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CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues:

We had a great APCG showing at the recent APSA meeting in Washington D.C!! Our three panels were very well attended. We had the highest attendance on record for our APSA business meeting. And a large number of our members attended the APCG reception, co-sponsored by American University's School of International Service. Many thanks especially to Carl Levan for helping to organize the latter.

Discussions at the business meeting raised a number of issues for our group to consider as it moves forward. These include the need to upgrade our money management system, consideration of how we undertake future membership growth, and possible expansion of our activities. Over the next two months, the

steering committee will deliberate these with the goal of continuing discussions at the next meeting. As always, we welcome input from our members.

We also learned that the APSA Africa Workshop program, supported by the Andrew Mellon Foundation, has been continued for another four years. APCG members have been involved in all three of the previous workshops, with great success. The APSA is currently calling for applications for the 2011 workshop. **Please note the deadline of October 15.**

The size of the APCG has continued to grow and we now boast a membership of about 360. Given this, over the next few months the steering committee will explore the possibility of becoming an organized section of the American Political

Science Association. This will bring added visibility to our group and also allow us to obtain a number of benefits from the APSA for our group's operations. In order to become and remain an organized section, we will need to have an active APSA membership of 250. More news on this will follow at our November business meeting.

The status of the APCG's panels and business meeting at the ASA meeting in San Francisco is not yet clear. As soon as we have more information on this we will circulate it to our membership. We will have at least one panel, and in all likelihood a few more, sponsored at the meeting.

Over the past two years, we have been very fortunate to have APCG members serve as heads of the African Politics section of the Midwest Political Science Association. This year, Leo Arriola is serving in that capacity. As the announcement in the newsletter makes clear, the MPSA is currently accepting panel and paper abstracts -- **please note the deadline of October 8**. Given our increasing presence at the MPSA, the steering committee is currently exploring the option of becoming more formally affiliated with the organization.

With the terms of Chair and Treasurer coming to a close in November, our nominations committee has nominated two candidates for each position. For Chair, these are Stephen Burgess and Beth Whitaker. For Treasurer, these are Gina Lambright and Carl LeVan. Please see the statements from these candidates in this newsletter. Elections will be held on-line in early October. Special thanks to our nominations committee of Kate Baldwin, Gretchen Bauer and Nadia Horning.

As I near the end of my term, I would like to thank the APCG membership for their support during my two years as chair. The strength of our organization lies very much in the enthusiasm and commitment that our members bring to it. It has been my absolute privilege and honor to serve the group. I leave my position very upbeat about the current state of the APCG and its trajectory.

Kind regards,

Peter VonDoepp
APCG Chair

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been more than two years now that I have served as the editor for our newsletter, which means that it is time for me to pass the torch on to another colleague. The APCG has grown considerably over the past few years. Not only is our newsletter now widely known, but its utility is obvious: the communication of members' news and publications as well as of information about grants, jobs, and conferences has been very useful to many. I have tried to continue the wonderful job done by the previous editors and I

hope that my successor will be able to improve on what we have managed to accomplish.

The official selection of a new editor will be made at the upcoming ASA meeting. If needed, I'll be happy to work with him or her through to the December issue. Thank you all for your help and support and, not least, for giving me the opportunity to serve the group.

Warmest regards,

Mamoudou Gazibo
Newsletter Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT

Expenditures to date for 2010:

Web Site Support	\$102
Total:	\$102
Dues collected for 2010:	\$510
Balance as of September 3, 2010:	\$ 2824.61

To date for 2010 we have collected \$510 and have 50 paying members (less \$10.85 in service fees). A total of 22 members have paid via the new PAYPAL system! The rest either paid at a conference or else mailed a

check by regular mail. For 2009 51 paying members paid a total of \$510. 27 of 51 (53%) paying members are *not* the same as 2009 (a relatively low rate of consistent payment).

Of 12 presenters on APCG panels 3 have paid dues. There were 13 on-line payments in the month preceding the APCG deadline for *African Studies Association* submissions. NB: the on-line payment system came into effect October 7, 2010 and the new policy requiring payment came into effect after the APSA deadline. It appears the new policy requiring payment with submission of abstracts has had an impact as of ASA 2010.

Web cost: we budgeted \$500 plus \$150/year in maintenance. Actual cost was \$102.

If you have any questions, please just give me a call or email:

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Haven't paid your 2010 dues?

