

APCG Newsletter No. 6 (May 2006)

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of the
American Political Science Association (APSA),
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and
African Studies Association (ASA).

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1. Message from the Chair, Professor John Harbeson

Dear Friends,

I write to thank everyone for another great year for APCG. The energy, the dedication, and the great work of the many, many people who have helped make this group a success are a wonderful testimony to on-going commitment to better understanding of the importance of African politics in the global scheme of things! Many hands, as the saying goes, really do make light work!

Our new year begins almost before the old one ends! As I write, our program committee for the International Studies Association meetings is reviewing applications for our two panel slots at ISA's meetings in Chicago in March, 2007. Like most "related groups" in the APSA orbit, our group has but one panel, but it is a good one. It is entitled "Political Liberalization and Democratization in Africa Since 1990: Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion, Power Relations, and State Legitimacy." Please note that it has been scheduled VERY early in the convention program: at 8:00am on Thursday, August 31, the first day of the convention. Not a great time, but we're an intrepid group--we'll be there!

As I write, the business meetings at the APSA meetings do not appear to have been scheduled yet, but we are definitely scheduled to meet at APSA. I will send a

message to the group when the time and day of our meeting are known. I welcome suggestions from one and all regarding agenda items. Among the items that will be on the agenda are (1) to what uses to put our small treasury, and how perhaps to enlarge it. I believe there is a consensus that we should have some kind of refreshments at our business meeting at ASA in November. But what else? We have talked about working with other groups, especially at ASA to bring African scholars to meetings. Linkages with those groups need work, more, frankly, than I've been able to devote to it.

Another item on the agenda is the Africa initiative by APSA president, Ira Katznelson. I will invite him to come to our meeting but, at a minimum, I will report on its status. Along with Linda Beck, Ari Zolberg, Aili Tripp and others I attended a very useul meeting earlier this year at which a variety of possible initiatives were discussed. Cathy Boone continues on the APSA Council where she'll be able to track this initiative.

Lahra Smith is completing work on an article for the Journal of Political Science Education on African politics sources for non-Africa specialists who want to include some Africa material in their classes. This is a very exciting and important initiative and I hope Lahra will be able to attend the meeting and bring us up to date on its progress.

We will look forward to reports also from our website manager, Dennis Galvan, and our Newsletter editor, Staffan I. Lindberg.

The African Studies Association meetings remain in San Francisco, since its designated convention hotel was able to settle its labor dispute, unlike most of the others. We have two panels there once again, and we will present our best book awards. We have committees at work, quietly and diligently, that will announce the winners. Our modest treasury should allow us to attach correspondingly modest stipends to those awards.

Finally, in September and October, our nominations committee will organize elections for new APCG officers. As students of African democratization, neither Anne Pitcher nor I would dream of challenging our constitutionally entrenched single term limits rule! So, we will be electing my successor as APCG founding chair and Anne Pitcher's as our very dedicated and capable treasurer.

There will be opportunities later for me to reflect and say "thank you" to one and all for what everyone has done to get APCG up and running and to keep it running. But I take this initial opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude and deep appreciation to the very, very many people who have made APCG possible and to all 240 of our members who have so generously supported this initiative. In return, the least I can do is to promise, as I'm sure Anne does as well, to continue to be involved and to be available to assist our successors however we can.

See you in Philly in September!

Cheers,

John

2. Notes from the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As spring draws to a close and many of us head out to do field work or just travel over the summer, we can look back at a very productive year. A review of the listings of publications and other accomplishments by our members over the past year is an impressive collection not the least as indicated by the large number of articles on African politics by our members and other colleagues published in highly ranked, general political science journals and books published by highly regarded press. Congratulations to all for great achievements!!

Let the news about our members, publications, conferences, seminars, workshops, prizes, awards and new positions and placements continue to flow.

The upcoming submission deadlines for the rest of the year are:

**August 31, and
November 30.**

Make sure to include your news, calls and publications - we all want to know about them!

