DAY 1
AUGUST 2, 2023

9:00 AM
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION BEGINS
CEDI CONFERENCE CENTRE

10:00 AM - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
WORKSHOP: Choosing the Right Publication for Your Work
Hosted by: Contemporary Journal of African Studies and International Affairs Journal

10:00 AM - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
JUWAA
A film by Nganji Mutiri

10:00 AM - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
ICAADS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 AM - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
WORKSHOP: A Moment of Healing for Scholars, Educators & Academics
Hosted by: Onyi Love

12:00 PM - LUNCH

2:00 PM
OPENING KEYNOTE

4:00 PM
OPENING RECEPTION
CEDI CONFERENCE CENTRE
DAY 2
AUGUST 3, 2023

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 1
8:30 am - 10:00 am

SESSION 1 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Black Sufi Muslims of the African Diaspora: Religion, Culture, and Remembrance

Tasleem Firdausee, Chair, Western Michigan University
Black Sufi Muslims of the African Diaspora: Religion, Culture, and Remembrance

Samiha Rahman, Participant, California State University Long Beach
From American to Cisse: Sufism and the Remaking of Diasporic Ties

Rasul Miller, Participant, University of California, Irvine,
Finding Medina in Africa: Black US Muslims and African Sufi Networks

SESSION 2 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING #1

SESSION 3 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
[ROUNDTABLE] (Re)claiming Space: Mobilizing Alternative Futures through Black Diasporic Sisterhood

Laura Rosanne Adderley, Participant, Tulane University

Marwa Ghazali, Participant, University of Houston

Gillian Maris Jones, Participant, University of Pennsylvania

Naakoshe Mills, Participant, University of California, Los Angeles

SESSION 4 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6

Reginold Royston, Ph.D., Chair, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Krystal Strong, Participant, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Xavier Livermon, Participant, UC Santa Cruz

Dr. Victoria M. Massie, Participant, Rice University

SESSION 5 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
[ROUNDTABLE] Diasporic Encounters: Centering Africa in AP African American Studies

Cathy Brigham, Ph.D., College Board

Anthony Green, Bishop O’Dowd High School

Patrick Naick, Ph.D., College Board

Walter Rucker, Ph.D., Emory University

Brandi Waters, Ph.D., College Board
DAY 2
AUGUST 3, 2023

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 2
10:20 am - 11:50 am

SESSION 6 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Unsettling Dominant Discourses of Place and Personhood: Black Women Building Counter Hegemonic Archives

Lindsay Griffiths Brown, Participant, Princeton University
Translating Against Archival Marginalization: Violent Translation as a Disruptive Practice in Moi, Tituba by Maryse Condé

Lloydia Alicia Garrett, Participant, Ohio University
Sauda and the Disrupted Bonds of Solidarity in the Afro-Caribbean: Decolonizing Gender Through Storytelling

Annabelle Haynes, Participant, Princeton University
Deciphering Development: Unearthing ‘First Principles’ through literary experimentation in Erna Brodber’s The Rainmaker's Mistake

Fatima Siwaju, Participant, University of Virginia
Black Muslim Women in the Colombian Pacific: Digital Space-Making and the Practice of Citizenship

SESSION 7 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
Radical Black Women and the US State

Nemata Blyden, Chair, University of Virginia

Laura Rosanne Adderley, Participant, Tulane University

Erin D. Chapman, Participant, George Washington University

Vanessa Wills, Participant, George Washington University

SESSION 8 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
Cities, Cultures, Representations, Moves: Dynamics of Interdisciplinarity in Black Diaspora Studies. Cultures, Representations

Ato Quayson, Chair, Stanford University, Laughter and Forgetting: Features of Camaraderie in Accra and London

Professor Ananya Jahanara Kabir, Participant, King's College London
Dancing Back the Diaspora: Salsa and Kizomba at the Afro-Atlantic Conjuncture

Anne Garland Mahler, Participant, University of Virginia
Black Internationalism and the 1968 Havana Cultural Congress
DAY 2
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PROGRAMMING BLOCK 2
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SESSION 9 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Unity and Collaboration in 20th and 21st Century Pan Africanism

Harry Nii Koney Odamtten, Chair, Santa Clara University

Nicholas C. McLeod, Participant, University of Cincinnati
"Forging African Unity: T. Ras Makonnen, Pan-African Foreign Policy, and Ghana-Israel Relations."

