From the Chair

Dear APCG colleagues:

It was great to see many of you at the ISA conference in San Diego last week. Thanks to the ISA committee, chaired by Steve Burgess, APCG had two excellent panels that attracted good crowds and generated lively discussions. About fifteen of us gathered after the panels for a great Mexican dinner organized by Mike Williams. And this week in Chicago, APCG is sponsoring its first-ever Midwest Political Science Association panel and hosting a social event organized by Dominika Koter and Gina Lambright. APCG members clearly are raising the profile of Africanist scholarship in political science—and having fun along the way!

We introduce a new feature in this APCG newsletter: a review of an Africa-related dataset by a graduate student. Leo Arriola has led this initiative and recruited Matthew Gichohi to inaugurate the series. We look forward to including this feature in subsequent newsletters and we encourage graduate students to submit their reviews (see pages 3-4 for details).

We are grateful to our newsletter editor, Mike Nelson, for putting together a very sharp one-page flyer about APCG (see page 20). If you plan to do fieldwork in Africa this summer, please bring some copies with you to distribute to prospective APCG members.

Finally, remember to add your information to the membership directory on the APCG website (www.africanpoliticsgroup.org). On the site, you can also find current job postings, sample course syllabi, links to various member blogs, and a list of Africa-related databases.

Have a great summer!

Beth Whitaker
APCG Chair
Dear Colleagues,

This is our 29th issue and things continue to evolve. As our Chair noted above, we are including a dataset review (see the next page) for the first time. You also can expect to see other forms of new content in the issues coming out later this year (September and December). At our next meeting (APSA), we will likely have a discussion about moving to two issues per year and making greater use of the website (or email) for some news items. The idea will be to continue to highlight new substantive content in our newsletters and bring the time-sensitive information (such as calls for papers and information about events) into media that are better suited for those tasks (which is not to say that we will take them out of the newsletter). Please do feel free to share your ideas about these changes with me via email (mbnelson@wesleyan.edu) or at our meetings. Until then, all of your research productivity that I have just recorded in this newsletter tells me that I need to get back to writing!

Best,

Mike

From Mali: Jaimie Bleck is an Assistant Professor at Notre Dame and Kristin Michelitch is a Ph.D. Candidate at NYU becoming a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Kellogg Institute of Notre Dame starting Fall 2012. They are collaborating on a project: “Good Morning Timbuktu! The Impact of Radio in Rural Islamic Africa.”

Krisin describes the picture:

In the picture, Jaimie and I are holding a public lottery in a remote village in Northern Mali in order to randomly select “Du’s” (extended families) for participation in our research. The public lottery ensures transparency in respondent selection at the village-level. More information regarding the research can be found at either of our websites: www.kristinmichelitch.com or www.jaimiebleck.com.

From Carl LeVan:

APCG has a balance of $4,210.45 in its bank account, and $959.57 in its PayPal account. Recent expenses include $125.08 for the production of cool color promotional flyers, and $319.71 for the reception at Fred’s Mexican Restaurant in San Diego during the International Studies Association meeting. Please note that your dues must be current in order for paper or panel proposals to be considered for APCG sponsorship, and our new fiscal year begins during the African Studies Association Annual Meeting. Send an email to Carl LeVan at levan@american.edu to inquire about whether your dues are current.
If, as Schattschneider claims, democracy is unthinkable save in terms of parties, then the recent literature on Africa's party systems exposes the project's vulnerability.

Despite the consensus on the importance of parties, there is little scholarly agreement on how best to assess the continent’s evolving party systems, that is, using Sartori’s counting rules (1976), calculating Laakso and Taagepera’s (1979) weighted formula, or focusing on a specific factor associated with the institutionalization of parties. This disagreement extends to which data sources scholars ought to use in their analyses, which is largely a consequence of relatively little Africa-related data being available in standardized formats, as is often the case with American or European electoral data. For example, only 19 African countries are included in Golder’s (2005) otherwise encyclopedic database on democratic electoral systems around the world. And while the African Elections Database (http://africanelections.tripod.com/) is perhaps one of the best online sources for information on presidential and legislative elections since 1990, the information is not compiled in a manner that can be easily used by scholars interested in cross-country comparisons.