Also, don't forget to update your information if it has changed in our on-line, searchable membership directory. We are asking you to go on-line yourself, and enter the personal information you'd like to appear in the directory (including research interests, main publications, etc). You can link to the directory by going to the APCG website (created by Dennis Galvan) at <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~dgalvan/apcg/apcg.html>. On the APCG home page index, you will see the heading for Membership Directory. Under Membership Directory, choose the "APCG Members" button -- that is the one that will let you alter your own records. You can also use it to find the addresses of your friends!

Finally, a reminder of the APCG panels at upcoming APSA and ASA conferences. Make sure to attend if you can - our future allocations of panels is determined by the number of people attending!

APCG-panel at American Political Science Association's 2006 Annual Meeting:

**Title: Political Liberalization and Democratization in Africa Since 1990:
Patterns of Inclusion and Exclusion, Power Relations, State Legitimacy**

Chair: Aaron Tesfaye, William Paterson University

Papers

Nicholas Cheesman, St. Peter's College, Oxford "State formation and power in Africa: Differentiating the 'centralized-bureaucratic' state."

John Clark, Florida International University, "Political Liberalization and Military Intervention in African States Since 1991."

A. Carl Levan, University of California, San Diego, "Political Inclusion and Government Performance in Nigeria, 1960 - 2003."

Bruce Heilman, College of William and Mary, and Paul Kaiser, University of Pennsylvania, "Religion, Political Authority and the Articulation of Power During Transition Moments in Tanzania."

John Quinn, Truman State University, "Rebuilding Democracy after the End of the Cold War: The Effects of Majority State Ownership on Subsequent Democratization in sub-Saharan Africa."

Discussants: Nadia Horning, Middlebury College and Jessica Piombo, Naval Postgraduate School

APCG-panels at African Studies Meeting, 16-19 November 2006, San Francisco.

Our two ASA panels have also been decided by the committee. Thanks to all of you for submitting good proposals and to the committee (Joshua Rubengoya, Roanoke College; Susanna Wing, Haverford College; Carl Levan, University of California, San Diego) for doing a good job!

1. Round Table

Title: Democratization in Africa: What Role Does Elections Play?

Chair: Staffan I. Lindberg, University of Florida (from August 2006)

Participants: Joel Barkan, University of Iowa
Larry Diamond, Stanford University
Carrie Manning, University of Georgia
Stephen Ndgewa, The World Bank

Abstract:

This round table probes the question what role elections play in democratization; are they merely procedures at best reflecting some superficial aspect of democracy or can they be an engine of democratic development in other spheres? The political changes in Africa of the early 1990s created an air of "demo-optimism" spurred by the holding of "founding" elections across the continent giving credence to Huntington's assertion that elections are not only the life of democracy, they are also the death of dictatorship. Soon however, this turned into "demo-pessimism" among scholars who saw virtual democracies rather than true democratization and some predicted things would quickly return to the usual "big man", neopatrimonial, clientelist, informalized and disordered politics that had characterized African politics for decades. This skepticism was fueled by observers like Thomas Carothers calling for an "end of the transitions paradigm" with its focus on the holding of elections. Yet Latin Americanists such as Seligson and Booth, Eisenstadt, and Anderson and Dodd, provided arguments about interactive democratizing effects of repetitive elections, and donors have continued to focus much of their support to electoral practices. We are left wondering if repetitive elections in Africa are at best reflections of democracy or if the repetition of electoral practices and creation of arenas for (sometimes severely flawed) political competition can be a causal factor in the further democratization beyond the electoral regime? This panel seeks to evaluate the effects of holding elections in Africa over the past 15 years in a comparative perspective, and to provide guidance for the future.

