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AFSAAP recognised with award

Dr Alec Thornton, as vice president of the African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), attended the 'Celebrate African Australian 2013 National Awards ceremony at Parliament House, where he accepted a

'Friend of Africa Award' on behalf of the organisation.

This award is intended to "showcase Australian organisations, businesses and individuals providing wonderful services and assistance to African Australians." Kathy Novak, from SBS World News Australia, presented Alec with the award.



The awards also recognised the personal contribution of former AFSAAP Vice-President Apollo Nsubuga-Kyobe, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame. This follows the "Living Legends Award" that Apollo received from the same organisation in 2012. His contribution was recognised by the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Senator Kate Lundy, who presented him with his award.

Sekai Nzenza reading in Melbourne

Well-known Zimbabwean-Australian author and long time friend of AFSAAP Sekai Nzenza will be hosting the second AFSAAP-IPCS seminar titled "Glimpses of the Everyday in Zimbabwe" at **7.30pm, at the Institute of Postcolonial Studies, 78-80 Curzon St North Melbourne, Thursday 22 August 2013**. Sekai will be reading two of her short stories and then hosting a general conversation on the state of Zimbabwean politics in the wake of President Mugabe's recent re-election.

Details of the evening can be found at the IPCS website (<http://ipcs.org.au/home/events/event/glimpses-of-the-everyday-in-zimbabwe/>). The event costs \$5 (free for AAA scholars), and is fully catered.

ARAS Book reviews - Call for reviewers

Nikola Pijovic, ARAS Book reviews editor

Dear AFSAAP members

I have recently received a batch on new and exciting books, which may be of interest to some of you. If you would like to review any of them, or perhaps you know someone who might be interested please contact me. The books will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

King, Kenneth "China's aid and soft power in Africa", James Currey/Boydell and Brewer 2013

Eltringham, Nigel "Framing Africa: Portrayals of a Continent in Contemporary Mainstream Cinema", Berghahn Books 2013

Cotula, Lorenzo "The Great African Land Grab" ZedBooks 2013

Chan, Stephen "The Morality of China in Africa" ZedBooks 2013

Carrier, Neil and Gernot Klantschnig "Africa and the War on Drugs" ZedBooks 2012

Epprecht, Marc "Sexuality and Social Justice in Africa" ZedBooks 2013

Martin, William G. "South Africa and the World Economy" ZedBooks2013

Southall, Roger "Liberation Movements in Power" ZedBooks 2013

Branch, Daniel "Kenya: Between Hope and Despair" ZedBooks 2013

Bachmann et al "When Justice meets Politics" Peter Lang 2013

Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Sabelo J. "Empire, Global Coloniality and African Subjectivity", Berghahn Books 2013

Alan Wieder "Ruth First and Joe Slovo in the War against Apartheid", Monthly Review Press 2013

South Sudanese Diaspora in Australia and New Zealand: reconciling the Past with the Present.

AFSAAP is please to announce the publication of a new edited collection - South Sudanese Diaspora in Australia and New Zealand: reconciling the Past with the Present, edited by Jay Marlowe, Anne Harris and Tanya Lyons - June 2013.

Copies can be ordered from this link: <http://www.c-s-p.org/Flyers/South-Sudanese-Diaspora-in-Australia-and-New-Zealand--Reconciling-the-Past-with-the-Present1-4438-4752-6.htm>

Since 1996, approximately 30,000 South Sudanese people have immigrated to Australia and New Zealand via humanitarian pathways. This text offers insight into these associated communities' resettlement experiences and provides a broader sociological context in which the South Sudanese diaspora can be seen within global migration studies. The text's strength is its close relationship to the work of culturally and

disciplinarily diverse scholars bringing contemporary research on South Sudanese resettlement together in one book.

Marlowe, Harris and Lyons are also responsible for editing the Australasian Review of African Studies and should be commended for editing this important text and publishing it at the same time as keeping ARAS going. An official launch for this book will be held at the forthcoming AFSAAP Conference in Perth in late November.

2013 Africa Australia Research Forum and The Crawford Fund

Mining, Agriculture and Development: Bread from Stones? A joint conference of The Crawford Fund and the Africa Australia Research Forum
(<https://www.africadownunderconference.com/aarf>)

The Crawford Fund's annual conference on food security, which has been held annually in Canberra for over 20 years, is being organised in 2013 in Perth in conjunction with the Africa Australia Research Forum, now in its third year and will precede the highly successful "Africa Down Under" mining event.

Call for Papers – Special issue of JENdA

JENdA: A Journal of Culture and African Women Studies has released a call for papers for its special issue titled "In Movement: Women in Africa and the African Diaspora" with guest editors: Henriette Gunkel, Zethu Matebeni, and Catherine Raissiguier. The Editors seek articles (5,000 to 6,250 words) and review essays (on books, film, video, performance, art, music, websites, etc. 1,000 to 1,500 words) by 31 October 2013.

African women on the African continent and its Diasporas have always been agents of social change and initiators of political/cultural transformations. This special issue aims to explore the different forms of activism, grass roots interventions, and social movements they have generated and/or impacted. We are particularly interested in the ways in which African women inflect and transform current debates about rights, citizenship, belonging, and representation. We are also seeking essays that do not take for granted the concept of politics, but rather reflect on what actually constitutes the political.

Send submissions or inquiries in MS Word or Rich Text format to: Catherine Raissiguier at craissiguier@njcu.edu. Author(s) name and contact information should be included on a SEPARATE page. All submissions will be acknowledged via email. Kindly contact us via email if you do not receive an acknowledgement of your submission.

Call for papers: *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*

The *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region* has released a call for papers that will be of interest to many AFSAAP members. The deadline for the June 2014 issue is 30 November 2013. For more information please visit the journal's website (<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rior20/current#.Uhp-7HFJMy4>) or contact Chief Editor

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Conference on Development Finance & Economic Transformation (South Africa)

The Department of Management and Law at the University of Limpopo is hosting a conference that will be of interest to many AFSAAP members. The first International Conference on Development Finance and Economic Transformation (ICDFET) will be held from 27-29 October 2013 in Phalaborwa, South Africa.

OSISA Journals

The Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) has produced a new journal focusing on inequality across Africa: *Money, Power & Sex: The Paradox of Unequal Growth*. The journal is an iPad publication and can be viewed at the OSISA website (<http://www.osisa.org/openspace/economic-justice/regional/money-power-sex-paradox-unequal-growth>)

This edition's articles include: William Gumede on power & inequality in Africa; Andrew Feinstein on fighting corruption; Professor Adebayo Olukoshi on Africa's third 'wind of change'; Mona Eltahawy on the need to topple the Mubaraks in our minds to achieve a gender revolution in North Africa; Mark Gevisser on Africa's sexual minority culture wars; Angelo Izama on the 'end' of the resource curse; Clare Short on how greater transparency in extractives can reduce inequality; Fatou Bensouda on law as the ultimate weapon for the weak; Howard French on the Chinese in Africa; Petina Gappah's night with Zimbabwe's most popular prosperity preacher; Dr Bhekinkosi Moyo on philanthropy and social justice; Lloyd Gedeye on 10 African apps that are helping to reduce inequality; and many more...