While there exists no single superior database for those interested in African elections, parties, and party systems, there are datasets that capture information that is relevant to our understanding of electoral competition in the region’s democratizing states. This review focuses on one such dataset that is of particular benefit to those interested in the process of democratic consolidation in Africa and is available from the author’s website: Staffan Lindberg’s dataset on elections and electoral systems. His Africa-specific data are mainly from the post-1989 era, covering 144 legislative and 120 presidential elections. Lindberg’s main contribution is in constructing 18 variables that specifically address the dynamics that surround elections, such as the presence of a true opposition party, the boycotting of elections, and the occurrence of political violence over the course of the campaign and the polling day.

Lindberg is transparent in the operationalization of most variables. There are, however, a few problems that arise. For instance, the variable oppar indicates whether the real opposition participates in an election, but it is not clear what exactly qualifies an opposition party for that distinction. Lindberg codes the 1992 presidential election in Kenya as having the participation of the real opposition. This is most likely due to the candidacy of Oginga Odinga, the KANU regime’s long-time critic. But how would we code the parties led by the former KANU members, such Kenneth Matiba and Mwai Kibaki, who abandoned the regime only toward the very end? Is it enough to have only one real opposition party to make an election competitive?

To fully exploit the potential of Lindberg’s rich data, one would need to combine his dataset with other datasets that provide information on the factors—e.g., electoral rules and ethnic fractionalization—that would commonly be used to test conventional hypotheses.
related to party systems. We could then, for example, assess to what extent political violence has affected the nature of party systems in African countries after controlling for the standard institutional and sociological conditions. These additional variables can be found through online sources like the Database of Political Institutions.6

Our discipline depends on access to strong data since it is only through replication that we can have confidence in our theories. In this respect, Africanist scholars should follow Lindberg’s example in making their data readily available online. Otherwise, scholars are left little choice but to build their own datasets, which oftentimes means little more than reinventing the wheel.

Endnotes

2. The factors often associated with institutionalized party systems include stable roots in society, autonomy, level of organization and coherence.
3. Available at http://www.clas.ufl.edu/users/sil/downloads.html
4. Note that the data available on Lindberg’s site is not an exact match of the variables listed in the accompanying codebook.
5. The violence measure takes on three values: (0) elections with organized and widespread political violence; (1) election with violence that was neither organized nor widespread; and (3) peaceful elections.

References Available on Page 17.

African Data Sources and Reviews Sought

We are in the process of compiling a list of data sources for our group.

For the current list, go to: http://africanpoliticsgroup.org/index.php/scholars/africa-data-sources/

To contribute a data source, send an email to Jeff Paller, paller@wisc.edu.

APCG will begin to publish reviews of Africa-related databases in this newsletter and online. If you are a graduate student and would like to write such a review, send an email to Leonardo Arriola, larriola@berkeley.edu.

APCG-African Affairs Best Graduate Student Paper Award

Nominations Due April 30th

We are pleased to announce that African Affairs has agreed to sponsor our annual award for the best graduate student paper on African politics. The winner will receive $200 and will be encouraged (but not required) to submit his/her paper to African Affairs for review.

The APCG-African Affairs Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee seeks nominations for the 2011/12 award. Eligible papers must be nominated by a member of the APCG (self nominations not allowed), written by a graduate student, and presented at the 2011 APSA, 2011 ASA, 2012 ISA, or 2012 MPSA annual meeting. The paper cannot have a co-author with a Ph.D. This year’s committee consists of Jennifer Brass (Indiana University), Deborah Brautigam (American University), and Nahomi Ichino (Harvard University). To nominate a paper, please send an email with the paper’s author, title, and the conference name to the committee chair, Nahomi Ichino, at nichino@gov.harvard.edu.

We are very grateful to the editors of African Affairs for their willingness to sponsor this important recognition of graduate student research.
News & Announcements

APCG @ ISA

Stephen Burgess reports that the two APCG panels at the International Studies Association convention generated considerable interest and discussion. The panel on Intervention in African disputes and conflicts focused on mediation and power sharing efforts in Cote d’Ivoire and Madagascar as well as the politics of French intervention and the problems of international peacebuilding efforts. The second panel focused on the problems of migration in Botswana, Cote d’Ivoire and Ghana and Abuja, Nigeria.

