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Chair's Letter

Dear Colleagues:

Let me start by thanking all those who helped to make the ASA meeting such a success this year! APCG members were well represented on a number of panels at the ASA. Our two sponsored panels were very well attended. And we had a very enjoyable APCG dinner on Saturday night attended by a number of members.

We also had a very successful APCG business meeting at the ASA, with over forty members attending. As a group, we came to a number of decisions regarding recent proposals put forward by the steering committee. These are as follows:

- We have decided to move the website to an institution with an established program in African studies, and the APCG approved the use of \$500.00 to facilitate the move and the upgrade of the website. Another \$150.00 will be committed for the annual maintenance of the website.

- We have initiated a new award for the best graduate student paper presented at the ASA, ISA, and APSA meetings. The first of these awards will be given at the 2010 ASA meeting, with papers nominated from the 2009-2010 conference season/academic year.

- We have initiated a new mentoring project. The goal of this initiative is to connect graduate students with faculty working on similar issues and areas in African politics. **Please see the announcement from Elke Zuern in this newsletter on this.**

- As of January 1, 2010, all those who submit panel or paper proposals for APCG sponsorship at the ISA, ASA, or APSA meetings will be required to pay their annual APCG dues of \$10.00 before those proposals will be reviewed. All

graduate students and individuals making less than \$40,000 per year will be exempted from this requirement.

- At the discretion of the steering committee, APCG award winners will be treated to dinner at the APCG social event held during the ASA meetings.

We also installed our new officers, Staffan Lindberg, our new Vice-Chair, and Bruce Magnusson, our new Secretary. Many thanks to John Clark and Sandra Joireman who served in these positions for the last two years. Thanks as well to those who ran for these positions: Stephen Burgess, Ruth Lyob, and Elke Zuern. And thanks especially to our hardworking nominations committee of Lahra Smith, Elliott Green, and Kalu Kalu.

Congratulations to our award winners for the 2009 Best Article and Best Book Awards. Please see the announcement on this in this newsletter.

The APCG will be sponsoring two panels at the upcoming ISA meetings in New Orleans. Please see the announcement in this newsletter for details. Many thanks to our ISA committee of Stephen Burgess, Jessica Piombo and Omar McDoom.

We are also happy to announce our first ever sponsored panel at the Midwest Political Science Conference, to be held in April in Chicago. Please see the announcement within for details. Many thanks to Jennifer Seely for facilitating this.

Finally, please be advised that the deadline for panel and proposal submissions for the 2010 APSA meetings is December 15! The APCG will sponsor at least one panel at these meetings. If you are not clear on how to apply for APCG sponsorship, please contact me at pvondoepp@uvm.edu

I wish all of you the best for the close of 2009 with good thoughts for a happy and prosperous 2010.

Warm regards,

Peter VonDoepp
APCG Chair

From the Editor

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to send you this, the 21st newsletter of the APCG. Even though December is a very busy month, many of you have responded to my invitation to send your news and information which may be of interest to our members. For that, I am very grateful.

In the current newsletter you will find the latest news about forthcoming APCG conferences, calls for contributions, a notice of recent publications by members, job announcements, and several other items.

Nevertheless, as editor I must ask you for more. Even though I usually get enough material from you to make for a rich newsletter, some parts of it could be improved:

- First, I wish to emphasize and promote our member's work rather than put together a bibliography. Therefore, it is vital that you make sure to send in any and all relevant notices.

- Second, the job and grants section could also be more comprehensive, something that is of

particular importance to the growing number of junior members (graduate students, postdoctoral fellows) and colleagues seeking tenure track positions. So I once again urge you to keep the newsletter in mind if information relevant to this section comes your way.

Needless to say, I would also like you all to continue to e-mail me with information about publications, news, conferences, and anything else that may be of interest.

The next issue will be published in March and I'll be sure to remind you of this again as we approach that time. (Remember, however, that it is one of our newsletter's "traditions" that we announce only already-published material and that any material should be presented in keeping with newsletter's format).

Happy holidays and my very best for the new year.

