee, I wish to place on record the individual and collective innovation and diligent efforts of the members. All of us should be proud of the success of every event on the two-day program. The huge success of this year's Darl Snyder Lecture is a foretaste and indication of its anticipated future strengths and successes.

APERO: The Brown Bag Lecture Series

by Freda Scott Giles

The Brown Bag Lecture Series is sponsored by the African Studies Institute, the Institute for African American Studies and the African American Cultural Center. The Brown Bag Lecture series is in the fourth year of providing an effective forum for faculty and graduate students to present research connected to African and African American Studies to the entire UGA community. The range of topics is always eclectic and often surprising in scope. Our most recent series was no exception.

Our Spring 2012 series kicked off on January 18 with Dr. Michelle Commeyras (Reading Education), who described her experience as a volunteer literacy expert in Sierra Leone. She was followed on January 25 by Dr. Emily Sahakian (Theatre and French) who discussed significant themes in dramas by Maryse Condé, a world-class dramatist, as well as novelist and essayist, from Guadeloupe. One of our best-attended and most discussed lectures was delivered on February 8 by Bantu D. Gross, a Ph.D. student in Recreation and Leisure Studies, who shared some of his research on "How the Accusation of 'Acting White' Influences Leisure Preferences." The topic drew the attention of a reporter from the Athens Banner Herald. The online version of his article generated a lot of online discussion.

On February 15, Dr. Karim Traoré, who is the Associate Director of ASI as well as a faculty member in Comparative

Literature, demonstrated the richness of West African tales that are simple by design, but not simplistic. Raye M. Rawls, J.D., from the Fanning Institute brought her colleague David Anderson Hooker to lead a documentary produced by George Lucas as a companion to his feature film "Red Tails," a fictionalized account of the experiences of the Tuskegee Airmen in Europe. Instead of our usual Wednesday in the African American Cultural Center, we spent the last Friday evening of the month in a large lecture room in the Miller Learning Center with an enthusiastic crowd of all ages to see the documentary and participate in a discussion with Dr. Morrow. Due to the Darl Snyder Lecture Events and Spring Break, we scheduled only one lecture in March. Dr. Lisa Bratton, invited by Dr. Jerome Morris and the Race, Class, Place and Outcomes Research Group at the Institution for Behavioral Research, delivered a fascinating lecture entitled "I am Forever: Interpreting Black Family Life On February 15, Dr. Karim Traoré, who is the Associate Director of ASI as well as a faculty

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Brattonville is a historic plantation open to the public that is a rich locus of history for its black and white descendants.

On April 4, Dr. Marian Higgins, Associate Director of Diversity Programs at the Career Center, shared her research on "Black Women's Experiences at Women's Colleges." Unfortunately, inclement weather led to the cancellation of our final spring lecture by Dr. Mary Atwater (Science Education). We have rescheduled her for our Fall 2012 Series, whose schedule we are pleased to announce here.

APERO SCHEDULE FALL 2012

August 29: Dr. Toni Miles, Director, Institute of Gerontology
Obamacare and the Supreme Court Decision: What Now?

September 12: Dr. Rachel Gabara, Romance Languages
Colonial and Postcolonial Documentary Film in West and Central Africa

September 19: Dr. Mary M. Atwater, Education
Experiences of Black Science Education Faculty Members in Higher Education in the U.S.

September 26: Dr. Christina Grange, Center for Family Research
Implementing Effective Family-Centered Prevention Programs: the Science and the Practice

October 10: TBA

October 24: Dr. Talmadge Guy, Lifelong Education,
Media Representations of Race and the Presidential Election of 2012

November 7: Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd, Geography and Atmospheric Sciences
The Disproportionate Impact of Climate Change on the African American Community

November 28: Dr. Lonnie T. Brown, School of Law
Ramsey Clarke and H. Rap Brown: an Attorney-Client Relationship

The lectures are Blue Card Events, and everyone is welcome. APERO could not exist without the generosity of the speakers who share their research and the participation of the audiences that come to hear them. Please plan to spend as many Wednesdays from 12:15-1:15P.M. at the African American Cultural Center, Memorial Hall 407 with us as you can. We look forward to another exciting series!

