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**Chair's Letter**

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted and honored to write this letter as the third APCG chair, having taken over in November from Gretchen Bauer who served our organization over the past two years. We also have new treasurer, Richard Marcus, who succeeded Carrie Manning. It is certainly an exciting time to be a part of the APCG. Owing to the work and dedication of all of us over the past few years, we have an active and engaged membership, a small, but not insubstantial sum of money to work with, and a very visible organization that is involved in three national conferences and engaged in a number of activities.

Richard and I join John Clark and Sandra Joireman, who respectively serve as vice chair and secretary, on the steering committee. Dennis Galvan remains our webmaster, but we now have a new newsletter editor, Mamoudou Gazibo, who takes over from Staffan Lindberg. I would like to thank Gretchen and Carrie for their work over the past two years as part of the APCG steering committee. And we all owe a special debt of gratitude to Staffan who has served as the

newsletter editor since its inception. Many thanks as well to all those who served committees over the past year and to everyone who ran for APCG offices.

We had a very productive meeting at the ASA conference in Chicago this past month. Staffan received a plaque from the APCG in recognition of his hard work, presented by outgoing chair, Gretchen Bauer. We also announced and presented our best book and best article award winners for 2007. Finally, building on our conversations at the APSA meeting in Boston, we had a great discussion about ongoing and new initiatives being undertaken by the APCG. Some of the bigger ideas included:

- Developing a mentoring program between APCG members and graduate students, especially those seeking input and guidance from specialists on African politics.
- Establishing greater dialogue among our members about teaching. This might include creating a syllabi bank on our webpage or having a teaching workshop/ roundtable at upcoming meetings.

- Creating more opportunities for members to get together socially at different conferences. This might involve informal dinners or actual receptions hosted by the APCG.
- Undertaking greater networking with journals that might be interested in having our panels provide submissions for special editions.
- Establishing more contact with other organizations and institutions, such as African universities and scholarly communities, European African studies groups, and non-governmental organizations dealing with African-related issues.
- Creating a forum so that members conducting research on similar issues and areas can link up and potentially collaborate on projects.

I look forward to pursuing these types of initiatives with our members.

We also have exciting news as of the past few weeks! Owing to the efforts of Gretchen Bauer, the APCG has been granted a second panel for the 2009 APSA meetings in Toronto. Please spread the word any who might be interested. You can submit panel or paper proposals via MyAPSA on the APSA webpage. **The deadline is December 15.**

Dennis Galvan remains active in overhauling and updating our website. In so doing, he is seeking build on a number of suggestions for the webpage that members have put forward in the past. Please feel free to contact Dennis if you have any further input: [dgalvan@uoregon.edu](mailto:dgalvan@uoregon.edu).

We have two APCG panels on the program for the 2009 ISA convention in New York in February. Please let us know if you intend to present at the ISA so we can publicize it to our members. We will send out a special note to our members in advance of the convention. Also, John Clark will be organizing a dinner or some other social event for our members, so watch for emails on this ahead of the conference.

Our organization continues to prosper and I look forward to working with our members to maintain and expand on the good work undertaken thus far. Please remember, on that note, to send in your dues for your 2009 membership (the form is attached). And please be in touch with me if you are interested in following up on any of the initiatives we have been discussing.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season!

Kind regards,

Peter VonDoepp  
APCG Chair

### From the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As you already know, Staffan Lindberg has decided to step down after four years of wonderful work as the editor of our newsletter. It is my pleasure to serve you as the new editor. Staffan has set the bar very high, but I'll do my best to meet his standards and continue what he has done for the group. I'll also try to introduce some innovations.

For example, I'll use my position as a professor in a francophone university (Université de Montréal, Canada) to try and reach out to new academic milieux in order to attract new members. Since the creation of the APCG, important progress has already been made on this front, yet I believe that our individual and collective achievements as well

Warm regards,  
Mamoudou Gazibo  
Newsletter Editor

as news about our members need to be made better known to more colleagues worldwide. This, in turn, may encourage more of them from various affiliations to join us.