2. Panel

Panel Title: “Pop Culture and Politics: Understanding the role of informal cultural politics in Africa”

Chair/Discussant: Peter Von Doepp (University of Vermont)

Papers:

Victor Brobbey (American University) and Kevin S. Fridy (University of Florida) - “Win the Match and Vote for Me: The Politicization of Ghana's Accra Hearts of Oak and Kumasi Asante Kotoko Football Clubs”

Tim Nevin (University of Florida) - “Cultural Chameleons in the extraordinary seventies; popular music and social change in pre-civil war Liberia”

Lisa Allette Brooks (Yale University) - “Songs and Sovereignty: Performing Nation Through Music Addressing HIV/AIDS in Botswana”

Steve Marr (University of Florida) - “Buy, Buy, Buy: Consumption, Identity and the Making of Modern Citizens in the Shopping Malls of Gaborone, Botswana”

Staffan I. Lindberg
Newsletter Editor

3. Recent Publications on African Politics

Adesnik, David and Michael McFaul. 2006. “Engaging Autocratic Allies to Promote Democracy” *Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 29, no. 2.

Andreasson, Stefan 2006. “The African National Congress and its Critics: 'Predatory Liberalism,' Black Empowerment and Intra-Alliance Tensions in Post-Apartheid South Africa”, *Democratization* Volume 13, no. 2.

Carment, David, Patrick James, and Zeynep Taydas. 2006. *Who Intervenes? Ethnic Conflict and Interstate Crisis*. Ohio State University.

Carothers, Thomas. 2006. “The Backlash Against Democracy Promotion” *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 85, no. 2, March/April.

Chirot, Daniel 2006. “The Debacle in Côte d'Ivoire” *Journal of Democracy* Volume 17, no. 2.

Cohen-Almagor, Rafi. 2005. *Scope of Tolerance: Studies on the Costs of Free Expression and Freedom of the Press*. Routledge.

Cook, Susan E. ed. 2005. *Genocide in Cambodia and Rwanda: New Perspectives*. Transaction.

Englebert, Pierre. 2006. "Life Support or Assisted Suicide? Dilemmas of US Policy toward the Democratic Republic of Congo." In Nancy Birdsall et al. (eds.). *Short of the Goal: US Policy and Poorly Performing States*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press (available in pdf at <http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/7867>).

Englebert, Pierre. 2006. "Why Congo Persists: Sovereignty, Globalization, and the Violent Reproduction of a Weak State." In Valpy Fitzgerald et al. (eds.). *Globalization, Self-Determination and Violent Conflict*. New York: Palgrave, p.119-146.

Fanthorpe, Richard. 2006. "On the Limits of Liberal Peace: Chiefs and Democratic Decentralization in Sierra Leone" by *African Affairs*, Vol. 105, no. 418.

Fukuyama, Francis. 2006. *Nation-Building: Beyond Afghanistan and Iraq*. The Johns Hopkins University Press.

García-Rivero, Carlos. 2006. "Race, Class, and Underlying Trends in Party Support in South Africa" *Party Politics*, Vol. 12, no. 1.

Harrison, Graham. 2006. Review of *The Politics of Transition in Africa* edited by G. Mohan and T. Zack-Williams. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 44, no. 1.

Heineman, Ben W., and Fritz Heimann. 2006. "The Long War Against Corruption" *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 85, no. 3, May/June.

Kagwanja, Peter Mwangi. 2006. "Power to Uhuru: Youth Identity and Generational Politics in Kenya's 2002 Elections" *African Affairs*, Vol. 105, no. 418.

Kopstein, Jeffrey. 2006. "The Transatlantic Divide over Democracy Promotion" *Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 29, no. 2.

Kumar, Krishna. 2006. *Promoting Independent Media: Strategies for Democracy Assistance*. Lynne Rienner.

Lindberg, Staffan I. 2006. *Democracy and Elections in Africa*. Johns Hopkins University Press.

Mansfield, Edward D. and Jack Snyder. 2005. *Electing to Fight: Why Emerging Democracies Go to War*. MIT Press.

Mazrui, Ali A. 2006. *A Tale of Two Africas: Nigeria and South Africa as Two Contrasting Visions*. London: Adenois-Abbey.

