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PAS hosts conference on Governance and Insecurity in West Africa

A three-day conference organized by PAS in mid-November brought together scholars, civil society representatives, and policymakers to offer analysis of key issues and discuss recommendations for promoting economic and political development in West Africa.

West Africa has experienced decades of political instability, uneven development, and social conflict. Yet, with tenuous peace in Liberia and Sierra Leone, democratic openings in several countries, and an increasingly dynamic regional organization, the opportunity for progress clearly exists.

In recognition of this fact, PAS organized eight themed panel discussions in which the conference's 38 presenters — representing 23 institutions, 10 nationalities, and 8 academic disciplines — were asked to define the challenges facing the region and to explore strategies for overcoming them.

In a panel on "Accelerating Democratic Development and Reforming Electoral Autocracies," presenters noted that



From left: Benjamin Soares, Stephen Ndegwa, and Eghosa Osaghae, presenters for the panel entitled "Religion, Ethnicity and the Public Sphere", are pictured with Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Discussant).

although democratic progress in West Africa has not fulfilled the high expectations of the early 1990s, there are encouraging signs: Ghana, Mali, and Benin are success cases; greater political space has opened up in the region; and support for democracy among Africans is widespread. Positive attitudes towards democracy, according to Afrobarometer's public opinion research cited by **Michael Bratton (Michigan State University)**, tend

to reflect the increasing supply of "political goods" rather than solely economic goods.

In a panel focusing on conflict management and prevention, **Kayode Fayemi (Centre for Democracy and Development in Nigeria)** described the growing security role of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and its varying performance in Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, and

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ISITA Seminar explores Sufism in Africa and beyond

"Sufism in Africa and Beyond," a November 19 seminar organized by **Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought (ISITA)**, brought scholars to PAS to discuss the role of Sufism, or Islamic mysticism, in the practice of Islam in Africa and in transnational African communities.

In his opening remarks **ISITA Codirector R. Sean O'Fahey** noted that most studies of African Sufism have focused on the organizational or political aspects of the Sufi "orders," or *turuq*, rather than treating African Sufism as thought or mystical philosophy, the approach explored in seminar papers by **Knut S. Vikor (University of Bergen)** and **Muhammad S. Umar (Arizona State University)**.

Vikor's paper, presented by **ISITA Codirector John Hunwick**, probed the existence of a Sufi notion of independent jurisprudential reasoning, or *ijtihad*, by examining how four particular African Sufi leaders and scholars have argued for it. Vikor concluded that while they accepted the possibility of a mystical form of *ijtihad*, in practice these men followed its traditional nonmystical form.

Sufi themes in the Arabic poems of Senegal's Shaykh Ibrahim Niasse were the subject of Umar's presentation. For Umar, Niasse's poetry conveys the tensions between the "interiority" of mysticism, which emphasizes the personal spiritual quest, and the "exteriority" of sharia law, which stresses structure, boundaries, and communal responsibility. By examining how these two disparate forms of knowledge coexist in the work of one poet, Umar raised broader questions about the competing discourses of Sufi and non-Sufi Islam.

Ousmane Kane (Columbia University) discussed Sufism's role in New York City's rapidly growing Senegalese population, currently estimated to number 30,000. Many of their communal organizations, which give structure to spiritual and economic life while helping to preserve ties to the homeland, are based upon Sufi *turuq*; but ethnic, village, and regional identifications are also important. Sufi-based identities appear to evolve, Kane argued, as new waves of migration occur and as immigrants interact with their host communities, including American Muslims.

FEATURE

Winterton Collection of East African photographs

The Humphrey Winterton Collection of East African Photographs, acquired by the **Herskovits Library** of African Studies last year, was formally introduced to the University community on November 18 with a special lecture by history faculty member **Jonathon Glassman**. Sponsored by the **University Library's Board of Governors**, the lecture illustrated the collection's relevance to research — Glassman's own and that of Northwestern students — and to East African history in general. Approximately 125 people attended.

The Winterton Collection is the single largest purchase ever made of totally unique research materials in the history of the Herskovits Library. The collection adds new depth and dimension to the library's printed materials relating to East Africa and the history of photography in the region. A valuable resource for Northwestern faculty and students as well as visiting scholars, it

will also be used to enhance the African studies curriculum for Northwestern undergraduates.

Purchase of the collection was made possible primarily through the **Charles Deering McCormick Endowment for Special Collections** administered by the University Library. Another portion of the funding came from the **George and Mary LeCron Foster Endowed Fund**, a Herskovits Library endowment. The purchase was handled by the **London dealer Jenny Allsworth**.

