The Africana Librarians Council will hold its spring conference from May 6th - May 8th at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Many thanks go to the sponsors and hosts of the conference: the University Library, the Center for Afro-American and African Studies (CAAS), and the International Institute. We would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of Dr. Afeworki Paulos, African Studies Librarian at the University of Michigan, for organizing and coordinating this meeting and its various presentations. For a complete conference schedule, please see page 2 of this newsletter.

For further information about the conference, contact:
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Africana Librarians Council
Spring Meeting

To be held at the
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
May 6-8, 2004

Schedule:

Thursday, May 6:
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
ABPR Annual Bibliography group

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Program (Presentations by University of
Michigan faculty and visitors)

6:00 p.m. - 8 p.m.
University of Michigan Reception
(Conover-Porter Committee, comprised of Jill Coelho,
Greg Finnegan, and
Al Kagan, will arrange to meet on their own during the
days of the
spring meeting.)

Friday, May 7:
8:30a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
Title VI/Cooperative Activities

10:05 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.
Cataloging Committee (meets simultaneously with
Book Donations Committee)

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Book Donations Committee (meets simultaneously
with Cataloging Committee)

11:30 a.m. - 12 noon
ALC Executive Committee

12 noon - 1:30 p.m.
Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Bibliography Committee

3:05 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
ALC Business Meeting

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
ALC Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Dinner hosted by University of Michigan

Saturday, May 8:
8:00 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
CAMP Executive Meeting

9:05 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
CAMP Business Meeting

11:10 a.m. - noon
CAMP Executive Committee

Rest of the afternoon:
Tours, exploration, conversation,
packing, and travel.

The URL for the ALC Spring 2004 meeting is:
http://www.lib.umich.edu/conferences/aic/

On this website you will find information about
accommodations, registration, Ann Arbor, and the
University of Michigan.
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Business Meeting Minutes – Draft
Thursday October 30, 2003, Boston

Submitted by Miki Goral, Secretary

Helene Baumann (Duke U), Julianne Beale (LC), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Phyllis Bischof (UC Berkeley), Simon Bockie (UC Berkeley), Karen Bruns (Human Sciences Research Council), Joe Caruso (Columbia), Jill Coelho (Harvard), Miriam Conteh-Morgan (Ohio State U), John Daniel (Human Sciences Research Council), Henrietta Dax (Clarke’s Bookshop), David Easterbrook (Northwestern), Vickie Evalds, Greg Finnegan (Harvard), Karen Fung (Stanford), Miki Goral (UCLA), Marieta Harper (LC), Bassey Irele (Harvard), Al Kagan (U of Illinois), Esmeralda Kale (Northwestern), Peter Kargbo (NYU), Deborah LaFond (U at Albany), Joe Lauer (Michigan State U), Bob Lesh (Northwestern U), Nancy Levy (Princeton), Peter Limb (Michigan State U), Ken Lohrentz (U of Kansas), Peter Malanchuk (U of Florida), Edward Miner (U of Iowa), Wonkie Nam (Central State U), Emily Ngo-Nguidjol (U of Wisconsin), Akilah Nosakhere (Atlanta U Center), Patricia Ogedengbe (Northwestern), Benedict Oladele (UCLA), Lauris Olson (U of Pennsylvania), Laverne Page (LC), Aefwork Paulos (U of Michigan), Loumona Petroff (Boston U), Chuck Riley (Yale), Jason Schultz (Northwestern U), Shoshannah Seidman (Northwestern U), Paul Steere (LC Nairobi), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U), David Westley (Boston U), Marion Frank-Wilson (Indiana U), Dorothy Woodson (Yale), Hans Zell

The meeting was called to order at 11:15am by Chair Kagan.