Mamoudou Gazibo
Newsletter Editor

From the Treasurer

Dues collected for 2009: \$530
Dues collected for 2010: \$240
Balance as of December 1, 2009: \$2738.71
Expenditures 2009:
 Awards \$200
 Certificates \$31.36
New Balance as of December 5, 2009:
 \$2507.35

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ACPG at the ISA CONVENTION - New Orleans, FEBRUARY 17-20 2010

Panel 1: Thursday, 10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Title: Africa's Wars and IR Theory

Sponsor(s): African Politics Conference Group

Chair: James J. Hentz, Virginia Military Institute

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Papers:

James J. Hentz: Virginia Military Institute, *War Across States: A Structural Explanation for the Cause of War in Africa*

John F. Clark: Florida International University, *Understanding the Congo War: A Constructivist Approach*

Dan Fahey: UC Berkeley, *Rethinking the Resource Curse: The Case of Armed Conflict in the Ituri District, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Stephen Burgess: US Air War College, *Genocide and the African Standby Force*

Robert G. Patman: University of Otago, *Asymmetric Warfare and Strategic Shortfall: The Somalia Syndrome and the March to 9/11*

Panel 2: Saturday 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Title: Aspects of the State in Africa: Instability, Aid Flows, Drug Smuggling, and Xenophobia

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Chair: Stephen Burgess, US Air War College

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Papers

Kidane Mengisteab: Penn State University, *Clashes Between Formal and Informal Institutions and Instability in Africa*

Tyson Roberts: UCLA, *Liberalization, Alliances, and Official Aid Flows in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Helen E. Purkitt: US Naval Academy, *Transnational Drug Smuggling, Weak and Weakening States in West Africa*

ACPG at the MPSA CONFERENCE- CHICAGO APRIL 23-25 2010

Panel : Thursday, 10:00 am - 12:15 pm

Title: Preparing Electoral Contests in Africa

Sponsor(s): African Politics Conference Group

Chair: Michelle T. Kuenzi, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Disc. Michelle T. Kuenzi, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Steven Lynn Lichty, University of Florida, *Ghost Voters in a Phantom Democracy: a preview of the 2010 Zanzibar Elections*

Masayoshi Takahashi and Olufunmbi M Elemo, Michigan State University, *United We Fall: Pre-Electoral Coalition and Electoral Disaster in Zambia*

Kombe M K Kapatomoyo, West Virginia University, *African Women's Participation in Politics: The Role of NGO's as Agents of Change*

Keith Weghorst, University of Florida, *Public Opinion and the Politics of Opposition in sub-Saharan Africa: A List Experiment Assessing Survey Data Quality in Tanzania*

J. Shola Omotola, Redeemer's University, Redemption City, Ogun State, Nigeria, *Electoral Management Bodies and Electoral Governance in Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Ghana and Nigeria under the Fourth Republic*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALLS FOR PAPERS/APPLICATIONS

The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh is one of Europe's leading centres of Africanist expertise. We offer a range of graduate programmes, and are now accepting applications for 2010/11:

- MSc in African Studies (taught)
- MSc in African Studies (by research)
- MSc in Africa and International Development (taught)
- PhD in African Studies

A wide selection of scholarships is available for overseas students.

For more information on the Centre, programmes, funding, and testimonies of former and current students, check out our website at:

www.cas.ed.ac.uk

Annual Conference of the New York State African Studies Association (NYASA) State University of New York at Binghamton, March 26-27, 2010 : Global Africa, Global Asia: Africa and Asia in the Age of Globalization