Minor in African Studies

by Ibigbolade Aderibigbe

The Minor in African Studies is one of the two academic programs (the other is the Certificate in African studies) in the Institute of African Studies, here at the University of Georgia.

The program is designed to afford students the opportunity of a more specialized grasp of the life, the people, the language, the vegetation, the political, the tradition, the economic practices, and the belief systems in a holistic world view of a greatly diverse continent of Africa. It also enhances the students' abilities, options and opportunities in the global market place. To qualify for a minor in African Studies, Students must fulfill the following requirements, among others, listed in ASI Brochure on the Minor in African Studies:

Over the years, the Minor in African Studies has continued to attract the interest of wide range of students at UGA. Currently there are 18 students working toward the completion of a Minor in African Studies. Any student interested in taking a minor in African Studies can visit the African Studies Institute website and also contact Dr. Ibigbolade Aderibigbe (ideribi@uga.edu), who is the current coordinator of the program for comprehensive information.

Remember that all you need to get a Minor is:

- * Complete 18 hours of course work, with at least 9 hours of upper division course work;
- * Take at least 12 hours of course work from the list of courses endorsed by African Studies Institute;
- * Take and pass 9 hours of required courses and 9 hours from other courses as listed in ASI Brochure on Minor in African Studies;
- * Pass courses with a grade "C" or better.

Summer Classes 2012

For the first time, the African Studies Institute will be offering summer courses in residence. These will be in addition to the customary AFST courses offered on the Maymester and other summer abroad programs.

Maymester and Summer Courses

Instructor	Course	Course Title	Room
Ibigbolade Aderibigbe	AFST/RELI 1201 (04-658)	Nature and Structure of African Religion	Daily 11am – 1:45pm 118 New College
1st Session Akinloye Ojo	AFST/YORB 4001 (74-648)	Yoruba Culture and Civilization	Daily 10:30am-12:45pm 325 H/ H Academic Building
2nd Session Karim Traore	AFST/CMLT 4225/6225 32-928 / 53-929	Introduction to Oral Literature	Daily 10:30am – 12:45pm 220 Joe Brown Hall

Courses Taught by ASI Faculty this Fall 2012

Instructor	Course	Course Title
Ibigbolade Aderibigbe	AFST 2100	Introduction to Africa
	AFST 4625/ AFST 6625	Eschatology in African Religion
Karim Traore	AFST 3150	Introduction to Modern African Literature
Husseina Dinani (joining ASI in August)	AFST 3512	East Africa in the 19th and 20th Centuries
	AFST 4500	Studies in African History
Sandra Whitney	AFST 3900	Introduction to Service Learning in Africa
	AFST 4200/ AFST 6200	Critical Issues in Contemporary Africa
	AFST 4950	Africa Seminar
Lioba Moshi	AFST 3020	Swahili Studies II
Gabriel Ruhumbika	AFST 3151	Introduction to Modern African Drama
Freda Scott Giles	AFST 4470 /AFST 6470	African Theatre: An Historical Overview
Maria Navarro	AFST 4710 /AFST 6710	International Agricultural Development
Jack Houston	AFST 4720	Food Security, Economic Development, and the Environment

Language Classes

Language	Title	Schedule	Instructor
SWAH 1010	Elementary Swahili I	09:05A-09:55A MF 09:30A-10:45A TR	Staff
		11:15A-12:05P MF 11:00A-12:15P TR	Staff
		02:30P-03:20P MF 02:00P-03:15P TR	Staff
SWAH 2010	Intermediate Swahili I	01:25P-02:15P MWF 02:30P-03:20P MWF	Staff
SWAH 3010	Swahili Studies I	09:30A-10:45A TR	Moshi
SWAH 3990	Directed Study	TBA	Staff
YORB 1010	Elementary Yoruba I	12:20P-01:10P M 09:30A-10:45A TR	Aderibigbe
YORB 2010	Intermediate Yoruba I	11:15A-12:05P MWF	Ojo
YORB 3990	Directed Study	TBA	Staff