From the African Studies Association

ASA News has been given a reboot by our own Laura Seay. The most recent issue includes:

- Letter from ASA President
- Challenges of Researching Rwanda: An Interview with Scott Straus
- Announcement of New Interim ASA Executive Director
- Future Federal Funding for International Studies
- African Humanities Program
- Debate on Proposed ASA Resolution on US Government and LRA
- New Ogot Award
- ASA Survey Results
- 2011 ASA Award Winners
- From the Blogosphere: Kony 2012
- And much more . . .

We welcome your contributions in the way of announcements, photos, and articles, but check first with Laura Seay before going to the trouble of writing an article. We also welcome your feedback.

The ASA Board will be discussing at its April 27 board meeting a resolution submitted by Association of Concerned Africa Scholars to the U.S. Government about the Lord’s Resistance Army and Central Africa. We welcome your feedback on the resolution:

http://www.asanewsonline.com/2012/03/19/debate-proposed-asa-resolution/

We are also up on Twitter. Be the first to follow us!

Boston University Summer African Language Courses

The African Studies Center at Boston University will be teaching three intensive introductory African languages this summer - Amharic, Hausa, and Kinyarwanda. If you have students who are interested in learning these languages, please let them know. More information is available at: http://www.bu.edu/africa/alp/summer-language-study/

For more information, contact Peter Quella at pdquella@bu.edu.

Rift Valley Institute Field Courses 2012

Rift Valley Institute Field Courses 2012 - Great Lakes, Horn of Africa, and Sudan and South Sudan – Apply now

Applications for the Rift Valley Institute 2012 annual field courses are open.

The courses offer an immersive, dawn-to-dusk programme of seminars, lectures and panel discussions, examining the historical, environmental and cultural features of specific subregions of Eastern and Central Africa. Taught by teams of leading international and regionally-based experts, they provide the basis for an understanding of current political and developmental challenges.

Great Lakes Course

The Great Lakes Course covers Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The 2012 course focuses on the roots of conflict and challenges to institutional reform in the region. It will be held in Bujumbura, Burundi, from 7 to 13 July 2012. The application deadline is 30 April 2012.

Horn of Africa Course

The Horn of Africa Course covers Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Somaliland, Puntland and Northern Kenya. The 2012 course examines why the Horn remains the world’s most crisis-ridden region. It is held in the vicinity of Mombasa, on the Kenyan coast, from 16 to 22 June 2012. The application deadline is 16 April 2012.

For more information about the courses, please see the attached course prospectus. Alternatively you can visit www.riftvalley.net/courses or write to courses@riftvalley.net. You can apply online or continued on page 6
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via www.riftvalley.net. Applications will be considered in order of receipt.

N.B. RVI monitors closely the security situation in the region and in specific course locations. Applicants will be kept advised of developments and courses will be relocated if necessary.

Authors Wanted

Scarecrow Press is looking for authors to write or update its Historical Dictionaries for the following countries: Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania, Togo and Uganda.

If you are interested, please contact Dr. Jon Woronoff at jonworonoff@orange.fr

Member News

Mamoudou Gazibo (our former newsletter editor!) announces he has been promoted from Associate Professor to Professor (beginning June 1) at the University of Montreal. He also is co-organizing with Professor Muna Ndulo (Cornell University) a symposium on the theme “Elections, Accountability and Democratic Governance in Africa”. The symposium will take place at Ithaca, Cornell University, on April 20-21, with the participation of many APCG members.

Guy Grossman accepted an offer to join the political science department at the University of Pennsylvania as an assistant professor (tenure track).

Loren Landau is pleased to announce the publication of Exorcising the Demons Within: Xenophobia, Violence and Statecraft in Contemporary South Africa. This edited volume critically examines the 2008 attacks that left more than 60 dead and 100 000 displaced. ‘Exorcising the Demons Within’ makes sense of recent anti-outsider violence by situating it within an extended history of South African statecraft that both produced the conditions for the attacks and has been reshaped by it. Drawing on new research by an interdisciplinary team of scholars, this is the first academic text to fully theorize the events that made global headlines in 2008. Published by United Nations University Press: http://unu.edu/publications/books/2010-2012/exorcising-the-demons-within-xenophobia-violence-and-statecraft-in-contemporary-south-africa

Ashley E. Leinweber (Ph.D. 2011, University of Florida) has accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Political Science at Missouri State University to begin Fall 2012.