Assembled over nearly 40 years by British collector, lawyer, and international businessman **Humphrey Winterton**, the collection consists of about 6,500 photographs in 75 separate albums, scrapbooks, or loose collections, each with a distinct East African focus. The earliest photographs were taken by **James Augustus Grant** in Zanzibar in 1860; the most recent photographs are of pre-independence

election campaigning in Kenya in the 1960s. As a collector, Winterton assembled photographs that documented as broadly as possible the breadth of African experience, including African life, European life in Africa in all its manifestations, and the African landscape, in particular as it changed over time. Included are photographs that depict the building of East Africa's railways, the growth of East Africa's urban centers, and the development of colonial administration. The photographs extensively document rural life as well as the life of colonial officials and private businessmen. There are outstanding examples of portraiture, some of which were taken by commercial studios.

A guide to the Winterton collection's 6,500 photographs is available. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Herskovits Library (**847-467-3084**; africana@northwestern.edu).



The picture on the left is one of many in the Winterton Collection that illustrate the building of the Uganda Railway. Like many large-scale colonial projects, the laying of the railway was hampered by Africans' resistance to pressures to perform wage-labor. British rulers responded by recruiting contract labor from elsewhere in their colonial empire, in this case India.

This depiction of Indian "coolie" labor is a pointed contrast to the conventional view of East Africa's Indian communities, such as the merchant family photographed in Zanzibar in the early 1890s. (Note the African nanny in the background.)



The history of slavery remains a much-debated issue in post-colonial East Africa, as was demonstrated by the heated response elicited by the episode on Zanzibar in Henry Louis Gates's television series, *Wonders of the African World*, and the Zanzibar slave market has become a central symbol of those debates. This picture of the slave market in 1860 is from a collection by James Augustus Grant that contains some of the earliest surviving photographs of sub-Saharan Africans. It seems to belie some of the architectural evidence that tourists (including Gates) are typically shown to illustrate the official history of the slave market.



The picture of the Zanzibar ivory market, c. 1890 – in which turbaned, high-status men mockingly use sticks to demonstrate mastery over the bearer – suggests something of the discourses of race and power that shaped local institutions of slavery.

The brutality of colonial warfare rarely figures in commonly seen images of Africa; this makes the Winterton Collection's richness in that area especially valuable. The soldiers on the left were among the Sudanese and Mozambican mercenaries recruited to serve in the conquest of German East Africa in 1888-90; these campaigns were the first in which the German military made battlefield use of the automatic machine gun, which appears in other pictures throughout the Collection.



Though uncaptioned, the photo on the left was apparently taken in Nyasaland, c. 1915; it probably depicts the aftermath of the Chilembwe Rising of that year.

Note from the Director

The Northwestern Africanist Network (NAN)

During the course of 2004, Northwestern University will celebrate the **50th Jubilee of the Melville J. Herskovits Africana Library**. This is a library known to students of Africa the world over. Four years later, we will celebrate the **60th anniversary of the Program of African Studies**. These institutions are two dimensions of a single enterprise brought to fruition by **Melville Herskovits** in the aftermath of World War II. The Jubilee of the Library will provide an opportunity to sponsor events that highlight this great collection. It will be accompanied by the creation of an interactive network of individuals who have participated in the study of Africa at Northwestern.

I have been very impressed by the number of persons who have spoken warmly of their experiences in African studies at Northwestern, or about the research they conducted with the use of the Africana Library. This is an appropriate time for this loosely connected community to be formally constituted. By the time you receive this issue of *News and Events*, the new PAS website will be fully operational. Among its many purposes, it will provide a means by which members of the **Northwestern Africanist Network (NAN)** can communicate readily with each other, and with PAS faculty, staff and students. Entry to NAN is entirely voluntary and its activities will reflect the interests of its participants.

At the spring 2003 colloquium of the **Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa (ISITA)**, **Richard Lobban** and **Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban**, professors at Rhode Island College, informed me that they had both completed their doctoral studies at Northwestern. I had become acquainted with them over a decade ago in connection with initiatives at the Carter Center in Atlanta to help end the devastating war in Sudan, a country of which they are leading experts. A few weeks after the colloquium, Richard sent me a Cape Verde silver coin he had long carried in his wallet. It bears the image of **Eduardo Mondlane**, the martyred leader of Mozambique's independence struggle and a Northwestern Ph.D. in Sociology (1960). I had informed Richard that I met Mondlane during my student days at Oxford University. This anecdote captures the essence of NAN. It will activate the links that connect us to Africa, to each other, and to the great enterprise conceived by Herskovits and sustained by his successors over a half-century.



