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ner. Public announcement in ASA News, via e-mail, and on the ASA website.

November 2002 — Paper will have been published in the latest issue of the ASA scholarly journal, *African Studies Review*; public announcement/award ceremony at the annual meeting.

The Prize Committee Chair (Joe Caruso) will work with the ED and the President to insure the success of this initiative.

### 4. "Media Prize"

The committee recognizes the need for a special "task force" in order to make this idea a reality (For background, see Prize Committee report from November 2000). Such a "task force" will be charged with the following: to refine the procedures for the prize; to contact various institutions and organizations with similar prizes in order to seek advice and potential partners; to identify potential donor agencies; to work with the ED, the Prize Committee Chair, and the Development Committee Chair on the funding proposal.

### Approval of Fall Board Meeting Minutes, November 2000

The Board reviewed the minutes from the Fall Board Meeting. It was suggested that Nyamweru's report on annual meeting scheduling be added to the official record of the meeting The Board unanimously approved the minutes with the noted change.

### The resolution follows:

The Board reviewed the resolution submitted by Angelique Haugerud. The Board unanimously approved the resolution. It was agreed that Haugerud would communicate the resolution to members of the American Anthropological Association.

### Resolution on African Studies Association and American Anthro pological Association Annual Meeting Scheduling – Angelique Haugerud

In recognition of the numerical strength and intellectual contributions of anthropologists in the ASA, and the importance of their participation in the annual meetings, the board resolves that the ASA annual meetings should not be scheduled at the same time as the annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). The AAA is the only disciplinary association whose meeting dates are likely to conflict with those of the ASA.

#### Allen Isaacman

The Board discussed its desire to build linkages with African institutions. It was agreed that Isaacman, Ndegwa, and Samatar would develop guidelines and suggest names for a task force that would address ASA linkages with African institutions.

# Current Issues Council – Catharine Newbury

Newbury refered to the report on the Current Issues Council submitted by its new chair, Richard Joseph. It was suggested that Joseph be encouraged to work with the editors of *African Issues*, Cyril Daddieh and Jo Ellen Fair.

### **Board Affairs**

The Board discussed Board meeting scheduling and ways of performing periodic board assessments. The group agreed to revise its Fall meetings by having all sponsored organizations submit written reports prior to the meeting. The Board would then invite rerpresentives from select organizations to meet in person during the Fall Board meeting.

### APPENDIX

### African Studies Association Plan for Endowment Management (Abbreviated)

As a non-profit scholarly association, the ASA has a fiduciary obligation to its members to manage its endowment in order to preserve and to grow its capacity to deliver on programs to its members in a manner that respects its social values. Hitherto the ASA has been relatively passive in management of its endowment, hiring an investment firm to oversee its investment strategy. The ASA's Finance Committee has over the past dozen years instructed its investment firm to pursue relatively conservative investments. For the past three years, the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors have expressed concern with the investment performance of the firm overseeing our endowment. The endowment did not grow in line with the stock market changes of the past decade; nor did it withstand unscathed the recent decline in stock valuations. The following plan is proposed in light of the need to preserve and to grow responsibly our endowment.

## 1. The ASA should self-administer its endowment.

2. The ASA should establish an investment committee, chaired by association's treasurer, and consisting of the executive director, the president of the ASA, and three members of the association. The terms of the members should be three to five years.

## 3. The treasurer has the authority to make investment decisions in consultation with the investment committee.

4. The ASA should establish a larger committee in the model of the "friends" of the Association, who will act as advisors to the investment committee and who can guide the association in its fundraising and investment programs.

5. The endowment investments should be governed by the fiduciary responsibility of maintaining the financial well being of the association.

6. The endowment should be invested in socially responsible investment funds.

7. The endowment shall invest in a manner to maximize capital preservation and growth and to minimize management expenses.

8. The objectives of these guidelines will be assessed annually in relationship to financial conditions and the needs of the association.

## NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Former ASA Board member Eileen Julien has been named new director of the the University of Maryland - Driskell Center. The Driskell Center is undergirded by David C. Driskell's unequalled collection of African American artists' work. The Center will soon be offering post-doctoral fellowships, studio space, lectures and more.

### **MEETING CALENDAR**

### SUDAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

The Sudan Studies Association at the Berks Campus of Pennsylvania State University presents its 21st meeting on **May 16-18, 2002**. The theme is "Children of the Sudan." A wide range of children's issues will be addressed, including but not limited to child soldiering, child labor, son preference, and the education of the young. The long-term or historical consequences of these issues for Sudanese societies will be on the agenda for discussion. For further information contact:

Linkages with African Institutions -

Program Coordinator, Michael Kevane, Department of Economics, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA 95053; Tel: (408) 554-6888; Fax: (408) 554-2331; Email: mkevane@scu.edu. Local arrangements host: Randall Fegley, Penn State Berks, Tulpehocken Rd., P.O. Box 7009, Reading PA 19610-6009; Tel: (610) 396-6092; Email:raf8@psu.edu; Website: www.sudanstudies.org.

### UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

The University of Botswana, Department of English presents a conference on HIV/AIDS. The theme is "Language, Literature and the Discourse of HIV/AIDS in Africa." The conference will be June 24-28, 2002. The aim of the conference is to focus on the discourse of HIV/AIDS with particular reference to language and literature. Figures emerging from UNAIDS and other surveillance systems show that Africa is a leading victim of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. From the specific perspective of linguistic and literary disciplines or the Humanities in general, little has been done to address the discourse of the pandemic. Therefore a variety of trans-disciplinary perspectives is inevitable and desirable. For further information contact: Emevwo Biakolo, Tel: (267) 355-2093, (267) 326-115; Fax: (267) 585-098; Email: biakolo@mopipi.ub.bw; or Joyce Mathan gwane, Tel: (267) 355-2659, (267) 311-333; Fax: (267) 585-098; Email: mathanit@ mopipi.ub.bw; Website: http://ub.bw/home. html.

# MAASTRICHT CENTER FOR TRANSATLANTIC STUDIES

The Maastricht Center for Transatlantic Studies in Maastricht, the Netherlands presents an interdisciplinary conference titled Nations. and "Citizens. Cultures: Transatlantic Perspectives." The conference will be October 16-19, 2002. The conference will broadly explore what the 'transatlantic' means for the people of Africa, the Americas, and Europe who experienced these flows over the years. The keynote speakers are: Sabine Broek (University of Bremen), Jose Casanova (New School for Social Research, USA), and John Keane (University of Westminster, UK). For further information contact: Neil Wynn or Andrew Thompson, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Glamorgan Treforest, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Cf37 1DL, United Kingdom.

### PAPER CALENDAR

### AFRICA INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Africa Institute of South Africa is planning a special issue of Africa Insight to focus on tourism in Africa especially as it relates to development and the African renaissance. Africa Insight reflects thinking about theoretical and practical developments in African studies and about contemporary affairs and issues on the continent. The journal's purpose is to provide insight into the process of change in Africa. The Africa Institute of South Africa is inviting researchers from a variety of disciplinary and cross-disciplinary backgrounds using a variety of approaches to submit papers for this special issue. Intended contributors are encouraged to write about a wide range of African countries, hence preference will be given to papers focusing on countries other than South Africa. Comparative studies will also be encouraged. Manuscripts should be kept to a 4,000-6,000 word limit (including notes and references). Selected manuscripts will be sent for peer review. Intended contributors are asked to follow the usual guidelines and prepare the customary notes, and to send an abstract of 100-150 words, one hard copy manuscript and an electronic copy (by email or on disk), along with full contact details by May 31, 2002. For further information contact: Elizabeth le Roux, Editor: Africa Insight, Africa Institute of South Africa, PO Box 630, Pretoria 0001, South Africa; Email: beth@ai.org.za.

### UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN

The University of Durban-Westville, Durban, KwaZulu-Natal will host an interdisciplinary colloquium, "Campbell in Context," in honor of Roy Campbell one of South Africa's best-known poets. The colloquium will be July 25-26, 2002. The scope of the colloquium is intended to be wide ranging, with papers addressing issues pertinent to Roy Campbell's diverse oeuvre, as well as the contexts within which he worked. Expected participants are the eminent scholar and Roy Campbell's biographer, Peter Alexander, and the postcolonial theorist, Graham Pechey. The following are possible topics that may be addressed during the colloquium: Campbell's influence on South African literature, Voorslag and the Natal experience, the role of the Campbell family in Durban, Campbell and the Bloomsbury group, Campbell's Europe, Campbell's politics, Campbell's religious poetry, Campbell's translations, biographies and plays on Campbell. Selected

papers from the colloquium will be used to compile a volume of essays. Intended participants are asked to submit their papers to the organizers by June 30, 2002. This is to enable their colleagues to familiarize themselves with their work prior to the meetings. For further information contact: Professor J-P. Wade, Center for the Study of Southern African Literature and Languages, University of Durban-Westville, Private Bag X 54001, Durban 4000, South Africa; Email: pwade@pixie.udw.ac.za; or Professor J.E. Coullie, English Literary and Cultural Studies, University of Durban-Westville, Private Bag X 54001, Durban 4000, South Africa; Email: jcoullie@pixie .udw.ac.za.

ORGANIZATION FOR SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA The Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) will hold its Seventh Congress in Khartoum, Sudan, in December 2002. The theme is "The Quest for Social Peace in Africa: Transformations. Democracy and Public Policy." The Congress will consist of three major activities: the business meeting, the special panel, and the scientific conference. The main objective of the conference is to provide African scholars and intellectuals with the opportunity to discuss ongoing transformations and social processes as they impinge on the current quest for peace-building and peace-keeping; to review and determine how scientific knowledge and research can assist in the understanding and resolution of crises and conflicts; and to influence in a positive direction these transformations in Africa. The conference papers should reflect the spirit of concern with the future of both the social science enterprise and the African condition itself. The papers should address what role social science can play in generating knowledge regarding the problems of security and the consolidation of social peace. Which theories, concepts, and methodological approaches can best serve the purposes of appraising and understanding the processes fuelling social conflict as well as those sustaining social peace in Africa? The deadline for abstracts is April 30, 2002. For guidelines and further information contact: OSSREA, P.O. Box 31971, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Email: ossrea@telecom.net.et or pub.ossrea@tel ecom.net.et.

#### **ERITREAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION**

The Eritrean Studies Association invites papers for submission to a special edition of the *Eritrean Studies Review* addressing