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## 2007 New Jersey Scholars Program

Sunday, June 24 through Friday, July 27

## Africa: the Sub-Sahara

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#### I. The Program

The purpose of the New Jersey Scholars Program is to provide outstanding New Jersey high school students, who have completed their junior year, an intensive five-week summer academic program at The Lawrenceville School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. It is taught at the freshman-sophomore college level by a combination of college and Lawrenceville faculty. The Program concentrates on a single topic each year and approaches it in an interdisciplinary manner. The topic for 2007 was *Africa: The Sub-Sahara*. Excerpts from the overview of the program note:

"Ask someone to tell you quickly what they associate with Africa, and the answers you'll get will probably range from 'cradle of humankind' and 'big animals' to 'poverty' and 'tribalism.' How did one continent come to embody such extremes?" So wrote Jared Diamond in the September, 2005 issue of National Geographic devoted entirely to the African continent. This summer, the New Jersey Scholars Program will investigate answers to that question. What characteristics could be found in African cultures and environment before major western incursions? Did the frenzied 19th century European land-grab immeasurably damage African societies and their surroundings or did well-established cultural folkways and eco-systems survive that violent ordeal? How have the African past and the conditions of 21st century global life laid down daunting challenges to African states seeking to build a better world for their peoples? Finally, does tribal culture often produce leaders who are reluctant to relinquish power? The New Jersey Scholars Program will examine these questions through the disciplinary lenses of history/economics, literature, the arts, and the environment. Focusing on sub-Saharan Africa, students in the NJSP will learn to relate these disciplines to each other building a textured and complex understanding of a continent which has resisted western understanding for centuries. As we enter the 21<sup>st</sup> century, there can be no doubt that Africa will be central on the international agenda. The key to world stability may well depend on a sophisticated understanding of this complex continent. The 2007 New Jersey Scholars Program will help build that understanding.

Scholars will have stimulating academic days combining lectures, seminars, research and fieldwork. They will have extensive reading assignments and will prepare several short papers in advance of their culminating achievement, a major interdisciplinary research project on a topic of special interest. During the course of their studies, Scholars will leave campus on a field trip and also create artistic, musical and dramatic works that will be exhibited in an Arts Festival, to which all parents and past New Jersey Scholars are invited.

Students were housed together in one dormitory and were expected to stay on campus through the session, with the exception of the long weekend in mid-July. The typical Scholar's day began at 8:30 a.m. with a 90-minute lecture presented to all Scholars and faculty by one member of the

faculty (see Appendix A). Handouts containing additional information frequently supplemented such lectures. In the case of art lectures, slide and computer projection presentations accompanied the narrative. After the lecture, the Scholars divided into three seminar groups and met with the other members of the faculty for a 90-minute seminar discussion of assigned readings. After lunch, the seminar groups would assemble for another session from 1:30 until 3:00 pm. Because the faculty members always attended each other's lectures, references could be easily made to connections that crossed disciplines and areas of concentration. In this way, the Scholars examined how ideas encountered in one field might relate to those in another, and so, learn to think in an interdisciplinary manner.

The latter part of the afternoon was given over to free time, during which the Scholars made use of the campus recreational facilities or tackled the substantial reading assignments. After dinner, study areas again found Scholars reading in Kirby House and the Bunn Library (see **Appendix B**).

During the Program, the faculty assigned several short papers and one major interdisciplinary research project to be handed in at the conclusion of the Program. This final project was the culmination of the Scholar's experience. The following gives an idea of the seminars and the final research projects:

#### ART & ARCHITECTURE

#### SOLOMON KUVINYU LOSHA

Nova Southeastern University doctoral student M.A., B.A. in Sociology, specialty in African culture University of Yaounde, Cameroon

During Art and Architecture lectures and seminars, scholars were introduced to the theoretical bases of the artistic and architectural works of the peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa. Within this theoretical framework, we situated the art and architecture of Sub-Saharan Africa in its historical and cultural context of a 'triple heritage' (i.e. the trilogy of indigenous, Islamic and western civilizations). We examined arts as a mediator of culture in sub-Saharan Africa with focus on issues of fertility, motherhood, kingship, initiation, scarification and rituals. Two cases of classical arts in Sub-Saharan Africa, the rock art of the Sans of Southern Africa and the Gold Weight arts of the Ashanti kingdom of Ghana, were studied. We established the case for functionality and aesthetics as inherent features of the art of Sub-Saharan Africa vis-à-vis the western aesthetic art concept of 'art for art seek' and also examined the situation of art in Sub-Saharan Africa with regards to the history of contact with non African others (Arabs and Europeans). Finally, we looked into the role of arts with regards to contemporary issues of development in the sub-continent, and examined the challenges and potentials of art and architecture as instruments of development. Scholars were also introduced to music, dance and dress styles as cultural forms of expression and as markers of social space in the Sub-Continent.

Christopher D. Conte — How Did Colonialism Affect African Art?

Salma Dawlatzai — What Effect Has Islam Had on Sub-Saharan Art and Architecture?

**Joshua L. Fainsod** — Out With the Old, In With the New: A Documentation of How Outside Influences Changed the San People of the Kalahari Desert.

**Ikodiya K. Iroha** —In What Ways Do Contemporary African Film and Music Challenge and Interrogate Historical Representations of Africa and Africans?

