

RE-EVALUATING AFRICA AND WORLD WAR II: A WORKSHOP

MARCH 27 – MARCH 29, 2008 AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

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MARCH 27 – THURSDAY

8pm FILM FESTIVAL ON AFRICANS IN THE WAR

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“Days of Glory – Indigènes” – Film show and panel discussion

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Venue: Alexander Library’s Scholarly Communication Center, College Avenue Campus
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MARCH 28 – FRIDAY

Venue: Plangere Writing Center, Murray Hall 302, College Avenue Campus

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9:30am - 12pm PANEL: MOBILIZING FOR THE ARMY

ABDULLAH, Ibrahim < ibdullah@gmail.com>, Department of History, Fourah Bay College

“ANCIENT AND LOYAL SIERRA LEONE’: WORLD WAR II AND THE ‘AMBIGUITIES’ OF IMPERIAL DOMINATION”

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ASH, Catherine <catherineash@wayne.edu>, Assistant Professor, Wayne State University

“FREE TO COERCE: FORCED LABOR DURING THE VICHY YEARS IN FRENCH WEST AFRICA”

GRUNDLINGH, Louis <louisg@uj.ac.za> Professor of History, University of Johannesburg

“EFFORTS TO RECRUIT BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN MEN DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR.”

NTABENI, Mary <mntabeni@yahoo.co.uk> National University of Lesotho

“RECRUITMENT OF WORLD WAR TWO MILITARY LABOUR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA”

PARSONS, Timothy <tparsons@wustl.edu> Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis

“NO COUNTRY FIT FOR HEROES: THE PLIGHT OF DISABLED KENYAN VETERANS”

BREAK

1pm – 2pm PANEL: MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES AND RESOURCES FOR THE WAR EFFORT

BYFIELD, Judith <jab632@cornell.edu> Associate Professor, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University

“FEEDING THE TROOPS: ABEOKUTA AND WORLD WAR II”

SUNSERI, Thaddeus <Thaddeus.Sunseri@Colostate.edu>, Associate Professor of History, Colorado State University - Fort Collins

“WORLD WAR II AND THE EXPLOITATION OF THE TANZANIAN FORESTS”

2pm-2:30pm COFFEE BREAK

2:30pm -5:30pm PANEL: SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF WWII

CLEVELAND, Todd < cleve010@umn.edu>, University of Minnesota
“*BENEFICIARIES AND CASUALTIES: THE DIVERGENT IMPACT OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR ON AFRICAN FORCED LABORERS ON ANGOLA’S DIAMOND MINES*”

COOPER, Barbara M. < bacooper@rci.rutgers.edu>, Department of History, Rutgers University
“*AMERICAN MISSIONS IN WARTIME FRENCH WEST AFRICA*”

GINIO, Ruth rginio@bgu.ac.il, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
“*THE IMPACT OF WORLD WAR II ON FRENCH COLONIAL PERCEPTIONS: THE TIRIALLEURS SÉNÉGALAIS AS A TOOL OF PROPAGANDA*”

HOWARD, Allen M. < ahoward@rci.rutgers.edu>, Professor, Department of History, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
“*THE SPATIALITY OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS OF WORLD WAR II ON FREETOWN AND SIERRA LEONE*”

WILSON (Jr.), James A. <wilsonja@mail.utexas.edu>, Assistant Professor of History, University of Texas at Austin
“*VISIONARIES OF FREEDOM: KIKUYU ELDERS AND EX-WWII SOLDIERS CREATING KIKUYU INDI SCHOOLS IN KENYA.*”

8pm FILM FESTIVAL ON AFRICANS IN THE WAR

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“**761st Tank Battalion**” - Film show and panel discussion

WHITE, Steven - producer
Others TBA

Vodcast of Cornell University’s ‘Abrahams Collection’ on African American GI’s guarding Liberia’s Firestone plantation

Venue: Milledoler Hall 100, College Avenue Campus

Directions to Milledoler Hall: <http://maps.rutgers.edu/building.aspx?id=397>

MARCH 29 – SATURDAY

Venue: Van Dyck Hall Room 211, 16 Seminary Place, College Avenue Campus
Directions to Van Dyck Hall: <http://maps.rutgers.edu/building.aspx?id=317>