Out of practice at writing checks?

TRY THE NEW ELECTRONIC DUES PAYMENT OPTION!:

Go to Paypal. Sign in. Send payment to: apcgpayment@gmail.com. The email address is linked directly to our APCG bank account. Please include your full name in the notes screen.

NOMINATION FOR BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee is seeking nominations for the 2011 award. Papers presented at the 2010 APSA, 2010 ASA, and 2011 ISA meetings are eligible. Please forward the names and e-mail addresses of any suitable nominee for this award to amypoteete@gmail.com. We will contact paper authors individually.

APCG STEERING COMMITTEE: STATEMENTS FROM THE CANDIDATES

For Chair

Stephen Burgess

I have been the primary Africa expert at the Air War College for the past eleven years and have taught African politics and security studies courses to senior officers and led them on field research visits to Africa. During that time, I have conducted research and published on a range of topics, including South Africa's weapons of mass destruction, UN peacekeeping operations in Africa, a sustainability and stabilization assessment of the Horn of Africa, US Africa Command, and South African hegemony in Africa. I am currently conducting research on strategic minerals and writing a book on African Security. I have been on the faculty at the University of Zambia, University of Zimbabwe, Vanderbilt University and Hofstra University. I conducted field work in rural Zimbabwe on smallholder political voice for my dissertation at Michigan State University with Mike Bratton as my advisor.

I have enjoyed being an APCG member since its inception. The organization provides an opportunity to work with a great group of colleagues who are conducting cutting-edge scholarship on African politics. Six years ago, I was given the opportunity to head the APCG committee which puts together panel proposals for International Studies Association conventions. The result has been two high quality panels every year - usually one with an International Relations focus and one with a Comparative Politics perspective. Given the enjoyment I derive from APCG and given the service that I have provided, I am honored to stand for APCG chair and would be happy to serve.

Beth Elise Whitaker

Beth Elise Whitaker is an associate professor of political science at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Her research focuses on

African international relations, with an emphasis on migration and security issues. As a Fulbright Scholar in Kenya in 2005-06, she conducted research on U.S.-Kenyan relations in the context of the "war on terror." She also has done field research on the politics of hosting refugees in Tanzania (1996-98, 2003) and on xenophobia in Botswana (2005). She worked previously at the Brookings Institution and the American Council on Education and has been a consultant for the U.S. Department of State, the Social Science Research Council, and the Save the Children Fund. Her articles have appeared in *African Studies Review*, *Global Governance*, *International Affairs*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Review of International Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, and several edited volumes. She received her Ph.D. in 1999 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

I am honored to have been nominated as a candidate for chair of the African Politics Conference Group (APCG). I have been involved with the organization from soon after its formation and have done my small part to contribute to its activities. I convened the nominating committee in 2007 and served on the panel selection committee for the 2009 and 2011 International Studies Association conferences. I have been on several APCG-sponsored panels, and have attended as many panels and social events as possible. As the only Africanist in my department at UNC Charlotte, I have benefited greatly from the opportunity to get to know others in my field through the APCG network. Indeed, my tenure process was aided tremendously by the willingness of APCG members to serve as external reviewers. Since then, I in turn have reviewed the tenure files of several people I met through this group and have been genuinely impressed by the high quality of research produced by my APCG colleagues. As chair, I would like to continue the important activities that are already being organized by the APCG, including conference panels, book and article awards, the newsletter, and online discussion groups. I also would like to expand our network by recruiting more graduate students and more scholars within Africa. Finally, I would like to pursue the possibility of organizing working groups and/or soliciting funding to engage in collaborative research projects. This would seem to be the logical next step toward advancing the study of African politics and promoting its contributions to the broader field of political science. Again, I am honored to be a candidate for this position and would welcome the opportunity to serve this dynamic organization.

For Treasurer

Gina Lambright

Having earned my PhD from Michigan State University in 2003, I currently serve as an Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University where I am active in African and development studies. My research interests focus broadly on the politics of political reform and the politics of development in Africa. I have conducted research on African politics since 1995, including research on decentralization in Uganda and an ongoing project with co-author Michelle Kuenzi that explores the nature and consequences of elections in Africa's multiparty regimes. My work has appeared in *Comparative Political Studies*, *African Affairs*, *Party Politics*, and a forthcoming book with Lynne Rienner Publishers (*Decentralization in Uganda: Explaining Successes and Failures*).