Natasha M. Pereira — How Are Women Depicted In Traditional and Contemporary African Art, and How Have Feminist Movements Influenced These Depictions?

Adrienne H. Spiegel — Photography From Colonial Africa: Black and White Images and Black and White Social Dynamics.

Robert D. Stewart — How has Islam Affected Sub-Saharan African Architecture?

**Brandon C. Thompson** — Questioning the Belief That African art is Primitive Art.

**Pooja Yerramilli** — The Effects Of Film On the World Perception Of Africans.

#### ENVIRONMENT

BENJAMIN D. NEIMARK
ABD at Rutgers State University
M.S. Cornell University
B.S. State University of New York at Buffalo

In the program, the New Jersey Scholars engaged in a survey concerning Africa and the Environment. The five distinct lectures and nine seminars illuminated key interests and issues of long-term environmental processes spanning pre-historic Africa to the present, including overviews of climate change and major bio-physical and anthropomorphic environmental dynamics. The course highlighted the human dimensions and drivers of environmental change such as agrarian and urban society's impact on descrification, deforestation and reforestation, and reviewed regions of scarcity and plenty- biodiversity, drought and natural resource extraction. The group went on a virtual safari focusing on the history and politics of African wildlife and engaged in issues of biodiversity conservation, national parks and protected area management. As well, the group challenged contemporary environment and development frameworks which form the nexus of health, wealth, nature and power policies and practices in Africa i.e., ecotourism and other environmental valuation schemes. We concluded with some of Africa's chances and challenges as well as opportunities and possibilities for a better future.

Eric G. Christodoulatos — How Has the Copper Industry in Zambia Affected the Environment, Politics, Economy and Foreign Relations in the Nation?

**Anthony M. Ficarra** —How has the Presences of African Mega Fauna Affected African Development, Specifically Tourism and Its Effect On Developing Nations?

**Meghan J. Friedman** —How Have Environmental Conditions Affected Gender Roles in Sub-Saharan Africa?

**David A. Gold** — What Role Do the Entheogenic Properties of Ibogaine Play in the Bwiti Religion?

Audrey A. Jenkins — How Did Environmental Factors of the Congo Forest Area Affect the Process and Rate of Assimilation of the Mbuti Pygmies to Colonial Influences (Disturbance of Their Traditions) and How Has This Effect Lasted to the Present?

Eric R. Karpas — How Has the Discovery of Oil in African Countries Led to a Narrowing of Industries Working With Them (With Special Reference to Gabon)?

Jacob I. Lavenhar — How Do Diamonds Play Into the Civil Conflicts in Sierra Leone?

**Patricia A. Laverty** — How Are Statistical Interpretations Of Climate Change on Mt. Kilimanjaro Misleading and How Can We Determine Which Information Is Skewed?

**Matthew B. Sumner** — What Role Did Resources Play In the Development and Success of the Resistance Movement of the Mau Mau In Kenya?

Mark Zhang — What Are the Social, Economic, Political and Environmental Factors That Have Resulted From The Extraction Of Oil From Post-Colonial Nigeria?

#### HISTORY & POLITICS

## AGYA BOAKYE-BOATEN Ph.D. Cultural Studies, Ohio University M.A. Political Science and African Studies, Ohio University

Since the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2007, I have been privileged to be an Instructor at the New Jersey Scholar Program, facilitating lectures and seminars on Sub-Saharan African History and Politics. My source of excitement has been the display of intellectual prowess by the scholars and their ability to comprehend some of the complex issues facing Sub-Saharan Africa. Among other things, we have been examining Pre-Colonial Africa, which examined the historical and political development before colonial engagement, Slavery & Colonialism, the first for Liberation, Post-Colonial Africa and how Sub-Saharan Africa fit with the scheme of globalization. During these weeks, I pushed students towards a more critical discourse, and a more holistic approach when examining the current issues in Sub-Saharan Africa. The seminars particularly helped the students to formulate and articulate their views in a scholarly fashion. By activating prior knowledge scholars where able to make the necessary linkages, and also question the basis of their thinking. Most important was the level of intellectual creativity exhibited by scholars in advancing some practical suggestions for evaluating the problems confronting Sub-Saharan Africa. I am happy to acknowledge that the experience was not only worthwhile for the scholars, but it has also renewed my optimism about Sub-Saharan African. I leave this experience

knowing that there are some scholars who continue to advocate for a better consideration of the issues confronting Sub-Saharan Africa.

Arun S. Avva — How Could the Current Conflict In Sudan Progress?

**Daniel Y. Choi** — Do Cultural and Political Factors Proliferate or Stem the AIDS Epidemic? (A Comparative Analysis of Uganda and Kenya)

Lauren P. Fedor — What Political, Economic and Social Changes Did Wangari Maathai Inspire? How Did the Influence of This Kenyan Activist Affect the Sub-Sahara In General and Women In Particular?

Wislande Guillaume — Has Christianity Been Used As An Instrument of Domination In Africa? (With Special Reference to African History And Literature).

**Kevin L. Huang** — Why have international environmental agreements failed to properly address African environmental concerns?

Maxwell J. Lasky — How has the World Bank and the IMF Affected Development in Sub-Saharan Africa?

