AfAA Panels and Events at the AAA Meetings 2013

**Wednesday, November 20**

4:00-5:45 PM: 2-0620 AFRICAN DIASPORAS, MIGRATIONS AND HOMECOMINGS

Conference Room 5F, Chicago Hilton

*Chair: Gayatri Reddy (University of Illinois at Chicago)*

4:00 PM: “African Dance Tourisms: Power, Sexuality and the Labor of Hospitality,” Jasmine E Johnson (Northwestern University)

4:15 PM: “Contrasting Paths of Slave Emancipation in Northern Mali, West Africa,” Aurelien Mauxion (Columbia College)

4:30 PM: “Examining Networks of the Afropolitan: Ghana’s Digital Elites,” Reginold A. Royston (University of California, Berkeley)


5:00 PM: “The Feminist Movement in the Operation of the South Sudanese Justice System,” MaryBeth Lucina Chrostowsky (University of Kentucky)


5:30 PM: Discussion

**Thursday, November 21**

7:45-9:30 AM: 3-0005 ASSOCIATION FOR AFRICANIST ANTHROPOLOGY (AFAA) BOARD MEETING

Conference Room 5D, Chicago Hilton

*Organizer: Anita Spring (University of Florida)*
8:00-9:45 AM: 3-0115 RESOURCES, DEVELOPMENT AND POWER RELATIONS ACROSS AFRICA

PDR 5, Chicago Hilton

Chair: Sibel Kusimba (Northern Illinois University)

8:00 AM: “‘All I Need Is Help to Do Well’: Obstacles to Elder Health Treatment in Agate, Ghana,” Joyce Avotri wuaku (Nova Southeastern University) and Eileen M Smith-Cavros (Nova Southeastern University)

8:15 AM: “‘You Should Have Left Me in Exile to Fend for myself’: Exploring the Challenges of Refugee Return in Post-Conflict Burundi,” Barbra Lukunka (American University)


8:45 AM: ‘Compassionate Aid: American Humanitarianism and the Ethic of Accountability in Ugandan AIDS Prevention Programs,” Lydia C Boyd (UNC-Chapel Hill and UNC Chapel Hill)

9:00 AM: “Forever Creative! Equitable Access and Tanzania,” Shawn Smith (Northern Illinois University)


9:30 AM: Discussion

10:15 AM-12:00 PM: 3-0435 AFRICA IN GLOBAL AND CONTINENTAL CONVERSATIONS

Lake Michigan Room, Chicago Hilton

Organizer and Chair: Gwendolyn Mikell (Georgetown University)


10:30 AM: “Operating Off the International Development Grid: China’s Strategy As An Aid Donor, Investor, and Resource Extractor in Africa,” Betty J Harris (University of Oklahoma, Norman)

10:45 AM: “Kofi Annan and Africa: The Will To Transform,” Gwendolyn Mikell (Georgetown University)

11:00 AM: “Systems Thinking for ‘Sustainable Pastoralism’ Among Maasai in Southern Kenya: Case Studies in Using a Board Game Simulator,” Jennifer E Coffman (James Madison University)

11:15 AM: Discussion
1:45 PM-5:30 PM: 3-0910 AFRICAN MIGRANTS AND THE POLITICS OF PLACE: IDENTITY, COMMUNITY, POWER

Chicago/Alton, Renaissance Blackstone Hotel

Organizer: Yolanda D Covington-Ward (University of Pittsburgh)

Chairs: Ruti Talmor (Pitzer College) and Edward C. Davis IV (City Colleges of Chicago)

Discussants: JoAnn D’Alisera (University of Arkansas) and Cati M Coe (Rutgers University, Camden)

1:45 PM: "I Get Money, Now I Get Trouble:' Tanzanian Migrant Women Making a Living in South Africa," Emily J Margaretten (Ripon College)

2:00 PM: “Eating Fufu in the Steel City: The Social Integration of Liberian Immigrants in Pittsburgh,” Yolanda D Covington-Ward (University of Pittsburgh)