The New York State African Studies Association (NYASA) will hold its 2010 annual conference on March 26-27 at Binghamton University under the auspices of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies. In view of the impending change in the global order and power relations, and in light of the accelerating interactions between Africa and Asia, the annual conference invites abstracts and proposals for presentations, panels and roundtables on the above general theme and its variations such as the following: Asia's major Powers and Africa, Strategies for Afro-Asian Solidarity, Civil Societies in Asia and Africa, African and Asian Diasporas in Comparative Perspective, Education Systems in Africa and Asia, Comparative Regionalism in Africa and Asia, Black Pacific and Black Indian Ocean, Science and Technology in Asia and Africa, Religion and Politics in Africa and Asia, African Union and Association of South East Asian Nations: Comparative Regionalism, Knowledge Production and Knowledge Distribution, Music in Africa and Asia, Africa, Asia and International Relations Theory, Race Relations from Gandhi to Obama, Africa and Asia in the World Capitalist System, Culture and Development: What can Africa and Asia Learn from One Another?, Democracy and Development: Lessons from the Afro-Asian Experience, Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Africa and Asia, African and Asian Studies: State of Research, Arabia and the Black Crescent, Diaspora and Development, Between Bollywood and Nollywood: Comparative Cinema in Africa and Asia, Language and Politics, African and Asian Art: Influences and Interactions, Africa in the

International System, African and Asian Diaspora, Foreign Policy and Economic Development, Ecological Catastrophe, Environmental Justice and Social Movements.

Other topics for papers will also be considered as are proposals to organize complete panels and promote student participation. Please send abstracts of papers and panels of not more than 150 words by December 5, 2009 to the Local Organizing Committee at igcs@binghamton.edu and nyasa10@binghamton.edu. Please also indicate, if you could, which category of the sub-themes suits your topic, and specify if you would need for your presentation media resources (such as PowerPoint).

The local organizing committee will notify by January 7, 2010 those who have submitted successful proposals. For general updates please visit the website of the conference at <http://igcs.binghamton.edu/> or <http://www.nyasa.org/>

We expect Africanists and Asianists as well as comparativists also based outside North America would attend the annual conference and share their perspectives.

In the context of the 2009 launching of proposed Ali Mazrui Chair and Ali Mazrui Center for Global Studies in Makerere University, Uganda, there will also be high-powered plenary panel about public intellectuals and intellectuals in politics. (For more details about Mazrui Chair & Center please visit http://igcs.binghamton.edu/igcs_site/mazruichair.html)

Contact Address:

NYASA 10 Organizing Committee, Attention: Dr. Seifudein Adem, Institute of Global Cultural Studies Binghamton University, PO Box 6000 LNG-100, Binghamton, NY 13902 USA, E-mail: nyasa10@binghamton.edu

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Arena, 2-8 Hawley St., Binghamton, NY, 13901, P: 607-722-1212, F: 607-722-6063, For the special conference rate, please make your reservation before March 4, 2010.

Conference sponsored by the *Progressive Initiative for Cameroon *on "The State of Democracy in Cameroon", American University, Washington DC, USA* Saturday, March 6, 2010*

PICAM is organizing the "International Conference on the State of Democracy in Cameroon 50 Years After Independence" to bring together Cameroonians and supporters of democracy in Cameroon to participate in evaluating, discussing, planning, and re-engaging in the democratization process in Cameroon. The Republic of Cameroon composed of the former British and French Cameroons gained independence on January 1, 1960 and October 1, 1961 for East and West Cameroons respectively. This conference will therefore mark the golden anniversary (50 years) of the independence of Cameroon.

Fifty years after independence, Cameroonians have seen only minimal changes to their standard of living. Real democratic engagement remains farfetched; professional development is reserved for the well connected; and basic human rights seems to be non-existence. The conference is an important and necessary step to address the gaping lack of democracy and human rights within both the political and civil structures in Cameroon.

This Conference is also considering the defining situation of the country, specifically the highly anticipated upcoming Presidential election in 2011.

This conference will be the first 'State of Democracy' conference on Cameroon ever and will bring together various stakeholders in a very necessary forum to engage in frank and open discussion on the situation of democracy and human rights in Cameroon. The main goal of this conference is to critically evaluate the democratization process in Cameroon and reinvigorate national and international debate on Cameroon's democratization efforts by examining the best strategies to promote and move the democratization process forward. Peculiar attention will be paid to political dynamics specific to Cameroon and regional and cultural context affecting the implementation of democratic principles.

