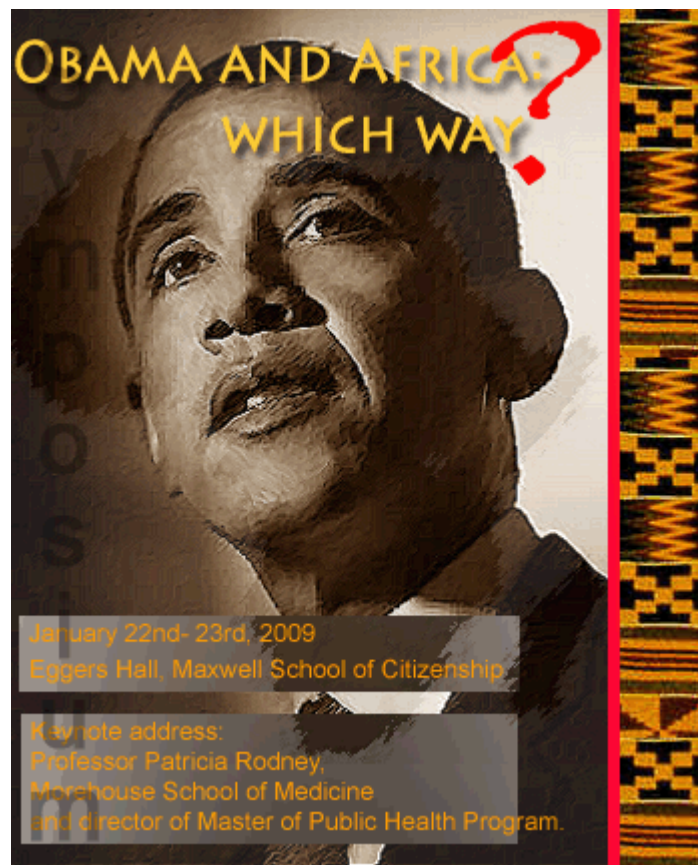


The Africa Initiative of Syracuse University and The Center for African Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign presents a symposium:



“Obama and Africa: Which Way?”

Global Collaboratory, Eggers Hall, Room 060
January 22-23, 2009

DAY ONE: Thursday January 22 (Maxwell Auditorium)

5:00-5:10 pm

Opening Remarks:

Chair Person, Professor Horace G. Campbell, Syracuse University and Symposium
Co-Chair, Professor Merle L. Bowen, Director, Center for African Studies, UIUC

5:10-5:30 pm

Welcome:

Dr. Diane Murphy, Dean of the School of Human Ecology, Syracuse University
Dr Mitchel Wallerstein, Dean of the Maxwell School of Syracuse University

5:30 pm

Keynote Address:

“Towards a New Health Policy for Africa: Beyond the Limits of PEPFAR.”

Dr. Patricia Rodney, Department of Community Health and Preventive Medicine, and
Director, Master of Public Health Program

Q & A

Vote of Thanks: Arkie L Tassew

7.00-9.00 pm

Reception, Outside Maxwell Auditorium

DAY TWO: Friday January 24, 2009 (Global Collaboratory, Eggers 060)

8:00-9:00 am Symposium Registration and Continental Breakfast (Public Events Room,
Eggers 220)

9:00-10:30 am Session 1. Beyond the Militarization of African Studies

Chair: Merle L. Bowen, Director, Center for African Studies, UIUC

Presenters:

*“The U.S. African Command, the Militarization of Africa and U.S. Policy, and the
Academic Responses.”* Professor David Wiley, Department of Sociology, Michigan State
University

“Looking Forward, Facing Forces: Militarization, Africa Policy, and Scholar Activists.”
Professor William G. Martin, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University

“A New Framework and Direction for U.S. Foreign Policy for Africa and the Diaspora”
Imani Countess, Senior Director of Public Affairs, TransAfrica Forum

10:30-10:45 am Tea Break (Public Events Room, Eggers 220)

10:50-12:35 pm Session 2. Beyond the Plundering of African Resources

Chair: Kishi Animashaun Ducre, Assistant Professor, Department of African American Studies, Syracuse University

Presenters:

“Beyond the Plundering and Looting of The Democratic Republic of the Congo”
Patricia Daley, University Lecturer, Oxford University

“Beyond the Plundering of African Resources: Stemming the Militarization of African Oil Production.” Dr. Daniel Volman, Director, African Security Research Project

“Rethinking Environmental Justice in Africa.”
Ken Salo, Lecturer, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, UIUC

12:45-1:30 pm Lunch (Public Events Room, Eggers 220)

1:45-3:30pm Session 3. African Knowledge and the Restructuring of African Education

Chair: Zaline Makini Roy-Campbell, School of Education, Syracuse University

Presenters:

“US Educational Policies for Africa: Reflections on the Clinton and Bush Administrations”
Professor Cecil Abrahams, Department of English, Syracuse University

“Re-engaging the African World: Obama’s Presidency as an Opportunity for Redefined Terms of Knowledge, Respect and Mutuality”
Professor Alem Hailu, African Studies, Howard University

“Challenges and Opportunities for Digital Partnerships between Africa and the U.S. in the 21st Century.” Peter Limb, Professor and Africana Bibliographer, Michigan State University

“Fractals and Africa: A Thought Experiment in Two Spheres.” Tolu Odumosu, Visiting Fellow, Program on Science, Technology and Society, Harvard Kennedy School and Phd candidate RPI

3:30-3:45 pm Tea Break (Public Events Room, Eggers 220)

3:45-5:30 pm Session 4. Peace, Reconstruction, Renewal and Alternatives for US Policy towards Africa

Chair: Kofi Appiah-Okyere, Whitman School of Management, Syracuse University

Presenters:

“Obama and Africa: Defining the Change, Respecting the Legacy, Determining the Purpose” Professor Ikaweba Bunting, Africana Studies, California State University

“Directions of a Better US Policy towards Zimbabwe”

Teresa Barnes, Associate Professor, Department of History/Gender and Women’s Studies, UIUC

“Ubuntu, Reconstruction and Repair in Africa”

Professor Horace Campbell, Department of African American Studies and Political Science, Syracuse University

6:30-8:00pm Reception and Dinner (Public Events Room, Eggers 220)

Closing Remarks:

Prexy Nesbitt, Columbia College, Chicago

“Telling no Lies: Building a Strong US Constituency for Africa and Related Issues in the Obama Era”

Tete Antonio, Acting Angolan Ambassador to the United States

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