2:15 PM: “The Role of Home Town Associations (HTAS) and Rotating Savings and Credit Associations (ROSCAS) in the Formation of Identities of Cameroonian Women in Berlin," Elizabeth Iyase Beloe (Free University Berlin, Germany)


2:45 PM: “African Transnational Communities: Experiences From Southern Africa,” Rubin Patterson (University of Toledo)

3:00 PM: Discussant, JoAnn D’Alisera (University of Arkansas)

3:15 PM: Discussion

3:30 PM: Break

3:45 PM: “From African Warzone to Cuban ‘Revolution’: The Lives of Northern Ugandan Scholarship Students in Cuba,” Ayesha Nibbe (Hawaii Pacific University)

4:00 PM: “Être Bana-Kin Na Poto Mpé Na Amélíki: Navigating Congolese Transnational Space in Europe and North America,” Edward C. Davis IV (City Colleges of Chicago)


4:30 PM: “Leaving Zimbabwe: Zimbabweans in the Rural Areas of Mozambique, South Africa and Zambia,” William Derman (Norwegian University of the Life Sciences)


5:00 PM: Discussant, Cati M Coe (Rutgers University, Camden)
5:15 PM: Discussion

4:00 PM-5:45 PM: 3-1105 DIVERSE ALTERITIES: CHANGING CONCEPTIONS OF IDENTITY ACROSS AFRICA

PDR 7, Chicago Hilton

Chair: Wendi A Haugh (St. Lawrence University)

4:00 PM: “We Are Not Africans, We Are Only Ruled By them’: The Politics of Belonging and the Struggle for Defining Civilization in Contemporary Zanzibar,” Akbar A Keshodkar (Zayed University)

4:15 PM: “Citizen-Owners, Not Culture-Bearers: Namibian Nationalist Discourse in Comparative Perspective,” Wendi A Haugh (St. Lawrence University)

4:30 PM: “Joining the Networks: The Implications of Tanzanian Urban Professionals’ Uses of Electronic Communications,” Anne S Lewinson (Berry College)

4:45 PM: “Led Into Temptation: The Limits of Pentecostalism Among Zimbabwean Migrant Farm Workers in South Africa,” Lincoln Addison (Rutgers University)

5:00 PM: “The Anthropologist Wedding Planner: Researching Notions of Love, Success and Change in An Emerging African Metropolis,” Ana Sofia Tillo (Oxford university)

5:15 PM: Discussion

6:30 PM-7:30 PM: AFAA BUSINESS MEETING

Boulevard C, Chicago Hilton

7:30 PM-9:30 PM: 3-1215 ASSOCIATION FOR AFRICANIST ANTHROPOLOGY (AFAA) RECEPTION AND DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Boulevard C, Chicago Hilton

Organizer: Anita Spring (University of Florida)

Friday, November 22

8:00 AM-9:45 AM: 4-0025 THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF POTENTIALITY IN AFRICA
Joliet Room, Chicago Hilton

Invited Session

Co-sponsored with Society for Economic Anthropology

Organizers: Erin V Moore (University of Chicago) and Brooke S Bocast (Northwestern University and Temple University)

Chair: Brooke S Bocast (Temple University)

8:00 AM: “The Potential of Culture: Social Technologies of Branding and the Guises of Corporate Social Responsibility in Ghana,” Lauren N Adrover (Northwestern University)


8:30 AM: “Having AIDS in An AIDS-Free Generation: Negotiating HIV-Positive Children’s Futures Amidst Successful Prevention Programs in Botswana,” Bianca Dahl (University of Toronto)

8:45 AM: “Sponsoring the Future: Marketizing Children’s Potential in Senegalese Preschools,” Kathryn E. McHarry (University of Chicago)

9:00 AM: “Nubility and Indolence: The Tropes of ‘Harnessing Girls’ Potential’ in Urban Uganda,” Erin V Moore (University of Chicago)

