AFSAAP Newsletter – October 2016

“Africa: Moving the Boundaries”. 39th AFSAAP Annual Conference. 5-7 December 2016

St. Catherine’s College
University of Western Australia
Register your participation now – www.afsaap.org.au
Programme out soon.

“A degree doesn’t count for South Sudanese job seekers”

Nawal El Gack and Gabriel Yak share their research on South Sudanese job seekers in the ACT. See http://theconversation.com/a-degree-doesnt-count-for-south-sudanese-job-seekers-64667

Attention all researchers!

Search articles in the Australasian Review of African Studies

Looking for relevant research on African Studies? ARAS has also published many articles on Africa and the African Diaspora in Australia since its first publication in 1979.

All Back Issues and articles are available via Open Access from AFSAAP’s website – www.afsaap.org.au/ARAS
Make sure you read them and cite them in your next publications or conference papers.

Download a searchable list of all articles published in ARAS up to June 2016:

Seminar. Building peace via action research: African case studies

Interested colleagues are invited to the next Centre for Cultural Diversity and Wellbeing seminar on “Building peace via action research: African case studies”. The traditional path in supervising postgraduate theses and in carrying out academic research usually comes to an end after exploring a problem, typically with a list of recommendations for the relevant authorities to consider. Of course, the authorities are extremely unlikely to read what academics and postgraduates write and even less to change policy as a result. But we assume or
hope that these contributions to knowledge will eventually contribute to shifting policy and thus contribute to desired change.

Given the challenges facing African countries, it is even more imperative that the understandings gained from researching problems be translated into action. Happily, action research is able to contribute to this translation and bring about change, albeit typically for very small numbers of people.

With the aid of four African case studies, this presentation explains action research, makes the case for its use as a vehicle for building peace and examines some of the challenges it faces.

The seminar will be held on Wednesday, 5 October, 4-5pm, at MetroWest, 138 Nicholson Street, Footscray, with a presentation by Geoff Harris, an international guest speaker from South Africa. For more information click here.

Please RSVP to Kim Richardson: kim.richardson@vu.edu.au

African Studies Review Call for Editors 2018-2023

The African Studies Association (USA) board of directors announces a call for editors for the ASA’s flagship journal, African Studies Review. ASR editors are appointed for a term of five years and the ASA is launching this Call for Editors for the 2018-2023 term.

Applicants are sought for the following editorial posts:

- Lead Editors
- Book Review Editors
- Film Review Editors
- Digital Content Editors

African Studies Review editorial priorities:

ASA seeks editors actively committed to the following strategic priorities for the journal in order to increase its importance and impact within scholarly circles and beyond:

1. Disciplinary, topical, and geographic diversity of articles
2. Inclusion of work from established and emerging scholars
3. Expansion of submissions, readership and access from Africa
4. Capitalizing on digital capabilities with respect to the editorial process, dissemination of journal content, and interaction with journal audience
5. On-going development of book and film review section
6. Use of journal as a significant teaching resource

Application process:

Completed proposals, as well as any questions you may have about the process of selecting the editor(s), or the editorial duties involved, should be sent to: publications@africanstudies.org
African/Global South histories - Three full-time permanent appointments
(one Lecturer and two Senior Lecturers)

The Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town, are currently inviting applications for three full-time permanent appointments (one Lecturer and two Senior Lecturers). The deadline is 14 October 2016 and the selection process will start soon after. A copy of the call for applications is attached. Please share this information with your networks and encourage any recent/graduating PhDs or young colleagues in History or a cognate discipline who might be willing to bring their critical skills in any field of African/Global South histories to UCT. Many thanks!

Contact: Dr. Bodhisattva Kar, Senior Lecturer, Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town., postbodhi@gmail.com

Concert for Congo – Sydney – November 6th

A lively mix of western and African music and dance led by the With One Voice Community choir.