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

The ASI Faculty Spotlight for the 2012 Spring semester is on the College of Environment & Design (CED). Formed in 2001, CED offers programs in areas such as landscape architecture; historic preservation; and urban and regional planning. The limelight is on two ASI affiliated faculty members who have contributed to the development of the Institute, and they continue to do so, especially in the areas of teaching and service. ASI recognizes the contributions of our two spotlighted faculty: Dr. James Reap and Dr. Pratt Cassity. The ASI Faculty Spotlight has not been on two colleges till date (CAES and CED). It will feature another college and two other active faculty members in the Fall.



Dr. James Reap is an Associate Professor in the College of Environment and Design (CED) and an affiliated member of the African Studies Institute. His research interests include Heritage Law, Local Preservation Commissions, Professionalism and Ethics, and international issues in Heritage Conservation. Dr. Reap's research work in Africa has been chiefly in West Africa including his work on the Tangible and Intangible Cultural Resources in Cape Coast in the Central region of Ghana and the Timbuktu Rehabilitation Program in Mali.

In CED, Dr. Reap has offered courses in areas such as Historic Preservation Law, International Issues in Heritage Conservation, Preservation Advocacy and Professional Practice, Preservation Economics and Issues in International Heritage Conservation amongst others. He has published widely including, "The United States and the World Heritage Convention," and 'Introduction' in *Art and Cultural Heritage: Law, Policy and Practice*, edited by Barbara Hoffman and published in 2005 by Cambridge University Press.

His research work on the book, 'Athens: A Pictorial History 1801-2001' published by the Donning Company in 1982 (with later editions in 1986, 1989, and 2002) led to the establishment of the Dr. Reap Collection in the University of Georgia Library. According to the description given by the Hargrett Manuscript Library, the collection consists of photographs, research notes, printed material, copies of articles, and other miscellany used by the author for the book. He has received recognition of his research work including a Fulbright award in 2005. In 2006, he received the Preservation Achievement Award from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and he is a member of the National Preservation Honor Society, Sigma Pi Kappa. Amongst his professional affiliation is his membership in the International Council on Monuments and Sites. Quite recently, Dr. Reap served as a member of the organizing committee of the 20th Annual Darl Snyder Lecture series at the University of Georgia in March, 2012.



Dr. Pratt Cassity is a Public Service Associate and Adjunct Instructor in the College of Environment and Design (CED) and an affiliated member of the African Studies Institute. He is also the Director of the Center for Community Design and Preservation (CCDP) in CED. His areas of interest include design review systems in municipal government, new construction and visual changes in protected areas, citizen participation in public design and visioning, global and domestic service-learning, design training for non-designers, design guidelines and cultural tourism in developing countries. In CED, Dr. Cassity teaches courses in historic preservation and leads a freshman seminar as part of the International Learning Community. He also supervises thesis research for students in the Master in Landscape Architecture (MLA) and Master in Historic Preservation (MHP) programs. Dr. Cassity has mentored hundreds of students through project grants, and designed service-learning studios known as "charrettes." These service

-learning studios combine real work experience and civic engagement with high quality design services that small communities otherwise could not afford.

Dr. Cassity is highly regarded as a national speaker on design-related issues and has worked on public service programs in preservation and community planning in the United States, Eastern Europe and West Africa. He has won different honors and awards including the Preservation Achievement Award from the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. In 2006, he received the Walter Barnard Hill Award which recognizes distinguished achievement in public service and outreach by UGA faculty members and service professionals. He is a co-founder and Charter Member of the National Preservation Honor Society, Sigma Pi Kappa. He is also a member of the International Council on Monuments and Sites. Since 1998, Dr. Cassity has led charrettes in more than 45 Georgia communities and has extended his service-learning studio opportunities abroad, offering summer classes in Croatia (2002) and Ghana (2003, 2004, and 2005).