9:15 AM: “Potentiality Contested: Futures of Prosperity and Health in Mozambican Pentecostal Movements,” Christy K Schuetze (Swarthmore College)

8:00 AM-11:45 AM: 4-0280 RELIGIOUS FUTURES IN AFRICA: NGOIZED, PERSONALIZED, GLOBALIZED

Chicago/Alton, Renaissance Blackstone Hotel

Organizers: Mara A Leichtman (Michigan State University) and Joseph B Hill (University of Alberta)

Chairs: Mara A Leichtman (Michigan State University) and Joseph B Hill (University of Alberta)

Discussants: Birgit Meyer (University of Utrecht) and Julia Elyachar (University of California at Irvine)

8:00 AM: “Beyond Gift and Market: The NGO-Ization of Religious Groups in Côte d’Ivoire,” Marie Nathalie LeBlanc (Université du Québec à Montréal)

8:15 AM: “Venture Discipleship: NGO-Izing Sufi Religious Associations in Dakar,” Joseph B Hill (University of Alberta)


9:00 AM: Discussant, Birgit Meyer (University of Utrecht)

9:15 AM: Discussion

9:45 AM: Break

10:00 AM: “From Militancy to Economic Development: Islamic Youth Associations in Neoliberal Burkina Faso,” Louis Audet Gosselin (Université du Québec à Montréal)


10:45 AM: “NGO-Ization As Legitimization: Shi'I Islamic Organizations In Senegal,” Mara A Leichtman (Michigan State University)

11:00 AM: Discussant, Julia Elyachar (University of California at Irvine)

11:15 AM: Discussion

10:15 AM-12:00 PM: 4-0425 POLITIES OF DISPOSSESSION: CONTESTED RESOURCES AND the PRODUCTION of PLACE in AFRICA

Boulevard B, Chicago Hilton

Organizers: Kristin D Phillips (Emory University), Amy B. Nichols-Belo (Randolph-Macon College) and Omolade Adunbi (The University of Michigan)

Chair: Omolade Adunbi (The University of Michigan)

Discussant: James H Smith (University of California - Davis)

10:15 AM: “Contested Spaces, Conflicting Nation: Violence, Oil and the 'City of Sin,’” Omolade Adunbi (The University of Michigan)


11:00 AM: “Competing Spaces of Extraction: Protected Areas, Pastoralism and Capital Accumulation By Dispossession in Dryland Regions of East Africa,” Bilal Butt (University of Michigan)

11:30 AM: Discussant, James H Smith (University of California - Davis)

11:45 AM: Discussion

10:15 AM-12:00 PM: 4-0465 SCENES OF SOVEREIGNTY

Conference Room 4G, Chicago Hilton

Organizer and Chair: Stacey L Vanderhurst (Brown University)

Discussants: Niklas Hultin (Cambridge University) and Joseph Hellweg (Florida State University)

10:15 AM: “Negotiating State Sovereignty At Mombasa’s Old Port,” Nidhi Mahajan (Cornell University)


10:45 AM: “Religious Freedom and Government Intervention in Ethiopia,” Teferi A Adem (HRAF at Yale University)

11:00 AM: “God Rescued You: Divine Intervention and Sovereign Power in Nigeria’s Counter-Trafficking Programs,” Stacey L Vanderhurst (Brown University)

11:15 AM: “When Is a State? The Case of Somaliland,” Diane O’Rourke (Victoria University of Wellington + University of Hargeisa)

11:30 AM: Discussant, Niklas Hultin (Cambridge University)

11:45 AM: Discussant, Joseph Hellweg (Florida State University)

1:45 PM-3:30 PM: 4-0825 ISSUES OF AGE, GENDER AND CLASS ACROSS AFRICA

Conference Room 4L, Chicago Hilton

Chair: Melina Taylor (CSU Chico)

2:00 PM: “‘Because We Young People Drink Beer, and they Drink Jabulani:’ Examining An Alcohol Ban in a Rural Xhosa Community Through the Lens of Intergenerational Conflict,” Kate Rice (University of Toronto)