I have been active in the APCG for several years and served as the chair of the nominations committee in 2008. As APCG treasurer, I would work to help the organization grow and expand its membership and outreach to scholars both in the US and Africa. I have always enjoyed participating in the organization, especially the opportunities for social and professional networking with others in the African politics research community. It would be an honor to serve as treasurer and contribute in some way to extend these opportunities to others.

Carl LeVan

I am an Assistant Professor in the School of International Service at American University and a founding member of APCG. Before receiving my Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego in 2007, I worked in the U.S. Congress for seven years. Based on that experience I co-edited *In Democracy's Shadow: the Secret World of National Security* (with Marcus Raskin). My scholarly essays have since appeared in *International Affairs Forum* and *Journal of African Elections*, and I have forthcoming articles on Nigerian civil society in *Democratization* and on AFRICOM in *Africa Today*. My critique of power sharing in Africa will be featured in the January issue of *Governance*. I also have a blog, *Development4Security*. I am completing a book on Nigerian politics, drawing upon my two years of working in Abuja and then studying and lecturing at the University of Ibadan.

I have benefitted tremendously from the APCG's mentorship and leadership. I see one of APCG's core missions as building community within larger professional organizations. To this end, I have been involved in a range of activities including organizing panels such as the 2009 roundtable on teaching, serving on panel selection committees, and organizing social events for members in 2006 and 2010. APCG also helps advance Africanist scholarship across generations and methodologies. As treasurer I would focus on recruitment, using online social media and old

fashioned personal contact. As the organization has grown and stabilized, we now have the ability to spend money on new member services and outreach activities such as receptions. Someday, we hope to be able to help bring scholars from Africa to participate in our conference activities. I will explore and recommend creative options through an inclusive process that protects our financial health and that seeks to invest in the organization's future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALLS FOR PAPERS-APPLICATIONS

MPSA Call for Papers on Africa

Leo Arriola, the head of the African Politics Section of the Midwest Political Science Association, encourages submissions to the section for next year's meeting of the MPSA. This will be held in Chicago from 31 March through 3 April. The section description is pasted below. The deadline for submissions is October 8.

The proposal submission page can be found here:

<http://www.mpsanet.org/Conference/Submit2011/abid/261/Default.aspx>

The link to submission guidelines:

<http://www.mpsanet.org/Conference/SubmissionGuidelines/tabid/561/Default.aspx>

Feel free to contact Leo Arriola (lariola@berkeley.edu) <<mailto:lariola@berkeley.edu>> with any questions.

Section 11. African Politics

This section invites panel, paper, and roundtable proposals on all Africa-related subjects. Possible topics include, but are not limited to, democratization, economic development and reform, identity politics, and political violence. All theoretical and methodological approaches are welcome. Proposals using newly collected data, whether quantitative or qualitative, are especially encouraged.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS, Workshop Leaders for the 2011 APSA Africa Workshops

The American Political Science Association (APSA) supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation calls for applications from those interested in serving as co-leaders of a two-week workshop, which is a part of a four-year effort to

organize annual residential political science workshops in sub-Saharan Africa. The workshop is scheduled to take place in Anglophone, sub-Saharan Africa. The goals of the workshops are to:

(1) enhance the capacities and resources for theoretical and empirical scholarship by political scientists in Africa, (2) explore a compelling intellectual theme underpinning basic research in political science, (3) provide a forum for connecting participants with recent developments in the field, and (4) support the participants ongoing research.

The inaugural workshop was convened in Dakar, Senegal, in 2008, on the theme of "Political Participation"; the 2009 workshop was convened in Accra, on the theme of "Elections and Democracy"; and the 2010 workshop was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, on the theme of "Gender and Politics." More information about the previous workshops can be found at the project Web site, www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops <<http://www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops>>.

Those applying to be co-leaders of the 2011 workshop will, as part of their application, propose a workshop theme, location, and African institutional partner for the fourth workshop.