Nicholas Liu — What Factors Led to the Blurring of Ethnic Divisions in Nigeria That in Turn Aided the Peaceful Transition of Presidential Power Despite Glaring Faults in the Electoral System?

**Chetachi Odelugo** — What Were the Effects of Colonialism and Neo-Colonialism on Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**Gregory Williams** — What Were the Environmental, Political and Economic Influences That Led to the Perpetration of the Wonga Coup in Equatorial Guinea?

#### LITERATURE

## KHADIDIATOU GUÈYE Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University M.A. at Cheik Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal

The interdisciplinary scope of the New Jersey Scholars Program has enabled me to sketch connections and linkages between literature, politics, history, environment, art, and architecture with a view to underscoring the humanistic fiber of literature. I specifically set as my goal the immersion of students from various backgrounds into the rich, diverse, intriguing, and complex corpus of literary productions by male and female writers from Sub-Saharan Africa. Through different genres including autobiography, play, poetry, and epic, thematically and stylistically capturing the socio-cultural specificities of different parts of Africa, we embarked on a culturally flavorful and historically determined journey from pre-colonial to post-colonial Africa. The clashes between African traditionalism and European colonialism, the lingering effects of

colonialism on postcolonial African societies, the complex literary negotiations coupled with ambivalent discursive challenges of postcolonial African women, to name a few, generated spirited discussions amongst scholars. For the improvement of their critical engagement with literary texts, my mantra has been incessantly problematization and historical contextualization. These help avoid dwelling on sweeping generalizations and fossilizing African realities and identities in an unchanging dynamic.

Michelle G. Adler — How Has Colonialism and Neo-Colonialism Affected the African Cultural Identity as Shown by *Things Fall Apart* and *I Will Marry When I Want*?

**Alexander C. Benz** — A Tool of Subordination: Christianity in Colonial and Neocolonial Africa.

Marina Ermakova — Beti, Laye, and Achebe's Presentation of Indigenous Culture.

Jiseung Han — How Are African Collectivism and European Individualism Conveyed in African Literature, What Environmental Factors Contributed to This Divergence During the Pre-Colonialist Era, and How Did It Ultimately Determine the Outcome Of Their Interaction?

Sarah Leung — The Truth and A Story: The Portrayal Of The African Identity.

**Taylor C. Leyden** — What Are The Effects of Christianity in Colonial and Neocolonial Sub-Saharan African Societies?

Ishhani N. Sandesara — The Impact of Post-Colonialism on Women's Rights.

**Darina A. Shtrakhman** — Representations of Africans in American Films: Stopping Stereotypes.

Elizabeth C. Stainton — The Struggle of African Women Writers.

Séjour B. Stephens — Colonialism's Effects on African Culture and Women's Rights.

**Zakiyyah J. Wiley** — The History of the System of Apartheid and Its Effects on South African Literature.

The faculty assisted their students in the research process, and the Bunn Library staff led by Paula Clancy provided invaluable professional guidance. The entire Program is indebted to their wonderful support of the Program. The Scholars also used libraries at Princeton University and Rider University. As in past years, the field trip provided a major event in the middle of the Program. This year, the Scholars traveled to New York City to the American Museum of Natural History where the Hall of Mammals spoke to the wildlife environment and the Hall of African Peoples provided a rich display of cultural artifacts from a variety of African environments. The Scholars then went on to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and its incomparable collection of African art and masks. The Scholars then focused on a particular object(s) for in depth analysis, depending on which museum assignment they chose (see

**Appendix C**). With their notes and sketches, they produced an essay that was completed over the course of the long weekend. It was a great thrill for many of the Scholars to actually see several works that they had already studied through reproductions during seminars and lectures at Lawrenceville.

Another special highlight in this summer's program was the Art Festival on the last Saturday of the Program. This tradition of staging an arts festival gives the Scholars the chance to actually do the subjects they have been studying, in addition to reading about them. It also allowed parents, brothers and sisters of present Scholars to experience the excitement their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters felt about the Program.

This year's festival (see Appendix D) began with a musical performance in the Bunn Library featuring instrumental performances and an outstanding performance of African drumming by the New Jersey Scholars Drumming Ensemble. After a barbecue, we returned to the Bunn Library for performances of an original play written by two Scholars, *The Dark Continent*, and readings of original poetry. The Arts Festival concluded at the Gruss Visual Arts Center with an art exhibition of the Scholars' work along with an extensive exhibit of African masks and sculpture lent by Sandra Rabin of the Lawrenceville School faculty.

The 2007 Program concluded on Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup> with a Graduation Ceremony in The Lawrenceville School's Edith Memorial Chapel (see **Appendix E**).

#### II. The Scholars

Thirty-nine semifinalists were selected and attended the 2007 Program. A total of 169 candidates (including at least one applicant from almost every county in New Jersey) applied to the Program. We invited 100 applicants to Lawrenceville for interviews with the faculty.

The 19 male and 20 female students selected to participate in the Program represented 13 out of New Jersey's 21 counties. The counties that had the largest representation were Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union. The geographic composition of the students reflected a mixture of urban, rural and suburban backgrounds. Twenty-four Scholars came from public schools, fourteen from private schools and one Scholar was Home Schooled. Five Scholars were of African-American background and ten Scholars were of Asian-American background. See Appendix F for overall figures. Scholars by final discipline research paper focus are noted in Appendix G. Appendix I on the inside back cover lists all the Scholars by county and high school.