Carl LeVan has been appointed Associate Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC.

Staffan I. Lindberg – as co-PI for the new project Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) - has received a grant from the Canadian Development Agency (CIDA) for data collection in 10 countries. Through a collaboration with Oslo University, the Norwegian Research Council is sponsoring data collection in another 17 countries this year. The University of Gothenburg and the Kellogg Institute at University of Notre Dame are also co-funding the project at the tune of a combined $350 000. The V-Dem project will eventually cover all countries in the world from 1900-present. More info can be found at www-v-dem.net.

Rasel Madaha, University of Dar es Salaam, provides news from the very active Affirmative Action on Gender

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Equality Network, a recently created NGO. They are in need of Sub-Saharan Africa immigrants in the US to join their network. He can be contacted at rasel.madaha@fulbrightmail.org. For more information on the organization, see http://www.agentz.org/.

Kristin Michelitch reports that New York University (NYU) held a Contemporary African Political Economy Research Seminar (CAPERS) Workshop on Thursday, April 5th. This meeting constituted the group’s 7th Workshop. CAPERS is a joint NYU-Columbia University Working Group of scholars who study African Political Economy. The group meets twice a year for 1 day to discuss new research designs and working papers. Their focus is on research involving the collection of original data and evidence to move the research agenda forward. The group is comprised of both faculty and graduate students.

Clive Napier reports on the activities of the Department of Political Sciences, UNISA.

14th Annual Africa Day Conference 1 June 2012

The Department will host its 14th annual Africa Day Conference on 1 June 2012 in the Senate Hall at the UNISA main campus in Pretoria. The theme of this year’s conference is Re-evaluating the African Agenda: A Decade of the African Union (AU).

A number of high profile speakers from the academic and diplomatic arenas will be invited to critically engage this topical issue in a series of interactive panel discussions. In attendance will be participants from the academic, diplomatic, non-governmental, organisations, the media and student communities.

For more information, contact Mr Romain Francis via francr@unisa.ac.za

Michael Nelson reports that the African Studies Cluster at Wesleyan University had a successful event in March on the “North Africa Spring” featuring presentations by Leonardo Villalon (University of Florida) and Katherine Hoffman (Northwestern University).

Anne Pitcher, Professor of Political Science and African Studies at the University of Michigan, will publish a book in May with Cambridge University Press entitled Party Politics and Economic Reform in Africa’s Democracies.

The book offers a new theory to explain different patterns of private sector development across Africa. It argues that the outcomes of market reform depend not only on the kinds of institutions governments adopt in order to develop their private sectors, but also on the nature of party system competition and the quality of democracy in particular countries. The book moves from an analysis of private sector institutions in 27 countries to case studies of Zambia, Mozambique, and South Africa.

John James Quinn, Professor of Political Science at Truman State University, will have a chapter entitled “The Nexus of the Domestic and Regional within an International Context: The Rwandan Genocide and Mobutu’s Ouster” appear in Amy Freedman, ed., Threatening the State: the Internationalization of Internal Conflicts (UK: Routledge, 2012), forthcoming.

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Laura Seay is the new editor of the African Studies Association News. ASA News can be found online at http://www.asanewsonline.com/

Tim Shaw reports that after four good years at the St. Augustine campus of the University of the West Indies in Trinidad & Tobago, Drs. Jane Parpart and Tim Shaw are to share a visiting professorship at U Mass Boston to help inaugurate a new PhD in Global Governance & Human Security from Fall 2012. Their new emails: jane.parpart@umb.edu and timothy.shaw@umb.edu. They will first return to Stellnsbosh this spring (2012).

Tim also reports that his co-edited volume with Kobena Hanson and George Kararach, Rethinking Development Challenges for Public Policy: Insights from contemporary Africa, is due out later this spring from Palgrave MacMillan.