1. Introduction of attendees.
2. Agenda approved with no changes.
4. Elections. Bell-Gam presented the candidates for office:
   Chair-elect: Marieta Harper (elected)
   Member at Large: Joe Caruso, Karen Fung (elected), Deborah LaFond (elected), Dan Rebourssin
5. ALC Directory. Goral has put the file into an Access Database and will update the information as provided. The updated directory will be loaded to the ALC website.
7. ASA Publications Committee. Malanchuk reported that History in Africa 2003 issue should be out in November. HIA should be added to JSTOR. Suggestions for new titles to be included in JSTOR should be sent via email to Malanchuk or Caruso. The Chair will write a letter to ASA about the high priority of getting HIA into JSTOR.
8. Spring meeting locations.
   2004, May 6-8 will be hosted by University of Michigan.
   2005 will be hosted by Northwestern. Possible dates were voted upon: May 5-7 (26 votes), May 12-14 (1 vote)
   2006 will be hosted by Boston.
   2007 possibly at University of Florida
9. Africana Libraries Newsletter. Frank-Wilson announced that issue #112 will be out in November and the deadline for #113 will be in mid-December.
10. Bibliography Committee report. Limb reported no action items. One issue to follow is the implications of Africana journals being purchased by large publishers.
11. Cataloging Committee report. No action items.
12. Book Donations Committee. Nosakhere is the new chair of the committee; they are looking for a co-chair. They are investigating how to match donors and requestors—possibly electronically. Five projects were recommended to the ASA Development Board. They are working on their webpage.
13. Conover-Porter Committee report. Finnegan asked for more nominations for the Conover-Porter award. There was discussion about whether websites can be nominated. This issue was referred back to the Committee. Comments should be sent to the listserv.
14. AFRINUL Report was deferred to the CAMP meeting.
15. African Book Publishing Record. Coelho asked that reference titles be sent to her. There was discussion of cumulating past issues and publishing the resulting list electronically. There are now 2700+ records in electronic format.
16. Children’s Africana Book Award. Harper announced that the award luncheon will be held at the Library of Congress on May 1, coordinated by the Library of Congress, African & Middle East Section and the Center for the Book and by African Access.
17. Archival Holdings Guide. Bischof reported that Introspect software is being used and that Berkeley has put it up [this needs clarification.]
18. Institutional Reports [please send additions, corrections to this list.]
19. Harvard has a new collection development librarian.
   Columbia has a new African Studies Reading Room as part of its renovation. There is currently no Africana cataloger.
   U of Iowa is implementing a grant for a shared digitization project with Balme Library at the University of Ghana.
   U of Pennsylvania bought AIDS set from California Newsreel that is heavily used.
   UCLA has a visiting Fulbright Scholar, Benedict Oladele.
   Clark Atlanta thanked people for signing the petition to save the Clark Atlanta Library School.
   Indiana has a digitization project for Nuer linguistic materials.
   LC has a Timbuktu exhibit curated by Marieta Harper.
   Stanford is working on a program to archive websites.
   Boston U is acquiring “odd” gifts such as ethnographic films.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

**ALC Cataloging Committee Meeting**
**Minutes Boston, Mass. – Sheraton Hotel**
**Thursday, October 30, 2003: 9:30 – 10:00am**

Present: Phyllis Bischof (UC Berkeley), Helene Baumann (Duke), Julianne Beall (Library of Congress), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Simon Bockie, (UC Berkeley), Joe Caruso (Columbia), Jill Coelho (Harvard, Widener), Miriam Conterh-Morgan (Ohio State University), David Easterbrook (Northwestern), Vicki Evalds (Philadelphia, PA), Gregory Finnegan (Harvard), Marion Frank-Wilson (Indiana U.), Karen Fung (Stanford), Miki Goral (UCLA), Beverly Gray (Library of Congress), Musa Abdul Hakim (Buffalo State College), Marieta Harper (Library of Congress), Esmeralda Kale (Northwestern), Peter Kargbo (New York University), Deborah LaFond (U-Albany), Joe Lauer (Michigan State), Robert Lesh (Northwestern), Nancy Presone Levy (Princeton), Peter Limb (Michigan State), Wonki Nam (Central State University), Emilie Ngo Nguidjol (U. of Wisconsin), Patricia Ogedengbe (Northwestern), Benedict Oledede (UCLA), Laverne Page (Library of Congress), Loumona Petroff (Boston U.), Lauris Olson (U. of Pennsylvania), Jason Schultz (Northwestern), Shoshanah Seidman (Northwestern), Magloire Somé (Fulbright scholar), Paul Steere (Library of Congress, Nairobi), Titia Van Der Werf (ASC Library, Leiden, Netherlands), David Westley (Boston U.), Dorothy Woodson (Yale), Hans Zell (Hans Zell Publ.).

Unicode Task Force: James Riley and others reviewed the document prepared by James Agenbroad and made note of recent efforts by Unicode and others to expand the use of African language scripts. The sense of the meeting was that MARC21 should be expanded to use all characters in Unicode.

Africana Subject Funnel: During the discussion, a request was made for a list of new headings about Africa that came from non-funnel sources. Lauer agreed to add these to a revised funnel report. There was general agreement that Swahili (African people) is better than Swahili-speaking peoples; and that “Post-apartheid era” should be replaced with headings such as History—South Africa—1994-

Reports and discussions included the cataloging of free e-resources, Nko alphabet publications, cataloging developments at Northwestern and LC, and changes in Dewey classification.

