

SPRING 2007 – EVENTS CALENDAR

Join New York University Africa House for events that look at political, economic, social and cultural aspects of Africa and its relationship with the world.

The following events are free and open to the public. People who are not members of the NYU community are encouraged to attend, but are reminded that a form of photo ID will be required to gain entrance to most NYU buildings.

Every semester a number of events are organized after the calendar has gone to press. We encourage anyone interested in learning more about these events or new developments at Africa House to subscribe to our email list by emailing africa.house@nyu.edu or visiting the website at <http://www.nyu.edu/africahouse>.



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GHANA'S MINISTER OF TOURISM AND DIASPORA RELATIONS

January 22
SPEAKER: **Honorable Jacob Okanka Obetsebi-Lamptey**
TOPIC: **Africa and the Diaspora**
LOCATION: **Kimmel 905**
TIME: **10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.**

AFRICA DIASPORA HISTORY FORUM

January 30
SPEAKER: **Marc Goulding, NYU**
TOPIC: **Sedition: Gold Coast, 1936**
LOCATION: **King Juan Carlos Center, Room 324 (Floor 3E)**
53 Washington Square South, between Sullivan and Thompson Streets

Goulding reads from his dissertation, "Vanguards of the New Africa: Black Radical Networks, Communism, and Anti-Imperialism in the 1930s."

THE SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE HEALTH OF THE AFRICAN DIASPORA: THE HEALTH OF MEN

February 10
LOCATION: **Farkas Auditorium; New York University Medical Center**
TIME: **9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Africa House is pleased to work with NYU School of Medicine on the 2nd Annual conference on the health of the African Diaspora.

SPEAKERS: David Malebranche, Emory University School of Medicine; Yaw Nyarko, New York University; Fritz Francois, NYU SoM; Frank Hamilton, NIDDK, NIH; Arthur Burnett II, Johns Hopkins; Walter Gilliam, Yale University Child Study Center; Rosa Smith, Schott Foundation for Public Education; Robert Fullilove, Mailman School of Public Health; Rodney Fuller, Medgar Evers College, CUNY; Deborah Prothrow-Stith, Harvard University; Antoine Clark, F.E.D.S Magazine; Joseph Marshall, Omega Boys Club/ Street Soldiers

AFRICA DIASPORA HISTORY FORUM

February 14
SPEAKER: **Sujatha Fernandes**, Sociology Department, Queens College
TOPIC: **Cuba Represent!: Rap Music, State Power, and Racial Politics in Contemporary Cuba**
LOCATION: **King Juan Carlos Center, Room 324**
TIME: **7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

GHANA STUDENTS DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

February 20
LOCATION: **Wasserman Center, 133 E. 13th Street – 2nd Floor Presentation Room B**
TIME: **7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Documentaries made by students at our NYU in Ghana program. Past documentaries have looked at Ghanaian views on beauty, dating and ethnicity.

AFRICA HOUSE ART EVENT

February 27
SPEAKER: **Senam Okudzeto**
LOCATION: **Einstein Auditorium Barney Building 34 Stuyvesant St. (between 2nd and 3rd Aves, just north of 9th St.)**
TIME: **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

Senam Okudzeto was born in the United States, raised in Ghana and Nigeria, studied in the United Kingdom and divides her time between London, Basel and Accra. She describes her work as "random elements drawn together to rewrite the globe; identity, identification, language, the map, absurdity and itinerancy."

AFRICA DIASPORA HISTORY FORUM

March 5
SPEAKER: **Irma Watkins-Owens**, History Department, Fordham
TOPIC: **TBD**
LOCATION: **King Juan Carlos Center, Room 324**
TIME: **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

CONVERSATIONS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN GHANA

March 28
LOCATION: **Accra, Ghana**
TIME: **All day**
Co-Directors of the Development Research Institute Profs William Easterly and Yaw Nyarko organize a dialogue among leading financial, business and economics experts of Ghana and Africa to look at Ghana's economy and economic development.

AFRICA HOUSE AND FRONTIERE AFRIQUE FILM

March 29
TITLE: **Homeland**
LOCATION: **Screening Room, King Juan Carlos Center, 53 Washington Square South**
TIME: **6:30 p.m.**
by Jacqueline Kalimunda
-Winner of the Documentary Grand Prix, Vues D'Afrique Festival, Montreal 2006

The first Rwandan film about Rwanda. An original and optimistic representation of people enacting a newly conceived idea of nationhood. Kalimunda is able to speak to Rwandans in their language, on their terms, offering the type of perspective and ideas never before seen in any other film about Rwanda. Through personal stories, the characters in HOMELAND reveal their country, their lives and their future.