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Meet the New Director On July 1, 2011, Akinloye Ojo began his service as the Director of the African Studies Institute in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. He is an Associate Professor with joint appointment in the Comparative Literature Department and the African Studies Institute. Dr. Ojo received his B.A in Linguistics from the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and his M.A in Linguistics from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He earned his Ph.D. in Linguistics from the University of Georgia. Besides Dr. Moshi, Dr. Ojo is undoubtedly one of the few people who have an intimate knowledge of the institute's history because he has been associated with the project from his very first day at UGA. Indeed, Dr. Ojo grew from TA through Academic Professional to Assistant Professor, and Associate Professor. We have no doubt that this unique profile will enable him to take the Institute to its next goal.

Dr. Ojo is also the host of the weekly program, *African Perspectives* on Athens classic station, WUGA-FM 91.7. The show will celebrate its 15th anniversary later in November 2012.

Congratulations, Amsale!

In November, just as our Institute will be celebrating 25 years of African Studies at UGA, Ms. Amsale Abegaz will be celebrating 10 years of outstanding service at the African Studies Institute. Indisputably, she is the longest serving ASI staff till date and one of the contributors to the growth of the institute. She was amongst the staff honored by the Franklin College in April, 2012 for ten plus years of service in the College. Amsale Abegaz has been at the University of Georgia for 15 years. Congratulations Amsale!



Welcome, Betty!



January, 2012, Mrs. Betty Booker joined ASI as the new administrative Associate. Below, Betty Booker provides a brief self-introduction: "As ASI Administrative Associate, I provide Administrative support to the Director, I am the initial point of contact for ASI, and I manage the ASI website, load courses, gather, design and distribute ASI publications. I transitioned to ASI from the Office of Student Financial Aid where I worked from June 2001-Dec 2011. When I'm not attending ASI meetings, taking minutes, or assisting with planning the next Conference, lecture/ luncheon- I head home to evenings with my husband. We are the parents of two daughters Shuntae and Victorria who have flown the nest and are living on their own (yeah!!), we are the grandparents of 5 grandchildren, all girls and our sixth is on the way. Between, church, family, friends and my life's mission, I have plenty to keep me moving and most days very entertained."

KUDOS!

Congratulations, Dr. Dozier!

An affiliated faculty member of the African Studies Institute, Dr. Dozier has been appointed by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents as the permanent President of Savannah State University. The regents' decision followed a recommendation by USG Chancellor Hank Huckaby and ends the interim status she has held at SSU since April of 2011.



Promotion and Tenure

Congratulations to the following ASI faculty affiliates and supporters on their promotion

Promotion to Professor

Kenneth L. Honerkamp, Religion

Faust O. Sarmiento, Geography

Promotion to Associate Professor (with Tenure)

Alex Kojo Anderson, Food and Nutrition

Jose F. Blanco, Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors

Katalin Medvedev, Textiles, Merchandising & Interiors

Vanessa Ezenwa, Ecology & Infectious Diseases

Retirement

**Congratulations to the following ASI faculty affiliates and supporters
as they retire from their service to the University of Georgia**

Diane Napier, Workforce Education, Leadership, & Social Foundation

Nicholas Opong, Mathematics and Science Education

Betty Jean Craige, Comparative Literature & Director of Humanities Center

UGA Africanist Inventors Making a Difference

Dr. Casimir Akoh has developed a new nutrient based on hazelnut oil that better mimics the structure of mother's milk, which makes it better suited to nourish infants. He is a distinguished research professor of food science and technology in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UGA. Akoh's design using hazelnuts includes all the components in one molecule. The new molecule also includes palmitic acid in the middle, which is found naturally in human milk fat and in the oleic acid in hazelnut oils. Adults and infants can benefit from the improved product. UGA is currently working to develop an infant formula using the modified molecule. For the full article, see:

<http://pubs.acs.org/stoken/presspac/presspac/full/10.1021/jf3012272>

Dr. William Kisaalita was recognized by the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) in the 2011 Better World Report for creating one of the technologies that help the World in the face of Adversity. In the report, 'A Labor of Love: Designing Devices for Africa's Rural Poor,' thanks to William Kisaalita, storing and harvesting food has become much easier for farmers in Uganda and Morocco. His development of the milk cooler and the nutcracker have given economic boost to those who struggle to make a living. For more information on these and other helpful inventions, please visit: <http://www.betterworldproject.org>

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships Winners

Meredith McKay	Summer 2012 Tanzania	\$4,500
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Film Studies, Telecommunication Arts & International

Affairs student on the UGA

Service Learning and Independent Studies in Tanzania

Malena Lopez-Sotelo	Summer 2012 Morocco	\$4,500
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Religion student on the Center for Language and Culture,

Intensive Arabic in Morocco

Abid Fazal	Summer 2012 Morocco	\$4,000
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Microbiology student on the UGA Maymester and the Center

for Language and Culture, Intensive Arabic in Morocco

In all, four UGA students were among the 500 students selected to receive the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships awards for Summer 2012.

To learn more about the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program visit:

<http://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program>

Spring Visitor

Honorable Maria de Fatima Lima da Veiga Ambassador of Cape Verde



The University of Georgia students, under the supervision of Dr. Karim Traore provided outstanding representation for the country of Cape Verde at the National Model African Union (NMAU) simulation in Washington in 2011 and 2012. As a result, the Ambassador from Cape Verde, Honorable Maria de Fátima Lima da Veiga agreed to visit the University from April 4 - 6, 2012. For the ASI, the visit begins the process in addressing one of the set goals on the 5-year strategic plan of the Institute. The goal is to work with various campus and off-campus units to increase enrolment of graduate students from Lusophone countries of Africa. Ambassador da Veiga's visit allowed us to begin a conversation about getting graduate students from Cape Verde to UGA as well, as organizing faculty exchanges with Cape Verdean institutions of higher education. Maria de Fátima Lima da Veiga

became ambassador of Cape Verde to the United States on August 16, 2007.

She previously served as Cape Verde's permanent representative to the United Nations in New York (2004-07), Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde (2002-04), as well as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (2001-02). In addition, she was ambassador to Cuba (1999-2001), and chief of staff of the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs (1995-99), prior to which she served in a number of progressively responsible positions after

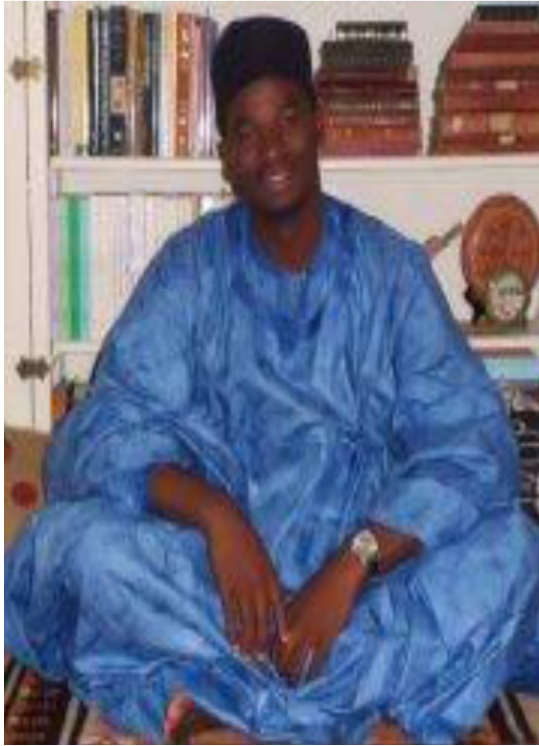
joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1980. Ambassador da Veiga speaks Portuguese, English, French and Spanish.