**ALC Executive Board, 2004**
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News from the ALC Book Donations Committee

The African Studies Association (ASA) Board has accepted the 2003 ALC Book Donation Committee recommendations to award a total of $3000.00 toward the following projects:

- $500.00 to ship library materials to Malawi from Portland, Oregon through the Friends of Malawi Project.
- $600.00 to ship legal documents from the Yale Law School Library to the Fourah Bay College in Sierra Leone.
- $500.00 to ship library materials from Georgia State University, Gerontology Institute to the Bureau of Educational Research, to support a Gerontology Project at Kenyatta University.
- $260.00 to ship library materials from Rockhurst University Literacy Center, Rockhurst University International Book Pass and Donation Program to Sibisi Primary School and Sekanaka Secondary School Dennilton, South Africa.
- $500.00 to ship library materials from Santa Clara University, the Stanford Parents Club, and the Friends of African Village Libraries in California to village libraries and literacy projects in Koumbia, Karaba as well as its continued support to the library in Bereba in BurkinaFaso.
- $270.00 ship 800 lbs of donated library materials to Bungoma in Western Kenya from the Outreach Kenya Project at Indiana University.
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Calendar of Future Meetings

ALC & CAMP
ALC Spring Meeting, 2004
Ann Arbor, MI: May 6-8, 2004, University of Michigan

ASA
ASA Annual Meeting, 2004
New Orleans, LA: Nov. 11-14, Marriott Hotel, in New Orleans’ French Quarters District

ASA Annual Meeting 2005
Washington, D.C.: Nov. 17-20, Marriot Wardman Park Hotel

ALA
Annual Conference, 2004
Orlando, FL: June 24-30

Annual Conference, 2005
Chicago, IL: June 23-29

Midwinter Meeting, 2006
San Antonio, TX: Jan. 20-25

Annual Conference, 2006
New Orleans, LA: June 22-28

Midwinter Meeting, 2007
Seattle, WA: Jan. 19-24

Annual Conference, 2007
Washington, DC: June 21-27

ACRL
ACRL 12th National Conference, 2005
Minneapolis, MN: April 7-10

IFLA
World Library and Information Congress: 70th
IFLA General Conference and Council, 2004

World Library and Information Congress:
71st IFLA General Conference and Council, 2005
Announcements

New Africana Bibliographer appointed at Northwestern University

I am pleased to announce that Esmeralda M. Kale has been appointed Bibliographer of Africana, Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, Northwestern University. Ms. Kale has degrees from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario and University College London. She has also completed graduate work at Concordia University in Montreal and University College London. Her library degree is from University College London where she studied in the program in African bibliography. Her career has included positions at the School of Oriental and African Studies Library, the University of Fort Hare, the University of Swaziland and the Tri-College Consortium (Bryn Mawr, Haverford and Swarthmore Colleges). Ms. Kale is leaving a position at Zayed University (Abu Dhabi) to come to Northwestern. Her first day in the position will be Monday October 6th.

Submitted by
David L. Easterbrook,
George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator
Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies
Northwestern University

The Noma Award for Publishing in Africa

Walter and Albertina Sisulu. In Our Lifetime by Elinor Sisulu is announced as the 2003 Noma Award Winner. The book was published in 2002 by David Philip Publishers, an imprint of New Africa Books (Pty) Ltd., of Cape Town, South Africa. Established in 1979, the Noma Award is open to African writers and scholars whose work is published in Africa. The US$10,000 prize is given annually for an outstanding new book in any of these three categories: (i) scholarly or academic, (ii) books for children, and (iii) literature and creative writing. Books are admissible in any of the languages of Africa, both local and European. The Noma Award is administered by a secretariat in Oxford, UK.

From the press release:
"The author, Elinor Sisulu, is uniquely place to tell the story, as journalist, academic and daughter-in-law of Walter and Albertina Sisulu. She successfully marries personal engagement and insider view, with the demands of historical scholarship."
Literature on Libraries and Information Science

African Research & Documentation

African Research & Documentation, no. 88, 2002, includes:


Nathan Oyori Ogechi. "Publishing in Kiswahili and Indigenous Languages for Enhanced Adult Literacy in Kenya."

David Westley. "A Bibliography of Swahili Bibliographies."

Tom Ofcansky. "The Italian-Ethiopian War: a Selected Bibliography, Part 1."

African Research & Documentation no. 89, 2002 includes:

Peter Limb, "Ethical Dilemmas Facing Africanists Today: the African "Document Drain" and its Solutions?"

Tom Ofcansky, "The Italian-Ethiopian War: A Selected Bibliography, Part 2."

Huw Jones, "Swaziland Bibliographies."


African Research & Documentation, no. 90, 2002 includes text of eight of the papers presented at the SCOLMA 40th Anniversary Conference, Oxford, June 2002:

Colin Bundy, "African Scholarship and African Studies: Challenges for our Time."


