

# AFRICAN ISSUES

---

*In This Issue*

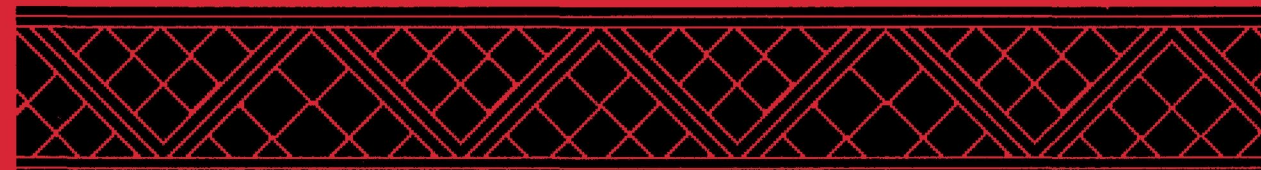
## **The African “Brain Drain” to the North: Pitfalls and Possibilities**

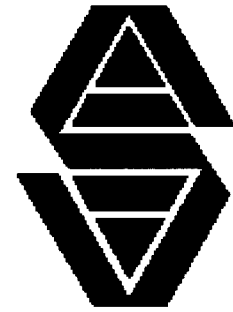
Articles by Cassandra R. Veney, Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, Thandika Mkandawire,  
Esi E. Ansah, Soumana Sako, George J. Sefa Dei, Alireza Asgharzadeh,  
Ibrahim Elnur, Anthony Barclay, John Lwanda, Solomon A. Getahun,  
Kwabena O. Akurang-Parry, Abdoulaye Gueye, Jean-Philippe Dedieu,  
F. Njubi Nesbitt, Uwem E. Ite, Nzegwu Nkiru, and Ali A. Mazrui

---

Published for Its Members  
by the African Studies Association

Volume XXX/1 2002





INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO *AFRICAN ISSUES*: Contributions are welcome. Manuscripts should be typed on one side of the sheet only, double-spaced, with ample margins for editorial marking. Two paper copies should be submitted along with a computer disk (WordPerfect or Microsoft Word format is preferred). Authors are advised to incorporate footnote material into the text whenever possible. Notes should be numbered consecutively through the article and listed on a separate sheet at the end of the article. Manuscripts should be consistent with the recommendations of *The Chicago Manual of Style*, 14th edition (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1993). All editorial correspondence should be sent to the editors, Cyril Daddieh (Political Science Department, 301 Howley Hall, Providence College, Providence, RI 02921; [daddieh@providence.edu](mailto:daddieh@providence.edu)) and Jo Ellen Fair (African Studies Program, 5115 Vilas Hall, University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI 53706; [jefair@facstaff.wisc.edu](mailto:jefair@facstaff.wisc.edu)).

Articles in *African Issues* represent neither the views of the African Studies Association nor those of its officers. The editor is responsible for the final selection of the content of *African Issues* and reserves the right to reject any material deemed inappropriate for publication. Responsibility for opinions expressed and for the accuracy of facts published in articles rests solely with the individual authors. Responsibility for the copyediting of the material is also the authors'.

Copyright © 2002 by the African Studies Association, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording, or through any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher. Any author has the right to republish his or her article in whole or in part without requesting permission from the African Studies Association. Others desiring permission to republish material should apply to the African Studies Association. Printed by McNaughton and Gunn Lithographers, Inc., Saline, Michigan.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: The postal system does not forward periodicals. We must receive written notification from you at least five weeks in advance of any change in your mailing address to ensure uninterrupted delivery of African Studies Association materials. Failure to notify us of your correct mailing address will result in suspension of your membership until we receive such notification. We can make address changes only when current dues are paid. Domestic claims for nonreceipt of issues must be made within six months of publication (overseas claims, within one year). Copies of *African Issues* damaged in the mail will be replaced without charge.

**African Studies Association Press**  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
132 George Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400  
Voice: 732-932-8173, Fax: 732-932-3394  
E-mail: [callasa@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:callasa@rci.rutgers.edu)  
<http://www.africanstudies.org>

# AFRICAN ISSUES

Volume XXX/1 2002

Editors: Cyril K. Daddieh and Jo Ellen Fair

Guest Editors: Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Cassandra R. Veney

## **The African “Brain Drain” to the North: Pitfalls and Possibilities**

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza and Cassandra R. Veney, *Editors' Introduction* 1

### **Part I: Historic and Contemporary African Diasporas**

Cassandra R. Veney, *The Ties That Bind: The Historic African Diaspora and Africa* 3

Paul Tiyambe Zeleza, *Contemporary African Migrations in a Global Context* 9

### **Part II: Conceptualizing Capacity Building and the Brain Drain**

Thandika Mkandawire, *Incentives, Governance, and Capacity Development in Africa* 15

Esi E. Ansah, *Theorizing the Brain Drain* 21

Soumana Sako, *Brain Drain and Africa's Development: A Reflection* 25

George J. Sefa Dei and Alireza Asgharzadeh, *What Is to Be Done? A Look at Some Causes and Consequences of the African Brain Drain* 31

### **Part III: Country Studies**

Ibrahim Elnur, *The Second Boat of Africa's New Diaspora: Looking at the Other Side of the Global Divide with an Emphasis on Sudan* 37

Anthony Barclay, *The Political Economy of Brain Drain at Institutions of Higher Learning in Conflict Countries: Case of the University of Liberia* 42

John Lwanda, *Doctoring the Brain Drain: Medical Case of Malawi* 47

Solomon A. Getahun, *Brain Drain and Its Effect on Ethiopia's Institutions of Higher Learning, 1970s–1990s* 52

Kwabena O. Akurang-Parry, *Passionate Voices of Those Left Behind: Conversations with Ghanaian Professionals on the Brain Drain and Its Net Gains* 57

#### **Part IV: African Migrants in Europe and North America**

Abdoulaye Gueye, *Dark Side of the African Brain Drain: Experiences of Africans Holding Doctoral Degrees in Social Sciences and Humanities Living in France* 62

Jean-Philippe Dedieu, *U.S. Exit, African Voices, and Francophone Loyalty* 66

F. Njubi Nesbitt, *African Intellectuals in the Belly of the Beast: Migration, Identity, and the Politics of Exile* 70

Uwem E. Ite, *Turning Brain Drain into Brain Gain: Personal Reflections on Using the Diaspora Option* 76

Nzegwu Nkiru, *Africaresource.com: Bridging the Digital Divide* 81

Ali A. Mazrui, *Brain Drain between Counterterrorism and Globalization* 86