SESSION 10 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
[ROUNDTABLE]: Innovations and the Future of Graduate Education in Global Black Studies

Marlon M Bailey, Participant, Washington University in St. Louis

Kia Lilly Caldwell, Participant, Washington University in St. Louis

John A. Mundell, Participant, Washington University in St. Louis

El Hadji Samba Amadou Diallo, Participant, Washington University in St. Louis
DAY 2
AUGUST 3, 2023

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 3
1:30 pm - 3 pm

SESSION 11 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
African Diaspora Ritual Performance and Pan-Africanist Film
Laurie Lambert, Chair, Fordham University
Healing Through Ritual: Community Practices of Resilience and Repair
Eziaku Atuama Nwokocha, Participant, University of Miami
African Diaspora Ritual Performance and Pan-Africanist Film
Michele Prettyman, Participant, Fordham University
“I'm Building Me a Home:” Shirikiana Aina Gerima and Pan-Africanist Film Practice as Home, Community, and Archive

SESSION 12 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
Where Do We Go from Here: 21st Century Equity and Inclusion Models for Educating Black Disabled Communities in Ghana and the U.S. South
Manna Duah, Chair, North Carolina Central University
Ofori Atta Asare, Participant, Koforidua School for the Deaf
Erin D. Chapman, Participant, George Washington University
Hansberry, Matriarchy Theory and US Cold War Domestic Policy
Baiyina W. Muhammad, Participant, North Carolina Central University

SESSION 13 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
Diasporic Mediations: Interrogating the Meanings and Flows of Gendered Blackness in the Americas
Bryce Henson, Chair, Texas A&M U
Golden Abolition: Black Feminist Freedom Dreams in Brazilian Hip-Hop
Manoucheka Celeste, Participant, University of Illinois
Haiti in the News: Re-examining Black Migration and Border Stories
Shantee Rosado, Participant, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Trap Feminist Rappers and Celebrity Activism in a Post-Roe America
Omaris Z. Zamora, Participant, Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Cardi B’s Instagram Archive: AfroLatina Feminist Knowledge Formations in the Trance

SESSION 14 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Reclaiming Pioneering African Diaspora Scholars
Jualynne Dodson, Chair, Michigan State University
Harry Nii Koney Odamtten, Participant, Santa Clara University
JoVontae Butts, Participant, Florida State University
DAY 2
AUGUST 3, 2023

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 3
1:30 pm - 3 pm

SESSION 15 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Leading with Culture: The Political & the Imaginary in The African Diaspora

Robin Brooks, PhD, Chair, University of Pittsburgh
A New Generation Leads: Evolving Expressions of Black Identities in Contemporary Women’s Work

Janaka Bowman Lewis, Ph.D., Participant, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Leading with Culture: The Political & the Imaginary in the African Diaspora.

Meina Yates-Richard, PhD, Emory University
(Re)Sounding the African Diaspora: Listening to Black Women’s Fiction
DAY 2
AUGUST 3, 2023

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 4
3:20 pm - 5:50 pm

SESSION 16 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Internationalism from Eighteenth to Twentieth Century West Africa

Jacqueline-Bethel Tchouta Mougoué, Co-Chair, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Bright Gyamfi, Co-Chair, University of California San Diego
Institut Africain de Développement Economique et de Planification and the Underdevelopment of Africa

Rebecca Shumway, Participant
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Diasporic Influences on the Fante Confederation of 1868

Harry N. K. Odamtten, Participant,
Santa Clara University
The 18th Century Gold Coast/Ghanaian Intellectual: Abolitionist, Vindicationist, Black Altanticist, or Black Internationalist

SESSION 17 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
Black Mother Divine: Sacred Matriarchal Power in Africana Religions

Dr. Kyrah Malika Daniels, Chair, Emory University, Twin Souls & Double Deaths: Honoring Motherly Grief in Yorùbá & Vodou Cosmologies

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Participant, Boston College
Refraeted Blackness: The Black Madonna(s) of Soweto

Meredith Frances Coleman-Tobias, Participant, Mt. Holyoke College
Away with the Village: Reconsidering Sobonfu Somé’s Communal Care for Black Mothers & Children

Funlayo E. Wood, Commentor, Ase Ire Communiversity

Shamara Wyllie Alhassan, Participant, Arizona State University
Trodding the Path to the Maternal, Goddess: Rastafari Women’s Pan-African Worldmaking

