

Lectures and Research forums:

Ashton Griggs Lounge (located in the Ashton complex just off 10th St., between Moffat and Voss)

June 29th

'Language in African Social Interaction', Professor Samuel Obeng, Indiana University

July 6th

'Resistance and Metatheatricality in Wole Soyinka's 'Dances of the Forest', Glenn Odom, University of California, Irvine

July 13th

"The Ethnogenesis of the Jamaican Maroons and Comparative Maroonage.", Jessica Krug, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Since I am currently thinking about possible dissertation topics, I will be informally discussing my research interests. In general, I am interested in women's cultural productions in the West African urban context. This would include not only literature but also video, the internet, and oral performance. Urban life as well as cultural and literary productions among Senegalese in New York City is another topic that I will discuss and hope to incorporate into my eventual research. Mahriana Rofheart, Rutgers University

July 20th: HIV/AIDS forum

Abigail Baim-Lance, Johns Hopkins University: My topics revolve around institutional responses to HIV/AIDS in South Africa -- NGO interventions -- and care and treatment practices.

Betsey Brada, University of Chicago: Botswana's national AIDS treatment program and its relationship to notions of citizenship and security; also the place of public-private partnerships in international health; also the political economy of pharmaceuticals and the politics of treatment for HIV/AIDS.

Abimbola Cole, UCLA: Striving for an AIDS-Free Generation: The Musical Arts and HIV/AIDS Health Education in Botswana

July 27th

"Linguistic Research into SLA: What could possibly be adopted in classroom practice?", James Mutiti, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

"Articulating an alternative language policy of education in Ghana", Charles Owu-Ewie, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

"Zulu quantifiers", Nikki Adams, University of Chicago

August 3rd

Christian missions in East Africa. , Kirsten Walles, University of Texas, Austin

Land-use and migrants in a Ugandan forest reserve, Bryn Bakoyema, Indiana University

New African Language Classification, Abdul Salau, Temple University