During her visit to UGA, Ambassador da Veiga gave two public lectures. First on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:00pm, it was full room in 480 Tate Student Center at 5pm on the topic of "International Relations and African Diaspora: The Case of Cape Verde." On Thursday, April 5, she was the first keynote speaker at the Global Education Forum at 8am in the Grand Hall of the New Tate Center. The topic of her keynote lecture was "Education, Sports and Development in Cape Verde." In addition to the lectures, Ambassador da Veiga was



interviewed for the African Perspectives radio show on Athens Classic Station, WUGA on Wednesday, April 4. She also visited with UGA units including the Office of Franklin College Dean of Arts & Sciences; the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute; and the African Studies Institutes. Ambassador da Veiga's visit ended with a lunch meeting with UGA officials and ASI faculty including: Dr. Kavita Pandit, UGA Associate Provost for International Education; Dr. Edward Kanemasu, Director of Global Programs; Dr. Robert Moser, Interim Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute; Dr. Karim Traore, ASI Associate Director Dr. Lioba Moshi; Dr. Jack Houston; and Dr. Igbolade Aderibigbe. Ambassador da Veiga's visit was at the invitation of the African Studies Institute with additional support from the UGA's Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute; the Portuguese Flagship program and Office of International Education.

Fullbright Scholar on Cultural Exchange has Fond Memories of ASI



During the academic year 2011-2012, the Department of Religion and African Studies Institute welcomed Saleh Yusuf Sadau as Fulbright Scholar on Cultural Exchange. Yusuf Sadau worked under the supervision of Dr. Alan Godlas (Religion). Dr. Ojo and Dr. Traore (ASI) served as his advisors and mentors, assisting him pedagogically in his duty as Foreign Language Teaching Assistant. Before he left at the end of the Spring semester, Yusuf captured his experience at UGA as follows:

“For a long time, I had been hoping for a chance to go overseas to study and broaden my horizon. This Fulbright experience has been magical and enriching; it was a life-changing experience for me. Throughout the program, I grew personally and professionally. I have learned what mutual understanding among different people from different cultural backgrounds really means. I have made many new friends who have been wonderful to me; I have enjoyed the physical and cultural beauty of my host institution, the University of Georgia. I would like to express my profound gratitude to my supervisor, Dr. Alan Godlas for his support and cooperation during the program. He was more of a mentor than just a supervisor. My Fulbright experience would not have been successful without the support of the African Studies Institute, Which I technically called my family. Big thanks to Dr.

Akinloye Ojo and Dr. Karim Traore; they were my secondary supervisors, but the role that they played went beyond because our relationship was more than that of supervisors and Supervisee.

I wish to show my appreciation to Dr. I.S. Aderibigbe and his wife, my mommy, for their love and care. They both played the parental role while Ms. Amsale Abegaz was my auntie, and Prof. Lioba Moshi my grandma. So, you can see why I refer to ASI as my beloved family. Dear family, I enjoyed all your support as you made me feel more comfortable as an African on American soil.

Thank you all!”

Peace Corps Coordinator from Togo

Kwevitoukoui Hounkpati, known as Brad, is a Fulbright Scholar in the Entomology department here at UGA. He is here from Southern Togo which is in West Africa. Before coming to UGA, Brad was an Assistant Technical Coordinator for the US Peace Corps.