Calls for Papers
ESRC-BISA Working Group: African agency in a changing security environment: Sources, challenges and opportunities
Due April 20, 2012
Background to the Special Issue

We are pleased to open this call for abstracts to Working Group members, not least because the two seminars which inform the thinking behind this special issue were part of an ESRC-BISA Working Group Seminar Series on African Agency in International Politics. The special issue will draw primarily on themes explored in the seminars on ‘African Agency in Peace, Conflict and Intervention’ (convened by Danielle Beswick) and ‘African Agency and Transnational Security’ (convened by Anne Hammerstad).

The Special Issue focuses on sub-Saharan Africa and aims to promote and contribute to debate around four main questions:
• How have African actors – governments, but also intergovernmental organisations and sub-state actors – responded to changing global and local security dynamics, particularly the increased international emphasis on ‘African solutions to Africa problems’ and growing international focus on ‘non-traditional’ and transnational security challenges?
• To what extent do the examples of African agency highlighted in this Special Issue represent uniquely ‘African solutions’? Can they also represent particular ‘African problems’?
• What can these examples tell us about the nature and limits of African agency in a changing global security environment?
• What can these examples of African agency tell us about the causes of insecurity on the continent, for African states and non-state actors as well as the international community, and the role of African actors in responding to them?

Despite the apparent demise of the ‘African Renaissance’, we believe that a continued appreciation of African agency remains important. In particular, it can help accounts of security threats and responses in Africa to go beyond explanations that privilege the interests, activities and approaches of external powers. Outdated views of African actors as passive, or violently resistance, subjects also tend to overlook the growing importance of inter-African security dynamics, highlighted increasingly in academic literature by a generation of primarily African scholars. The special issue will explore African agency in different permutations across a range of security areas. At the global level, we will discuss Africa’s rapidly changing relations with external actors. At the inter-African level, the impacts of new and resurgent African security institutions are explored, particularly the revitalised African Union and strengthened regional security initiatives and peace support capacities. Finally, contributors may focus on the complex sub-state and transnational security dynamics created by a range of non-traditional security threats. These include rapid urbanisation, social tension and xenophobic violence in Africa’s mega-cities; climate change and the question of whether local actors’ adaptation strategies to environmental change can contribute to a climate of conflict; and the issue of how responses to HIV/Aids are affecting perspectives of security and insecurity in Africa.

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If you would like to develop a paper for consideration in this Special Issue, which will be submitted to the Journal Conflict Security and Development, please send a working title and abstract of up to 350 words by Friday 20 April to Danielle Beswick (d.beswick@bham.ac.uk) and Anne Hammerstad (a.hammerstad@kent.ac.uk) and if you are interested to come or interested to present at this conference.

African Studies Association UK
Due: April 27, 2012

The African Studies Association UK is calling for papers for the 2012 ASAUK biennial conference. The conference will be held in Leeds in 2012 and will run from 2pm on Thursday Sept 6th to 1pm on Saturday 8th September 2012.

A number of panels and streams have already been proposed for the conference and panels and papers can be proposed via the ASAUK website. We would welcome further panel and papers, a full list of panel can be downloaded from the ASAUK website (link below).

http://www.asauk.net/conferences/asauk12.shtml

Somaliland Conference
Due: On-going

There is a Somaliland Conference in Metro-Washington DC on May 18th and 19th, 2012. For details please visit www.somalilandconference.com, if you would like to become an expert on Somaliland and its short history; attending this conference is the right place to get that information. Please write to Rashid Garuf at rgaruf@gmail.com if you are interested to come or interested to present at this conference.

5th Annual ASMEA Conference
Due: May 15, 2012

CALL FOR PAPERS *** History and the “New” Middle East and Africa October 11-13, 2012 Key Bridge Marriott Hotel * Washington, D.C.

ASMEA is currently seeking proposals for paper presentations at the 2012 annual conference. Members from any discipline, tenured or untenured faculty or those otherwise affiliated with a recognized research institution, may submit proposals to participate in the conference. Unique proposals from senior graduate students (ABD) will also be considered. Abstracts on topics related to the Middle East and Africa should consist of a one-page outline of the proposed subject to be presented. A recent C.V. and all contact data must be attached to the proposal (name, e-mail, phone number, affiliation). The due date for proposals is Tuesday, May 15, 2012. Proposals should be sent to: info@asmeascholars.org. Completed papers are due by August 31, 2012.