Why – to assist in sustainable projects in Lotumbe, DR Congo, for children to attend school.
Where – Pitt Street Uniting Church, near Town Hall Station CBD
When – 2 pm, Sunday, November 6
Cost – Adult $25, concessions $15, Under 18- $5, under 8- FREE

Please share the attached flyer and forward on and use on social media as you wish.
Here is the link for purchasing tickets. http://www.trybooking.com/MQXI
Posted by Lucy Hobgood-Brown- HandUp Congo www.handupcongo.org

Australian Strategic Policy Institute report


Establishing an African Association for Health Professions Education and Research: Workshop in Brief

This report from the National Academies Press can be downloaded at no cost from http://www.nap.edu/catalog/23485/establishing-an-african-association-for-health-professions-education-and-research

Conference: Africa and Africans in National, Regional and Global Dimensions

The Research Council for the Problems of African Countries and The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences are holding the 14th African Studies Conference: “Africa and Africans in National, Regional and Global Dimensions.” The conference will take place in Moscow in October 2017 and a call for panel presentations has been issued. Please see the attached flyer for further information.
17th Annual Africa Conference at The University of Texas at Austin, March 31-April 2, 2017

The conference theme will be: “Rupturing Colonial Legacies: Colonialisms and Decolonizations in Africa and the African Diaspora”

The goal of the 2017 Africa Conference is to problematize historical and contemporary colonial and neo-colonial power structures in relation to Africa and the African Diaspora, as well as to (re)imagine and map out alternative futures both within and outside of these global matrices of power and domination. Thus, we invite proposals for papers, panel presentations, roundtables, and artistic works/performances that critically engage the seen and unseen, named and unnamed global constellations of colonialism and neo-colonialism in Africa and the African Diaspora of past, present, and future.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is November 30, 2016. For more information, see https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/africa-conference/

One Acre Fund Career Development

Dear AFSAAP members,

I am reaching out on behalf of One Acre Fund, a social enterprise that works with over 400,000 smallholder farmers in 8 countries across East and Southern Africa, and recently in Asia.

Our team is over 4,000 staff strong globally and we are entering our third consecutive year of 50%+ growth. Given this rapid pace of growth, we are constantly looking for great talent to fill new roles. One Acre Fund provides focused career growth at all levels and we want to build the most effective poverty-fighting team in the world. Please could you share this message throughout your network and encourage any interested individuals to either get in touch with me for further discussion or make a direct application through our website. To give a glimpse into the career opportunities available at One Acre Fund, we have over 50 openings right now.

Here are three examples:

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Associate: Leverage strong quant skills to design surveys, analyze data, and mentor enumerator teams, improving the impact we deliver to farmers.
2. Senior Analyst to the Managing Director - US: Our US Managing Director is seeking a key deputy to manage work on complex strategic initiatives across several departments in the organization and with external stakeholders. The ideal candidate will be a strategic thinker with a passion for international development.
3. Agricultural Research Associate/Manager: The Rwanda program is hiring an agricultural specialist to conduct research, oversee station and farmer product trials, and support agricultural education for the 120,000+ farmers we serve in Rwanda.

Posted by Kate Woolley
People Operations Associate Recruiter, One Acre Fund | New York, kate.woolley@oneacrefund.org

Expressions of Interest – AFSAAP Office Bearers for 2017

In accordance with the AFSAAP constitution, http://afsaap.org.au/about/constitution/, AFSAAP will elect a new Executive, including Office Bearers (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor, and Postgraduate Representative) and Ordinary Members. See page 4 for a summary of the responsibilities of each
of these roles. As per the constitution, these positions will be declared open at the Annual General Meeting.

In order to allow for an informed vote, we ask that any members who would like to nominate for any of these positions prepare a brief summary (no more than 500 words) outlining their reasons for nominating and the plans they have for their year in the role. Nominations will be open until the AGM, however we encourage members to nominate in advance so that the membership, including absentee voters, can properly consider the candidates.

If you wish to nominate for a position in 2017 and would like to have your summary distributed to the AFSAAP membership in advance of the AGM, please send your nomination to secretary@afsaap.org.au no later than 15 October 2016. Please include your full name, your institutional affiliation and position, the position for which you wish to nominate, and a brief summary.

**The Annual Cherry Gertzel / AFSAAP Postgraduate Prize**


**“Announcing the AFSAAP Postgraduate Conference Travel Grant Winners for 2016”**

Hanna Jagtenberg, PhD Candidate, Anthropology & Development Studies, University of Adelaide, will present her paper entitled “Longing for South Africa but becoming “Aussiekaner”: self-imposed transnational identity formation among Africa’s “white tribe” in Australia”.

and

Awoh Emmanuel Lohkoko, PhD Candidate, Conflict and Crisis Management, School of Social and Political Sciences, The University of Melbourne “Contesting forms of Authorities and local governance in Cameroon”

The AFSAAP Executive would like to congratulate both of these AFSAAP members on their excellent applications and conference abstracts. We look forward to seeing them and you all at the forthcoming Conference at the University of Western Australia.