2:30 PM: “Black Female Bed and Breakfast Entrepreneurs in the Cape Town, South Africa Townships: Opportunity, Intersections, and Change,” Katrina T Greene (Biola University)

2:45 PM: “Female Genital Mutilation Education and Outreach Strategies in The Gambia, West Africa: An Analysis of a Non-Governmental Organization’s Influence in Changing Public Policy,” Melina Taylor (CSU Chico)

3:00 PM: Discussion

4:00 PM-5:45 PM: 4-1010 INTERGENERATIONAL DYNAMICS IN AFRICA TODAY: CHANGING PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES

Conference Room 4C, Chicago Hilton

Invited Session

Organizers and Chairs: Jeanette L Dickerson-Putman (Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis) and Maria G Cattell (The Field Museum of Natural History)

Discussant: Maria G Cattell (The Field Museum of Natural History)

4:00 PM: “Men’s Intergenerational Reflections On Sexuality, Marriage and Fatherhood in Patrilineal Malawi,” Fiona R Parrott (University of Amsterdam)

4:15 PM: “What Do African (Cameroonian) University Professors, Parents and University Students Have to Say About the Value of Higher Education in Human Development?” Rachel R Reynolds (Drexel University)

4:30 PM: “Doing Kinship in Critical Health Moments: Case Studies From Coastal Tanzania,” Brigit Obrist van Eeuwijk (University of Basel)

4:45 PM: “Transgressing Norms of Care: Older Persons Providing Elder Care in Tanzania,” Peter M Van Eeuwijk (University of Basel)

5:00 PM: “When There Is No Next Generation: Old Age and Childless Women in a Southern Nigerian Community,” Marida Hollos (Brown University)

5:15 PM: “Building Bridges Across Generations: Revitalizing Elder and Youth Communication and Knowledge Transmiision Among the Nandi of Western Kenya,” Jeanette L Dickerson-Putman (Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis) and Emily Choge (Moi University)
5:30 PM: Discussant, Maria G Cattell (The Field Museum of Natural History)

**Saturday, November 23**

8:00 AM-9:45 AM: 5-0140 POPULAR CULTURE, CONTESTATIONS AND CHANGE IN AFRICAN CONTEXTS

**Conference Room 4E, Chicago Hilton**

*Chair: Lesley N Braun (Université de Montréal)*

8:00 AM: “Conjuring a New Public: Mystic Arts and National Culture in Postwar Sierra Leone,” Samuel M. Anderson (University of California Los Angeles)

8:15 AM: “Cyber Siren: What Mami Wata Reveals About Popular Culture and the Chinese Presence in Kinshasa, DRC,” Lesley N Braun (Université de Montréal)

8:30 AM: “Mimesis, Syncretism, and Visual Representation in Ewe Vodu,” Eric J Montgomery (Wayne State University)

8:45 AM: “Re-Circulating Giriama Traditional Heroines: Mekatilili and Mepoho,” Linda L Giles (Illinois Wesleyan University), Celia Nyamweru (St. Lawrence University) and John Mitsanze (Malindi District Cultural Association)

9:00 AM: “The Ballet and Its Other: The Theatre and Social Change in Contemporary South Africa,” Meryl Lauer Lodge (University of Minnesota and University of Minnesota)


9:30 AM: Discussion

1:45 PM-3:30 PM: 5-0755 INEQUALITY AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

**Grand Tradition, Chicago Hilton**

*Invited Session*

*Co-sponsored with Society for Economic Anthropology*

*Organizer and Chair: Laura L Cochrane (Central Michigan University)*

*Discussant: Carolyn K Lesorogol (Washington University)*

1:45 PM: Discussant, Carolyn K Lesorogol (Washington University)
2:00 PM: “Women’s Groups and the Topography of Money and Exchange Between Maasai Women: Mitigating the Landscape of Gender Inequality,” Julia Klara Bryson Bailey (McGill University)