#### III. Scholar Response to the Program

The atmosphere that develops among the Scholars in this Program is unlike that seen in other youth organizations. This is due to the fact that The New Jersey Scholars Program draws together an extraordinarily able and motivated group of students which develops an extraordinary sense of mutual support. When they come for their interviews in the spring, the applicants receive a tour through the campus from the previous year's Scholars who make the

academic demands of the Program vividly clear. The Program has been described by a previous director as "a boot camp for the mind," and it attracts students ready to be challenged. For many Scholars, their experience during the Program is an awakening to the life of the mind in a way they have never experienced before. When all of these young people live in one dormitory and meet the challenges together, an extraordinary camaraderie develops. The spirit of the experience has a way of discouraging cliques, and young people from many different backgrounds make firm friendships that bind the group together during the session and for many years afterward. The social lessons they learn from each other can be as powerful and enduring as the academic ones. In fact, the social and academic benefits are inseparable for it is the academic challenge that provides the opportunity for these students to unlock their own potential and learn how to meet the challenges with the help of their fellow Scholars. This year's Scholars had just that kind of elevating experience, as evidenced by some of the following excerpts from their anonymous evaluations of the Program:

I was very interested in the topic and I loved it that three-quarters of the teachers actually came from Africa.

I learned, among other things, to tolerate fully the ideas of others, and to listen rather than simply waiting for my turn to speak.

In school, we mostly learn about any subject strictly within the confines of one discipline so to view Africa from four different areas and be able to trace the connections between different subjects was an important part of the program.

The NJSP experience is probably the most intense learning environment that I've ever been in and it makes me feel more prepared to handle the rigors of college.

The teacher asks students questions that not only help the students to understand the situation but also makes the students actually think.

Gaining the African viewpoint was invaluable – it dispelled my stereotypes about Africa... and has increased my world awareness.

NJSP brought together thirty-nine students who all want to learn for the sake of learning, not because they're pressured by grades.

My NJSP experience surprised me - I actually had fun in a learning environment!

The Harkness Table [seminar] discussions fostered learning the way it always should be.

#### Acknowledgements

No one deserves grater credit for the success of the 2007 Program than the four faculty: Solomon Kuvinyu Losha who taught art & architecture; Benjamin D. Neimark who taught about the Environment; Agya Boakye-Boaten who taught history and politics; and Khadidiatou Guèye who taught literature. In the space of five weeks, this faculty delivered 25 hours of lectures, presided over 108 seminars, attended all of their colleagues' lectures, advised and evaluated dozens of papers and final projects, oversaw music and drama rehearsals, and fired up the intellects of dozens of students. That they did this and far more with unflagging grace and dedication speaks to their qualities as teachers. The Program is in their debt.

In the Bunn Library, Paula Clancy, Jacqueline Haun, Anne Kabay and Elizabeth McCall cheerfully devoted many hours of their time to help the students with their research and instruct them in the mysteries of the computer resources on campus. We could not have been able to run the Program without their inestimable professionalism.

Anne Louise Smit did so much to make Kirby House a relaxed, inviting and warm place for the Scholars -- their home away from home. So much goes on in the dormitory that is crucial to the total experience and Mrs. Smit successfully created the atmosphere that promoted that experience.

Margot Southerland deserves special thanks for her handling of the administration of the Program. She handled the logistics of the interview process, organized the mailings and appeals, and strategized for the continuing growth of the Program. On the behalf of the Board, I thank her for her huge contributions to the New Jersey Scholars Program. The Program could not possibly run without her intelligence, hard work and attention to detail. She deserves specific thanks for her work in putting together the Trustee/Friends dinner with the Scholars.

Trustee Heidi Dreyfuss has brought NJSP's financial data and database to a new degree of accuracy and comprehension and Trustee Laura Sabel Bauer '84 continues to maintain the NJSP website (<a href="www.lawrenceville.org/njsp">www.lawrenceville.org/njsp</a>) with great proficiency and dedication. On behalf of the Board, I also thank all of them for their great contributions to NJSP.

The Program is also indebted to several members of the Lawrenceville faculty, including Peter and Amy Julia Becker, Wes and Kate Brooks and Rob and Heather Lazar who lent their homes to visiting faculty. I would also like to thank Jana Kiefer, Director of Summer Programs and John Schiel, Assistant Director, for their never-ending support; Christina Goodrich in the Comptroller's Office for her support; and Holly Becker, Director of College Counseling, for her outstanding presentation to the Scholars and individual counseling of them.

The New Jersey Scholars Program owes its existence to strong financial support from many sources (see **Appendix H**). Major corporations and foundation sponsors in 2006-2007 included ACE INA Foundation, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Goldman Sachs Matching Gifts, The Horace W. Goldsmith Foundation, Hudson City Savings Bank, The Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment, and The Arts, The Miles Hodsdon Vernon Foundation, Munich Reinsurance of America, Raytheon Corporation Matching Gifts, The Starr Foundation and The

Wachovia Foundation. The Program also owes a debt of gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the many alumni(ae), their families and many friends who contributed this year. Finally, the Program is grateful to its Board members who have given of their time and talent as well as their treasure. Their efforts have been invaluable and sustaining.

