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AFSAAP Project 2017

AFSAAP Postgraduate Member, Ms Wanda Warlik, has audited and compiled the Directory of Africanists and African Studies in Australian and New Zealand Universities 2017 – PDF Format, on behalf of AFSAAP. See how many people are researching on Africa in this region! See how few university courses are dedicated to the study of Africa.

<http://afsaap.org.au/resources/afsaap-archives/afsaap-project-2017/>

Also have a look at the AFSAAP Archives. We have been active in African Studies for 40 years.

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40th Anniversary – AFSAAP Annual Conference - FINAL Call for Papers and Panels

“Researching Africa in Australasia – The Way Forward!”

23-24 November 2017

South Australia

University of South Australia and [Monarto Zoo](#)

Visit AFSAAP Website- www.afsaap.org.au for more details

Email: afsaap2017@afsaap.org.au

The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP) is a network of academics, students, consultants, activists, diplomats, artists, community leaders, and others who share a mutual interest in the promotion of African Studies in Australasia and the Pacific region. AFSAAP was founded in 1978 and this will be the association’s 40th Annual Conference. This conference aims to examine the future of African Studies in Australia and New Zealand, and discuss the possible ways forward. The direction of this discussion will be led by your research proposals showcasing African Studies in Australasia. This THIRD and FINAL call asks you to submit your 200 word paper abstracts or proposals for a panel discussion by July 28th 2017 – email to afsaap2017@afsaap.org.au Abstracts based on your relevant Africa research are welcome.



Changes to AFSAAP constitution

The AFSAAP constitution can be found here: <http://afsaap.org.au/about/constitution/> . According to the constitution, any changes require 21 days written notice to the AFSAAP membership, and they must then be voted on at the AGM. If you would like to suggest any changes to the constitution, please email secretary@afsaap.org.au by **1 September 2017** in order to allow time for dissemination of any suggested amendments.

Best regards,
AFSAAP Secretariat.
June 2017.

Expression of Interest – AFSAAP Office Bearers for 2018

As normal, all office bearing positions will be declared open at the AGM at the forthcoming conference, and all AFSAAP members are invited to nominate for one of the positions: President,

Vice-President,

Secretary,

Treasurer

Postgraduate Representative.

ARAS Journal Editor.

Position descriptions are detailed below. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please send a short description of why you believe you would be suited to the position, and what you can bring to AFSAAP to secretary@afsaap.org.au by 1 October 2017. These will be disseminated in advance of the AGM. Please note that if you would like to nominate another person, you must get their written approval.

Please also contact the president@afsaap.org.au if you would like to discuss any of the office bearer roles and duties in more detail.

POSITION DESCRIPTIONS - The Role of AFSAAP Officers

President:

The role of the President is one of leadership, of influencing the direction of AFSAAP, and directing links with Africa and with federal, state and local government institutions, NGOs, African communities in Australia and the Business sector that has interests in Africa. In conjunction with all/and or the relevant other executive members, the President will managing any short-term or contract staff employed by the Association for discrete tasks (e.g. preparation of reports). The president will also oversee the day to day running of AFSAAP and ensure an annual conference is held, and the journal is published twice a year, and the newsletter goes out to members monthly.

Vice-President:

The Vice-President has a supporting role to the President, stands in place of the President in his/her absence from the AGM or while the President is either on leave or out of the country for an extended period.



Secretary:

The Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day running of business matters arising from the AGM, correspondence, incoming enquiries about the Association. The Secretary coordinates communication between committee members and with the annual conference organizer. The Secretary maintains files concerned with the maintenance of records and continuity between holders of the office of Secretary.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer manages subscriptions, donations and the membership lists. This role requires coordination with the Secretary who may receive initial inquiries about membership. Coordination with the Editor of the Australasian Review of African Studies is also necessary. The Treasurer is responsible for managing the AFSAAP accounts.