*Application Timeline: *Applications should be submitted electronically to APSA in Word format, 12-point font, double spaced (except for Section III, Supplementary Information, which can be single spaced) and with 1-inch margins. Send applications to africaworkshops@apsanet.org <<mailto:africaworkshops@apsanet.org>> by *5:00 PM Eastern Time on Friday, October 15, 2010*. Finalists will be announced in November 2010.* *

*Contact: *If you have questions or would like more information about the workshops or application process, email to africaworkshops@apsanet.org or call Helena Saele at (202) 483-2512

CALL FOR PAPERS, International Conference on Arts, Society and Sustainable Development 27 – 29 June 2011 | Pretoria, South Africa

In line with its vision to be an Arts Faculty that nurtures creativity, innovation and cultural understanding; and a mission to contribute innovatively to the socio-economic development of Africa and the world through culture-led social, economic and physical regeneration, the Faculty of the Arts at the Tshwane University of Technology is inviting abstracts for papers to be delivered at its Arts, Society and Sustainable Development Conference.

The aim of the conference is to assemble art practitioners (visual and performing), professionals, designers, academics, researchers, government officials, cultural workers, and industry partners to share creativity, knowledge, and understanding across boundaries; and to offer a platform for the interrogation of the relationship between the arts and community development. This will assist in strengthening arts' engagement and participation and become part of the momentum that will carry our industry forward into the coming decade. Development is a vast area of human endeavour. Development is not limited to the narrow confines of economic growth and improvement of infrastructure in the urban areas. Development is taken holistically to include "The ability of the members of a community to relate creatively to themselves, their neighbours, their environment, and the world at large, so that each one might express his maximum potential. Such development, then, has a lot to do with the distribution of power and of resources – who gets what, how, and why? It is, basically, a process of empowerment" (Pradervand, 1989: xvii). The conference encourages debates around socio-cultural development of the community, development of products, entrepreneurship, and the economy. Aspects such as ability to brand, to determine niche markets, to develop business plans and attract customers, should be investigated because in today's knowledge economy they play critical roles in the development of the arts and design. Are there challenges militating against the development of policies to nurture growth in the culture industries? What are the challenges? Presentations should be geared towards centre-staging arts' capacity to help shape the past, present and future of contemporary societies. Papers must address the conference theme and the sub-themes.

Presenters are to submit topics/abstracts (500 words; Pdf/MS Word format) to reach the Conference Secretariat by 31 December 2010. Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged and

letters of acceptance of abstracts will be mailed on 28 February 2011.

Electronic submissions of abstracts are encouraged. Abstracts (hard copies) sent by mail will also be considered. E-mail your abstracts to Irene Botes: botesjc@tut.ac.za or Gladys Sibanda: sibandag@tut.ac.za.

For further informations :

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LUCAS Seminar Series and YASN Workshop, Autumn Term 2010

University of Leeds, Centre for African studies
Location: Room 11.13, Social Sciences Building, 4.40pm-6pm

Wednesday 6 October, Ray Bush (POLIS, Leeds)
'Mining and Resistance: Accumulation and Underdevelopment in Ghana'

Wednesday 13 October,
Jane Plastow (African Theatre and LUCAS Director) and Richard Borowski (LUCAS)
'Challenging stereotypes of Africa in schools: The LUCAS African Schools Project'

Wednesday 20 October, Claire Mercer (Geography, LSE)

'Contemporary Nationalism in Tanzania'
Friday 29 October, 11am–7pm, Yorkshire African Studies Network (YASN)* workshop:

'Citizenship and the Politics of Belonging in Africa'
*** Please note that this day-long event, which will launch a new research network and includes coffee, lunch and drinks, has limited space. Those interested in attending should contact Dr Gabrielle Lynch directly to reserve a place*
g.lynych@leeds.ac.uk

Wednesday 17 November, Chukwuma Okoye (Theatre Arts, University of Ibadan)

'Contemporary Nigerian Theatre; or how (not-) postcolonial we are'

Wednesday 24 November,
Nadine Beckmann (Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford)

'Pushing the borders of marketisation: AIDS and the commodification of suffering'

Wednesday 1 December, Jane Plastow (English-Theatre Workshop, Leeds),

'Using performance to understand women's issues in Uganda: The Buganda intergenerational Women's Theatre Project'

Study Africa at Edinburgh

The Centre of African Studies at the University of Edinburgh (www.cas.ed.ac.uk) encourages

applicants for the M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in African Studies.