PAS well-represented at ASA meetings

Many African studies faculty, staff, and graduate students from Northwestern were active participants in the annual meeting of the African Studies Association (ASA) that took place in Boston at the end of October.

As head of the ASA's Current Issues Council, PAS director **Richard Joseph** organized a special session on "West Africa after Charles Taylor: Towards a New Security Agenda." **Congressman Donald M. Payne**, 10th District–New Jersey and ranking minority member of the House Subcommittee on Africa, spoke on the obstacles to greater U.S. engagement in West Africa as well as his optimism for achieving greater peace across Africa. Following Payne's remarks were presentations by **Zainab Bangura (National Endowment for Democracy)**, **John Prendergast (International Crisis Group)**, and **George Kieh (Morehouse University)**. Presenters emphasized such issues as the importance of current demobilization efforts and the need for a regional approach in analyzing and tackling West Africa's conflicts, ending the cycle of impunity, and creating accountable state systems. An audience of roughly 300 attended the meeting and the lively question-and-answer session that followed.

Other faculty members taking part in ASA activities were **Virginia DeLancey (PAS Academic Coordinator)**, who cochaired the panel on "Vulnerability, Risk and Youth in Africa" and gave a paper titled "Staying Alive: Confronting the Risks of Youth in Cameroon." She also represented Northwestern at the meeting of the Association of African Studies Programs. **Karen Tranberg Hansen (anthropology)** organized and cochaired a panel on "City Ways and African Youth: Materiality and Perfor-



Will Reno, George Kieh, John Prendergast, Alex Gillies, and Zainab Bangura attended a PAS luncheon at the ASA annual meeting in Boston.

mance" and gave a paper titled "Girlfriends Disturb Our Minds: Young Men's Fear of God and Their Five-Year Plans in Lusaka." **Robert Launay (anthropology)** was the discussant at the panel on "Reconfiguring Self and Other: Political Transition, Power, and the Articulation of Identity in Guinea." **John Pepper (art history)** was a cochair and discussant at the panel on "The Art of Survival." **Will Reno (political science)** organized a thematic section that included all panels on "Youth, Conflict, and Peacekeeping in Africa." He also chaired the panel on "Revisiting African Guerrillas."

PAS graduate students and recent alumni also participated. **Kathryn de Luna (history)** gave a paper on "The History of Ancient Hunting Practices West of Lake Victoria, c. 800–1600 CE: Reuniting Food Collection and Food Production in Lakes Bantu History." **Christopher Hayden (history)** presented "Counter/Parallel/Parallax: Subject Positions and the Identity of Maninka Healers in Colonial Guinea." **Patrick Johnston (political science)** gave a paper on "Natural Resource Exploitation, International Commerce, and State Sovereignty: The Liberian Case." **Neil Kodesh (history)** chaired the panel on "Themes in the History of East Africa" and

presented "History from the Healer's Shrine: Ganda Founding Narratives and the Emergence of Buganda." **Rhiannon Stephens (history)** gave a paper on "The Methodological Implications of Using Historical Linguistics to Study the History of Motherhood in West Nyanza, 500–1200 CE." And recent Northwestern PhD **Lorelle Semley (history, Wesleyan University)** presented "The Generation of Culture, Civilization, and the Subject: Marriage Narratives in Ketu-Yoruba."

The **Africana Librarians Council** and **Cooperative African Microforms Project** meetings, held concurrently with the ASA meetings in Boston, were attended by the following Herskovits Library staff members: **David Easterbrook (George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator)**, **Esmeralda Kale (Bibliographer of Africana)**, **Bob Lesh (Francophone Bibliographer and Africana Cataloger)**, **Patricia Ogedengbe (Librarian of Africana)**, **Jason Schultz (African Studies Librarian)**, and **Shoshana Seidman (Africana Cataloger)**.

Graduate student conference set for April

The **Midwest Graduate Student Conference in African Studies** has been revived and will convene at Northwestern, April 2-4 to explore the theme of studying Africa in the 21st century. The current generation of scholars faces increasing pressure to transcend interdisciplinary boundaries and create a connection between scholarly research in diverse fields and the pressing concerns faced by the continent today. With this trend in mind, graduate students from all disciplines - from the humanities and social sciences to law, business, medicine, and journalism - whose research interests touch on Africa, past and present, are invited to the conference. Papers, abstracts, and proposed panel topics are encouraged from graduate students at all levels. For additional information contact NUafricanists@yahoo.com or the **Midwest Graduate Student Conference in African Studies, Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, 620 Library Place Evanston, IL 60208-4110.**

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Publication celebrated with symposium and exhibit

To mark publication of the fourth volume of *Arabic Literature of Africa*, the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa (ISITA) hosted a November 21 symposium at PAS and mounted a University Library exhibit that will run through January. The *Arabic Literature of Africa* series, coedited by John O. Hunwick (history and religion) and R. Sean O'Fahey (history, Northwestern and the University of Bergen), is a multivolume guide to sub-Saharan Africa's Islamic literature and scholarship in Arabic and

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certain African languages.