Marlene van Doorn, "On Documenting Africa in the Netherlands."

Laverne Page, "New Directions in Reference and Collections Management in Africana Collections in the US."

Lesley Hart, "Africana Collections in South Africa."


Amanda Hill, "From Pencil to PC: Bringing Archive Catalogues Online."

African Research & Documentation no. 91, 2003 includes

"Never Far From Books and Their Users: Donald Herbert Simpson 1920-2002."

John McIlwaine, "Writings on African Archives, Supplement 6."

L.O. Aina, "Authors, Journals and Scholarly Communication in Library and Information Science: the Missing Links in Nigeria."

"APAC (Asian, Pacific & African Collections) in the British Library."


African Publishing Review

African Publishing Review, Vol. 11, no. 1 includes:

"The Book and Other Media in Africa"

"What Ethiopian Publishers have Done since 1995"

"APNET's Capacity Building Workshop"

"Opportunities from New Delhi Book Fair"

African Publishing Review, Vol 11, no. 2, includes:

"Protection of Writers and Publishers in Africa"
Electronic Version of The African Writers Series Planned

Sara Brechner, Product Manager, Performing Arts and Literature, Chadwyck-Healy, ProQuest

Information and Learning ask for feedback on a new ProQuest Chadwyck-Healy database - the electronic version of The African Writers Series. As has been announced recently, Harcourt decided last year to discontinue the series, and Harcourt Brace has now approached Chadwyck-Healy with the possibility of electronically publishing this collection. The database will consist of the approximately 400 titles previously published in the Heinemann African Writers Series. Ms. Brechner points out that, apart from copyright

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libraries, no library appears to have a complete set of the series, and the fact that the texts were all published in low-quality paperback editions means that library holdings will be increasingly difficult to preserve. The proposed database would ensure access.

Ms. Brechner invites reactions to the usefulness of this project at: Sarah.Brechner@il.proquest.com
Clap Productions:
Address: clap.productions@programmer.net

A new film 'Lucas and the Angel without Wings' by the African filmmaker Didier Chabi (Benin), has just entered the Eurafrique Bilio Video collection & Distribution / Amsterdam. His Primary Work Mutoto was subject of official selection in the XVI Black International Cinema 2001 Berlin, Germany. For more information see, >> http://members.aol.com/dondija/filmlist01.html

More videos available from the filmmaker:

1/ MUTOTO: $59 public libraries and bibliotheca. $195 for Schools and Universities. Public performance rights included. Colour cover. 26 min VO: Language English and Kiswahili. Subtitled: Netherlandish Dutch. The young African immigrant Koura discovers one night while working has an office cleaner 'Mutoto', the long lost symbol of spirituality of his tribe…..

2/ Far Away From Home: $89 public libraries> and bibliotheca. $195 for Schools and Universities. Public performance rights included. Colour cover. 50 min VO: Language English and Kiswahili. Subtitled: Netherlandisch Dutch. 'Far Away From Home' is a story about problematic immigration from South (Africa) to the North(Europe).

3/ Born in Ganvié: $89 public libraries> and bibliotheca. $195 for schools and universities. Public performance rights included. Colour cover. 50 min VO: Language Toffi. Subtitled: English. Ganvié is a small traditional village builded 300 years ago on top of a lake in south Benin. Director Didier Chabi follows a naming ritual procession that tells of the past and the spiritual existence of the ‘Toffinous’ people.

We highly recommend all for Libraries and larger collections or Universities with African Studies Programs.

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New Books Noted

African Universities Embark on ICT-based Publication of Doctoral Dissertations 25-08-2003 (UNESCO)

The University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa) and Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia) will be hosting a pilot project on the electronic production and publication of theses and dissertations. This is the essence of a contract recently signed between UNESCO and the University of the Witwatersrand.

The project is funded by UNESCO within the framework of its efforts to enhance the production, access and archiving of scientific information, particularly theses and dissertations, by using the opportunities offered by ICT. It is based on the principles, guidelines, workflow models and best practices described in the "UNESCO Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD) Guide" (Paris: UNESCO, 2002).

The project, in which the Association of African Universities is also involved, aims at empowering the two participant universities to establish sustainable ETD programmes and at sensitizing other universities in the region to the importance of such programmes. In a longer-term perspective, it aims at improving graduate education by allowing students to produce electronic documents, use digital libraries, and understand issues in publishing.
Ahmadou Kourouma, 1927 – 2003

Ahmadou Kourouma, one of Africa's most remarkable novelists, died at the age of 76 on December 11th, 2003. Born near Boundiali, in the Northern Ivory Coast, he was educated in Mali, served in the French army in Indo-China from 1950-1954, and later studied mathematics in France.

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