Cheryl Sterling, Participant, Penn State University
Yemanja and the Excess of Mother Love

Elyan Hill, Participant, Southern Methodist University, Harvard University, Our Northern Mothers: Embodied Mappings of Domestic Enslavement in Togo
DAY 2
AUGUST 3, 2023

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3:20 pm - 5:50 pm

SESSION 18 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
Chelsey R. Carter, Chair, Yale University
Nessette Falu, Chair, University of Central Florida
Danielle Clealand, Participant, University of Austin, Texas
Jallica Jolly, Participant, Amherst College
Janelle Joseph, Participant, University of Toronto

SESSION 19 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
The Diasporic Midwest: New Perspectives on the U.S. Heartland and Global Africa Midwest
Robert Trent Vinson, Chair, University of Virginia
Camryn "Cam" Burkins, Participant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Courtney Joseph, Participant, Lake Forest College
Erik S. McDuffie, Participant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ronald J. Stephens, Participant, Purdue University

SESSION 20 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Unpacking Our Homecoming
Jarvis Givens, Chair, Harvard University
Dr. Martin L. Boston, Participant, California State University
Navid Farnia, Participant, Wayne State University
Ronald Williams, Participant, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
DAY 3  
AUGUST 4, 2023

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SESSION 21 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1  
African Women's Life Stories and Narratives

Jacqueline-Bethel Tchouta Mougoué  
Participant, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Esther Dreams: Pan-African Lives, Racial Politics, and Belonging in Africa

Anna Thompson, Participant, University of Wisconsin  
Esther Dreams: Pan-African Lives, Racial Politics, and Belonging in Africa

SESSION 22 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2  
Resisting Colonialism: Radical Organizing, Recovering Histories, and Building Relationships in the Service of Black Liberation

Marisa J. Fuentes, Chair, Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Jasmine Keleked, Participant, University of California, Berkeley  
(Re-)Writing History: Toward an Afro-Swedish Politics of Recognition, Recovery, and Resistance

Ula Taylor, Participant, UC Berkeley  
Frances M. Beal and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee’s (SNCC) International Affairs Commission

SESSION 23 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3  
Feeling, Living, and Un/belonging in Africa and the African Diaspora

Michael A. Gomez, Chair, New York University

Folarin Ajibade, Participant, New York University  

Erica N. Duncan, Participant, New York University  
Acts of Surrender: Enslaved People’s Fears During the Age of Revolutions

Tanvi Kapoor, Participant, New York University  
“Usiomboleze ni Dhambi, Mwombe Mungu Akupe Subra Tu” (Don’t Mourn it’s a Sin! Ask God for Sabr Instead): Unjust Deaths, the Discourse of Patience, and a Genealogy of Mourning in Zanzibar

Zavier Wingham, Participant, New York University  
Enslaved in the Ottoman House: Scenes of Arap Baci in the 19th Century
DAY 3
AUGUST 4, 2023

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8:30 am - 10:00 am

SESSION 24 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Creating Meanings of Africa in Africana Literary and Spiritual Cultures

Tracey Hucks, Chair, Harvard University

Dianne Stewart, Participant, Emory University, Memory, Translation and Illegibility in Diasporic Engagements with Africa: A Response

Khytie Brown, Participant, University of Texas at Austin “Kongo, Bongo, and Myal: Africa as Axis Mundi in Jamaican Revival Zion Religion”

Nicole Morris Johnson, Participant, SUNY, Creolizing Sound: Ghana, Guinea, and the Development of Maryse Conde’s Literary Voice

SESSION 25 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
New Perspectives on Diaspora: Shifting Notions of Place and Belonging

Yolanda Covington-Ward, Commentator, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Nailah Reine Barnes, Participant, Spelman College and Université Cheikh Anta Diop The Art of Freedom: Black Women, Creativity, and the Politics of Expatriation in Contemporary Dakar

Riché J. Daniel Barnes, Participant, University of Florida Mother Africa: West African and Caribbean Expansions of Black Motherhood in the Contemporary U.S.
DAY 3
AUGUST 4, 2023

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 2
10:20 am - 11:50 am

SESSION 27 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2

Dr. Elizabeth West, Chair, Georgia State University
Envisioning Pre-Middle Passage African Populations: A Virtual 15th C Temne Simulation