I am pleased that so many of you have decided to contribute to the current issue. Please continue to e-mail me information on publications, news, conferences, and anything else that may be of interest to our group. The next issue will be published in March. I'll remind you once again then to send in any material that you want to communicate to the group. Remember that one of the newsletter's 'traditions' is to announce only already-published material. So please send only information of that nature.

**APCG Sponsored Panels**

**SA11: Sunday 8:00 AM-9:45 AM**

**Title:** AFRICOM and US Africa Policy

**Sponsor(s):** African Politics Conference Group

**Chair:** Jessica Piombo, Naval Postgraduate School

**Disc.** Robert Munson, Naval Postgraduate School

**Papers:**

Essence of Indecision: Towards an Explanation of Intra-Governmental Conflicts over AFRICOM, Kenneth J. Menkhaus: Davidson College; Elisabeth L. Hubbard: Davidson College

African Responses to US Africa Command, Stephen Burgess: U.S. Air War College

Soft Balancing Among Weak States? The New African Rebels, Beth Elise Whitaker: Univ of North Carolina-Charlotte

AFRICOM and Non-Kinetic Military Missions: Lessons from the Horn of Africa, Jessica R. Piombo: Naval Postgraduate School

New Methods for Gathering, Analyzing, and Communicating Information about Complex African Problems, Helen E. Purkitt: US Naval Academy

**SC11: Sunday 12:15 PM-2:00 PM**

**Title:** Challenges of Security, Economic Development and Democratization in Africa

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**Papers**

Distributional Consequences of Africa's Inclusive Governance, Carl A. LeVan: American University

Political Participation in Africa: An Analysis of Voting in Botswana, Nigeria, and Tanzania, Gina M. S. Lambright : George Washington University Michele T. Kuenzi: University of Nevada Las Vegas

Wag the Dog: How Oil States Manipulate the International Financial Institutions, John F. Clark: Florida International University

Reconsidering the Relationship between Development Aid and Democracy Promotion: A Review of the Mozambique Case from 1994-2008, Carrie Lynn Manning: Georgia State University

Non-State Actors and the Enforcement of Property Rights, Sandra Joireman: Wheaton College

**Other Panel with APCG members**

(There are probably more panels, but this is the only one I have been notified about)

**WA04: Wednesday 18, 8:00 AM-9:45 AM**

**Title:** Understanding Post-Conflict Peacebuilding

**Sponsor:** Peace Studies

**Chair:** David Chandler, University of Westminster

**Disc.** David Chandler, University of Westminster

**Papers:**

From Hobbes to Locke: International Intervention in the Congo, Severine Autesserre: Barnard College, Columbia University

Finding Their Way: How Peacebuilding Organizations Navigate Complexity, Susanna P. Campbell: Tufts University

State Building in Fragile States: A Fragile Concept, Emmanuel Klimis: Facultés universitaires St Louis, Brussels

A State Named Failed? Morten Bøås: Fafo; Kathleen M. Jennings: Fafo

Life After Exit: UN Reform and the New Peacebuilding Architecture, Richard Ponzio: United Nations

## Other conferences

**AFRICOM symposium**, 31 March-2 April 2009 at Air University, Maxwell AFB, AL. Please email [Stephen.Burgess@Maxwell.AF.MIL](mailto:Stephen.Burgess@Maxwell.AF.MIL).

**Regional Conference at Smith College:** The Five Colleges of western Massachusetts (Amherst, Hampshire, Mount Holyoke, and Smith Colleges, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst) will host a regional conference on , February 27-28, 2009, at Smith College in Northampton MA. Our objective is to provide an informal arena for scholars of Africa in all disciplines, from throughout New England and eastern New York State, to gather informally to exchange views and to discuss common concerns and shared issues.

We warmly welcome all colleagues to this conference; please note this on your calendars and inform your friends in the region.

Participants will be asked to cover their own transport and lodging. (We will reserve a block of hotel rooms at a reduced rate; information will follow.) The conference will provide a casual dinner on Friday and continental breakfast and light lunch on Saturday. For information on the conference please contact David Newbury, Smith College: [dnewbury@smith.edu](mailto:dnewbury@smith.edu).

### \*\*TENTATIVE SCHEDULE\*\*

Friday evening: a casual dinner; roundtable on contemporary issues in Africa.

