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## AFSAAP Newsletter – September 2015

### Vale Prof. Cherry Gertzel

Dear AFSAAP Members,

On the 25th August 2015 the African Studies community lost a great scholar and dear friend. Cherry Gertzel died peacefully at her home surrounded by her books.

Cherry taught and researched from 1958 to 1975 as a staff member at, in turn, Makerere University- Uganda, Nairobi University- Kenya, and at The University of Zambia. She returned to Australia in 1975 and became a staff member at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia between 1975-1993. She subsequently moved to Curtin University between 1993-1997, and remained an Adjunct Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences at Curtin University, and was an Honorary Research Fellow in the History Department at the University of Western Australia, until her retirement. She engaged in research relating to the politics and administration of the three east African states, but also on more widely ranging issues of social change. She continued with her research until the end. Between 1982-1986 Professor Cherry Gertzel was the President of the African Studies of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP), and was the Editor of The Australasian Review of African Studies (ARAS) between 1984-2004. She was a tireless campaigner for Africa and African studies in Australia. She will be missed.

<http://afsaap.org.au/2015/08/vale-professor-cherry-gertzel/>

**Submitted by Dr Tanya Lyons, AFSAAP President**

### 38th AFSAAP Annual Conference 2015

21st Century Tensions and Transformation in Africa- Deakin University, Melbourne City Centre, Level 3 – 550 Bourke Street – Victoria – Australia 28th-30th October

Key Note Speaker- Prof. Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni, Head, Archie Mafeje Research Institute University of South Africa . The Draft Program will be available soon.



### **AFSAAP Treasurer attends State Lunch**

AFSAAP member and treasurer, Jean Burke and her husband, Michael, were invited to a State lunch in honour of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr Jikaya Mrisho Kikwete, and his wife, Mama Salma Kikwete. The State banquet at Government House, Canberra was hosted in late July by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove, who was the former Chancellor of Australian Catholic University (where Jean lectures in social work), and by Lady Cosgrove.

Jean was invited as an HIV researcher from ACU, as she and her family had lived in Tanzania for 12 years, working closely with the Anglican Church of Tanzania. The President showed interest in where Jean had conducted her HIV research, that is, in Dodoma where she is linked with St John's University. Jean discovered that her sons had attended the same school as one of the President's sons, and she had worked closely with a former teacher of the President's Aide de camp. AFSAAP friends Matthew Neuhaus, and Dr Casta Tungaraza also attended. Some of the Tanzanian party knew of AFSAAP for its support of AAA students.

### **African Studies Reading Groups – Around Australia**

Did you know AFSAAP will support you to set up an African Studies Reading Group? For the purchase of books and light refreshments to stimulate discussion. See <http://afsaap.org.au/resources/readinggroup/> for further information. Reading group books currently available (in NSW, but arrangements can be made to send them to your group)- In My Fathers' House by Kwame Anthony Appiah; Africa Works: Disorder as Political Instrument by Patrick Chabal; Citizen and Subject by Mahmood Mamdani; Theory from the South by Jean Comaroff. Contact [president@afsaap.org.au](mailto:president@afsaap.org.au) for further information.

### **Expression of Interest – AFSAAP Office Bearers for 2016**

In accordance with normal procedures, 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 and Postgraduate Representative. 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](mailto:secretary@afsaap.org.au) by 1 October 2015. 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.

### **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](mailto:secretary@afsaap.org.au) by 1 September 2015 in order to allow time for dissemination of the suggestions.

Best regards,

**AFSAAP Secretariat**



### **WIN the MONASH/AFSAAP Postgraduate Prizes for 2015 – value \$3500**

Monash University and AFSAAP are proud to sponsor the Postgraduate Prizes totaling \$3,500 which are awarded to the best postgraduate paper(s) delivered at the annual AFSAAP conference. Monash University sponsors the \$3000 prize which includes a return trip to South Africa, and a visit to their South African campus. You could also go anywhere else in Africa! See <http://afsaap.org.au/conference/postgraduate-prizes/> for further details.

### **Call for Papers - The Australasian Review of African Studies**

ARAS invites contributors to submit articles related to African Studies that will contribute to a better understanding of Africa in Australasia and the Pacific.

ARAS is published twice a year in June and December by The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific. ARAS is a multi-disciplinary journal (ERA ID 18727) that seeks to provide critical, authoritative and accessible material on a range of African affairs that is interesting and readable to as broad an audience as possible, both academic and non-academic. All articles are double-blind peer reviewed by two independent and qualified experts in their entirety prior to publication – see <http://afsaap.org.au/publications/aras/> for details on submissions. ARAS is published as a hard copy journal which is posted out to current AFSAAP full-subscribers, and is available in electronic format to all AFSAAP subscribers and members from <http://afsaap.org.au/publications/aras/>. Furthermore, all ARAS articles are now available electronically through Informit Databases and EBSCO, and they are indexed through ProQuest Sociological Abstracts and Worldwide Political Science Abstracts. All back issues are available online to all AFSAAP members at [www.afsaap.org.au](http://www.afsaap.org.au). ISSN No: 1447-8420 Online ISSN: 2203-5184.

All correspondence should be sent to: [editor@afsaap.org.au](mailto:editor@afsaap.org.au)

### **AFSAAP Member Services**

AFSAAP invites ALL members to submit their areas of expertise and research to our interactive members forum (<http://afsaap.org.au/members/>), which is designed to assist members with networking and knowledge building, and is used by other researchers, the media, and government departments to find the most appropriate expert. Journal editors often use it to find expert reviewers. Please email [secretary@afsaap.org.au](mailto:secretary@afsaap.org.au) with your details.

### **African Politics Position Opening**

Dear colleagues,

Please distribute this ad for a tenure-track position in African Politics at Whitman College as widely as possible and encourage any qualified candidates you know to apply. I am chairing this search and am happy to answer any questions. <https://whitmanhr.simplehire.com/postings/1405>

Thanks,

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