



The West African Research Association, the Center for African Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and the UC Africanist Research Workshop are hosting a virtual conference on West Africa for scholars based in the western regions of North America.*

We invite paper and panel proposals addressing West Africa-focused research from faculty and graduate students in all disciplines. The goals of the conference are to build a West Coast regional community of West Africa scholars; provide a space for scholarly exchange focused on West Africa; enhance research and teaching collaborations; and create mentoring opportunities.

The conference will take place on Monday, June 28 and Tuesday, June 29, 2021. Presenters will be organized into thematic panels of 3-4 presentations. All sessions will take place on the Zoom platform.

Please submit a paper or panel abstract of up to 200 words via the **ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM**. The deadline is Saturday, May 15 by 11:59 PM Pacific. Conference registration will be free. A registration link and schedule will be made available on the conference website by Tuesday, June 1. Participants will be able to register to present or attend when the registration link becomes available.

We particularly encourage submissions from scholars at Community Colleges and Minority Serving Institutions as well as those who otherwise are unable to travel regularly to the African Studies Association meetings and other scholarly conferences.

***Regions:** We invite submissions from scholars affiliated with academic institutions or resident in the western states and provinces of the United States, Canada, and Mexico: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Baja California, Baja California Sur, Nayarit, Sonora, Sinaloa.

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