Meyer, David S. ed. 2005. *Routing the Opposition: Social Movements, Public Policy, and Democracy*. University of Minnesota Press.

Moehler, Devra C. 2006. "Public Participation and Support for the Constitution in Uganda." *The Journal of Modern African Studies* 44(2).

Moehler, Devra C. 2006. Review of *Public Opinion, Democracy, and Market Reform in Africa* by M. Bratton, R. Mattes, and E. Gyimah-Boadi. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 44, no. 1.

Paden, John N. . 2005. *Muslim Civic Cultures and Conflict Resolution: The Challenge of Democratic Federalism in Nigeria*. Brookings.

Press, Robert M. 2006. *Peaceful Resistance: Advancing Human Rights and Democratic Freedoms*. Aldershot, U.K.: Ashgate.

Randall, Vicky. 2006. Review of *Can Democracy Be Designed? The Politics of Institutional Choice in Conflict Torn-Societies* edited by Sunil Bastian and Robin Luckham. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 44, no. 1.

Randall, Vicky. 2006. Review of *Governing Insecurity: Democratic Control of Military and Security Establishments in Transitional Democracies* edited by Gavin Cawthra and Robin Luckham. *Journal of Modern African Studies*, Vol. 44, no. 1.

Robins, Steven L. ed. 2005. *Limits to Liberation after Apartheid: Citizenship, Governance, and Culture*. Ohio University Press.

Roeder, Philip G. and Donald Rothchild. 2005. *Sustainable Peace: Power and Democracy after Civil Wars*. Cornell University Press.

Salih, Mohamed, ed. 2005. *African Parliaments: Between Governments and Governance*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Seekings, Jeremy and Nicoli Nattrass. 2006. *Class, Race, and Inequality in South Africa*. Yale University Press.

Soares, Benjamin F. 2006. "Islam in Mali in the Neoliberal Era" *African Affairs*, Vol. 105, no. 418.

Tripp, Aili 2005. Tripp edited a collection of essays on Marie Béatrice Umutesi's *Surviving the Slaughter* by René Lemarchand, Catharine Newbury, Aliko Songolo, Danielle deLame, Aloys Habimana published in *African Studies Review*, Vol. 48, No. 3, 2005.

Villalon, Leonardo A. and Peter Von Doepp. 2005. *The Fate of Africa's Democratic Experiments: Elites and Institutions*. Indiana University Press.

4. Members' News

Rod Alence, associate professor of international relations, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, was recently named acting codirector of that university's Centre for Africa's International Relations.

Cyril K. Daddieh have accepted a new position as Director of Black World Studies and Professor of Political Science at Miami University of Ohio at Oxford with effect from July 1, email: daddieck@muohio.edu

James L. Gibson, Sydney W. Souers Professor of Government, Washington University in St. Louis, received the 2005 Lucius Barker Award “for the best paper investigating race or ethnicity and politics honoring the spirit and work of Professor Barker” for his paper, “Overcoming Land Injustices: An Experimental Investigation into the Justice and Injustice of Land Squatting in South Africa,” which was presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Mr. Gibson received an Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award from the Graduate Student Senate and the Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis in 2006.

Nahomi Ichino begin her appointment as Assistant Professor of Government at Harvard University in July 2006. Email: nichino@wcfia.harvard.edu

Peter M. Lewis will be moving to a new position as Director of African Studies at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), The Johns Hopkins University. Peter let’s us know he has had a long and rewarding association with American University’s School of International Service, but is excited about the new opportunity and look forward to our future communications and collaboration. Until August 25, 2006, he can be reached at at American University, but beginning August 25, please direct all communications to plewis@jhu.edu.

Staffan I. Lindberg is taking up a joint position as Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science and the Center for African Studies, University of Florida. After a stimulating year on a tenure-track at Kent State University, he feels fortunate to have been given an exciting opportunity at UF. Although he assumes the position beginning August 16, he can already now be reached via his new email: lindberg@polisci.ufl.edu

Devra C. Moehler, Assistant Professor at Cornell University and Academy Scholar at Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, has been awarded a United States Institute of Peace (USIP) grant for her research on media effects and political knowledge in Africa.