#### IV. Financial Statements

The New Jersey Scholars Program worked hard to keep expenses within the projected budget during Fiscal 2007 (September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007).

Respectfully submitted, John P. Sauerman, Director November 2007

#### YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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Supervision			3,200		3,000		3,000		3,000		3,000
Room and Board			22,496		28,117		26,209		26,972		24,020
Books and Supplies	_		11,530		11,485		10,758		10,551		10,640
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## Appendix A

#### 2007 LECTURE LIST

## ART & ARCHITECTURE – Solomon Kuvinyu Losha, Nova Southeastern University doctoral student

Art and Architecture Overview Wednesday, June 27

Pre and Post Imperial Architecture Tuesday, July 3

Traditional Brass Art & Architectural Influence Monday, July 9

Bantus Music and Dance Resources Thursday, July 19

Dressing Styles and Color Symbolism Monday, July 23

## ENVIRONMENT – Benjamin D. Neimark, Rutgers University doctoral student

Environmental Overview – Pre-Historic to the Present Tuesday, June 26

Human Dimensions of Environmental Change Monday, July 2

Africa and Wildlife Friday, July 6

Environment and Development Monday, July 16

Africa's Chances and Challenges Friday, July 20

#### HISTORY & POLITICS - Agya Boakye-Boaten, Ph.D. Ohio University

Pre-Colonial Africa Monday, June 25

Slavery and Colonialism Friday, June 29

The Fight for Liberation Thursday, July 5

Post-Colonial Africa Wednesday, July 11

Africa in the Global World Wednesday, July 18

#### LITERATURE - Khadidiatou Guèye, Ph.D. Pennsylvania State University

General Introduction to African Literature Thursday, June 28

Colonial Africa: Theorizing Colonialism Wednesday, July 4

Neo-Colonialism and Post-Colonialism Tuesday, July 10

African Women Writers Tuesday, July 17

New Dimensions in African Literature Monday, July 23

### Appendix B

#### **BOOKLIST 2007**

#### ART & ARCHITECTURE

African Architecture: Evolution and Transformation

Elleh, Nnambi

New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996

African Art in Cultural Perspective: An Introduction

Bascom, William

New York: W.W. Norton Publishers, 1973

Library reserve copies:

Indigenous African Architecture

Gardi, Rene

New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1973

Butabu: Adobe Architecture of West Africa Morris, James: Photographs 1999/2000 Blier, Suzanne Preston: Text 2003

New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 2004

Cloth, Dress and Art Patronage in Africa Perani, Judith and Wolff, Norma H. New York: Berg Publishers, 1999

African Nomadic Architecture: Space, Place and Gender

Prussin, Labelle

Washington and London: Smithsonian Institution Press and the National Museum of

African Art, 1997

African Art

Schmalenbach, Werner

New York: MacMillan Publishers, 1954

Traditional Art of the African Nations in the Museum of Primitive Art

Water, Robert Gold

New York: University Publishers, 1961

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

Climate and Causation in African History

McCann, James

Boston: Boston University, African Studies Center (working papers), 1999

Taking Sides: Clashing Views on African Issues

Moseley, William G.

New York: The McGraw-Hill Companies, 2006

Africa South of the Sahara: A Geographical Interpretation (2nd Edition)

Stock, Robert

New York: The Guilford Press, 2004

#### HISTORY

African Politics and Society: A Mosaic in Transformation

Schraeder, Peter

Boston: Bedford/St. Martin's, 2000

Library Reserve copies:

Africans: The History of a Continent

Iliffe, John

Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995

Britain, Leftist Nationalists and the Transfer of Power in Nigeria, 1945-1965

Tijani, Hakeem I.; Asante, M., Editor of African Studies Series: History,

Politics, Economics and Culture

Oxford: Routledge, 2006

#### LITERATURE

So Long a Letter

Ba, Mariama

Translated from the French by Modupé Bodé-Thomas

Sandton: Heinemann International, 1981

Memoirs of a Woman Doctor

El Saadawi, Nawal

Translated from the French by Catherine Cobham

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## Appendix C

#### 2007 Field Trip to New York City

The American Museum of Natural History: The Akeley Hall of African Mammals and Hall of African Peoples

The Metropolitan Museum of Art: The Arts of Africa, Oceania and Americas

#### FIELD TRIP WRITING ASSIGNMENT

Look at the sculpture and costumes on exhibit at the AMNH and the Met –*closely* (modern culture is the enemy of close observation!).

What is the relationship between the artistic creative expressions you have examined and the environment from which they come?

Draw the objects (two or three) that you intend to use to discuss this issue and include your drawings with your written analysis.