Hunwick opened the symposium by recalling that as a young scholar he had been struck by the absence of bibliographical tools for the study of Islam in Africa. After initiating a number of bibliographical projects on his own, in the 1980s he partnered with O'Fahey, a Sudan and Eastern Africa specialist, to begin work on the *Arabic Literature of Africa* series. Colleagues and former students have collaborated with Hunwick and O'Fahey on the first four volumes, each with a regional emphasis, which have been published by E. J. Brill and comprise more than 2,000 pages. At least two additional volumes are planned.

Several series contributors presented at the seminar, including **Muhammad S. Umar (Arizona State University)**, **Ousmane Kane (Columbia University)**, and **Scott S. Reese (Northern Arizona University)**. They reflected on the vibrancy of Muslim Africa's intellectual and literary output and stressed the need to increase



ISITA co-director John Hunwick opened the symposium.

its translation and dissemination for study, especially with attention to its sociocultural and historical contexts. As Kane noted, a fuller understanding of Islamic Africa's scholarly production has the potential to "change the terms of debate on the production of knowledge in Africa."

ISITA Fellows to speak on gender and Islam in Africa

Two senior fellows will be in residence in the winter quarter to participate in the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought's activities on its 2004 theme, "Gender and Islam in Africa."

Penda Mbow is a history professor at Dakar's Cheikh Anta Diop University who has written extensively on gender and Islam in West Africa, including women's involvement in Sufism. A respected public intellectual in Senegal, she founded the grassroots citizens' organization Mouvement Citoyen and served as Senegal's minister of culture in 2001. During her three-week ISITA residency in February, she will deliver a **Monday Night Lecture** at PAS on **February 9**.

Ayesha Imam is a theorist, teacher, activist, and cofounder of BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights, a Nigeria-based organization that works to protect women's legal rights under customary, statutory, and religious laws. (Recently the organization was instrumental in the successful appeal of Amina Lawal's adultery sentence in Northern Nigeria.) Imam also serves as the Africa and Middle East coordinator for Women Living under Muslim Laws, an international solidarity network that creates linkages between women in Muslim countries to increase their knowledge about their legal rights. In 2002 Imam and BAOBAB received the John Humphrey Freedom Award. She will be in residence February 16–24 and will deliver a **Monday Night Lecture** at PAS on **February 23**.

The Herskovits Library of African Studies celebrates 50 years

In 2004, the **Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies** celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Founded in 1954 to support the research and curricular programs of the **Program of African Studies (PAS)**, the Herskovits Library is today the largest separate library for the study of Africa in the world. PAS will join with the library in a year-long celebration featuring events and projects that draw attention and expand access to the collection.

The Jubilee year will begin on **January 26** with the inaugural lecture for the **Melville J. Herskovits Chair in Anthropology and African Studies** by **Caroline Bledsoe** on "It's about time — and space: the bodily costs of reproduction in West Africa and beyond." Throughout 2004, PAS and the library will present speakers and exhibits on several topics: the vision and legacy of Melville J. Herskovits; African sculpture; the creation of the African state; African literature; responses to the HIV/AIDS crisis; and, the 10th anniversary of the fall of apartheid in South Africa. Additions

to these topics will be made as the year progresses.

PAS will host a reception at the 2004 African Studies Association meeting in honor of this milestone. In addition, portions of the Africana collection will be digitized and placed on the web including some Arabic manuscripts and materials related to HIV/AIDS. The Jubilee year will close in May 2005 when Northwestern hosts a meeting of the Africana Librarians Council.

Integral to the library's history are the thousands of Northwestern alumni and other scholars who have benefited from the collection over five decades. In 2004, PAS will reach out to this group and inaugurate an interactive alumni network hosted on the African Studies website. This effort will culminate in October 2004 with a gala to celebrate the unique legacy of Herskovits as embodied by the Africana library and PAS. Information on the gala and other Jubilee events will be updated regularly on the PAS website.