Amy R. Poteete has accepted a position as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Concordia University. She will leave the University of New Orleans for Montreal at the end of June 2006.

Aili M. Tripp has become an APSA Vice President following the resignation of Katherine Tate, who stepped down from this position for personal reasons. Tripp was elected by the APSA Council to move from her current Council seat to serve as Vice President.

5. Calender of Events

JUNE, 2006

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CORRUPTION AND THE CHALLENGES OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, Babcock University, Ogun State, Nigeria (June 13-15, 2006) The Program on Policy, Conflict and Strategic Studies (PPCSS) at Babcock University in Nigeria is organizing this conference. For more information, contact Ayandiji D. Aina (dijiaina@yahoo.com)

AFRICAN CHILDREN IN AFRICAN MEDIA, Ohio University, USA (June 15-17, 2006)

The conference considers how African children are represented underrepresented in African audio-visual and print media. The sessions will explore the role of the state, private and NGO owned media institutions and organizations, and examine their impact on the lives of African children. For more information, contact Ghirmai Negash (negashg@ohio.edu) or Acacia Nikoi (nikoi@ohio.edu)

THE ROLE OF DIASPORAS IN DEVELOPING THE HOMELAND: A RESEARCH WORKSHOP

AND EDITED BOOK PROJECT, Washington DC, USA (June 16, 2006)

The purpose of the workshop is to present and discuss research proposals that investigate diasporas, potential contributions in the development of their homelands in terms of economic development, social and political development, and conflict prevention and mitigation. For more information, contact Jennifer M. Brinkerhoff (jbrink@gwu.edu)

19TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, Montreal, Canada (June 25-28, 2006)

For more information and to submit papers, visit <http://www.iacm-conflict.org>

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA 2006

CONFERENCE, Zanzibar, Tanzania (June 26-28, 2006) For more information, contact lmsssa2006@yahoo.com

JULY, 2006

FOURTH INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON TECHNOLOGY FOR EDUCATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, Iringa, Tanzania (July 10-12, 2006)

The goal of this fourth international workshop is to bring together researchers, and educators to discuss various issues involved in developing new techniques and on novel uses of technology for education in developing countries. For more information, visit <http://www.cs.joensuu.fi/tedc2006/index.htm>

KNOWLEDGE AND SCIENCE IN AFRICA, CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN STUDIES

ASSOCIATION IN GERMANY (VAD), Frankfurt, Germany (July 13-16, 2006)

The African Studies Association in Germany meets every two years to discuss current developments and the status of research in Africa within the framework of an international conference. For more information, visit http://www.vad-ev.de/2006/fs_vad_eng.htm

2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF TRANS-ATLANTIC RESEARCH GROUP,

Owerri, Nigeria (July 28-30, 2006) The theme is 'Gendering Transformations: Gender, Globalization, and State Transformation in Africa and the African Diaspora'. The Second TARG conference aims to bring together scholars and policy makers interested in

exploring historical, policy, and development phenomena and their intersection with gender using the methods of the social sciences. For more information, contact Dr. Chima J. Korieh (Korieh@rowan.edu) or Dr. Femi Kolapo (kolapof@uoguelph.ca)

RETHINKING WORLDS OF LABOR: SOUTHERN AFRICAN LABOR HISTORY IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT, Johannesburg, South Africa (July 28-31, 2006) The conference is organized by the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. For more information, visit <http://www.wits.ac.za/historyworkshop/conferences.htm>

AUGUST, 2006

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA (August 3-5, 2006) The WMU Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR) announces an International Symposium on 'Challenges and Opportunities Development and Peaceful Conflict Resolution in the Horn of Africa' The Horn of Africa (comprising of Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, Somalia, and Djibouti) is one of the most strategic areas of Africa and the global economy. For more information, contact sisay.asefa@wmich.edu.