Invited speaker: Ms. Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, former Deputy Minister of Health, South Africa

Saturday:

8 am: Informal coffee.

9 - 10:30 am: first panel session: "Leadership Dynamics in New African Democracies"

Peter VonDoepp, Scott Taylor, Susanna Wing, and Richard Marcus.

11 am - 12:30 pm: second panel session. Topic to be determined; we welcome proposals.

1:30 – 2:30 pm: lunch. Discussion: possibility of forming a regional organization of Africa scholars

2:30 – 4:30 pm: Roundtable : "African films in the classroom."

4:30 – 6 pm: Film Screening and discussion.

\*\*Cloture for the panel session will be about 4:30 on Saturday; and for the film session about 6:30 pm, to allow guests to return home.

**AEGIS Panels:** The biannual European African Studies Conference (ECAS) organised by the African-European Group of Interdisciplinary Studies (AEGIS) has developed into one of the major international fora for Africa-related research. I am organising two panels at the 3rd ECAS taking place in June next year in Leipzig/Germany. One is entitled "Private Government? Extractive Industries in Local Security Governance", and the other is on "Topographies of Rule". I would also like to highlight two panels organised by Jan Bachmann (University of Bristol) on "Critical Perspectives on Interventionism" and "Revisiting Governmentality". Please refer to the ECAS website (<http://www.uni-leipzig.de/~ecas2009/approvedpanels>).

We would like to invite papers for these panels and would appreciate if you could forward the call to interested colleagues, students and people who might be interested in the topic. We strongly encourage colleagues working on other regions but interested in a comparative exchange to propose papers. Paper proposals should be no longer than 400 words and need to be submitted via the ECAS website by 31 December 2008. For questions regarding the panels please contact me ([jana.hoenke@fu-berlin.de](mailto:jana.hoenke@fu-berlin.de)) or Jan ([j.bachmann@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:j.bachmann@bristol.ac.uk)) respectively.

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## APSA Africa Workshops

The [call for applications](#) by prospective workshop leaders for the 2009 APSA workshop in Accra (Ghana) is closed as of 10/24/08. Final selections will be made in December 2008.

Additional information regarding the APSA workshop in Ghana will be available in early 2009.

## Recent Publications on African Politics

Aili Tripp, Isabel Casimiro, Joy Kwesiga, and Alice Mungwa (eds), *African Women's Movements: Transforming Political Landscapes*, New York, Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Bøås, Morten and Anne Hatløy (2008) 'Getting in, getting out: militia membership and prospects for re-integration in post-war Liberia', *Journal of Modern African Studies*, vol. 46, no. 1, pp. 33-55.

Bøås, Morten (2008) 'Just another day - the North Kivu security predicament after the 2006 Congolese elections', *African Security*, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 53-68.

Bøås, Morten and Kathleen M. Jennings (2008) 'War in the Great Lakes Region and Ugandan conflict zones: micro-regionalisms and meta-narratives', in Fredrik Soderbaum and Ian Taylor (eds) *Afro-Regions: the Dynamics of Cross-Border Micro-Regionalism in Africa*, Uppsala: Nordic Africa Institute Press, pp. 153-170.

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Burgess, Stephen M. "Environment and Human Security in the Horn of Africa", *Journal of Human Security*, Vol. 4, Issue 2, September 2008.

Gazibo, Mamoudou, "Pourquoi et comment comparer", in Professeurs du Département de science politique de l'université de Montréal (eds), *La Politique en questions*, Montréal, PUM, 2008.

Gazibo, Mamoudou, "Mobilisations citoyennes et émergence d'un espace public au Niger depuis 1990", *Sociologie et Sociétés*, vol 39 (2) : 19-37.

Gazibo, Mamoudou et Béatrice Kankindi, "L'Afrique subsaharienne : des dynamiques encourageantes malgré les crises" in Michel

Fortmann et Gérard Hervouet (dir), *Conflits dans le monde 2008*, p. 193-216.

Horning, Nadia Rabesahala (2008) "Madagascar's Biodiversity Conservation Challenge: from Local- to National-Level Dynamics" *Environmental Sciences*, 5 (2): 109-128.