David Easterbrook, George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator

Additional information regarding Melville J. Herskovits and the Library can be found at www.library.northwestern.edu/africana/

News from the Herskovits Library of African Studies



World AIDS Day Display

In observance of **World AIDS Day** on December 1, a handmade South African quilt, titled "HIV/AIDS Is Our Concern," was exhibited in the **Herskovits Library**. The quilt is about 49 square feet and includes 117 separate panels, each offering its own message regarding HIV/AIDS. The quilt was made by the Chivirka Group, a South African women's cooperative established in 1986 in Mpambo, Limpopo Province.



Relocation of Library Collections

Questions about space are among the most frequently asked of Herskovits Library staff. And for the last year or so, the answer has always been, "soon." Soon is now here. As of early December portions of the Herskovits Library collections have been moved permanently to the University Library's lower level (room B249), tripling the total space allocated for the library's Africana holdings. Like the Herskovits Library, materials located on the lower level are accessible whenever the University Library is open. Questions about relocated materials should be directed to the **Herskovits Library reference desk** at **847-467-3084** or **africana@northwestern.edu**.

BRIEFS

Faculty activities

In November, Herskovits Professor of African Studies **Caroline Bledsoe** (anthropology) gave a talk titled “African Fertility and the Dynamics of Time and Space” at both the Institute for Social Studies at The Hague and at the Institut National d’Etudes Démographiques in Paris. Later that month she spoke to the Chicago Area Medical Archivists on “Meddlesome Midwifery or Natural Childbearing: Ethnographic Puzzles in the Work of Joseph B. De Lee in Early 20th-Century Chicago.” Her 2002 book, *Contingent Lives: Fertility, Time, and Aging in West Africa* (with contributions by Fatoumatta Banja), won both the 2003 Amaury Talbot Prize for African Anthropology from the Royal Anthropological Institute of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the 2003 Eileen Basker Prize for Outstanding Research in the Area of Gender and Health from the American Anthropology Association’s Society for Medical Anthropology. The book was also a finalist for the 2003 African Studies Association Herskovits Award.

Cynthia Bowman (School of Law) and Akua Kuenyehia (Faculty of Law, University of Ghana) have published *Women and the Law in Sub-Saharan Africa*, a book for African law students that is meant to encourage thinking about legal reform in relation to African women’s issues (e.g., family, inheritance, and land law; violence against women; reproductive issues) and to highlight varying approaches to these issues in different parts of Anglophone Africa. Bowman visited Ghana in December both to launch the book and to run the final conference of the 4 1/2-year partnership between Northwestern’s law school and its University of Ghana counterpart. The partnership has included a short-term faculty exchange program as well as assistance for training the University of Ghana’s law librarian in new research technology. Also, an article by Bowman, titled “Domestic Violence: Does the African Context Demand a Different Approach?” appeared in volume 26 of the *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*.

Souleymane Bachir Diagne (philosophy) traveled to Dakar, Senegal, to deliver a keynote address at a November 27–29 international medical conference. His presentation was titled “La force de vivre: les sciences du vivant et l’idée d’une post-humanité” (*trans.* The force of life: biological sciences and the idea of posthumanity”) and discussed ethical issues raised by biotechnology.

Doris Garraway (French and Italian) was invited to the University of Michigan on October 30 to speak to graduate students in Carroll Smith-Rosenberg and Mamadou Diouf’s American studies course on Sexual Narratives of Modernity: A CircumAtlantic Perspective. At the Modern Languages Association convention in San Diego in December, Garraway chaired a session on “Academic Freedom Post-9/11,” sponsored by the MLA committee on Academic Freedom and Professional Rights and Responsibilities.

The University of Chicago’s African Studies Workshop hosted a November 4 campus visit by **Jonathon Glassman** (history), who presented a paper titled “War of Words, War of Stones: Violence as Racial Discourse in Late Colonial Zanzibar.” On November 18 he gave a lecture on the Herskovits Library’s recently acquired Winterton Collection of East African Photography. The University Library Board of Governors sponsored the lecture.

Wendy Griswold (sociology) travels to Lagos in January to conduct research on “The Internet and Reading Practices in Nigeria.”

At November’s annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago, the Society for Economic Anthropology awarded its book prize to **Karen Tranberg Hansen** (anthropology) for *Salaula: The World of Secondhand Clothing and Zambia*. Her article, “Fashioning: Zambian Moments,” appeared in volume 8 of the *Journal of Material Culture*.

John Peffer (art history) participated in the Marxism and the World Stage Conference in Amherst, Massachusetts, as a roundtable panelist for the art exhibition *Global Priority*. He is the author of “The Burden of Global Art” in volume 15 of *Rethinking Marxism* and “The Diaspora as Object” in *Looking Both Ways*. Peffer also wrote the cover piece, “Strange Utopia: John Peffer in Conversation with Minnette Vari,” that appears in the winter 2003 issue of *Art South Africa*.

