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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
March 26-28, 2015

Johns Hopkins University
Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.
1717 Massachusetts Ave., NW (room 500, a.k.a. BOB 500)
and
Rome Building, room 806, 1619 Massachusetts Ave. N.W. (**Sat only**)

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PROGRAM

March 26, 2015 from 8:45am we will be at 1717 Mass. Avenue
March 27, 2015 from 8:00am we will be at 1717 Mass. Avenue
March 28, 2015 from 8:00am we will be in Rome Building room 806

Thursday, March 26, 2015 (1717 Mass. Ave., NW, room 500)

8:45- 9:50 BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

10:00-10:30 Welcome—Ikem Stanley Okoye, 2014-15 AASP Chair
Director, African Studies Program, University of Delaware
Tel: (302) 831-4038; E-mail: isokoye@udel.edu

Greetings— Peter Lewis, Director, African Studies, Johns Hopkins University
School of Advanced International Studies
<http://www.sais-jhu.edu/academics/regional-studies/africa/index.htm>
Tel: (202) 663-5676; E-mail: plewis@jhu.edu

10:30-11:30 Social Justice, African Studies curricula and portrayals of modern Africa
Omekongo Dibinga, Director, UPstander International
E-mail: omekongo@omekongo.com
Website: www.upstanderinternational.com

11.35-12.30 US Policy and Technology Innovations in Africa/ The Ebola Crisis
Emira Woods, Global Client Principal for Social Impact Programs, Thoughtworks
Associate Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies
E-mail: emirawoods@thoughtworks.com /emira@ips-dc.org

- 12.30-1.30 Lunch (Lunch Bag Presentation)
Social Sciences Advocacy in the Washington D.C milieu
Consortium of Social Sciences Associations (COSSA)
Wendy Naus, Executive Director
E-mail: wnaus@cossa.org
Website: <http://www.cossa.org>
- 1:30 -3:00 **Reports from Allied Organizations**
- 1:30-1:50
NRC director meeting update
Tim Longman, BU African Studies Center
- 1:50-2:10
African Studies Association (ASA)
Toyin Falola, ASA President,
E-mail: toyinfalola@austin.utexas.edu
Website: <http://www.africanstudies.org/>
- 2:10-2:40
West African Research Association (WARA)
Stephanie Guirand, Assistant Director
E-mail: wara@bu.edu
Website: <http://www.bu.edu/wara>
- 2:40- 3:00
African Language Teachers Association (ALTA)
John Kiari Wa’Njogu, ALTA President
E-mail: john.wanjogu@yale.edu
Website: <http://altaonweb.org/>
- 3.00-4.00 **HED Africa, news and activities of interest**
Teshome Alemneh, Program Officer
Higher Education for Development
Email: talemneh@hedprogram.org
Website: <http://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/topics/Pages/higher-education-development.aspx>
- 4:00 -4:15 **Coffee Break and Networking**
- 4:15-5:30 **Media in Africa and Bridging the African Diaspora Divide**
Ngozi Onuoha, Publishing Editor, Africa.com
E-mail: ngozi.onuoha@africa.com, and debra.winter@africa.com
Website: <http://www.africa.com>

Friday, March 27, 2015 1717 Massachusetts Ave– Room 500

8:00-8:50 **BREAKFAST**

9:00-10:30 Update on the *Young African Leaders Initiative*
Jill Grana, Project Director, IREX, Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders; and
Elizabeth Latham, Program Officer, Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State
E-mail: jgrana@irex.org and lathamej@state.gov
Website: <http://yali.state.gov/>

10:30-11:30 **Office of Citizen Exchanges**
Patricia Norland and Susan Levenstein, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State
E-mail: Norlandpd@state.gov and LevensteinSL@state.gov
Website: <http://eca.state.gov/about-bureau-0/organizational-structure/office-citizen-exchanges>

11:30-12:30 **USAID Work in Africa**
Mark Billera, Acting Director of the Office of Southern African Affairs, USAID; and Cameron Bess, Global Development Lab, USAID
E-mail: mbillera@usaid.gov; and cbess@usaid.gov
Website: <http://www.usaid.gov/where-we-work/africa>

12:30-1:45 **Lunch and Networking with a Special Introduction**
David Wiley Award winner: Dr. Ryan-Sams, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA

1:45-3:00 **Coffee Break and Networking**

3:00-4:00 **Boren Fellowships to Study Abroad in Africa**
Tineka Lebrun, Outreach Officer
Boren Scholarships and Fellowships, Institute of International Education (IIE)
E-mail: TLebrun@iie.org
Website: www.iie.org/cies

5.00-6.00 **Still Saving the Archive at Timbuktu**
Dr. Stephanie Diakite
ǀintl Africa and Vice President for Everything of T160K
E-mail: semdiakite@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.dintlafrika.com>

uSaturday, March 28, 2015 in the Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Ave. N.W – Room 806

8:00-9:00 **BREAKFAST**

9:00-11:00 **Title VI Directors' Meeting**

11:00-12:30 **AASP Business Meeting**

Approval of Fall 2014 meeting minutes

Secretariat & Budget, Louise Badiane, Treasurer, Bridgewater State University

Manchuelle Award Committee, Okoye, Badiane and Ojo

Fulbright-Hays Summer Group Projects Abroad

Swahili GPA report

Yoruba GPA report

Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 meetings

Nominations for new Chair

Nominations for new Vice-Chair

Nominations for AASP Planning Committee