Horning, Nadia Rabesahala (2008) "Strong Support for Weak Performance: Donor Competition in Madagascar" *African Affairs* 107 (428): 405-431.

Horning, Nadia Rabesahala (2008) "Behind Sacredness: Rules, Local Interests, and Forest Conservation in Bara Country, Madagascar" in Nyamweru, Celia and Michael Sheridan (eds.) *African Ethnoforests: Sacred Groves, Culture, and Conservation*. James Currey and Oxford University Press: 117-132.

Horning, Nadia Rabesahala (2007) "Les nouvelles idées de gestion locale des ressources renouvelables et le processus de promulgation de la loi 96-025," with Alain Bertrand in Pierre Montagne, Zo Razanamaharo, and Andrew Cooke (eds.), *Le Transfert de Gestion à Madagascar, Dix Ans d'Efforts : Tanteza*, RESOLVE/CIRAD/CITE: 21-28.

Kalu, Kalu N. *State Power, Autarchy, and Political Conquest in Nigerian Federalism*, Available in Hardcover only; 330 pages.

Kiki Edozie, Rita has published, *Reconstructing The Third Wave of Democracy: Comparative African Democratic Politics* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008).

Miles, William F. S. with Samuel B. Miles *My African Horse Problem*, University of Massachusetts Press, 2008. For further information, please email Carla Potts at [potts@umpress.umass.edu](mailto:potts@umpress.umass.edu)

Vondoepp, Peter. "Context-Sensitive Inquiry in Comparative Judicial Research: Lessons from the Namibian Judiciary," /Comparative Political Studies/ 41 #11 (November 2008), pp. 1515-1540

Vestal, Theodore M, "An American's View Of The Horn Of Africa From World War II To The Present," *Horn of Africa*, XXV (2007): 71-89.

Vestal, Theodore M. "Public Diplomacy in the U.S. Supreme Court: The Warren Years--Part I," *Journal of Supreme Court History*, 33 (Dec 2008): 371-393.

Yoon, Mi Yung "Special Seats for Women in the National Legislature: The Case of Tanzania," *Africa Today* Vol. 55, No. 1, Fall 2008, pp. 60-86.

Yoon, Mi Yung and Sheila Bunwaree, "Is a Minority Truly Powerless? Female Legislators in Mauritius," *Asian Women* Vol. 24, No. 3, Fall 2008, pp. 83-102.

Yoon, Mi Yung and Sheila Bunwaree, "The Mauritian Election of 2005: An Unprecedented Increase of Women in Parliament," *Journal of International Women's Studies* Vol. 9, No. 3, May 2008, pp. 13-26.

### Announcements, Awards, Jobs

**From the Chair: APSA has given us a second panel for the 2009 Toronto meeting.** Credit for this goes to our past chair, Gretchen Bauer, who lobbied for the second panel. Remember, the deadline for panel submissions is December 15. Hopefully, even more of our members will propose panels in light of this news. To submit a panel proposal, you will need to do so through the APSA webpage. This involves, first, logging on to MyAPSA and proceeding to the "Submit or View Proposal" link for the 2009 meeting. From there, you should use the on-line facility to create and submit your panel. Be sure to indicate the African Politics Conference Group as one of your "Division or Related Group" choices. Our APSA program committee (Susanna Wing, Alice Kang and Mi Yung Yoon) will then review the panel proposals through the APSA page. For those who are interested, you may find the APCG "call for papers" here: [http://www.apsanet.org/content\\_56619.cfm](http://www.apsanet.org/content_56619.cfm)

**From John Harbeson :** [jwharbeson@aol.com](mailto:jwharbeson@aol.com)  
My "retirement" (and I do mean to put it in quotes) from City University becomes official February 1. I am happily adjusting to the Washington scene as a professorial lecturer at Johns Hopkins SAIS (fancy name for an adjunct) and will be teaching an East Africa course at Georgetown this Spring, sitting in for Lahra Smith who'll be on leave. More time for research on the ever elusive next book! And the 4th edition of *Africa in World Politics* appeared this summer just in time for Fall classes.