Will Reno (political science) traveled to Australia in October to give the keynote speech at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific. He also appeared with PAS director **Richard Joseph** (political science) on a panel about Liberia sponsored by the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations on October 9. Reno presented a paper titled “Sovereign Predators and Non-State Armed Group Protectors?” at a November 14 conference on the theme “Curbing Human Rights Violations by Non-State Armed Groups,” hosted by the Centre for International Relations at the University of British Columbia. On November 21 he spoke on “Violence, Order, and Political Change in Collapsing States” at the University of Southern California and gave a talk on “Failed States and Warlords” at Pomona College. Reno also recently published “Gier gegen Groll: Nigeria” (“Greed Against Grievance: Nigeria”) in *Politische Ökonomie der Gewalt* edited by Werner Ruf.

David Schoenbrun (history) and **Kearsley Stewart** (anthropology) traveled to Ghana and Italy in December to begin preliminary work for a new project on the anthropology and social history of millefiore and chevron trade beads.

Graduate student news

Henry Dougan (political science) has been awarded a Presidential Fellowship by the Graduate School for 2004-05 and 2005-06. The Presidential Fellowship is the most prestigious prize that Northwestern awards to its graduate students. It provides two years of fellowship support and membership in the interdisciplinary Society of Fellows, an organization comprised of Northwestern's most promising graduate students.

ISITA Coordinator **Rebecca Shereikis** received her PhD in history from Northwestern in December. Her dissertation, titled "Customized Courts: French Colonial Legal Institutions in Kayes, French Soudan, c. 1880–1913," examines the law courts established under French colonial rule in a town in Mali and how Africans responded to and used such courts. It focuses on struggles over the implementation of Islamic law and on women's use of the colonial courts to obtain divorces.

Christopher Hayden (history) presented a paper on "The Labor of Vaccination: Smallpox Campaigns and Colonial Modernity in French Guinea" at a November 2–3 post-ASA workshop in Hamilton, Massachusetts, on the history and anthropology of social health and healing practice in Africa.

Aisha Mootry (sociology), recipient of a Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship, took two courses at the 2003 Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (SCALI) at Ohio University. She studied Tigrinya with Ghirmai Negash (University of Asmara, Eritrea) and completed a course on Linguistic Human Rights and the African Child offered by John Mugane (Harvard University). She plans to continue her Tigrinya studies as a participant in next summer's SCALI.

Mshaï Mwangola (performance studies) traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to attend the October 30–31 East African subregional conference of the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). She delivered a paper titled

"A Generation in Search of Uhuru." Four graduate students — **Nana Akua Anyido** (human development and social policy), **David Donkor** (performance studies), **Mshaï Mwangola** (performance studies) and **Godwin Murunga** (history) — presented papers at CODESRIA's 30th anniversary celebration and conference in Dakar, Senegal, December 10-12. Their conference panel was titled "Towards a Fourth Generation of African Scholarship: Knowledge, Identity, and Pan-Africanism," and topics ranged from defining the historical mission of a fourth generation of scholars to issues of identity and knowledge production. Other papers dealt with the question of pan-African nationalism and theater discourse in Ghana, African scholarship, language and democracy, and the intellectual and institutional links between African and Black studies. The keynote addresses were delivered by the literary luminary Ngugi wa Thiong'o, political scientist Ali A. Mazrui, and the historian Joseph Ki-Zerbo. Details of the conference can be found at CODESRIA's web site (www.codesria.org).

Nigerian Scholar begins six-month PAS residency

PAS will host Nigerian civil society leader and academic **J. Kayode Fayemi** as a visiting scholar from January to June. During his residency Fayemi will research and write on peace and security issues in West Africa and document his recent work with the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on conflict prevention and management.

Given the subregion's chronic instability, Fayemi observes that "there is, more than ever, a clear need for serious, policy-oriented scholarship that seeks to address in an integrated manner the range of social, economic, and political phenomena responsible for conflicts in the countries." At Northwestern, he will also advise on the design of PAS programs including the peace and security projects of the Consortium for Development Partnerships.

Fayemi is the **Founding Director** of the **Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD)**, a research and training institution with offices in Lagos, London, and Abuja. CDD serves as a critical bridge-building institution between policymakers, civil society activists, and academics in West Africa. Through numerous projects and publications, including the biannual journal *Democracy & Development*, it fulfills its mission of being a catalyst for capacity building and strategic analysis in the areas of democratization, development, and human security in West Africa.