9:30am -11:30am PANEL: WAR, GENDER AND SOCIAL CHANGE

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“MASCULINITY IN THE (SOUTH AFRICAN) UNION DEFENSE FORCE”

CHUKU, Gloria < Gloria.Chuku@millersville.edu>, Associate Professor, Millersville University

“RESOURCE MOBILIZATION FOR WORLD WAR II AND THE IMPACT ON GENDER ROLES IN SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA”

JAJI, Tsitsi tej4@cornell.edu, Ph.D. Candidate, Comparative Literature, Cornell University of Pennsylvania

“ZONK!: WAR-TIME ENTERTAINMENT AND THE BEGINNINGS OF BLACK FILM AND MAGAZINE CULTURES IN SOUTH AFRICA.”

RAY, Carina carina.ray@gmail.com, Department of History, Fordham University

“THE RACIAL POLITICS OF ANTI-PROSTITUTION LEGISLATION: WORLD WAR II AND THE SEX TRADE IN BRITISH WEST AFRICA”

11:45am - 12:30pm PANEL: AFRICAN PERSPECTIVES ON THE WAR AT HOME AND ABROAD

MIZOBE, Yasuo <mwizobe@aa.tufs.ac.jp>, Research Fellow, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

“AFRICAN NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF JAPAN (THE JAPANESE ARMY) DURING WORLD WAR II: THE CASE OF THE GOLD COAST OBSERVER AND THE ASHANTI PIONEER, 1943–1945”

PHILIPS, John Edward Philips@gol.com, College of Humanities, Hirosaki University

“FIGHTING JAPANESE PAGANS IN HITLER'S WAR: WORLD WAR II AS SEEN IN THE HAUSA NEWSPAPER GASKIYA TA FI KWABO.”

KORIEH, Chima, chima.korieh@marquette.edu, Department of History, Marquette University

“AFRICAN VOICES: LETTERS OF PETITION FROM ORDINARY PEOPLE IN COLONIAL NIGERIA”

12:30pm-1:30pm BREAK

1:30pm - 3:30pm PANEL: INTERROGATING WAR-TIME POLICIES

BUCHANAN, Andrew <andybuch@hughes.net>, Ph.D. Candidate, Rutgers University – New Brunswick

“BEHIND THE TORCH: THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH AFRICA IN WORLD WAR II”

MAGHRAOUI, Driss <D.Maghraoui@ui.ma>, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
“WORLD WAR II AND THE “SALIGAN” IN MOROCCO”

OPATA, Chukwuma C. <ccopata@yahoo.com> & **APEH, Apex A.** (apexapeh@yahoo.com), Department of History and International Studies, University of Nigeria, Nsukka

“WORLD WAR II AND THE RISE OF NOCTURNAL COMMERCE IN IGBOLAND, SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA”

PETROCELLI, Rachel <petrocer@stanford.edu>, Ph.D. Candidate, Dept. of History, Stanford University

“COMING OF AGE: WORLD WAR II AND THE URBAN EXPERIENCE IN DAKAR, SENEGAL”

3:30pm – 4pm COFFEE BREAK

4pm – 6pm PANEL: WW II & ANTI-COLONIALISM

BROWN, Carolyn <cbrown@panix.com> Assoc. Professor, Rutgers – New Brunswick
“AFRICAN WORKING MEN, RACIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE IMPERIAL STATE DURING WORLD WAR II: A HISTORY OF LABOR IN THE BRITISH COLONIES.”

SCHMIDT, Elizabeth <eschmidt@loyola.edu> Professor, Department of History, Loyola College in Maryland

“RESISTANCE & MOBILIZATION: GUINEA AND WORLD WAR II”

SIKAINGA, Ahmad <sikainga.1@osu.edu>, Professor, Dept. of History, Ohio State University

SUDANESE RESPONSE TO WORLD WAR II

SUMMERS, Carol <Lsummers@richmond.edu>, Professor of History, Department of History, University of Richmond (VA)

“UGANDA AFTER WORLD WAR II”