Details here: <http://www.picam.org/events/democracy/home.htm>

TWO YEAR TERM POSITION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS WITH EXPERTISE IN THE POLITICS OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

The Department of Political Science at Colgate University invites applications for two year term position in comparative politics with expertise in the politics of sub-Saharan Africa. Demonstrable excellence in teaching is essential. Candidates whose research interests focus on issues of nation-building, democratization, social movements, national and tribal identities, national and transnational development, relations of civil and state society, natural resource management are especially welcome. Candidates should be able to teach introductory courses in comparative politics and upper level courses in their regional and thematic specialties. Ability to teach an introduction to IR theory is advantageous. The teaching load is five courses over two semesters beginning Fall 2010. Colgate University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Developing and sustaining a diverse faculty, student body, and staff further the University's educational mission. The successful applicant will help staff department courses and be encouraged to participate in all-university programs. Submit a letter of application, current vita, three letters of recommendation, writing samples, graduate transcript, and evidence of teaching experience to Professor Bruce Rutherford, Dept. of Political Science, Colgate University, 13 Oak Drive, Hamilton, NY 13346. Review of applications will begin January 31, 2010, and will continue until the position is filled. Colgate University is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES/ASIA

The Department of Global, International & Area Studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applicants for a tenure track position in Development Studies, with a preferred concentration in Asia, at the level of Assistant Professor. The position begins Fall 2010; Ph.D. in a discipline appropriate to Development Studies is required at the time of appointment. Requirements for the position include training in the fields of political economy or economic geography. The successful candidate will have expertise in some or all of the following areas: environmentally and socially sustainable development, resource allocation and human-environment interaction, and alternative models of development. Desired qualifications are a commitment to multi-disciplinary approaches to

scholarship and teaching and the ability to provide courses on global-scale issues that will enhance the undergraduate International Studies curriculum and help form a foundation for future graduate programs in International Affairs and Global Studies.

Faculty members in the Department of Global, International & Area Studies will be expected to maintain regular high-quality publication, seek external funding, and teach courses that service our global and area studies curricula. They are also expected to advise students, contribute to the governance of the department and the university, and participate in the development of future undergraduate and graduate programs.

UNC Charlotte is located in the state's largest metropolitan area and is a growing Doctoral-intensive urban university with a commitment to interdisciplinary research and teaching. The university enrolls over 24,000 students. Established in 2009, the Department of Global, International & Area Studies currently offers multi-disciplinary majors in International Studies and Latin American Studies, as well as minors in those two programs, Holocaust, Genocide & Human Rights Studies, Islamic Studies, and Judaic Studies. The Department also offers a Master's degree in Latin American Studies. The Department contributes to the university's General Education program and has strong collaborative relationships with interdisciplinary programs and departments including Africana Studies, Anthropology, Communication Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Language and Cultural Studies, Political Science, Religious Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies. The Department's programs and student population reflect the diversity mission and goals of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For more information about our department, see: <http://gias.uncc.edu/>.

Applications must be made on-line at: <http://jobs.uncc.edu> (click on "Faculty" under Vacancy Type). Please include a letter of application outlining your relevant experience for the position as described above and your ability to contribute to the mission of the Department, a complete CV, relevant syllabi, and contact information for at least three references. Three letters of recommendation specific to this job application, sample publications, and an official graduate transcript may be requested by the Chair of the Search Committee at a later date. Screening of applicants will begin December 15, 2009 and will continue until the position is filled.

UNC Charlotte strives to create an academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status. AA/EOE.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES/MIDDLE EAST

The Department of Global, International & Area Studies at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte invites applicants for a tenure track position in Peace and Conflict Studies, with a preferred concentration in the Middle East, at the level of Assistant Professor. The position begins Fall 2010; Ph.D. in a discipline appropriate to Peace and Conflict Studies is required at the time of appointment. Requirements for the position include training in the field of international conflict and conflict resolution and an ability to contribute to our Judaic and Islamic Studies programs. The successful candidate will have expertise in some or all of the following areas: the political, economic, and cultural consequences of violence; national and international responses to war and conflict; and the development of strategies to promote political and cultural communication, understanding, and reconciliation. Desired qualifications are a commitment to multi-disciplinary approaches to scholarship and teaching and the ability to provide courses on global-scale issues that will enhance the undergraduate International Studies curriculum and help form a foundation for future graduate programs in International Affairs and Global Studies.