Shauna M. Morgan, Participant, University of Kentucky
Edvige Jean-François, Participant, Georgia State University
Multimodal Methods for the 21st Century Study of Africa and Its Diaspora

SESSION 28 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
Diasporic Solidarity and Liberation: Insights and Inspirations from Michael Gomez’s “Exchanging Our Country Marks”

Kim D. Butler, Co-Chair, Rutgers University
Leslie Alexander, Co-Chair, Rutgers University
Pashington Obeng, Participant, Pan-African Heritage Museum
Benjamin Talton, Participant, Howard University

SESSION 29 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Ghana in Focus: Diaspora, Pan-African Discourses and the Architectural Legacies of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

E. Mintah Danquah, Participant, University of Wisconsin
Chief Alfred Sam’s African Movement, 1912 -1917: Debating Pan-African Motives and African American Migrations to British West Africa

Hermann W. von Hesse, Participant, University of Illinois
“In this Castle I reside at present”: “Aban” or Castellated Houses in the History and Contested Public Memory of the Gold Coast and Ghana
DAY 3
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PROGRAMMING BLOCK 2
10:20 am - 11:50 am

SESSION 30 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Empire and Belonging: (Self)
Sovereignty in the African Diaspora
Across Time and Space

Tyesha Maddox, Chair, Fordham
University
Mutual Aid, Empire, and the Politics of Care

James G Cantres, Participant, Hunter
College & the Graduate Center, CUNY
Sovereignty In Spite of the State:
Michael X, the Black House, and Christina Gardens

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 3
2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

SESSION 31- CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Other African Diasporas

Caree Banton, Participant, University of Arkansas, "More Auspicious Shores: Barbadian Post-Emancipation Emigration and Settlement of Crozerville, Liberia

Justin Jones, Vanderbilt University
The Trials and Tribulations of Pirates and Saint-Domingue Refugees

Jesús G. Ruiz, PhD, Participant, Vanderbilt University
Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: Spanish Asylum in a Bordered Caribbean

Dr. Danyelle Valentine, Participant, Vanderbilt University From Here, Through There: Black Migration from the United States to the British West Indies, 1834-1862
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SESSION 32 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
Black Women’s Transatlantic Dialogues

Christen A. Smith, Chair, University of Texas at Austin
From Brazil to Angola and Back Again: Beatriz Nascimento’s Quilombo

Briona Simone Jones, Participant, University of Connecticut
Archives of Anamnesis

Rose Poku, Participant, University of Pennsylvania
Black Aliveness/ Vivacidade/ Vivacité: An Exploration of Black Aliveness and Escrevivência Throughout the Black Atlantic

SESSION 33 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
Global Black Feminisms: Activism, Knowledge Production, Historical Memory, and Vibrant Dreams of Freedom

Kia Lilly Caldwell, Discussant, Washington University in St. Louis

Aisha Finch, Participant, Emory University, Afro-Latin Feminist Worldmaking and the Historical Memory of Cimarronaje/Marronage

Jessica Millward, Participant, UC Irvine
Did Covid Make Me an Afro-Pessimist? A Black Feminist Response to “Freedom”

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, Participant, University of California, Irvine / University of South Africa
Learning the Power of Publishing from South African Black Feminists: Our Hearts are Joined and We are Those Girls and the Write-shop Model
DAY 3
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PROGRAMMING BLOCK 3
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SESSION 34 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Thinking Beyond the Nation-State: Regional and Transnational Studies in West and East Africa

David Glovsky, Participant, Boston University, Structural Adjustment and the Cross-Border Imagination: The Case of Weekly Border Markets (Lumo)

Marius Kothor, Participant, University of Wisconsin, A Transnational Approach to Togolese Women’s Economic and Political Activism

SESSION 35 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Recovering Black Women’s Voices in Africa and the Diaspora

Dr Neema Langa, Participant, University of Houston

Sheila Smith McKoy, Participant, University of San Francisco
Reframing African History: African Iconography, Narrative and Unity in Contemporary Black (?) Films

Shanna G. Benjamin, Wake Forest University, Respondent

PROGRAMMING BLOCK 4
3:50 pm - 5:20 pm

SESSION 36 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Diaspora Studies at Morgan State University: Curriculum Implications for Educational Program Development at an Historically Black University

Natanya Duncan, Chair, Queens College City University of New York

Herbert Brewer, Participant, Morgan State University

Felicia Y. Thomas, Participant, Morgan State University

SESSION 37 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
Histories at the Intersection of the Sahel and the Atlantic