Brad really appreciates how resourceful and supportive the UGA community has been for him during his time here. He needs that support more than ever right now because his wife back home has just given birth to a brand new baby girl! Although this is hard for him, Brad knows that what he is doing here at UGA will help his family in the long run. "The sacrifice is worthy, because being away is necessary since it is the best way to

make my dreams happen: to become a resourceful Entomologist in the upcoming years in Africa." Brad believes that the Lord has blessed him with a beautiful, understanding and supportive wife. She tells Brad that "Although it is difficult for me, I know that you are a good and strong man. Keep it up and be strong." He hopes that one day his family can join him in Athens, GA. He would love to have them here to thank them and apologize for not being at home when they've needed him during the birth of the new baby. Brad knows that without sacrifice there will be no achievement and finds comfort in a quote by Geroges Bernard Shaw: "Passion and determination leads to success."

SOURCE: The Global Gazette (International Student Scholar and Immigration Services Newsletter). Volume 1, Issue 1 (November 2011)



AFRICANIST's Happy Update: Kwevitoukoui Hounkpati's wife and baby girl have now joined him in Athens and they are all together now!

1987-2012 TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF AFRICAN STUDIES AT UGA



ALL SEMESTER

—Collaborative programs with different university units such as the Main Library, Botanical Garden; Georgia Museum of Arts, Office of International Education (OIE), the Carl Vinson Center and students' organizations such as the African Students Union (ASU); African Graduate Students Forum (AGSF), ONE and PROMOTE AFRICA amongst others.

Below is the tentative schedule of events marking the silver jubilee of African Studies at the University of

NOVEMBER 2012	PROPOSED EVENTS
Ongoing	African Display at the Library
Establishment of the African Studies Collection	
Saturday, November 3 <i>(In conjunction with the Botanical Garden)</i>	African Family Day at the Garden
Monday, November 5	<i>Taste of Africa</i>
Tuesday, November 6	<i>Africa in Cinema</i>
Wednesday, November 7 (AM) <i>(A Study Abroad Fair)</i>	Live, Learn and Travel in Africa
Wednesday, November 7 (PM)	Friendly Soccer Match (Faculty vs. Students)
Thursday, November 8 (AM)	ASI Past Directors' Forum
Thursday, November 8 (PM)	AFRICAN AMBASSADORS' ROUND TABLE
Thursday, November 8 to	Africa and Its Diaspora
Saturday, November	<i>(International Conference)</i>
Friday, November 9 (LATE PM)	Music Concert / Dance Show
Saturday, November 10 (LATE PM)	Anniversary Banquet
Sunday, November 11	Faith Community Round Up



NOTE OUR NEW LOGO!



3rd Southeast African Language and Literatures Forum (SEALLF)

By Akinloye Ojo

Upcoming is the 3rd Southeast African Language and Literatures Forum (SEALLF). This year's meeting will take place at The University of Florida, Gainesville. The forum will meet either in the last week of September or in the 1st week of October (watch out for our announcement in the fall). Let us recall that SEALLF is a forum that was co-initiated by two ASI Faculty, Dr. Moshi and Dr. Ojo. The Forum's mission consists of promoting the teaching, the study of African languages, literatures and cultures.

SEALLF shall be the forum of intense collaboration among scholars and institutions of the Southeast while promoting the cultural connection with the African continent. SEALLF shall work toward sharing resources and expertise with Africa- based colleagues. Finally, it is SEALLF's goal to promote the teaching of African languages and Historically Black Colleges and Universities. ASI plans to host either the 4th forum (Fall 2013) or the 5th one in Fall 2014.

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CALL FOR CONFERENCE PAPERS

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AFRICA
AND ITS DIASPORA**
November 8 – 10, 2012

The African Studies Institute, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia invites academicians, independent scholars, policymakers, and graduate students to present papers in a three-day International Conference from November 8 – 10, 2012 on the theme, *Africa and Its Diaspora: Expressions of Indigenous and Local Knowledge*.

The preservation of the unique identity of African Indigenous and Local Knowledge is confronted by a number of challenges within the increasingly globalized and westernized world. The African Studies Institute at the University of Georgia wishes, through this International conference, to stimulate and document ongoing scholarly discussions on the paradoxical dynamics of preserving this identity. It is hoped that the conference will also enhance the relevance of Indigenous and Local Knowledge. The conference will offer a forum for intensive exchanges between scholars, researchers, and technocrats from various disciplines working in Africa, the African Diaspora, the United States and other parts of the globe.