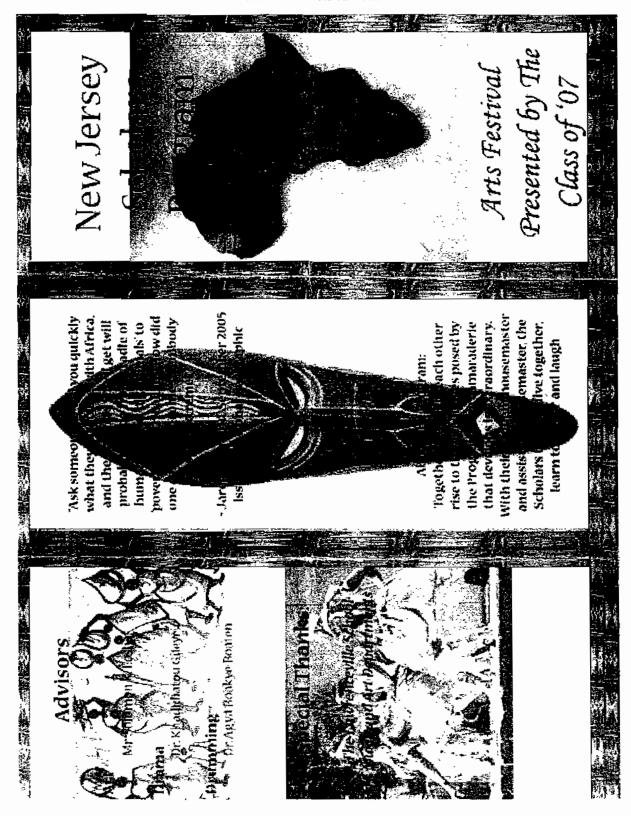
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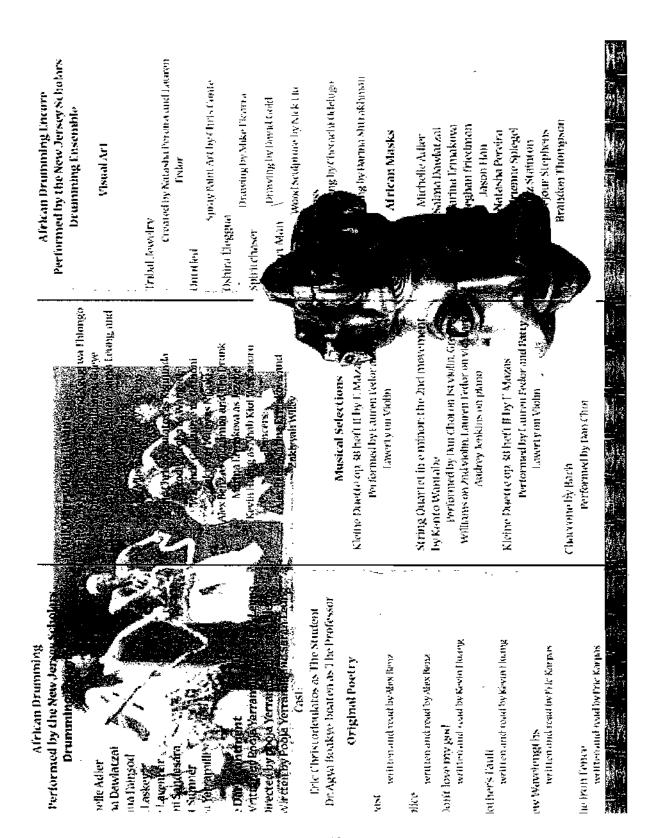
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Due Monday, July 16 at lecture.

## Appendix D

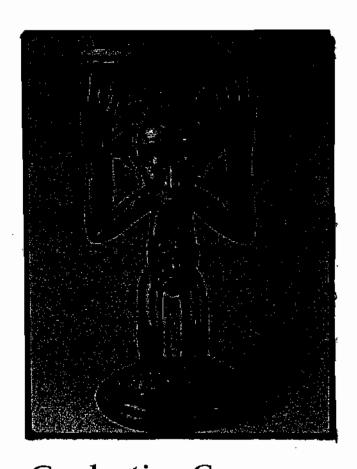
## **Arts Festival**





## Appendix E

The New Jersey Scholars Program, 2007 *AFRICA: the Sub-Sahara* 



Graduation Ceremony
Edith Memorial Chapel
The Lawrenceville School

Friday, July 27, 2007

## **Graduation Ceremony**

Prelude Music Medley of African Music

Processional Acholi Bwala Dance

Uganda

Opening Remarks John Sauerman

Director

Scholar Reflections Lauren Fedor

Music Chaccone, J.S. Bach

Daniel Choi

Poetry Time

Alexander Benz

Remarks Stephen J. Kastenberg

President of NJSP Board

Scholar Reflections Eric Christodoulatos

Music New Jersey Scholars Drumming

Ensemble

**Awarding of Certificates** 

Recessional Abdoulaye Diabate

Guinea

#### Remarks at Graduation by Eric Christodoulatos '07

Mr. Sauerman, Mrs. Smit, Trustees, Friends, Teachers, Family, fellow Scholars...

On our first day of class, Professor Boakye-Boaten began his lecture on Pre-colonial Africa. The lecture continued as normal, Professor Boakye-Boaten guided us through slide and slide of African history until one brave scholar posed a question. Now, questions are dangerous in this scholarly community; the immediate response was a flurry of raised hands and eager comments, more questions, more answers, more rebuttals. Professor Boakye-Boaten never finished the lecture; we never gave him the chance. When the hour and a half was up, he looked back at us and asked-amazed and a bit confused- "You guys are in high school?" Time passed, and though we became better about letting our professors finish their lectures, we never lost our initial enthusiasm. In seminars, smaller groups of scholars engaged in discussions and debates on Africa's problems and success. We explored issues of westernization and development, of polygamy and feminism, of disease and hope. The professors have passed on to us their knowledge, their experiences, their stories and a desire to learn more about what has been wrongfully labeled the "Dark Continent." Through daily lectures and seminars we broadened our knowledge about the African people; we have all come out of the program with a desire to solve problems, both big and small, and have grown a bit more courageous along the way. However, in the past five weeks we have been exposed to something far more valuable and far more spectacular that a basic knowledge of Africa; and that is passion.