**From Richard Joseph**

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[raj172@lulu.it.northwestern.edu](mailto:raj172@lulu.it.northwestern.edu)

I plan to be more engaged with Africanist political scientists and would be interested in taking part in a panel at APSA in Toronto. The model that works for me is the one followed by Steve Burgess who asked me to chair or be a discussant at the forthcoming panel at ISA on Security, Development and Democratization. As it turns out, I'll be performing both roles. The topic is close to the governance-security-growth agenda I expect to pursue in relation to the Brookings project.

I'll be happy to work with persons who wanted to prepare a proposal on Governance, Security and Economic Growth in Africa (the specific title can be adjusted). Because of other tasks, I can assist but not take the lead. It is good to be able to build a network of persons interested in this research/policy area.

**From James J. Hentz :** [HentzJJ@vmi.edu](mailto:HentzJJ@vmi.edu)

**The first issue of *African Security*** came out in August with articles by: **Paul Williams**, "Regional Arrangements and Transnational Security Challenges: The African Union and the Limits of Securitization Theory;" **Morten Bøås**, "Just Another Day' - The North Kivu Security Predicament after the 2006 Congolese Elections" and **Andrew Knight**, "DDR and Post Conflict Peacebuilding in Africa: An Overview."

We believe that the first volume reflects a balance between theory and practice and signals that *African Security* will make significant contributions to the academic debates on how to understand Africa's security challenges, while advancing our practical understanding of how to address those challenges. To see the call for papers go to:

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/cfp/uafscfp.pdf> .  
To look at the journal go to:  
<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/title~content=901392701~db=all>

**Theodore M. Vestal** became on 1 August 2008, Professor Emeritus. He was the Master of Ceremonies at the Biennial Banquet of the Oklahoma Ethiopia Society held in Stillwater, OK, on 25 October, and attended by 100 (mostly veterans of President Truman's Point Four program and alumni of Alemaya University that was founded by that program).

#### **Best Article and Best Book Awards 2008**

- Lahra Smith, "Voting for an Ethnic Identity: Procedural and Institutional Responses to Ethnic Conflict in Ethiopia," *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 45(4): 565 – 595, 2007.

- Elizabeth Schmidt. *Cold War and Decolonization in Guinea, 1946-1958*, Athens: Ohio University Press, 2007.

#### **Chatham House News:**

- As the international community takes stock of a new president in the United States, Chatham House is preparing a report "Rethinking the United States International Role" to be launched in the New Year. As part of this, the Africa Programme is completing an assessment of the US role in Africa, also available next year.

- In the context of the global financial crisis, Sola Tayo has written an article in the World Today that points out that while economic growth forecasts for Africa have been cut drastically, they still appear positive compared to forecasts for other regions. However Angola & Nigeria will suffer from the fall in oil prices and, as Donald Temple points out, the potential drop in remittance levels could be severe, especially for countries like Zimbabwe.

#### **Request for Applications (RFA): Evaluation and Analysis of Political Party Strengthening Programs**

##### Introduction:

Academic professionals from US-based universities are invited to review the Request for Applications (RFA) issued by the Office of Higher Education for Development (HED), which was developed in partnership with United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The RFA can be found on HED's website: [www.hedprogram.org](http://www.hedprogram.org).

The RFA solicits applications from highly qualified professionals from the academic community to

work with USAID to develop a political party evaluation program. The maximum value of the award is \$685,000 for a period of 24 months, beginning in early 2009. The main goals of this activity are to identify the role and impact of assistance on political party development and democratization, and also advance technical knowledge and understanding in the field of political party strengthening.

##### Background:

USAID's Elections and Political Processes Division of the Office of Democracy and Governance in the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA/DG/EPP) recently awarded a Cooperative Agreement to the Office of Higher Education for Development. The partnership between USAID and HED is designed to promote access to highly qualified professionals from the academic community. As part of this agreement, HED will make one (1) award of up to \$685,000 to a US university for a two-year period of performance to work with USAID staff to identify the role and impact of USAID assistance on political party development and democratization which will help advance technical knowledge and understanding in the field of political party strengthening.

