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ASRF TO HOLD 16TH ANNUAL MEETING

The African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) will hold its 16th Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2010, at 5:00 p.m., in Savannah, Georgia, during the 28th Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies. The ASRF Meeting will be held in the ATWS’ Conference Hotel. The room will be announced during the ATWS Conference. The highlights of the meeting will be:

1. The ASRF outgoing President’s “Summary Report on the State of the ASRF”
2. The Report on Research and Publication Activities
3. The Financial Report

4. The election of officers for 2010-2012. The election will be conducted by an Election Commission chaired by A.B. Assensoh, Professor of African and African Diaspora Studies at Indiana University.

The full agenda for the meeting will be sent out by the Executive Secretary of the ASRF.

THE KIEH ADMINISTRATION ENDS ITS TENURE OF OFFICE

The Kieh administration, which was elected in October 2008, to steer the affairs of the African Studies and Research Forum for two-year term, will end its tenure of office in October 2010. During the 16th Annual Meeting of the ASRF in Savannah, Georgia, the Forum, the highest decision-making body of the ASRF, will elect a new administration for the period 2010-2012. Under the ASRF's Charter, incumbent President Kieh and Director of Research and Publication Kalu are eligible for second term of office. Meanwhile, Executive Secretary Munene and Treasurer Ayot will be completing their second term of office; hence, they will not be eligible for another term in their respective positions. However, they are eligible to contest other officers—President, Vice President and the Director of Research and Publication.

Overall, all of the elected offices—President, Vice President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer and the Director of Research and Publication—are opened. Interested candidates for the various positions should contact A.B. Assensoh, the Chair of the Election Commission at: aaassenso@indiana.edu. Importantly, under the ASRF's Charter, all candidates must be members of the ASRF and in good standing—this includes the full payment of their membership dues for 2008, 2009 and 2010(see the attached membership form for the various categories).

YVETTE ALEX-ASSENSOH CHOSEN AS THE RECIPIENT OF “THE ASRF’S EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD” FOR 2010

The Standing Committee on Awards of the African Studies and Research Forum (ASRF) has announced that it has selected Yvette Alex-Assensoh, Dean of Women's Affairs and Professor of Political Science at Indiana University, Bloomington, as the recipient of “The ASRF's Excellence in Research Award,” for 2010. According to Guy Martin, the Committee's Chair, Yvette was chosen for the award for her outstanding contributions to scholarship on Africa and the African Diaspora.

Meanwhile, the award will be formally presented to Yvette on October 9, 2010, during the “Banquet” climaxing the 2010 Annual Conference of the Association of Third World Studies, in Savannah, Georgia. We congratulate Yvette for this recognition and wish her continuing success in her scholarly endeavors.

MEMBERS' PROMOTION AND TENURE NEWS

Jack Mangala: Tenured and promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science and African and African American Studies at Grand Valley State University.

Emmanuel Oritsejafor: Promoted to Full Professor of Political Science at North Carolina Central University.

We congratulate Jack and Emmanuel for their professional achievements, and wish them continuing success.

BOOKS PUBLISHED BY MEMBERS

E. Ike Udogu(Professor of Political Science, Appalachian State University): *Confronting the Challenges and Prospects in the Creation of a Union of African States in the 21st Century*, Newcastle Upon Tyne, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2010.

MEMBERS' SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

PHILIP AKA (PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY)

Journal Articles

"Politics and Economic Development in Africa: Integrating the Influence of the Movement for Popular Participation in Development on Assessments of NEPAD," *Human Rights & Globalization Law Review*, Summer 2010.

"Measuring the Impact of Political Ideology on the Adoption of English-Only Laws in the U.S." (with Lucinda M. Deason and Augustine Hammond), *The Scholar: St. Mary's Law Review on Minority Issues*, Vol. 13(1), 2010.

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

Fellowship

"American Council of Education Fellowship, 2010-2011."

GEORGE KLAY KIEH, JR. (PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA)

Journal Article

"The Bush Administration, United States Foreign Policy and the Promotion of Liberal Democratization in Africa," *Journal of International Studies and Development*, 1(1), 2010, pp. 27-46

Conference Paper

“Beyond Ethnicity: Toward an Alternative Explanation for Liberia’s Civil Wars,” Annual Conference of the Liberian Studies Association, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 24-27, 2010.

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

Book Chapter

Co-authored with Mueni wa Muiu "Repenser l'Etat, La Democratie et le developpement en Afrique: Fundi wa Afrika [*Rethinking the State, Development & Democracy in Africa: Fundi wa Afrika*," in Jean Emmanuel Pondi(ed), *Repenser le developpement a Partir de l'Afrique [Re-thinking Development from an African Perspective]*, (Paris: Maisonneuve & Larose, 2010).

Book Reviews

Reviewed Rene Lemarchand's *The Dynamics of Violence in Central Africa* and Gerard Prunier's *Africa's World War: Congo, the Rwandan Genocide, and the Making of a Continental Catastrophe* in *Africa Today*, 56(2), 2009, pp. 92-97.

Reviewed Filip Reyntjens' *The Great African War: Congo and Regional Geopolitics, 1996-2006* in *Africa Today*, 56(3), 2010, pp. 103-107.

ISHMAEL MUNENE (ASSOCIATION PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY)

Journal Article

The Right to Education for Children in Domestic Labor: Empirical Evidence from Kenya. *International Review of Education*, 56, 127 – 147, 2010 (with Sara Ruto).

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

Book Chapter

Co-authored with Guy Martin "Repenser l'Etat, La Democratie et le developpement en Afrique: Fundi wa Afrika [*Rethinking the State, Development & Democracy in Africa: Fundi wa Afrika*," in Jean Emmanuel Pondi(ed), *Repenser le developpement a Partir de l'Afrique [Re-thinking Development from an African Perspective]*, (Paris: Maisonneuve & Larose, 2010).

**CALL FOR THE CONTRIBUTION OF CHAPTERS FOR BOOK ON
“GLOBALIZATION AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICA”**

Edward Lama Wonkeryor, Assistant Professor of African American Studies at Temple University, is requesting chapter contributions for his proposed book project: *Globalization and Its Implications for Africa*. If you are interested in taking part in this project please contact Professor Wonkeryor at e-mail: lama@temple.edu, and telephone number 215-204-9601. The outline of chapters is below:

Chapter 1: Introduction (**Wonkeryor**)

Chapter 2: The Role and Function of Globalization

Chapter 3: The Merits and Demerits of Globalization in Africa

Chapter 4: The Political Economy of Globalization

Chapter 5: Globalization and Africa's Trade Relations with Developed States

Chapter 6: Globalization as a Matrix for Democratizing Africa?

Chapter 7: Globalization, Mass Media, and Development in Africa (**Wonkeryor**)

Chapter 8: Globalization and African Cultures

Chapter 9: Globalization and the Sovereignty of African States (**Kieh**)

Chapter 10: The Impact of Globalization and the Law in African Societies

Chapter 11: Conclusion (**Wonkeryor**)