

Center for African Studies
University Center for International Studies

Conference Program Schedule



Celebrate
AFRICA

SEPTEMBER 16-17



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, *Co-Founder* | 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*

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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 Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs *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*

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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 Arneht, *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 21ST 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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