SEPTEMBER, 2006

THE 2006 AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF UK (ASAU) BIENNIAL CONFERENCE, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK (September 11-13, 2006)

This conference is organized to bring together Africanists working in a wide variety of disciplines. For more information, visit <http://www.asauk.net/asauk06/>

OCTOBER, 2006

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATE OF AFFAIRS OF AFRICA (ICSAA), Boston Quincy Marriot, MA, USA (October 26-28, 2006) The International Institute of Justice and development, Inc (IIJD) will host the First International Conference on then State of Affairs in Africa (ICSAA) at the Boston Quincy Marriot Hotel. The conference will bring together experts from all over the world and from international organizations and UN organizations. Madam Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first female and newly elected President of Liberia will be the Keynote speaker at this conference. The conference is organized around the themes of democratic governance, judicial institutions, elections and political processes, anticorruption, constitutional legal analysis, public policy, participatory processes, and economic development. For more information, contact conference.icsaa@iijd.org or visit <http://www.icsaa.iijd.org>

Proposals are invited for panels, roundtables, and poster sessions for **the African Heritage Studies Association's 39th annual conference** to be held at the University of South Florida, Tampa, October 19-21. The theme of this year's conference is "Understanding Health and Well-Being in Africa and its Diasporas." The conference encourages bold questions about health security/insecurity and its inseparable link to the political economy of Africa and its diasporas. Conference participants are encouraged to view health security/insecurity in the broadest terms, allowing for rethinking of the basic concepts by which we understand the well-being of a people. This is an interdisciplinary

conference, and participation is invited from academics as well as other professionals, from faculty and from graduate students. We prefer electronic submissions as attachments in MS Word or Rich Text Format (to africana@cas.usf.edu), but hard copies may also be mailed to: Program Chair, AHSA Annual Conference, Department of Africana Studies, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620; phone (813) 974-2427. Note: Web submission will be available by mid May at http://www.cas.usf.edu/africana_studies/ahsa.html Deadline for Submissions: July 15, 2006. For further information, contact us at africana@cas.usf.edu.

NOVEMBER, 2006

Wharton African Students Association, announce that this year's **Wharton African Business Forum** (WABF) will take place at John Huntsman Hall on the University of Pennsylvania campus on Saturday November 11th, 2006. The theme for the conference is Africa: Building New Partnerships, Impacting the Global economy. Alberta Tete-Lartey albertat@wharton.upenn.edu

THE 2006 AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, San Francisco, California (November 16-19, 2006) The ASA 49th Annual meeting will be held at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The Annual Meeting theme is „(Re)Thinking Africa and the World: Internal Reflections, External Responses.“ For more information, visit <http://www.africanstudies.org>

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CONFERENCE ON POPULAR CULTURES IN AFRICA, University of Texas at Austin, USA (March 30-April 1, 2007)

* The submission deadline for abstracts is November 1, 2006. The University of Texas at Austin is pleased to announce a three-day conference focusing on the histories, genres, meanings, purposes, and impact of popular cultures in Africa. The aim of the conference is to examine how popular cultures have evolved and contributed to the character of Africa. Participants will be drawn from various countries. Submit proposal that includes a 250-word

abstract and title, as well as the authors name, address, telephone number, email address, and institutional affiliation to Conference Convener, Toyin Falola (toyin.falola@mail.utexas.edu) or Conference Coordinator, Tyler Fleming (tylerfleming@mail.utexas.edu).

6. Announcements, Jobs, Grants and Fellowships

Call for submissions to the newly-relaunched ***African Review of Foreign Policy***, which is published by United States International University. John Harbeson has agreed to serve on the advisory board for the journal and we're hoping we can get some good submissions from APCG members. Manuscripts and further inquiries should be directed to: arfp@usiu.ac.ke

JOIN THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION.