A man whom I admire very much once said to me, "there are three essential things one must pursue in life: happiness, beauty and truth." Well, to attain these things would be great; it sounded simple enough, but how?

Well, I came to the New Jersey Scholars Program, and I met my peers and throughout the five weeks we spent together, I discovered their passions. I know that Jake writes music and while everyone else was jumping into the frigid waters of Belmar he was scribbling down lyrics; and I know that Dan is one of the best violinists in the state, even if that means he has to wake me up every morning; and I know that Patty is in love with the ocean-and with fish, even though she's never tried salmon before; and that Natasha wants to go to Portugal again; and that Alex is a poet, that Ikodiya loves acting; Jason loves singing, that Liz is an impressive ice skater and that Dave wants to be a writer, and I could go on listing. I discovered the passion of our teachers, who came to us and made manifest the passions of an entire continent.

And so, I answered my question; you find happiness, beauty and truth by pursuing your passions and by exposing yourself to the passions of others. My fellow scholars immerse yourselves; through your passions expand your knowledge. Spread this knowledge so that others too may find new passions and interests. This is what our professors have done; now, it is our turn. I want you to know that I admire you and your passions tremendously. Continue to pursue them, and most importantly, to expand them. Don't be afraid; fear is your biggest adversary.

Last night, we were asked to state our contributions to the New Jersey scholars experience; I hope that I have contributed my passions and knowledge, for you have all done that in my eyes. On behalf of the 2007 New Jersey Scholars, I would like to express the warmest thanks to the Lawrenceville School for providing us with all these wonderful facilities and the trustees who have sponsored this enlightening, enriching program. I would also like to thank Mr. Sauerman, whose endless efforts to make this a success have truly been inspiring; and Mrs. Smit, who had to put up with our ruckus every night. Sorry if we ever any trouble. To the professors, Boakye-Boaten, Neimark, Losha, and Guèye, we have nothing but tremendous respect for you all, thank you for bestowing upon an invaluable knowledge; we hope that the program was as fulfilling for you as it was for us. Scholars, we have debated hard, we have discussed inexorably and we have made such wonderful friends. I thank you for the things I've learned and the times I've had. I hope you all walk out here as better, brighter individuals. Remember, pursue your passions, through them you will find knowledge and ultimately happiness, beauty and truth. Thank you...

#### Remarks at Graduation by Lauren Fedor '07

New Jersey Scholars like to talk – loudly. We like to question in lecture, debate in seminar, deliberate in the dining hall, chatter in the common room, and shout in the library. Certainly, one would expect that thirty-nine of the most enthusiastic students in New Jersey would have no problem expressing their opinions, but who knew we had so many? For the past five weeks, it has seemed as though wherever we are, wherever we go, there has always been *something* to discuss.

Sure, we have talked to no end about the politics, history, literature, environment, geography, art, and architecture of sub-Saharan Africa. We have disputed the effects of colonialism and contested solutions to the continent's problems. We have looked critically at the United Nations, World Bank, and IMF, and have disagreed over the importance of Civil Society Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations. Amidst the intense, interdisciplinary scholarship, however, we have made time to bicker over such important issues as whether Andy Roddick or Rafael Nadal is more attractive, which Scholar is the champion of Super Smash, and whether or not everyone would like to order Chinese or pizza for the late-night study break. Even so, without a doubt, our favorite pop culture quarrels have centered on everyone's favorite boy wizard ... Harry Potter.

Indeed, we left our dinner with the Board early to catch a screening of *Order of the Phoenix*, and yes, we were eager to send our parents and siblings home after the Arts Festival because we needed to get our hands on that seventh book. In the weeks leading up to the exciting release, however, countless hours were spent pondering how J.K. Rowling would conclude what some Scholars have dubbed "our childhood". The first Harry Potter argument I engaged in was on Bus 606 back from Princeton. There were at least ten of us, and we were all enthusiastically shouting – at the same time, mind you – "Voldemort's going to kill Harry! Hermione's going to die! No, Ron's going to die!" We continued to scream back and forth, occasionally leaping out of our seats, until the bus driver turned around and inquired "Don't you all get tired of shouting? Can you even hear each other?" We erupted into a fit of giggles, assuring the friendly woman that, no, we never got tired of talking, and yes, we could understand what each person was saying.

But could we really? From the first day of classes, we discovered that each Scholar is passionate and dynamic, and that as a group, we represent an amazingly diverse set of perspectives. We can all agree, however, that in the beginning, it was difficult to connect with and respect each other's ideas. Undeniably, we were actively participating in our classes and contributing to conversations, but were we paying attention to and responding to our peers' unique viewpoints? Were we actually *listening*?

The New Jersey Scholars Program is indisputably an academic experience – a boot camp for the mind, as Mr. Sauerman likes to say. Nevertheless, the Program encompasses so much more.