Michael A. Gomez, Chair, New York University

Jody A. Benjamin, Participant, University of California, Riverside
The Farms at Richard Tol: Colonial Science, Race-making and Labor Resistance in Senegal, 1815-1835

Gana Ndiaye, Participant, Beloit College

Madina Thiam, Participant, New York University “Soudan’s Venice:” Making an Inland Atlantic Port City in the Colonial Sahel
SESSION 38 - CONFERENCE ROOM 3
Shape-Shifting: Blackness And Anti-Blackness In The Latinx Americas

Kim D. Butler, Chair, Rutgers University
Prisca Gayles, Participant, University of Nevada, Reno
Acá también existe la brutalidad policial": Contesting Anti-Blackness, Xenophobia, and Police Brutality in Argentina
Shantee Rosado, Participant, Rutgers University, (Afro-)Latinxs and the Emotional Currency of U.S. Anti-Blackness: An Intersectional Analysis

SESSION 39 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Reaching Back to the Motherland Gender, Religion, and Africa in Diasporic Activism, 1890-1960

Felix Jean-Louis III, Co-Chair, UC Irvine
In Search of a Leader: Benito Sylvain, Menelik II and the Uplift of the Black Race
Jessica Millward, Co-Chair, University of California, Irvine

Yatta Kiazolu, Participant, University of California, Irvine
Rasul Miller, Participant, University of California, Irvine
Black World Revelation: The Birth of Black Muslim Radical Internationalism in New York City

SESSION 40 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Africana Feminist Economies and Strategic Resistance to the State

T.D. Harper-Shipman, Participant, Davidson College
Race and the Political Economy of Reproductive Health in the U.S. South
Rudo Mudiwa, Participant, University of California, Irvine
Policing, Precarity, and Feminist Activism in Zimbabwe
SESSION 41 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Towards a “Black Sense of Place”? Repatriation and the Politics of African Heritage

Chrislyn Laurie Laurore, Ph.D. Candidate, UPenn
Katleho Kano Shoro, Ph.D. Candidate, UPenn
Hakimah Abdul-Fattah, Ph.D. Candidate, UPenn
Taylor Prescott, Ph.D. Candidate, UPenn
Craig Stevens, Northwestern University

SESSION 42 - CONFERENCE ROOM 2
We Choose Freedom: Bicentennial Commemoration of US Black Immigration to Haiti/Hispaniola

Brandon R. Byrd, Vanderbilt University
Ryan Mann-Hamilton, CUNY LaGuardia
April J. Mayes, Pomona College
Sophia Monegro, University of Texas at Austin

SESSION 43- CONFERENCE ROOM 6
Repatriating African Artifacts

Leslie James, Queen Mary University of London (QMUL)
E. N. Mirembe, Researcher, Curator and Writer
Merve Fejzula, University of Missouri
Yemisi Olawale, University of Ilorin

SESSION 44 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Against Neo-Colonialism

Jarvis Givens, Harvard University
Ronald Williams II, UNC Chapel Hill
Navid Farnia, Wayne State University
Martin Boston, California State University
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PROGRAMMING BLOCK 2
10:20 am - 11:50 am

SESSION 45 - CONFERENCE ROOM 1
Beyond Coloniality Examining the Black Experiences Through a Diasporic Lens

Sharony Green, University of Alabama
Courtney P. Joseph, Lake Forest College
Vincent Willis, University of Alabama
Hermann W. von Hesse, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Ebenezer Mintah Danquah, UW-Madison
Emmanuella Amoh, Purdue University

SESSION 46 - CONFERENCE ROOM 6
[ROUNDTABLE] Freetown@230: Rethinking the “Province of Freedom”

Ismail Rashid, Vassar College
Sylvia Macauley, California State University Northridge
Nemata Blyden, University of Virginia
Gibril R. Cole, Louisiana State University
Ryan Mann-Hamilton, CUNY LaGuardia
Sophia Monegro, M.A., University of Texas at Austin

SESSION 47 - CONFERENCE ROOM 7
Africanism and the Preservation of African Heritage in Global Context

Henry John Drewal, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sheila S. Walker, University of Texas-Austin
Pashington Obeng, Participant, Pan-African Heritage Museum

12 PM - 1:30 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 2
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING #2

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