Prior to the establishment of CDD, Fayemi was a research fellow at the African Research and Information Bureau in London, a reporter with leading Nigerian newspaper *The Guardian*, and editor of the political monthly *Nigeria-Now*. As a prominent leader of the Nigerian opposition to military rule in exile, he was responsible for the founding and management of the opposition radio programs *Radio Freedom*, *Radio Democracy International*, and *Radio Kudirat*.

Fayemi has lectured in Africa, Europe, the Americas, and Asia and served as an adviser to various governments, intergovernmental institutions, and development agencies, including Nigeria's Human Rights Violations Investigation Commission, ECOWAS, the UN Economic Commission on Africa, and the British government. He is also on the **adjunct faculty** of the **African Center for Strategic Studies** at the **National Defense University** in **Washington, D.C.**

Fayemi has written extensively on governance and democratization, civil-military relations, and security sector issues in Africa. His recent publications include *Understanding the Nigerian Military: Civil-Military Relations in a Democratizing Polity* (2001), *Deepening Constitutionalism: The Role of Regional Institutions in Constitutional Development* (2003), and the forthcoming *Securing Democracy: Democratic Control of Military and Security Establishments in Nigeria and South Africa* (with Robin Luckham and Gavin Cawthra).

Fayemi has degrees in history, politics, and international relations from the Universities of Lagos and Ife in Nigeria and a Ph.D. in war studies from King's College, University of London.

Governance Conference (continued from front page)

Guinea Bissau. Other presenters identified protecting oil supplies and avoiding failed states as among U.S. objectives in West Africa, but **John Prendergast (International Crisis Group)** and several audience members argued that U.S. foreign policy in the region lacks coherence.

At an evening roundtable discussion with an audience of more than 90 people, **PAS director Richard Joseph** asked each of the nine discussants to offer three recommendations for preventing and counteracting state crisis in West Africa. The diverse responses included reducing international trade injustices, involving women and youth in political leadership, promoting democratic governance of the state security apparatus, and recognizing and supporting existing examples of progress.

The panels on "Enhancing Capital Flows" and "Curbing Corruption" revealed consensus on the need for improved governance and regulatory environments to encourage investment and local entrepreneurship in the region. Views differed, however, on regionalism's potential as a strategy for growth. **Célestin Monga (World Bank)** stressed that small countries can succeed alone if granted access to global markets. **Nicolas van de Walle (Cornell University)** discussed why the Millennium Challenge Account, a U.S. initiative with an unclear future, has strongly emphasized the problem of corruption, and he questioned the progress of the World Bank's Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper process in increasing local ownership of economic policy.

The keynote address by **Daniel Kaufmann (World Bank Institute)** highlighted the groundbreaking quantitative research available on issues of governance and its relevance for scholars and policymakers alike. His analysis of data on six governance components, such as corruption and democratic voice and accountability, indicates that good governance does indeed lead to economic growth, but in many African countries better governance has not accompanied improvements in economic policy or democratic rule.

In the panel on "Strengthening Judicial Systems and the Rule of Law," presenters identified several high-priority needs such as assuring women's access to the courts, providing better resourced and more practically based legal education systems, and securing the independence of the judiciary from the executive branch. **Cynthia Bowman (Northwestern University School of Law)** suggested that partnerships between American universities and African

legal institutions are a promising strategy for addressing some of these issues.

At the panel on HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, **J. K. Anarfi (University of Ghana)**, reporting on prevention efforts, stressed the difficulty of changing the behavior of young people in Ghana, while **Robert Murphy (Feinberg School of Medicine)** noted great strides in recent treatment efforts in other parts of West Africa, citing Nigeria's national program as a potentially transferable model. Panelists also emphasized the need for social science research and locally tailored strategies.

The panel on "Ethnicity, Religion, and the Public Sphere" featured discussion of the latest dynamics of religious and ethnic identities within political and other public arenas. According to **Eghosa Osaghae (University of Ibadan)**, the widening of political space in recent years has led to a reassertion of these identities. **Souleymane Bachir Diagne (Northwestern)** emphasized that ethnic and religious movements, being both modern and often youth driven, are highly adaptable.

The difficulties of establishing international partnerships, the great need for strong institutions of horizontal accountability, and the importance of respecting and developing African institutional capacities emerged as key points in the final panel, "Building Institutions and Expanding Human Capital." The concluding discussion highlighted a new PAS

initiative: the **Consortium for Development Partnerships (CDP)**. Beginning in 2004 the CDP will bring together research centers, universities, nongovernmental organizations, and government agencies in Africa, Europe, and the United States to conduct cooperative projects in West Africa. Conference participants offered comments on the initial program design and suggested ways to maximize the consortium's positive impact.

