

Center for African Studies  
University Center for International Studies

# Conference Program Schedule



*Celebrate*  
**AFRICA**

SEPTEMBER 16-17



University of  
Pittsburgh.



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**

*Conference Program Schedule*

**10:00 a.m. | SEMINAR**

Posvar Hall 4130

HOW INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS, TRAUMA SURGEONS, OB/GYNS, AND SOCIAL SCIENTISTS CAN WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE WICKED PROBLEMS IN AFRICA

**Dr. Bopaya Bidanda**, *Engineering*

**Dr. Juan Carlos Puyana**, *Medicine*

**11:00 a.m. | SEMINAR**

Posvar Hall 4217

SECURITY IN NIGER DELTA: YOU CAN'T GO FORWARD WITHOUT LOOKING BACK

**Dr. Karin Warner**, *Nursing*

Posvar Hall 4130

ASSISTING LEGAL EDUCATION IN AFRICA—THE VIS ARBITRATION MOOT

**Professor Ronald Brand**, J.D., *Law* | University of Pittsburgh School of Law

**John Paul Putney**, J.D., *Law* | University of Pittsburgh School of Law

**11:00 a.m. | ROUND TABLE**

Global Hub, Posvar Hall

IMMERSION INTO AFRICAN SOCIAL WORK: CHALLENGES TO THE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVE

**Dr. Tonya Slawinski**, *Social Work*

**Dr. Toya Jones**, *Social Work*

**Dr. Yodit Betru**, *Social Work*

**12 p.m. | ALUMNI WEBINAR**

Global Hub, Posvar Hall: Or virtually **Zoom Link:** <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99180119647>

CHANGE MAKERS OF AFRICA AND THE DIASPORA

**Dr. Nosakhare Griffin-El**, *Creator* | The Young Dreamers' Bookstore

**Dr. Fatima Waziri-Azi**, *Director General in Nigeria* | National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking

**Dr. Mamothena Mothupi**, *Project Director* | Maternal & Newborn Health, International Rescue Committee



### 1 p.m. | SEMINAR

Posvar Hall 4130

TRAINING HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS IN NIGERIA TO INCREASE ACCESS TO CANCER AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND EARLY DIAGNOSIS

**Dr. Abimbola Fapohunda**, *Public Health | Africana Studies*

Posvar Hall 4217

AFRICAN PEOPLES' STRUGGLE

**Dr. Mohammed Bamyeh**, *Sociology*

**Dr. Ronald Judy**, *English*

### 1 p.m. | ROUNDTABLE

Global Hub, Posvar Hall

PITT OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDY ABROAD OR INTERN IN AFRICA AND LEARN HOW TO GET YOUR TRIP FUNDED

**Study Abroad & Nationality Room** *Staff*

### 2 p.m. | SEMINARS

Posvar Hall 4217

THE AFRICAN WOMAN: A CLOSER LOOK AT THE DAILY LIFE OF A WOMAN IN EGYPT, SUDAN, AND SOMALIA

**Dr. Amani Attia**, *Linguistics*

Posvar Hall 4130

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: GATHERING AT THE WELL OR UNDER THE VILLAGE TREE

**Dr. Abdesalam Soudi**, *Linguistics*

**Dr. Catherine Koverola**, *Center for African Studies*

### 2 p.m. | DOCUMENTARY FILM SCREENING:

Posvar Hall 1500

KEEP QUIET OR DIE—The struggle for democratic change in the Congo

**Aunel Arneth**, *Pro-democracy Activist, Journalist & Film Maker*

### 3 p.m. | SEMINAR

Posvar Hall 4130

GENDER EQUITY PROGRAMMING—WHAT WORKS—EXAMPLES FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

**Dr. Thuy Bui**, *Medicine*

**Dr. Martina Anto-Ocrah**, *Medicine*



### 3 p.m. | ROUNDTABLE: INTRODUCING AFRICAN LANGUAGES

Global Hub, Posvar Hall

LEARN SOME PHRASES IN AN AFRICAN LANGUAGE: AMHARIC, SWAHILI, & ARABIC

**Dr. Filipino Lubua**, *Linguistics*

**Dr. Meshesha Make**, *Linguistics*

**Dr. Amani Attia**, *Linguistics*

### 4 p.m. | SEMINAR

Posvar Hall, 4130

THE FUTURE OF FOREIGN POLICY IN AFRICA

**Dr. John Stoner**, *History*

Posvar Hall, 4217

GIVING BACK/MISSING/REMEMBERING: A HANDS-ON, INTERACTIVE, AND DECOLONIAL SYNTHESIS OF THE STATE OF THE BENIN BRONZES HELD IN COLOGNE'S PREMIER WORLD CULTURE MUSEUM

**Dr. Maureen K. Porter**, *Comparative and International Education Policy*

### 4 p.m. | ROUNDTABLE

Global Hub, Posvar Hall

THE AFRICAN IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE IN PITTSBURGH:  
COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES

**Edem Avotri, Aweys Mwaliya, Caroline Akutu, Dr. Abi Fapohunda, Kawthar Albe, Monica Dorue, Pricilla Collins, Chibugo Uwazie, Dr. Abdesalam Soudi, Benedict Killang**

### 5 p.m. | RECEPTION

Frick Fine Arts Atrium

### 5:30 p.m. | CEREMONIAL DRUMMING BEGINS

**Yamoussa Camara**, *Ensemble Faculty*

### 6 p.m. | KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Frick Fine Arts Atrium

WELCOME REMARKS

**Dr. Catherine Koverola**, *Interim Director, Center for African Studies*

**Dr. Ariel C. Armony**, *Vice-Chancellor for Global Affairs & Director of the University Center for International Studies*

**Dr. Ann E. Cudd**, *Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor*

**Rich Fitzgerald**, *County Executive*

AFRICA'S TRAJECTORY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY: FROM A HISTORIC PAWN INTO A PLAYER

**Dr. Paul Tiyambe Zeleza**, *Renowned Pan-African Historian* | Case Western Reserve University

DANCE PERFORMANCE

**Camera Drum and Dance Performance**



## **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

### *Festival*

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

#### **MARKETPLACE:**

African Food Vendors, Artisans, Children's Activities, & Information Tables with MC Sylvester Omeje

**11 a.m.**

#### **STORYTELLING**

Experience the craft of a storyteller by Dr. Nosakhare Griffin-El & Dr. Leonora Kivuva

**12 - 4 p.m.**

#### **MUSIC**

ADEPA Band & DJ Akuson Joe playing throughout the event

**11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

#### **TOURS**

Tours of the Africa Room in the Cathedral of Learning

**2:30 p.m.**

#### **DRUM AND DANCE WORKSHOPS**

Camara Drum and Dance Performance

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