Old Land-New Practices?
Due: May 31, 2012


The ‘land issue’ is omnipresent across post-colonial Africa. It is a highly contentious and contested topic, which at times has proven explosive (Zimbabwe, Kenya), or else a persistent focus of identity politics (Tanzania, Sudan), or central to historically rooted struggles for equality and restitution (South Africa, Botswana). Yet, the legacy of colonial land use management from which these struggles are borne, continues to inform contemporary conservation policy practices. They are also conceptualised and legitimated by a fusion of international environmental and neoliberal market agendas and regional and national policy exigencies, framed by diverse socio-economic development challenges.

One of many ‘solutions’ borne of this conjuncture has been the spread of conservation and environmental protection strategies which promise to ‘deliver’ on the requisite national economic and environment-
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Tal priorities in adherence to broader international and regional prerogatives. Such promises are bound to the success of market orientated strategies for the preservation of Africa’s biodiversity. Furthermore, they are tied to the commoditisation of wildlife and wild spaces, and the ‘mass production’ thereof in a range of state-owned, private or joint partnership ventures, including parks, farms and conservancies. The results are not yet fully comprehensible, but it is evident that the post-colonial echoes the colonial, and in this continuity conservation and environmental protection strategies may perpetuate historical insecurities through the alienation of local communities from land ownership and management practices.

This conference has grown out of the 2011 Nature Inc. conference held at the Institute for Social Sciences (ISS) at The Hague but aims to contribute to the development and sharing of knowledge and expertise with an explicitly pan-African focus. Specifically, it seeks to critically engage with the nexus between post-colonial land use changes and the development of conservation initiatives across the continent at both the theoretical and practical level with cognisance of their historical precedence. The conference endeavours to build a strong collaborative network of academics, and practitioners with a specific interest in this field, as well as with the conservation sector, and therefore invites paper and panel proposals that further this objective. In particular, we hope to foster broader inter-disciplinary collaboration and stimulate debate on the following topics within the African context, but also welcome additional suggestions within the same geographical frame:

Topics include but are not limited to:
- Conservation as a post-colonial land use option
- Historical and contemporary ecological imperialism
- Land use and identity politics
- Gender dynamics and conservation land use strategies
- Alienation, (in)security and conflict
- State and private environmental/conservation agendas
- Community-based natural resource management
- Market driven environmentalism and conservation in Africa
- Continuities and divergences in colonial (and apartheid) and post-colonial environmental narratives
- Theoretical debates and practical realities—never the twain shall meet?

For more information refer to: www.oldlandnewpractices.

Recent Publications

* Items submitted directly by members. All other references were discovered by the editor. Items in bold are items the editor neglected to include in the last newsletter! I only include items here that have already been published. Forthcoming titles are placed in the “Member News” section. See the end of this section for more information on that selection process.

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Kapanga, Kasongo M. Introduction. 105-108.


Schartzberg, Michael G. The Structural Roots of the DRC’s Current Disasters: Deep Dilemmas. 117-122.


Development and Change


Journal of African Law


Journal of Democracy


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Other Articles, Book Chapters, and Papers


* Ramutsindela, Maano. 2012. Transfrontier Conservation and the Spaces of Regionalisms. In The Ashgate research companion to regional-
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**Editor’s Note:**

Books listed here were chosen by two general methods. First, all member submissions are included unless they are clearly inappropriate (which has yet to be the case). Second, the editor selects books published since the last newsletter or within the last year (if not listed in a prior newsletter) which are assessed to be of the most direct relevance to political scientists after review of—at minimum—the following sources: catalogs at major presses, including university presses such as Cambridge, Cornell, Duke, Harvard, Indiana, MIT, Ohio, Oxford, Princeton and other important presses such as Lynne Rienner. Books are listed alphabetically by last name.

Articles were chosen by two general methods: member submissions and a review of the major periodicals in our field.

Any comments or suggestions are very welcome by the still-new editor. Already the list of periodicals surveyed is quite long, but if there is demand for more I will respond!

References, Dataset Review by Gichohi


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