2:15 PM: “Addressing Global Economic Inequalities Through Community Participation in Senegal’s Artisanal Workshops,” Laura L Cochrane (Central Michigan University)

2:30 PM: “Inequality and Migration: The Political Economy of Difference Among Transnational Movers,” Jeffrey H Cohen (The Ohio State University) and Ibrahim Sirkeci (Regent’s College London)

2:45 PM: “Farmers and Farmworkers: Negotiating Unequal Identities in a Rural Appalachian Community,” Susie Donaldson (University of Iowa)

3:00 PM: “Not What It Used to be: Schemas of Class and Contradiction in the Great Recession,” Anna Jefferson (Abt Associates)


1:45 PM-3:30 PM: 5-0815 AESTHETICS OF SECURITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

Conference Room 4G, Chicago Hilton

Organizer and Chair: Anna M West (Stanford University)

Discussants: Jason Price (UC Berkeley) and Claudia Gastrow (University of Chicago)


2:00 PM: “The Story of the Purple House: Aesthetics and Security of Gated Communities in South Africa,” Liezemarie Johannes (University of the Witswatersrand)

2:15 PM: “White Weddings,” Danai Samantha Mupotsa (University of the Witwatersrand)

2:30 PM: “Food Security and the Semiotics of Maize in Malawi,” Anna M West (Stanford University)

2:45 PM: Discussant, Jason Price (UC Berkeley)

3:00 PM: Discussant, Claudia Gastrow (University of Chicago)

3:15 PM: Discussion
**Sunday, November 24**

8:00 AM-9:45 AM: 6-0045 MUSEUMS AND ART MARKETS: SPACES TO ENGAGE THE PUBLIC

Conference Room 4D, Chicago Hilton

*Invited Session*

**Organizers:** Bennetta Jules-Rosette (University of California, San Diego) and Erica L Fontana (University of California, San Diego)

**Chair:** Bennetta Jules-Rosette (University of California, San Diego)

**Discussant:** Christopher B Steiner (Connecticut College)

8:00 AM: “Museums From Private to Public: Trajectories of Transformation in Comparative Perspective,” Bennetta Jules-Rosette (University of California, San Diego)

8:15 AM: “Private Memories and Public Histories: Transformations of Historical Museums in Poland,” Erica L Fontana (University of California, San Diego)

8:30 AM: “Afro-Dubai: Alternative Modernities and Dubai’s Contemporary Art Scene,” Wayne H Osborn Jr (Georgetown University)

8:45 AM: “Statues, Murals and the National Museum: Mediating the Presence and Absence of Women in Zimbabwean Political Struggles,” Lorna Lueker-Zukas (National University)

9:00 AM: Discussant, Christopher B Steiner (Connecticut College)

9:15 AM: Discussion

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10:15 AM-12:00 PM: 6-0345 TRAVELLING MODELS OF POLICY MAKING IN CONTEMPORARY UPPER GUINEA COAST SOCIETIES

Conference Room 4J, Chicago Hilton

**Organizer:** David O’Kane (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

**Chair:** William P Murphy (Northwestern University)


10:30 AM: “Performances and Discourses Related to Secret Societies in the Freetown Peninsula, Sierra Leone,” Anaïs Menard (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

10:45 AM: “Performances and Discourses On Peace Building in the Casamance,” Markus Rudolf (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology and Markus Rudolf)
11:00 AM: “Performances and Discourses Related to Security in Guinea-Bissau: Bottom-Up Versus Top-Down Discourses,” Christoph Kohl (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF))

11:15 AM: “Performances and Discourses in Public Spectacle At the University of Makeni,” David O’Kane (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

11:30 AM: “Promoting Freedom of Expression Through Civic Education - Opportunities and Challenges in Post War Sierra Leone,” Sylvanus Spencer (Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone)

11:45 AM: “Witchcraft Confessions As a Public Performance: The Complexity of Emerging Orders in Post-War Liberia,” Maarten Bedert (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)