

# Center for African Studies

AFRICAN STUDIES LECTURE SERIES

fall events 2009

Friday, September 11

## "got Africa?"

### Information Fair/Celebration

370 Dwinelle Hall, 10a.m. to 2p.m.

Wanna know about opportunities in Africa to...?

- Study
- Work
- Obtain fellowships
- Plug into real and educated activism
- Plan a career

Ten Information Tables. Knowledgeable Folks.  
Lots of Information. Live Music. Mini Language Lessons.  
Light snacks with African flair. Make the time to stop by!

Friday, September 25 @ 12 noon

## Film Screening

### "Herskovits at the Heart of Blackness"

652 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley Campus

Friday, October 2 @ 12 noon

### "U.S.- Africa Policy under the Obama Administration"

-*Briggs J. Bomba*

Director of Campaigns, Africa Action

652 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley Campus

Friday, October 23 @ 12 noon

### "African Epics (Fulani, Mandingo and Wolof): Shaping Consciousness of Modern Descendants"

- *Alsaan Paap Sow*

Wolof Lecturer, African American Studies, UC Berkeley

652 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley Campus

Friday, November 6 @ 12 noon

### "Exorcising the Demon Within: Alienation, Violence, and the State in Contemporary South Africa"

- *Loren B. Landau*

Director, Forced Migration Studies Programme

University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

652 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley Campus



Friday, November 13 @ 12 noon

### "The Great African War Congo and Regional Geopolitics, 1996-2006"

- *Filip Reyntjens*

Professor, African Law and Politics

Chair, Institute of Development Policy and Management

University of Antwerp, Belgium

652 Barrows Hall, UC Berkeley Campus

Sponsored by Dutch Studies and Human Rights Center

## GRADUATE STUDENT LECTURE SERIES

All presentations in 652 Barrows Hall  
Tuesdays @ 3p.m.

### "*Tirailleurs Sénégalais: An Institutional and Social Experiment in Colonial Warfare*"

-Sarah Zimmerman, History  
Tuesday, September 15

### "*Researching the Origins of War in the Ikuri District, DR Congo*"

-Dan Fahey, ESPM  
Tuesday, October 6

### "*From Gifts to Grants: The Ethics of Orphan Support in Uganda*"

-China Rose Scherz, Joint UCB/UCSF Medical Anthro Prog.  
Tuesday, November 3

**Title TBA**

-Wendy Turner, ESPM  
Tuesday, November 10

### "*Surrogates for Government: NGOs and the State in Kenya*"

-Jen Brass, Political Science  
Tuesday, December 1

## FILM SCREENINGS (sponsored by I-House)

### "A Thousand Suns"

*A Thousand Suns*, the story of the Gamo Highlands in Africa's Rift Valley. The film explores two threats to this densely populated region where sustainable farming has been successful for 10,000 years: destruction of the Gamo's indigenous cultural systems by faith-based organizations and the impact of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), which has spent millions of dollars to bring pesticides, fertilizers, and seeds to the area. Executive Director of Global Oneness, Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee will be the discussant.

Date and Time: Tuesday, September 8 @ 7 p.m.  
International House, Chevron Auditorium

### "Not Yet Rain"

*Not Yet Rain*, a short film by Lisa Russell, produced in association with Ipas, explores abortion in Ethiopia through the voices of women who have faced the challenge of finding safe care. Through their stories, we see the important role that safe abortion care plays in the overall health of women and their families.

Every year, millions of women around the world risk their lives to end unintended pregnancies. While a law enacted in 2006 marked great progress toward reproductive freedom in Ethiopia, *Not Yet Rain* shows that changing the law is just the first step; much more needs to be done as women continue to die from unsafe abortions. Training for health workers and increased availability of care could save the lives of women in Ethiopia and around the world.

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 20 @ 7p.m.  
International House, Homeroom

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