The Centre is world renowned for the study of Africa, and involves staff from several parts of the University in postgraduate supervision, in its weekly seminar and in conferences and workshops. Although a relatively small centre, we have a world-class academic staff from many disciplines with expertise in a large number of African topics and regions, supported by library and digital resources. Our staff members are involved in a number of research networks and projects and play key roles on a number of well-known journals including *Africa*, *African Affairs* and the *Journal of Southern African Studies*. Our students come from academic and professional backgrounds from all over the world.

Programme Aims and Career Options

The interdisciplinary **taught M.Sc. degree in African Studies** https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/taught_programmes/msc_african_studies is a one-year, full-time/two-year part-time degree, including a dissertation in an area of the student's choice, including topics in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. The first-semester core course provides a conceptual and theoretical overview of African Studies debates, and the second-semester core course emphasizes contemporary issues and challenges in African countries. The academic year runs from September to August. This rigorous but flexible academic programme has a proven record of preparing its students for positions in international organizations, NGOs, and in African and Western government departments.

The Centre also seeks high-calibre students for the **Ph.D. and M.Sc. by Research** https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/gradschool/research_programmes/african_studies (a one-year preliminary to the Ph.D.) in a number of fields. We would look favourably upon applicants in areas where we have special interests. These areas include, for example, precolonial, colonial and postcolonial African history; African literature and film; political economy; labour movements, social movements and democratisation; postcolonial theory; business-state relations; social aspects of medicine and illness; NGOs; technology development; migration studies, 'indigenous' and refugee rights; and nationalism, the state, and the

politics of borders. Geographical areas of expertise include Eastern and Southern Africa, the Horn, and Anglophone West Africa.

Course Options

- Ethnicity, Class and Power in 20th Century Africa • The Roots of African Poverty and Development
- African in International Politics • Colonial Science and its Legacies
- African Politics, Literature and Film • History of Christianity in Africa
- Slavery, Forced Labour and Identity in African History • Primal Religions in Africa
- Themes in African Social History • Guided Readings in African Studies
- Khoisan Southern Africa • East Central Africa
- East Central Africa • Anthropology and International Health
- Religion and Global Society

Funding Options for U.S. Applicants

American Friends of the University of Edinburgh (AFUE) Postgraduate Scholarships

<http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/internat/afue.htm>

Fulbright Scholarships
<http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/internat/fulbright.htm>

The University of Edinburgh International Master's Scholarships

<http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/internat/masters.htm>

Scotland's Saltire Scholarships at the University of Edinburgh:

<http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/scotlandscholarship.htm>

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation:
<http://www.jkcf.org/>

Marshall Scholarships:
<http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/postgraduate/internat/marshall.htm>

US Student Loans:
<http://www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk/usloans/>

Further Information

On Funding: at the Scholarships and Student Finance Office and at www.scholarships.ed.ac.uk

About the Centre, its students, staff and research interests: at www.cas.ed.ac.uk

CALL FOR PAPERS, Violence against Women, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, February 2011

Within the framework of UNESCO's actions to combat violence against women and enhance women's rights and empowerment, and building on its central objective of promoting research that supports evidence-based decision-making, the Social and Human Sciences Sector in collaboration with the University of Hull, U.K., is currently undertaking a program of research on men and violence against women, gendered poverty and legalsocio-cultural factors influencing women's access to freshwater.

The aim of this program of research is to develop policy recommendations on violence against women, and more specifically men and violence against women, gendered poverty and women's access to fresh water. The second in this series of research meetings will be held in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in February 2011. It will build upon the success of the previous meeting, held in Pretoria in August 2007 on 'Women's Rights for Peace and Security in post-Conflict democracies in sub-Saharan Africa', which formed the basis for a productive dialogue with Ministers at the Forum of Ministers of Women's Affairs of the Great Lakes Region in Mombasa in 2009, and for a series of policy papers and policy briefs, now available on the UNESCO website.

For the meeting in Kinshasa, researchers specializing in gender-based violence (GBV) are invited by UNESCO to prepare papers on the following research themes, situated within the framework of UNESCO's actions in favor of women living in post-conflict situations: Men and violence against women ; Gendered poverty and access to freshwater.

Abstracts of no more than 500 words, in English or French, should be submitted for review to UNESCO to gender.SHS@unesco.org no later than 30 September 2010. Contributors will be informed whether their paper has been accepted as soon as possible after this date. In order to ensure timely circulation to all participants, first drafts of research papers accepted must be submitted to UNESCO no later than 15 December 2010.