The Governance and Insecurity in West Africa conference was the final major event under the rubric of the **Program on International Cooperation in Africa (PICA)**, a successful PAS program funded by the **MacArthur Foundation** since 1989. The CDP will build on the foundation of PICA to engage Northwestern in productive, bridge-building activity on issues of importance to contemporary Africa.

Right: Célestin Monga, discussant for the panel "Enhancing Capital Flows and Local Entrepreneurship." Below: Northwestern University President Henry Bienen (second from left) speaks with conference participants.



Above: Participants in the Governance and Insecurity in West Africa conference

OPPORTUNITIES

Panofsky Awards

Northwestern graduate students planning to do preliminary fieldwork or archival research in Africa during summer 2004 may apply for Hans E. Panofsky Predissertation Research Awards. Grants of up to \$1,500 will be awarded to help fund short-term visits to prospective field sites and research institutions in Africa, where students can evaluate research opportunities, consult with scholars, increase their competency in an African language, arrange for institutional affiliation, or undertake preliminary research.

Doctoral students who have completed their second year of course work and will seek PhD candidacy the following year are eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled at Northwestern both at the time of application and during the quarter immediately following their preliminary research

trip. Regular participants in the Africa Seminar (Afrisem) will receive preference. Returning award recipients will be expected to write a trip summary and make a presentation in Afrisem or a Wednesday Bag Lunch at PAS.

Applications are due **April 1** and must include a one-page résumé; a statement (1,000–1,200 words) of the objectives of the research trip; a budget that includes transportation, living, and research expenses; a sealed letter of recommendation from a faculty member familiar with the applicant's research and academic standing; and written agreement to comply with the eligibility requirement of the Panofsky Awards. The Committee on African Studies will review all applications and announce awards by April 30.

Summer study in Mali

PAS announces a six-week summer study abroad program in Mali, directed by **Bill Murphy (anthropology and PAS)** and taught by Northwestern faculty, that will provide undergraduates with firsthand experience in African research and intellectual life on the African continent.

For further information, contact PAS at 847-491-7323.

Opportunities for summer language study

Ohio University will host the national **Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (SCALI)** June 21–August 6. SCALI condenses in seven weeks the equivalent of one year of African language instruction with exposure to the language's associated culture and traditions. Depending on the number of applicants, more than 60 languages may be offered in classes at the elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels, taught by expert instructors and native speakers. SCALI students will also have access to a variety of African-centered activities on campus, such as short courses and workshops offered by the Institute for the African Child.

Graduate students applying for the SCALI program who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are encouraged to seek Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships. Recipients receive funds for tuition and fees, a stipend of \$2,400, and optional travel grants. FLAS fellowships are supported by the U.S. Department of Education National Resource Centers for African Studies.

SCALI and FLAS applications are due **March 15**. For more information and application materials, visit www.ohio.edu/scali or contact **Catherine Cutchner, SCALI coordinator (scali@ohio.edu; 740-593-0272)**.

Herskovits Undergraduate Research Awards

Northwestern students in any major may apply for the Herskovits Undergraduate Research Awards. Administered by PAS in collaboration with the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies and the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, these awards allow students to earn course credit and receive up to \$600 in funding for research and bibliographic projects using the world-renowned Herskovits collection.

Applicants must complete the application on the PAS web site and submit a research proposal and budget endorsed by a faculty mentor by **April 1**. A committee

composed of the Herskovits Library curator, PAS director, and Africanist faculty and staff will review all submissions and select five award recipients. Over two consecutive quarters beginning in fall or winter 2004–05, students will work on their proposed project — perhaps a research paper or, less traditionally, an exhibit, web site, film festival, or choreography, for example — guided by their faculty mentor. Students will also prepare a related bibliographic project involving regular consultation with the curator. Both projects must be completed and presented at an appropriate event by the end of the second quarter.

Goodman Awards

Morris Goodman Awards, established by PAS in honor of the distinguished linguist, provide Northwestern graduate students with up to \$1,500 for intensive training in African languages. Applicants must submit a letter that states their research plans, justifies the need for

language training, and describes how the training will be completed. If tutoring is proposed, the application must include information about the tutor, including a curriculum vita and documentation of visa status for remuneration purposes. Applications are accepted year round, and awards are granted on a rolling basis.

For further information and application materials pertaining to the Herskovits, Panofsky and Goodman awards, consult the PAS web site (www.northwestern.edu/african-studies/academics) or contact **Virginia DeLancey, PAS Academic Coordinator (v-delancey@northwestern.edu; 847-491-7325)**.

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