

South East Regional Seminar in African Studies (SERSAS) & Southeast Africanist Network (SEAN) Annual Joint Meeting 5-6 February 2016

**Co-sponsored by the African Studies Center
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
and the Center for African Studies, University of Florida**

Registration: There will be a \$20 registration fee (cash or check) collected on-site for all non-UF participants.

Schedule: We will open with a welcome reception on Friday evening 5-7pm at the Center for African Studies (427 Grinter Hall). The Center is only a 5-minute walk from the host hotel. Our Saturday panels will also be held at CAS.

What's in Play? Sport, Leisure, and Culture in Africa

Friday 5 February

5:00-7:00 **Welcome Reception** (427 Grinter)

Saturday 6 February

8:45 **Opening Remarks**

9:00-10:30 **A Political Football: Soccer in Africa** (404 Grinter)

Chair: Akintunde Akinyemi, University of Florida

Kathryn Green, Mississippi Valley State University. *A Soccer Match Snapshot in Time: Soccer, "Independent" Côte d'Ivoire and the French Military.*

George Kieh, University of West Georgia. *Soccer & Politics in Liberia.*

Kevin Fridy, University of Tampa. *Win the Match and Vote for Me (A Redux): The Impact of Football's Globalization on the Political Saliency of Ghana's Domestic League.*

Heather Gibson, University of Florida. *Psychic Income and Social Capital among Residents: A Pre/Post Analysis of the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.*

10:45-12:00 **Making Men and Making Sportsmen** (404 Grinter)

Chair: Luise White, University of Florida

Ed Steinhart, Texas Tech University. *The Game of Hunting, the Hunting of Game.*

Michael Gennaro, University of Florida. *Ban This Cruel Sport Boxing: Death in the Ring and the Legitimacy of Boxing in Colonial Nigeria.*

Darren Ray, Auburn University. *Sword Dancing in Kenya: Performing the Martial Heritage of the Swahili Coast.*

12:00-1:00 **Lunch & SERSAS Business Meeting**

SERSAS Co-Coordinator, Ken Wilburn, East Carolina University

1:00-2:15 **Tourism in Africa: Challenges & Opportunities** (404 Grinter)

Chair: Brijesh Thapa, University of Florida

Lori Pennington-Gray, University of Florida

Oghenekaro Omodior, University of Florida

Discussant: Napoleon Bamfo, Valdosta State University

2:30-4:00 **Sport and Leisure in Society** (404 Grinter)

Chair: Barbara Anderson, University of North Carolina

John Cinnamon, Miami University (Ohio). *At Play in the Fields of the Spirits: Ritual Work and Leisure in Gabonese Mbiri.*

Oghenekaro Omodior, University of Florida. *Socialization of Play and Leisure: Implications for Quality of Life in Nigeria.*

Eugene Asola, Valdosta State University. *Play, Sport, Leisure and Culture in Northern Ghana.*

Todd Leedy, University of Florida. *Racing on the Rand: Bicycles, Productivity and Social Control in Urban South Africa.*

2:30-4:00 **Outside the Stadium: Language, Learning, and Nation-building** (471 Grinter)

Chair: Babacar Mboup, Valdosta State University.

Timothy Carmichael, College of Charleston. *"Law" as Ideology and Political Strategy: Haylä Sellassé's Rise to the Emperorship in Early 20th Century Ethiopia.*

Catherine Odari, Georgia State University. *The Unknown Nationalists: Examining South Asian Migration, Integration, and Involvement in the Creation of the Kenyan Republic, 1895-1970.*

Doris Kieh, Global Library Institute. *The Role of Academic Libraries in Liberia.*

Akinloye Ojo, University of Georgia. *Èdè Làsà; Àsà Lèdè: Language and Culture Pedagogy in the Emergent Yorùbá Global Culture.*

4:15-5:30 **Sport in Anglophone Cameroonian Literature & the African Diaspora** (404 Grinter)

Chair: William F. Ndi, Tuskegee University

Adaku T. Ankumah, Tuskegee University

Benjamin H. Fishkin, Tuskegee University

Richard Evans, Tuskegee University

Ivon Alcime, Tuskegee University

7:30 **Dinner party for participants & invited guests**

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