For over 15 years, USAID has provided assistance to countries across the globe to support the development of political parties -- under the operating assumption that democracy cannot emerge without competitive political parties. Although USAID has supported political party development programs for years, to date, there has been no systematic and/or rigorous evaluation or broader analysis which highlights the types of programs, political and/or electoral environments or circumstances that promote effective political parties in the context of democratization. USAID's collaboration with HED and the academic community will result into a solid analytical framework for conceptualizing effective political parties. From this analytical framework, USAID will work in partnership with academic professionals to develop new approaches for analyzing the role and impact of assistance on political party development. These analytical approaches will help identify evidence-based insights which will serve as guides in the design of future programs, and will advance USAID's institutional knowledge of political parties. This new project will help enhance the state of the art in USAID's political party strengthening assistance, and provide new data and insights to academics, democracy implementers and donors. USAID encourages the use of the most recent innovations in evaluation methodology, such as recommendations from the

National Academies of Sciences (NAS) on the use of impact evaluations for improving democracy promotion activities.

#### Partnership Approach

The linkage between academic experts, USAID, and democracy practitioners is vital for the success of this project. It is anticipated that USAID will work with the recipient academic institution, and also identify and convene a review panel comprised of practitioners from the donor and democracy implementer community. This expert practitioner panel will review and comment on the major deliverables for this project, including the strategic framework and draft evaluation tools.

#### Invitation to Apply:

Academic professionals from US-based universities are invited to propose a work plan and staff based on a 24 month timeframe to complete the project. USAID strongly encourages the use of innovative approaches and best practices in evaluation research to ensure that the evaluation methodology reflects the most up-to-date research and techniques. Applications are expected to include an inter-disciplinary team comprised of staff with specialized experience in political science, political parties, applied research and impact evaluation design.

USAID and HED welcome applications from the member institutions of the American Council on Education (ACE), the American Association of

Community Colleges (AACC), the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the Association of American Universities (AAU), the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU), and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and from other regionally accredited, degree granting, U.S. higher education institutions. U.S. universities may apply individually or in partnership with other institutions. Applications from or with the participation of minority--serving institutions are encouraged.

#### **Application Deadline: January 5, 2009**

Contact at United States Agency for International Development (DCHA/DG/EPP): Shally Prasad, Democracy Officer, Elections and Political Processes Division, Office of Democracy and Governance, USAID; sprasad@usaid.gov

Contact at Higher Education for Development (HED): Amalia Alberti, Higher Education for

Development, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 420, Washington DC 20036-1193, Tel: 202-243-7680; Fax: 202-637-2084; aalberti@hedprogram.org <http://www.hedprogram.org/tabid/66/itemid/177/Evaluation-and-Analysis-of-USAIIDs-Political-Party.aspx>

#### **Oxford Dictionary of African Biography: Call for Contributors**

Oxford University Press and the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University would like to announce an ambitious new project, the Dictionary of African Biography (DAB). The General Editors of the project are Henry Louis Gates and Emmanuel Akyeampong of the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University. In the spirit of the Dictionary of National Biography, the American National Biography, and the African American National Biography, all three published by Oxford University Press, the Dictionary of African Biography will be a major biographical dictionary covering the lives and legacies of notable African men and women from all eras and walks of life. This groundbreaking resource will tell the full story of the African continent through the lives of its people. We currently expect to include at least 5,000 entries both online and in print editions.

As we begin this project, we encourage members of the African studies community to consult our provisional list of entries and to nominate for inclusion the name(s) of any Africans, past or present, not yet on the list. Our provisional list of entries can be accessed at:

<http://oupreference.jot.com/WikiHome/African%20Biography/DAB%20Table%20of%20Contents>

The document is also attached in both Excel and PDF format. Please submit your recommendation of additional names to: dab@oup.com. It would be helpful if you could also supply dates of birth/death, gender, country of origin, and realm of renown (if known) for each name submitted. You are also welcome to recommend scholars for the articles that you propose and any others you find on our list. We greatly appreciate any suggestions you make to what we hope will be a major collective endeavor in the field of African studies.

If you are also interested in contributing an entry to the DAB, please tell us the name of that entry (or entries) and submit both a recent resume and a short (1000 word) writing sample.

Sincerely,

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**Best Article Award**

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**Nominations**

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