AFRICA HOUSE AND FRONTIERE AFRIQUE FILM

April 2
TITLE: **Dance Got Me**
LOCATION: **Screening Room, King Juan Carlos Center, 53 Washington Square South**
TIME: **6:30 p.m.**

Twelve years ago, an unemployed African teenager danced on the streets of a Zimbabwean township to earn enough money to eat. Today, his London-based contemporary dance company puts on shows at Sadlers Wells, the royal Opera House and the Place. This emotional program draws us into the roller-coaster ride he took to get there.

AFRICA HOUSE SPECIAL EVENT WITH MERCATUS CENTER AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

April 24
TOPIC: **What is the role of Entrepreneurialism in Africa's Growth?**
LOCATION: **TBD**
TIME: **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

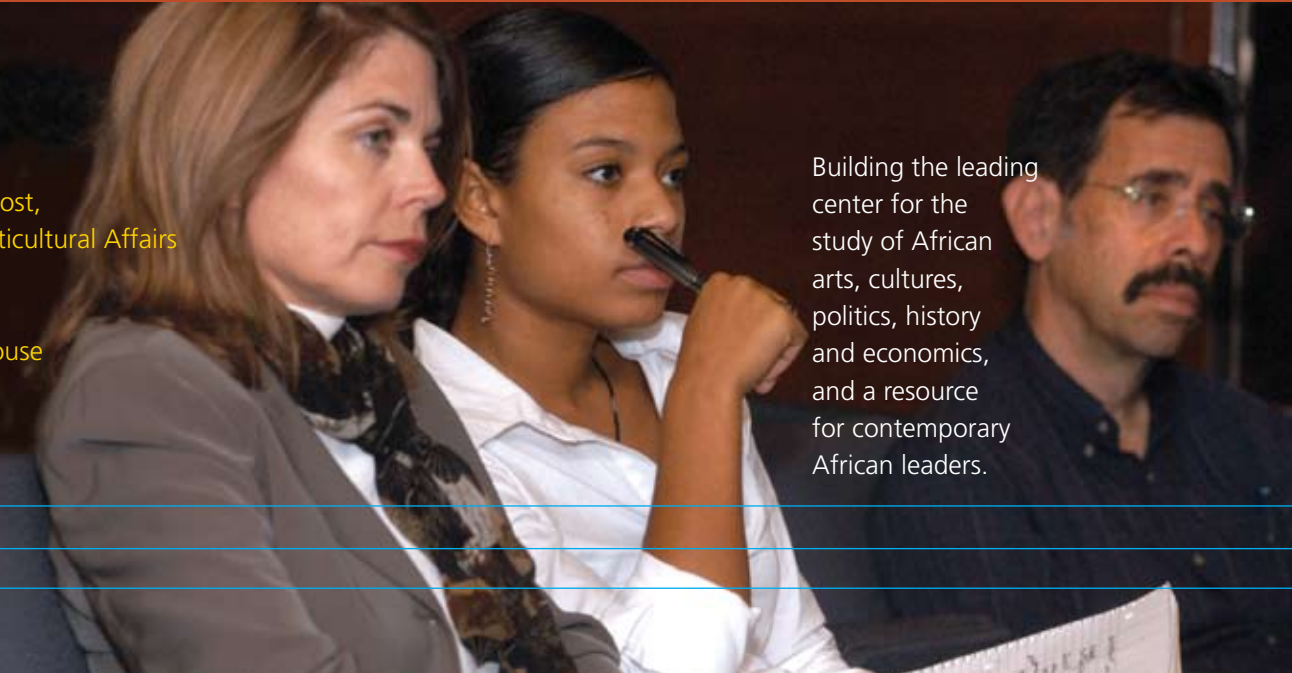
AFRICA HOUSE BOOK READING

April 26
SPEAKER: **Zoe Wicomb**
LOCATION: **TBD**
TIME: **TBD**

In connection with the Department of Comparative Literature, Africa House will host South African author Zoe Wicomb. Wicomb, author of David's Story and You Can't Get Lost in Cape Town, will be reading from her latest novel Playing in the Light. Wicomb will also be the keynote speaker at Comparative Literature's conference, J.M. Coetzee and his Doubles (April 27th - April 28th).