UNESCO, in accordance with its standard operating procedures, will provide around trip economy-priced ticket and daily subsistence allowances for researchers to attend the research meeting. Researchers chosen to attend the Forum of Ministers in 2011 will have costs met similarly.

Up-coming events in which the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation is involved:

22 September: Vad kan Dag Hammarskjöld lära oss idag?

("What can Dag Hammarskjöld teach us today?") Lecture by Lena Lid Andersson, researcher and lecturer at the Stockholm School of Economics, and staff member of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation in Uppsala. Her doctoral thesis on management and rhetorics with a focus on Dag Hammarskjöld is International Prizewinning. The lecture is co-organised with Uppsala Freds museum. <http://www.dhf.uu.se/events/public-events/vad-kan-dag-hammarskjold-lara-oss-idag/>

23-26 September: Göteborg Book Fair

In 2010, Africa is the focus of the book fair, and the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation will be one of the exhibitors at Internationella Torget ("the International Square"). The Foundation will also organise two events:

- Saturday at 14.20 "Dag Hammarskjöld, UN and Africa" with Lena Lid Andersson and Henning Melber.
- Sunday at 16.00 "Can citizen action save the world?" with Henning Melber, Håkan Thörn and Mikael Löfgren.

<http://www.dhf.uu.se/events/public-events/goteborg-book-fair/>

28 September: Literature Indaba 28/9 with Patricia Schonstein Pinnock

The South African writer and poet Patricia Schonstein Pinnock will come to Sweden for the book fair in Göteborg and pays a visit also to Uppsala and the DHF. See the attached invitation. Please note that the number of seats is limited, which is why we ask those interested to register as soon as possible. <http://www.dhf.uu.se/pdfiler/DHFPENinvitation28sep.pdf>

Then, a follow-up to a recent event: On 10 September Francis Deng, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide presented the annual Dag Hammarskjöld Lecture in the main hall of Uppsala University. The lecture was entitled "Genocide Prevention – A Challenge of Constructive Management of Diversity". It was filmed and is now accessible at: <http://www.dhf.uu.se/events/public-events/the-dag-hammarskjold-lecture-2010/>

Cornell Institute for African Development Issues in African Development Seminar Series Fall 2010 : Curse or Blessing? Natural Resources in the Economic Development of Africa

Sep. 2	Digging Socio-Economic Rights: Leveraging Africa's Natural Resources Endowment for Infrastructure Development Dunia Prince Zongwe, Ph.D. Candidate, Cornell Law School
Sept. 9	"We Count Less than Fools": Translating Community Consultation Regarding the Chad Oil Pipeline Siba N. Grovogui, Professor of Political Science & Director of International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
Sept. 16	Where did the Money Go? Civil Society Advocacy on Extractive Industry Revenue Transparency Rees Warne, Policy Advisor, Extractive Industries, Catholic Relief Services
Sept. 23	Regulatory Frameworks for Mining and the Contribution of the Extractive Sector to Development in Africa Bonnie Campbell, Professor of Political Science, Université du Québec à Montréal
Sept. 30	Moving Beyond the Resource Syndrome? Institutions and Coalitions in Oil-Producing States Peter Lewis, Associate Professor & Director of African Studies Program, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
Oct. 14	Resource Curse in Reverse: Globalization, Natural Resource Production, and Civil War Cameron G. Thies, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Iowa

Oct. 21	The Other Curse: Natural Resources & Corporate Social Responsibility as Development Panacea Chris W.J. Roberts, Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science, University of Alberta
Oct. 28	What Can We Learn about the "Resource Curse" from Foreign Aid? Kevin Morrison, Assistant Professor of Government, Cornell University
Nov. 4	Choice and Recognition in Decentralization: Democracy Effects of Natural Resource Transfers Jesse C. Ribot, Associate Professor, Department of Geography; Director, Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy Initiative, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Nov. 11	The Politics of Land and the Development of Land Secretariats in Post-colonial Accra Naaborko Sackeyfio, Assistant Professor of History, Dartmouth College
Nov. 18	Resource Rich and Investment Poor: Missed Opportunities for African Agricultural Growth and Economic Development Siwa Msangi, Research Fellow, Environment & Production Tech Division, International Food Policy Research Institute
Dec. 2	Student wrap-up

JOBS & GRANTS

Comparative politics (developing areas: state-building/Africa)

The Department of Political Science invites applications for a tenure track position in Comparative Politics with a specialization in the politics of developing countries. Successful applicants should demonstrate strong theoretical interests, an active research agenda as evidenced by conference papers and/or publications, and an interest in and ability to teach at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Applicants should expect to teach regularly an entry-level graduate seminar in theories of comparative politics and a section of the

department's undergraduate introductory course in comparative politics.