Postgraduate Representative(s): will be chosen at each AGM or during the year to assist with the promotion of Postgraduate research in particular in conjunction with the Annual Conference, and they will organise the postgraduate workshop at each conference in conjunction with the Conference Convener.

Journal editor:

The Editor of the Australasian Review of African Studies will ensure that 2 journals are published annually in June and December, and facilitate all processes required for an international peer reviewed journal. The Editor will manage all co-editors and maintain the files, peer review process, and publication and distribution of the journal. The marketing and indexing of the journal is also the responsibility of the Editor.

Ordinary Members:

Ordinary members of the Executive Committee are local representatives of AFSAAP. However, not all local representatives are Executive Committee members. Ordinary members are expected to promote AFSAAP within their own academic institution and their own city or state, and also to bring ARAS to the notice of their local university and state libraries. Posters promoting AFSAAP are available for printing and display and for giving to individuals or local interest groups.

Ordinary members should try to send local research and news items to the Editor of the Monthly AFSAAP Newsletter and/or for publication of each issue of ARAS in June and December. This means collecting items and submitting them to either Editor at least one month before the date of issue and preferably earlier.

Other Supporting Roles

Editor of the Monthly Newsletter Habari kwa Ufupi (News in Brief):

The Editor(s) will be appointed by the Executive. Prepare a monthly newsletter detailed events, publications or other items of interest for the membership – to be distributed electronically through AFSAAP membership emails and kept online through the AFSAAP website.

AFSAAP Website Manager

The Web Manager(s) will be appointed by the Executive. They will manage the website.



Books available to review – for the Australasian Review of African Studies

AFSAAP members are invited to express interest to the ARAS Book Reviews Editor, Dr. Nikola Pijovic if they are willing and able to write a review of any of the following books. If you do so we will send the books to you, and expect your reviews within 3 months. Email to bookreviews@afsaap.org.au

- Cherie Rivers Ndalkio, *Necessary Noise. Music, Film, and Charitable Imperialism in the East of Congo*, Oxford University Press, 2016.
- Gustav Visser, Ronnie Donaldson, and Cecil Seethal eds., *The Origin and Growth of Geography as a Discipline at South African Universities*, SUN Press, 2016.
- Steve Howard, *Modern Muslims. A Sudan Memoir*, Ohio University Press, 2016.
- Tijo Salverda, *The Franco-Mauritian Elite. Power and Anxiety in the Face of Change*, Berghahn Books, 2015
- Grant Hamilton ed., *Reading Marechera*, James Currey, 2013.
- James De Lorenzi, *Guardians of the Tradition. Historians and Historical Writing in Ethiopia and Eritrea*, University of Rochester Press, 2015.
- Elizabeth MacGonagle, *Crafting Identity in Zimbabwe and Mozambique*, University of Rochester Press, 2007.
- Michaela Pelican, *Masks and Staffs. Identity Politics in the Cameroon Grassfields*, Berghahn Books, 2015.
- Jacob Dlamini, Askari. *A Story of Collaboration and Betrayal in the Anti-Apartheid Struggle*, Hurst & Company, 2015.
- Anne Bunting, Benjamin N. Lawrence, and Richard L. Roberts (eds.), *Marriage by Force? Contestation over Consent and Coercion in Africa*, Ohio University Press, 2016.
- Melanie Baak, *Negotiated Belongings. Stories of Forced Migration of Dinka Women from South Sudan*, Sense Publishers, 2016.

AFSAAP Newsletter – items from members and others.

Please submit your items of interest to Habari kw Ufupi by email to secretary@afsaap.org.au
le book and article publications of interest to members; events; conferences; etc.

AFSAAP Members' Expertise

AFSAAP Members are reminded to submit their professional details and experience, and expertise to the secretary@afsaap.org.au for inclusion on our website <http://afsaap.org.au/join-members/members/>

You would be amazed how many people require experts on African issues at short notice, and use this as a valuable source. AFSAAP's aim is to connect African studies experts with government, media and organisations.