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NEWS FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AFRICA HOUSE

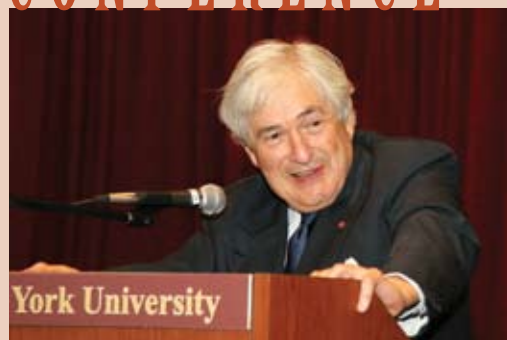
HIGHLIGHTS FROM FALL 2006:

ISLAM, AFRICA, AND THE WEST: A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SEPTEMBER 27



Ouseina Alidou, Professor of Africana Studies and Comparative Literature at Rutgers University and Asma Abdel Halim, Professor of Women's Studies at University of Toledo, spoke on the role of Islam in Africa and how Muslims in Africa view current developments in the U.S., Europe and the Middle East. The panel was moderated by NYU History Prof. Michael Gomez.

SACCA CONFERENCE



On October 30 and 31st, Africa House and NYU's Stern School collaborated with the South African Chamber of Commerce of America to host the conference *Investment Opportunities in South African Companies for Domestic and International Expansion*.

James Wolfensohn, former president of the World Bank, addresses the investment conference.

BEYOND VICTIMHOOD: A PANEL DISCUSSION ON SECURING A ROLE FOR WOMEN IN PEACEBUILDING OCTOBER 25 AT THE WAGNER SCHOOL



Co-sponsored with the **International Crisis Group**, United Nations Development Fund for Women, Initiative for Inclusive Security and the NGO Working Group for Women, Peace and Security.

From left to right: Ying Lao of the Shan Women's Action Network (SWAN), Breyten Breytenbach, Distinguished Global Professor in Creative Writing, New York University, Donald Steinberg - Vice President International Crisis Group, Former US Ambassador to Angola

ARTS COLLOQUIUM IN GHANA

The Colloquium on Contemporary Art in Ghana, organized by the Office of the Vice Provost for Globalization and Multicultural Affairs, constituted a week-long program on the production, dissemination, and collecting of contemporary Ghanaian art, with a focus on the topic of conservation. Participants included leading scholars, artists and collectors from Ghana, the United States and Europe.

New York University in Ghana, directed by Professor Akosua Anyidoho, was the principal organizer of the colloquium. New York University's home campus in New York City was represented by a number of senior faculty members and administrators. Led by the Vice Provost for Globalization and Multicultural Affairs Yaw Nyarko, participants included Professor Nancy Barton, Chair of the Department of Art and Art Professions at the Steinhardt School of Education, and Africana Studies Director, Awam Amkpa. Dean for Humanities Edward Sullivan, originally slated to join the colloquium, was unable to participate, but will contribute to the review of colloquium outcomes and resulting projects.

To enhance the art conservation subtext, New York University joined forces with the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. From the museum Ellen Howe and Christine Giuntini (conservators) and Alisa LaGamma (Head Curator for African Arts) conducted a preliminary review of the state of art conservation at the National Museum in Accra.

On Thursday, November 30th, NYU in partnership with the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, organized a conference on the critical issues surrounding the production, dissemination, conservation and collecting of Ghanaian art. Discussants included the visiting American scholars and Metropolitan Museum representatives, KNUST art historians and leading figures of the Ghanaian art world. The two public panel discussions held at the KNUST campus drew an audience of over one hundred Ghanaian art scholars and students and provoked a dynamic and stimulating debate.



NYU and Metropolitan Museum representatives viewing Kumasi's Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) museum holdings



The KNUST symposium participants



W.E.B. DuBois Center Director Ann Adams (right) speaking with the group

BUILDING LINKS BETWEEN AFRICA, THE U.S. AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY SEPTEMBER 19

Africa House collaborated with the Africa Travel Association to host ATA's First Annual Presidential Forum Promoting Positive News from Africa. His Excellency Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete President of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Honorable Chief Olufemi Fani-Kayode Minister of Culture and Tourism, Federal Republic of Nigeria both spoke.



President Kikwete of Tanzania



Minister Fani-Kayode of Nigeria

MIGRATION CONFERENCE AND AFRICAN AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

Africa House with DRI hosted two conferences on vital issues related to Africa's development in Fall 2006. The first looked at how to improve African Agriculture. The second looked at migration and its economic and social impacts.

CONFERENCES:

Agriculture: www.nyu.edu/africahouse/foreverybody/events/agriculture.html

Migration: www.nyu.edu/africahouse/foreverybody/events/migration.html