In addition, applicants should have an interest in and the background to teach advanced undergraduate courses on, first, the comparative politics of sub-Saharan Africa and, second, political development and state-building/state-society relations with a consideration for the international security implications of weak or failed states. The successful candidate for the position will also have the opportunity to develop an advanced graduate seminar in comparative politics with a theoretical or substantive focus of his or her choosing. In the Department of Political Science, the teaching load for research-active

graduate faculty is two courses per semester. The successful applicant will be expected to complete the Ph.D. by August 15, 2011.

Review of applications will begin on September 24, 2010 and will continue until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a letter of application with a statement of preferred teaching responsibilities, a curriculum vita, at least three letters of recommendation, a summary of teaching evaluations, and samples of written work TO: Chair, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Department of Political Science, West Virginia University, Box 6317, Morgantown, WV 26506 6317.

West Virginia University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, and members of under represented groups.

Visiting Fellowships in Human Rights, hosted by the Human Rights Consortium at the School of Advanced Study, University of London.

Information at <http://www.sas.ac.uk/index.php?id=573>

Global Fund for Women

The Global Fund for Women is an international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice. We advocate for and defend women's human rights by making grants to support women's groups around the world.

The Global Fund for Women supports women's groups that advance the human rights of women and girls. GFW grants help strengthen and link women's funds based outside the United States by providing flexible and timely grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per year for operating and re-granting expenses. First-time grant awards generally range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year. We value local expertise and believe that women themselves know best how to determine their needs and propose solutions for lasting change.

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MEMBERS' NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Séverine Autesserre, from Barnard College, Columbia University, has published a book on the peace process in the Democratic Republic Congo entitled "The Trouble With the Congo: Local Violence and the Failure of International Peacebuilding." More information on the book is available at www.cambridge.org/9780521156011.

Kim Yi Dionne was appointed an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX in August. That same month, she won a proposal preparation grant from the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) for a randomized trial to study the implementation of mobile AIDS treatment clinics in northern Tanzania.

Rita Kiki Edozie, Associate Professor of International Relations at Michigan State University has been appointed the Director of the University's African American and African Studies Program <https://www.msu.edu/~aaas/Home.html>.

Mamoudou Gazibo, Université de Montréal, and 5 of his colleagues (Richard Marcoux and Muriel Gomez-Perez from Université Laval, Marie-Nathalie Leblanc from UQAM and Bob White and Anne Calvès from Université de Montréal) have founded a research group that focuses on politics and society in Africa from an interdisciplinary perspective (Political science, Anthropology, History and Sociology). The group, named GIERSA (Interuniversity research group on African Societies) has received a \$ 422 400 four year grant from the Fonds québécois de recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC). See <http://www.giersa.ulaval.ca/cms/index.php?menu=32&temps=1285004750>

Alice Kang has started a job as Assistant Professor of Political Science and African and African-American Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Bertin K. Kouadio, Wilson College, spent the summer (10 June-August 20) in Abidjan working on the 2010 presidential elections, specifically looking at the challenges on the ground. He also participated in discussions on the 50th anniversary of the independence of African nations. I was interviewed by the Ivorian press about its meaning, the opportunity of that celebration, and the road ahead, which appeared both online (July 21/22) and in print (August 11/12). Finally, he has been invited by the Intercultural Development Office at MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY in Maryland to give a talk on "Globalization and Human Rights in the African Context" on October 7.

Adrienne LeBas spent July in Lagos, Nigeria, running a pilot survey on taxation, insecurity, and political representation. She will be back in Nigeria in December for a larger national survey. The project is funded by DFID and is being run in association with the Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford), Etannibi Alemika (University of Jos), and Nic Cheeseman (Oxford). The work in Lagos built on Adrienne's past work in slums in Nairobi, Kenya. She would be interested in getting in touch with other members of the group who are working in urban settings, especially in slums.