Within the broad theme of the conference, potential topics for presentation include but are not limited to the following areas:

Language, Literature & Film

Sustainable Agricultural and Environmental
Development

Political Systems

Social Studies

Science and Technology

Anthropology/Sociology

Religion/Philosophy

History

Medicine & Healthcare Systems

Education and Knowledge Transmission

Musicology

Legal and Judicial Systems

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Abstracts/Panel proposals

Each prospective presenter should submit electronically an abstract of 500 words or less to either convener **by June 27, 2012**. Abstract prepared as Microsoft Word document should include the presenter's name, title of paper, institutional affiliation, and contact information (mailing address, phone number, and email address). Please, note that submission of abstract automatically grants conference organizers the right to publish it in the conference program and website.

THE STORYTELLER'S CORNER

Do you know why the Bat Hangs on Trees and Looks Downwards?

by Karim Traoré



A long, long time ago, Bat and God were good friends. One day, God's mother became sick. God's family went from one soothsayer to the other. Every clairvoyant that they consulted said the same thing: "In order for your mom to heal from this terrible illness, you need to find a *shi* fruit. Eat the green, tasty fruit, dry the nut, grill it and grind it. Then mix the ... ground nut with some warm water. The oily drink that you will get is what can cure your mother's disease."

What all soothsayers prescribe is not that easy a thing! It is even a huge problem because *shi* trees bear fruits only in the rainy season. And it is right in the middle of the dry season that God's mother was sick. God could only sob and ... pray... God went to Bat, his best friend, and opened his heart to him. Bat declared: "You do know that I travel a lot nightly. Yes, I love nocturnal migration. Believe me; I know that with some chance, we may find some ripe *shi* fruits in the South. I will check tonight."

As soon as the sun set, our friend Bat hit the airs to the country of the South. After several hours of flight, the bat reached a region more humid belonging still to the Savanna zone. There, Bat with his extraordinary visual acuity identified soon a ripe *shi* fruit that he brought back to God in the same night. God's mom ate the fruit, drank the oily mixture from the nut and recovered almost instantaneously. God could not stop thanking his friend, the bat.

Soon thereafter, it was Bat's mother who became sick. The healers said that Bat's mom would recover thanks to raindrops on her body. You remember: God could not find any *shi* fruit because *shi* fruits are available only in the rainy season. So, there is no chance to see any rain in the dry season. Nonetheless, God made the foolish promise to collect some clouds and make rain for Bat's mom. No need to say that God failed and Bat's mom died after a few days of atrocious suffering.

Bat was angry with his friend. He blamed the death of his beloved mom on the unthankful God. God was so embarrassed that he decided to leave his country; he traveled far high ... in the sky where he relocated. He hoped that he could avoid seeing the constant reproachful looks of his friend. Bat could still see God in his new home. And he did not like this sight. He then had the genius idea never to look upwards at his former friend; therefore, he went to sit on a tree and looked downward: "out of sight, out of mind," Bat thought. But he was wrong because he still could not forget or forgive his once best friend, the killer of his mom—as he liked to complain to everybody. According to some trustworthy sources, Bat was still so mad at God that he swore to stain his former friend's legendary immaculateness by peeing on him. Believe me, it really is not such a great idea to take a pee with your head hanging downwards...

Well, now you know why bats sit on tree with their head hanging downwards. I guess you also know now where bats got their not so appealing smell from.

Readers, do you know that you also know now the correct pronunciation of "shea butter"? Yes, *shi* was the miraculous fruit that healed God's mom. "Shea" should be read or said like *shee* or *sea* because it is a Manding word introduced into the English language by British explorer Mungo Park. Spread the word about this Received Pronunciation in memory of Bat's mom...



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