Faculty members in the Department of Global, International & Area Studies will be expected to maintain regular high-quality publication, seek external funding, and to play an active role and teach courses that service our global and area studies curricula. They are also expected to advise students, contribute to the governance of the department and the university, and participate in the development of future undergraduate and graduate programs.

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Postdoctoral Fellowship in Human Rights for 2010-2011

*The Human Rights Initiative at the University of Wisconsin, Madison invites applications for a one-year postdoctoral fellowship in human rights, beginning July 1, 2010. The fellow will participate in a Sawyer Seminar entitled "Vulnerability and Resilience: Rethinking Human Rights for the 21st Century," which is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The fellow will also be expected to produce a research product during the period of the fellowship and to contribute to the academic and intellectual life of the Human Rights Initiative.

The post-doctoral fellow may come from any discipline, including but not limited to the social sciences, humanities, law, and medicine.

Priority will be given to applicants whose research fits with the themes of the Sawyer Seminar and the Human Rights Initiative. For more information, please visit :

<http://humanrights.wisc.edu/Programs.html>.

The applicant must have received his or her PhD between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2010. The stipend for the postdoctoral fellowship is \$40,000, plus benefits.

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, current curriculum vitae, two letters of recommendation, and a representative writing sample. Also, candidates should provide a statement outlining their intended work during the

fellowship. Applications must be post-marked by December 15, 2009. Applications and supporting materials should be sent to Scott Straus, Department of Political Science, 110 North Hall, 1050 Bascom Mall, UW-Madison, Madison, WI 53706. The ad can be found here:

<http://chronicle.com/jobs/0000615602-01>

MEMBERS' RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON AFRICAN POLITICS

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

<http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521879309>

Brautigam, Deborah. 2009. *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*, Oxford University Press.

Britton, Hannah; Jennifer Fish; Sheila Meintjes. Eds. 2009. *Women's Activism in South Africa: Working Across Divides*. Durban: University of KwaZulu Natal Press.

Gibson, James L. 2009. *Overcoming Historical Injustices: Land Reconciliation in South Africa*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (Adobe eBook Reader: ISBN-13: 9780511537363; Paperback edition published by the same title in South Africa as part of the *Cambridge Africa Collection*.)

Grant, J. Andrew. (ed.) 2009. *Darfur: Reflections on the Crisis and the Responses*. Kingston: Queen's Centre for International Relations.

http://www.queensu.ca/cir/?q=publications/martello_papers
<http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521879309>

Moehler, Devra C., and Staffan I. Lindberg. 2009. Narrowing the Legitimacy Gap: Turnovers as a Cause of Democratic Consolidation. *Journal of Politics* 71(4): 1448-1466.

Obadare, Ebenezer and Adebani, Wale(2009) "Transnational Resource Flow and the Paradoxes of Belonging: Redirecting the Debate on Transnationalism, Remittances, State and Citizenship in Africa", *Review of African Political Economy*, 36: 122, 499 — 517

Seely, Jennifer C. (2009). *The Legacies of Transition Governments: The Cases of Benin and Togo*. Palgrave, Macmillan.

<http://us.macmillan.com/author/jennifercseely>

Smith, Lahra. 2009. "Explaining violence after recent elections in Ethiopia and Kenya," *Democratization*, 16, 5, October, 867-897.

Villalón Leonardo, Jean-Louis Triaud (co-eds), *L'économie morale et les mutations de l'islam en Afrique sub-saharienne* [Moral Economy and the Transformations of Islam in sub-Saharan Africa] special 13-article thematic issue of the journal *Afrique Contemporaine* (Paris: No. 231, 2009).

Villalón Leonardo, Jean-Louis Triaud, "Contraintes du local et ressources du global: L'Islam subsaharien entre économies morales et économie du marché." ["Local constraints and global resources: Sub-Saharan Islam between Moral Economies and Market Economy," *Afrique Contemporaine* No. 231, 2009, pp. 23-43.

APCG 2009 AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to our 2009 APCG Award Winners!

Best Article: Susanne Mueller, "The Political Economy of Kenya's Crisis," *Journal of East African Studies*, Vol. 2, no. 2 (July 2008).

