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THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ASRF'S 15TH BUSINESS MEETING

The 15th Business Meeting of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) was held on November 22, 2009, in Cape Coast, Ghana, as part of the 27th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies. The meeting was attended by several members of the organization. George Kieh, the President of the ASRF, presided over the meeting. At the end of the meeting, the following major decisions were taken:

The First ASRF Conference: The First ASRF Conference, which was slated to be held at a venue in the United States in the spring 2010, was postponed.

The Second ASRF Conference: The Second ASRF Conference, which was slated to be held in an African country in 2011, was also postponed.

Future Business Meetings: The organization will continue to hold its annual “Business Meetings” during the annual conference of the Association of Third World Studies, until decided otherwise by the Forum, the highest decision-making body of the ASRF.

The Membership Fees: The membership fees were revised as follow: 1)Regular membership(resident in the United States and other developed countries): \$50.00 annually; 2)Regular membership(resident in Africa and other Third World regions): \$30.00 annually; 3) Student membership(resident in the United States and other developed countries): \$25.00 per annum; 4) Student membership(resident in Africa and other Third World regions): \$15.00 per annum; 5) Life membership(resident in the United States and other developed regions): \$400.00; and 6) Life membership(resident in Africa and other Third World regions): \$150.00.

The Application for Tax-exempt Status: It was decided that the organization should continue the process of applying for tax-exempt status from the United States’ Internal Revenue Service. When granted, the tax-exempt status would enable the organization to apply for grants, for members to deduct their annual membership dues from their taxes, and for the organization to solicit and receive tax deductible contributions.

THE ASRF’S 2008-2009 “EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD”

Mueni wa Muiu, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Winston Salem State University, North Carolina, was the recipient of the “ASRF’s Excellence in Research Award, 2008-2009.” The recipient or recipients of the award are selected each academic year on a competitive basis by the ASRF’s Standing Committee on Awards. Congratulations to Mueni for her scholarly achievements and contributions.

MEMBERS’ PROMOTION AND TENURE NEWS

Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh: Promoted to Full Professor of Political Science at Indiana University.

Rita Kiki Edozie: Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of International Relations, Michigan State University.

Mueni wa Muiu: Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science at Winston Salem State University.

Ishmael Munene: Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Education at Northern Arizona University.

NEW BOOKS PUBLISHED BY MEMBERS

Ivor Agyeman Duah, Abdul Karim Bangura, Peter Dumbuya, Kelly Harris, Walter Hill, J.P. Afam Ifedi, Ngozi Caleb Kamalu, George Klay Kieh, Jr., Jack Mangala, Guy Martin, Mueni wa Muiu, Ishmael Munene, Iheanyi Osundu, Assessing George Bush’s African Policy, Bloomington, IN: iUniverse Press, 2009.

Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh (Dean for Women's Affairs and Professor of Political Science, Indiana University): Co-authored *Newcomers, Outsiders, and Insiders: Immigrants and American Racial Politics in the Early Twenty-first Century*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2009.

Rita Kiki Edozie (Associate Professor of International Relations, Michigan State University): *Reconstructing the “Third Wave” of Democratization in Africa*, University of America Press, 2009.

Ishmael Munene (Assistant Professor of Education, Northern Arizona University) (ed): *Transforming the Academia: African Universities in a Comparative Context*. N Y: Hauppauge: Nova Science Publishers, 2009.

E.Ike Udogu (Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University) co-edited with A.B. Zack-William, *African Mosaic*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009.

MEMBERS’ SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

PHILIP AKA (PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, CHICAGO STATE UNIV.)

Journal Article

“Culturally Competent Public Services and English-Only Laws” (with Lucinda Deason), *Howard Law Journal*, 53(1), 2009, pp. 53-132.

A.B. ASSENSOH (PROFESSOR OF AFRICAN AND AFRICANDIASPORA STUDIES, INDIANA UNIVERSITY)

Seminar Paper

“African Political Leadership: Kwame Nkrumah's Exile Years in the Context of Pan-Africanism,” Harvard University-affiliated Institute for Advanced Studies, Accra, Ghana, November 27, 2009.

Conference Panel

Co-chaired (with Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh) “Abraham Lincoln’s Influence in the Third World,” Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Cape Coast, Ghana, November 21-23, 2009.

Awards

“Outstanding Leadership Award, 2009” Association of Third World Studies

YVETTE M. ALEX ASSENSOH (DEAN FOR WOMEN’S AFFAIRS AND PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, INDIANA UNIVERSITY)

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GEORGE KLAY KIEH, JR. (DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES AND PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA)

Book Chapters

“Elections and Democratization in Africa.” In A.B. Zack-Williams and E.Ike Udogu (eds). *The African Mosaic*, Oxford, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2009, pp. 25-45.

“The Bush Administration’s Stabilization Policy and the Second Liberian Civil War,” in Ivor Agyeman Duah et al, *Assessing the Bush Administration’s Policy Toward Africa*, Bloomington, Indiana: iUniverse Press, 2009, pp. 211-227.

Journal Articles

“Religious Leaders, Peacemaking and the First Liberian Civil War,” *Journal of Religion, Conflict and Peace*, Vol. 2, No.2, 2009.

“The United Nations’ Peace Observation Mission and the First Liberian Civil War,” *Peace Studies Journal*, 1(2), 2009, pp. 45-59.

“The State and Political Instability in Africa,” *Journal of Developing Societies*, Vol. 25, No. 1, 2009, 1-25.

Conference Papers Presented

“Imperialism and U.S.-Africa Relations,” paper presented at the Conference on Africa in the New International Order, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, September 21-22, 2009.

“The International Community and Civil Wars in Africa: A Comparative Study of Liberia and Sierra Leone,” paper presented at the Conference on Africa in the New International Order, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, September 21-22, 2009.

“Good Governance, the African Union’s Peer Review Mechanism and the New Security Architecture in West Africa,” paper presented at the Conference on West Africa and the U.S. War on Terror,” The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 30-31, 2009.

“The Second Military Coup d’ etat in Guinea,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Cape Coast, Ghana, November 21-23, 2009.

“Not Yet Uhuru: The Travails of the ‘Third Wave of Democratization’ in Africa,” Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, Cape Coast, Ghana, November 21-23, 2009.

GUY MARTIN (PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY)

Journal Article

Review essay "Understanding African Conflicts: Theoretical, Historical, and Contemporary Perspectives" appeared in the *African Studies Review*, 52(3), 2009, pp. 149-154.

Lecture

"A New Paradigm of the African State: Fundi wa Afrika"(with Mueni wa Muiu) at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, February 11, 2010, within the framework of the African Studies Academy, a network of Africanists in the Carolinas.

MUENI WA MUIU (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY)

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"A New Paradigm of the African State: Fundi wa Afrika"(with Guy Martin) at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, February 11, 2010, within the framework of the African Studies Academy, a network of Africanists in the Carolinas.

ISHMAEL MUNENE (ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN

ARIZONA UNIVERSITY)

Journal Article

“Anticipated Developments: East Africa’s Private Universities and Privatization of Public Universities in a Global Context. *Africa Education Review*, 6 (2), 256 – 268.

**EGODI UNCHENDU (LECTURER, HISTORY, UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA –
NSUKKA)**

Research Grant

Alexander von Humboldt Book and Equipment Grant, 2009. 5630 Euro

ERRATA

In the Fall/Spring 2008/2009 issue of the ASRF Newsletter, we mistakenly reported that Philip Aka is Associate Professor of Political Science at Chicago State University. His current position is Full Professor of Political Science. We apologize for the error.