Join now for news on the 2005-6 fellowship competition for pre-doc. fellowships, post-doc.fellowships, grad. student internships, travel grants for West Africans, and residencies for West African scholars. Go to <http://www.africa.ufl.edu/WARA/> and click on "fellowships" and "membership." Membership comes with a glossy, semi-annual newsletter and lots of perks at the West African Research Center in Dakar. Watch for our annual membership meeting on Saturday night at the African Studies Association meeting in November 2005.

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowships at the Washington, D.C.-based National Endowment for Democracy invites applications from candidates throughout the world for fellowships in 2007-2008. Established in 2001, the program enables democracy activists, practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world to deepen their understanding of democracy and to enhance their ability to promote democratic change. The program is intended primarily to support activists, practitioners, and scholars from new and aspiring democracies; distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are also eligible to apply. Projects may focus on the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural aspects of democratic development and may include a range of methodologies and approaches. A working knowledge of English is an important prerequisite for participation in the program. The application deadline for fellowships in 2006-2007 is Wednesday, November 1, 2006.

The International Studies Association-Midwest invites proposals for panels and papers on all aspects of international studies for its 2006 annual meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, November 3-5, 2006. Panel proposals should be submitted by email to isamidwest@truman.edu and should include the title of the panel or roundtable, titles and 250 word abstracts for each paper, and full contact information for all the participants. Paper proposals should be submitted to the same address and should include full contact information of the author, the title of the paper, and a brief, 250 word abstract. For more information about the conference, please visit www.missouri.edu/~isa-m/AnnualMeeting/index.htm or write Conference Chair and CompDem section member John Ishiyama (jishiyam@truman.edu).

Amnesty International USA is currently seeking qualified persons to volunteer as Country Specialists, particularly those with experiences in economic, social, and cultural rights advocacy. The unique opportunity allows selected people to work out of their home or office in the U.S. and monitor areas in order to ensure that human rights are protected in South Africa, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Djibouti, Republic of Congo, Benin, Guinea, Cote d'Voire, Mauritania, Togo, Southern Africa Network Coordinator, and West Africa Network Coordinator. If you are interested in joining the Country Specialist program please send a cover letter and resume to the address listed below. If you would like more information the Country Specialist program please contact the Program Director, James Graham, at email: jgraham@aiusa.org

SPECIAL ISSUE "WOMEN AND THE POLITICS OF WATER" INTERNATIONAL FEMINIST JOURNAL OF POLITICS (IFJP)

* The submission deadline for papers is May 31, 2006

The IFJP committee invites critical and creative submissions from a global cross-section of women writers on the politics of water, for a forthcoming special issue of International Feminist Journal of Politics (IFJP), published by Routledge/Taylor and Francis. Dr.

Nandita Ghosh and Paola Corso will serve as guest editors for this special issue of IFJP. „The Politics of Water: A Confluence of Women,s Voices% will combine testimonial accounts, critical essays, short fiction, and poetry on the physical nature of women,s struggle over water as a resource and material reality. These struggles often place at risk women,s bodies in national, racial, ethnic, and class conflicts. This special issue is a response to such debates and concerns. All submissions must focus on gender thematics in any discussion concerning the politics of water, but the editors are open to work drawing from various disciplines including water resources social, studies, women,s studies, cultural studies, literary studies, environmental studies history, mythology, geography, political science, sociology, anthropology, biology, and others. All submissions must be written in English. For more information, visit <http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=149679>.

SPECIAL EDITION OF AFRICAN STUDIES "FEMINISM AND CONTEMPORARY CULTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA"

* The submission deadline for papers is September 15, 2006

Issues surrounding voice, victimhood, agency, subjectivity, power, gaze, silences, knowledge and nation have often been recast in African Feminist theory and need further exploration in South African today. Works dealing with the ambiguities and complexities of gender in South African culture are sought for a special edition of the interdisciplinary journal African Studies. Articles should be sent to Ronit Frenkel (ronit@languages.wits.ac.za). For more information, visit <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/authors/castauth.asp>

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