Best Book: Susanna Wing, *Constructing Democracy in Transitioning Societies of Africa: Constitutionalism and Deliberation in Mali*. Palgrave MacMillan, 2008.

Best Book, Honorable Mention: Antoinette Handley, *Business and the State in Africa: Economic Policy-Making in the Neoliberal Era*. Cambridge University Press, 2008.

With special thanks to our hardworking award committees:

Best Book committee: Staffan Lindberg, John Harbeson, Warigia Bowman

Best Article committee: Nic Cheeseman, Rachel Beatty-Riedl, Parakh Hoon

MEMBERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aili Mari Tripp (Professor of Political Science and Gender & Women's Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison) has a forthcoming book with Lynne Rienner publishers entitled *Museveni's Uganda: Paradoxes of Power in a Hybrid Regime*. Tripp visited Tanzania and Uganda in September with the American Council of Learned Societies to participate in workshops and promote their African Humanities Program.

Aili Mari Tripp (Professor of Political Science and Gender & Women's Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison) will help run, next summer, the **APSA Africa Workshop** 'Global Perspectives on Politics and Gender' involving 20 postdocs from Africa and four US based graduate students. The workshop is in collaboration with the Department of Women and Gender Studies at Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda. Co-coordinators include Gretchen Bauer (University of Delaware), Josephine Ahikire (Makerere U) and Shireen Hassim (U of Witwatersrand).

Stephen Burgess's article, "In the National Interest? Authoritarian Decision-making and the Problematic Creation of US Africa Command", *Contemporary Security Policy*. 30, 1, April 2009, 79-99, has been nominated for the Bernard Brodie prize by *Contemporary Security Policy*. The manuscript was solicited by journal editor.

Jennifer C. Seely has recently taken the position of Assistant Professor in the Politics Department at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana.

J. Andrew Grant, Assistant Professor in Political Studies at Queen's University, recently received an Early Researcher Award from the Government of Ontario. The award enables Dr. Grant to serve as the Principal Investigator of a research project that examines governance and competitiveness in mining.

James L. Gibson's *Overcoming Historical Injustices: Land Reconciliation in South Africa* was recently published as part of the prestigious series "Cambridge Studies in Public Opinion and Political Psychology". In this book, Gibson reports an analysis of how ordinary South Africans adjudicate between historical claims of land

injustices – land dispossession under apartheid – with contemporary claims to fairness. Based on in-depth interviews with over 4,000 South Africans of every race, language, and political persuasion, Gibson shows that the land issue is of great contemporary importance in South Africa: How South Africans deal with the sins of the apartheid past will have much to do with democracy can be consolidated in the country. *Overcoming Historical Injustices* is the final entry in Gibson's "Overcoming Trilogy" – the other two entries are *Overcoming Intolerance in South Africa: Experiments in Democratic Persuasion* (with Amanda Gouws, Cambridge University Press, 2003) and *Overcoming Apartheid: Can Truth Reconcile a Divided Nation?* (Russell Sage Foundation, 2004). Each of the books in the trilogy represents an attempt to understand how South Africa can overcome a contemporary roadblock to successful democratization – political intolerance, reconciliation, and historical land injustices.

Georgetown University will host a study abroad program in Tanzania in summer 2010. This unique program combines intensive Kiswahili language-study with coursework in economic development and travel to Zanzibar, Arusha, and Bagamoyo. **Dr. Lahra Smith**, Georgetown Assistant Professor of African studies, will lead this year's program, which is scheduled to run from May 29 to July 10, 2010. For more information on the Georgetown Summer Program in Tanzania, please visit the International Programs website at: <http://overseasstudies.georgetown.edu/> or contact Dr. Smith at LS356@georgetown.edu.

Susanne D. Mueller attended a workshop given by the North South Institute in Ottawa, 29-30 October. It was called "Elections and Conflict: Promoting Good Practice in Election Conflict Management" and was attended by scholars and practitioners including Canadian government officials. Her presentation was entitled "Dying to Win: Elections, Conflict and Institutional Decay".

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Rachel Ellett
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