Staffan I. Lindberg was promoted to Associate Professor (with tenure) at University of Florida in June 2010. He is on leave from UF AY2010/2011 and has taken up a position as Research Director for World Values Survey-Sweden at University of Gothenburg, Sweden, where he was also

appointed Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, and Research Fellow at the Quality of Government Institute. He published "Are Swing Voters Instruments of Democracy or Farmers of Clientelism? Evidence from Ghana" as Quality of Government Institute Working Paper No. 17, 2010. Lindberg was the Team Leader of the evaluation of the Afrobarometer project, Round 4, on behalf of the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) July-September, 2010.

Apart from working as a consultant, **Susanne D. Mueller** is now a "Visiting Researcher" at Boston University's African Studies Center. She is giving a talk at the ASC on 20 Sept, on "Kenya's 2010 Constitution: Will Old Incentives Undermine New Formal Legal Changes". Her new email is susannedmueller@gmail.com)

Michael Nelson is the new head of the African Studies Cluster at Wesleyan University

After twelve years at UCLA, **Daniel N. Posner** will be moving to MIT, where he has accepted an appointment as the Total Professor of Political Science. He is spending the current academic year at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, and will relocate to Cambridge in fall 2011.

Trustee for the Human Community: Ralph J. Bunche, the United Nations, and the Decolonization of Africa, edited by Robert A. Hill and Edmond J. Keller, is the first volume to examine the totality of Bunche's role in the struggles for African independence. Interdisciplinary in its content, this important addition to the growing body of Ralph Bunche scholarship features chapters by six political scientists: **Neta C. Crawford, Charles P. Henry, Martin Kilson, Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja, Pearl T. Robinson, and Crawford Young**. Published by Ohio University Press (2010), the book the product of an international conference organized by UCLA's Globalization Research Center – Africa. Available in paperback and hardcover.

The release this fall of "Niger '66: A Peace Corps Diary," a documentary movie by Judy Irola, brings to life the collective story of a group of young women and men who spent 1966 – 1968 in Niger working in agriculture, digging wells for drinkable water, and working in health clinics with women and their babies. Irola, the Chair of Cinematography at USC's School of Cinematic Arts, has produced a visually appealing film that revisits the idealism of the 1960s, the legacy of the Kennedy Peace Corps, and the trauma of the Vietnam War. Tacking back-and-forth between

the 1960s and present-day interviews, this remarkable documentary provides rarely seen glimpses into the daily lives of the people in Niger. Tufts Political Science professor **Pearl T. Robinson** is one of the former volunteers featured in the film.

Aili Mari Tripp (Professor of Political Science and Gender & Women's Studies at University of Wisconsin-Madison) was elected vice president of the African Studies Association, with a term beginning in November 2010. Her book *Museveni's Uganda: Paradoxes of Power in a Hybrid Regime* was published by Lynne Rienner. Tripp visited Uganda in September with the American Council of Learned Societies to participate in a workshop to promote their African Humanities Program. This past summer she helped run an APSA Africa Workshop 'Global Perspectives on Politics and Gender' in Tanzania involving 28 postdocs and grad students from Africa and the US. The workshop was in collaboration with the Gender Centre at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Co-coordinators included Gretchen Bauer (U of Delaware), Fenella Mukangara (U of Dar es Salaam) and Shireen Hassim (U of Witwatersrand).

Dr Denis **Venter**, Managing Director & Senior Consultant, *Africa Consultancy & Research*, Pretoria, South Africa has assumed the position of Nelson Mandela Chair Professor, Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India from August 2010 through June 2011. He has also been appointed Co-Editor of *Africa Review*, the academic, peer-reviewed journal of the African Studies Association of India (ASAIndia).

Leonardo A. Villalón and **Daniel A. Smith**, University of Florida, have received a \$650,000 two year grant from the US Department of State Division of Educational and Cultural Affairs "Trans-Saharan Professionals Program" to conduct a series of seminars and exchanges on the issues of elections, and involving scholars and practitioners from the US as well as six Francophone Sahelian countries: Senegal, Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso, Mauritania, and Chad.

Susanna Wing participated as an invited member of the APSA Task Force on "Democracy, Economic Security and Social Justice in a Volatile World." This Task Force, convened by APSA President Carole Pateman, includes approximately 15 scholars who will be working together over the next year on topics such as rights-based development, participatory governance and economic citizenship.

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