The last five weeks have been an amazing opportunity for growth, as we have developed not only intellectually, but also socially. Over the course of our time at Lawrenceville, we have learned to value, admire, and respect the ideas of others. We have discovered that even though we may disagree, we can nonetheless coexist peacefully. We have overcome our initial obstacles and learned to truly listen.

Robert Frost once said that "education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or self confidence." Although we have all been annoyed from time to time, I venture to say that no Scholar has lost the self-assurance that he or she first arrived with. Quite the contrary, the New Jersey Scholars Program has provided us with an enhanced sense of certainty – a courage of conviction marked by compassion and consideration.

I am confident that all of the Scholars will carry with them the lessons, experiences, and friendships of the New Jersey Scholars Program. The past five weeks have shown that each individual has the motivation and potential to achieve the unimaginable, in Africa and beyond. I wish my fellow Scholars the best of luck in their future endeavors and thank each of them, as well as the faculty and Mr. Sauerman, for what has been an unforgettable experience.

## Appendix F

## **NEW JERSEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

## **CLASS OF 2007**

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## Appendix G

### The New Jersey Scholars, 2007

(listed by paper topic groups)

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Joshua Lawrence Fainsod\*

Ikodiya K. Iroha

Natasha Maria Pereira

Adrienne Hope Spiegel

Robert Stewart\*

Brandon Christopher Thompson

Lauren Patricia Fedor

Wislande Guillaume

Kevin Liu Huang

Maxwell Laskey\*

Nicholas Liu

Chetachi Odelugo

Brandon Christopher Thompson Chetachi Odelugo Pooja Yerramilli\* Gregory Williams

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Anthony M. Ficarra II Alexander Christian Benz

Meghan FriedmanMarina ErmakovaDavid Ariel GoldJi Seung HanAudrey Alyse JenkinsSarah Leung

Eric R. Karpas Taylor Cherington Leyden

Jacob I. Lavenhar\*

Patricia Laverty

Matthew B. Sumner\*

Mark Zhang

Ishani Sandesara\*

Darina A. Shtrakhman

Elizabeth C. Stainton

Séjour B. Stephens

Zakiyyah J. Wiley

#### The Faculty

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University of Yaounde, Cameroon

Environment Benjamin D. Neimark

ABD at Rutgers State University

M.S. Cornell University

B.S. State University of New York at Buffalo

History/Politics Agya Boakye-Boaten

Ph.D. Cultural Studies, Ohio University

M.A. Political Science and African Studies, Ohio University

Literature Khadidiatou Guèye

Ph.D. at Pennsylvania State University

M.A. at Cheik Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal

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### Appendix H

## THE NEW JERSEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES AND THANKS THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS DONORS, FOUNDATIONS AND CORPORATIONS FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2006-2007

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## Appendix I

## Scholars in the Class of 2007

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Avva	Arun	S	Middlesex	John P. Stevens High School
Benz	Alexander	Christian	Morris	
Choi	Daniel	···	Somerset	Montgomery High School
Christodoulatos	Eric	Gerard	Somerset	Ridge High School
Conte	Christopher	Domenic	Passaic	DePaul Catholic High School
Dawlatzai	Salma		Hunterdon	Hunterdon Central Regional High School
Ermakova	Marina		Bergen	Academy for the Advance of Science and Technology
Fainsod	Joshua	Lawrence	Monmouth	Freehold Township High School
Fedor	Lauren	Patricia	Union	Oak Knoll School of the Hoty Child
Ficarra	Anthony	Michael	Morris	Morris County School of Technology
Friedman	Meghan	Jane	Union	Roselle Catholic High School
Gold	David	A.	Bergen	Dwight-Englewood School
Guillaume	Wislande		Union	Union High School
Han	Jiseung		Morris	Parsippany Hills High School
Huang	Kevin	Έ	Hunterdon	Hunterdon Central Regional High School
Iroha	lkodiya	大alu	Union	Union High School
Jenkins	Audrey	Alyse	Burlington	Home Schooled with American School
Karpas	пric	Ryan	Essex	Livingston High School
Laskey	Maxwell	ج	Union	Cranford High School
Lavenhar	Jacob	lan	Union	Union County Magnet High School
Laverty	Patricia	Ann	Cape May	Ocean City High School
Leung	Sarah		Morris	West Morris Mendham High School
Leyden	Taylor		Mercer	The Lawrenceville School
Ľiu	Nicholas		Mercer	The Lawrenceville School
Odelugo	Chetachi		Essex	North Star Academy Charter School
Pereira	∶Natasha	Maria	Essex	Saint Vincent Academy
Sandesara	Ishani	Z	Monmouth	Freehold High School
Shtrakhman	Darina	Þ	Somerset	The Pingry School
Spiegel	Adrienne	,I	Somerset	The Pingry School
Stainton	Elizabeth	Combs	Morris	Mountain Lakes High School
Stephens	Séjour	Bailey	Bergen	Teaneck High School
Stewart	Robert	D.	Union	New Providence High School
Sumner	Matthew	Benjamin	Monmouth	Marlboro High School
Thompson	Brandon		Mercer	The Lawrenceville School
Wiley	Zakiyyah	J.	Hudson	University Academy Charter School
Williams	Gregory	Ś	Somerset	Franklin High School
Yerramilli	Pooja		Somerset	Montgomery High School
Zhang	Mark		Hudson	High Tech High School