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Latest issue of The Australasian Review of African Studies Tourism or Terrorism? African Development and Renaissance

The Australasian Review of African Studies Volume 35 number 2 <http://afsaap.org.au/ARAS/2014-volume-35/> is now available from the AFSAAP website – the articles are password protected for access by AFSAAP members only. The password is “ARAS2014” (case sensitive).

AFSAAP's 37th Annual conference was a great success

Thankyou to the team at Otago University, led by Prof Tony Binns. Send in your photos to secretary@afsaap.org.au for inclusion on the conference website.

Hosted by Professor Tony Binns and the Department of Geography, the conference featured speakers from universities across Africa, Asia, North America and the Pacific. Keynote presentations were given by Professor Adamu I. Tanko of Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria and Professor Philip Hill of the University of Otago. Professor Tanko 's presentation focused on Challenges and Prospects for Teaching and Research on Africa, in African Universities – the Importance of International Collaboration, while Professor Hill addressed Building African Capacity in Health Research: Crucial to the Health of the People of Africa. Both lectures were thought provoking and insightful, presenting detailed analyses of the respective issues and possible future pathways.

Topics covered by conference delegates were unique and wide ranging. Country-specific issues covered Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia, DRC, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Issues presented included colonisation and independence, migration, diaspora and globalisation, peace and conflict, the environment, land and resources, wildlife conservation, heritage and traditions, the arts, politics, governance and law, gender, NGO's and human rights and health.

The conference also featured a screening of the film Miners Shot Down, a documentary about the Marikana miners strike in South Africa in August 2012, a stand that led to the country's first post-Apartheid massacre. The film was followed by the conference dinner, complete with African style



cuisine and entertaining anecdotes from Professor Binns about his forty-year relationship of research and community involvement with Sierra Leone. Thank you to the staff at St Margaret's College for their hospitality and delicious food!

The conference provided fantastic opportunities for learning from, and networking with, fellow African scholars and Africanists across the globe. Many new friendships and positive working relationships were formed, with conference delegates and other AFSAAP members keenly looking forward to AFSAAP's 38th Conference in 2015, to be held from 28-30 October at Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia.

By Rebecca March (newly-elected AFSAAP Postgraduate Representative)

The AFSAAP Postgraduate prize winners will be announced in late January 2015

see <http://afsaap.org.au/conference/postgraduate-prizes/> if you haven't heard about this amazing \$3000 prize sponsored by Monash University.

AFSAAP AGM

Held on November 26th at the University of Otago. A New Executive for 2015 was elected.

President – Dr. Tanya Lyons; Vice-President – Dr. Alec Thornton; Treasurer – Dr. Jean Burke and Secretary – Dr. Graeme Counsel; Postgraduate Representative – Rebecca March (La Trobe Uni). Lyons, Thornton and Burke were in their respective roles in 2014. Counsel has previously been a long serving executive member, and was unanimously elected as Secretary for 2015. March is a new member of AFSAAP and will help coordinate the PG workshop in 2015. Congratulations to you all. The AGM ratified a minor constitutional change to include pensioners and concession card holders as a separate membership category, whose fees will be the same as students. 2015 membership have increased by \$5 across the spectrum.

The AFSAAP 38th Annual Conference will be held at Deakin University in late October 2015

Details at www.afsaap.org.au

Did aid 'buy' African votes for Australia's Security Council seat?

AFSAAP's book reviews editor Nikola Pijovic has just had this article published in the conversation. <https://theconversation.com/did-aid-buy-african-votes-for-australias-security-council-seat-34189>. Apparently it even attracted the attention of ABC Radio, but he was unavailable to comment.



NEW BOOK

African Men's Experiences in Australia: Resettlement Processes and the Impact of Service Provision

ISBN 9780646920535 RRP\$35 Excluding P&P

by AFSAAP Member Juma Abuyi

AFSAAP Member Dr Juma Abuyi has worked for several years in Africa and Australia serving multicultural communities in many different roles including as a teacher and supervisor for a counselling program in a Kakuma refugee camp and as the first South Australian Police African Liaison Officer. Dr Abuyi has won various awards, including the South Australian Governor's Multicultural Award 2011 and the Champion Award 2013 for exceptional achievements and remarkable contributions to Australia and Africa through policing, social and community engagements. "This book is essential reading for policy makers, researchers and service providers involved with African communities in Australia, for African men and their families and for Australian public interacting with people of African background. It may also be useful for new arrivals migrating from patriarchal and hierarchical societies to a more egalitarian Australia." Associate Professor Dale Bagshaw, University of South Australia (See attached PDF)

The Royal African Society (UK) has a regular newsletter African Arguments

See the latest here

<http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=a5b4dc2dec57bd289170737f2&id=e6143518e1&e=ecaf1cdf5b>

NEW BOOK

Still a Pygmy, by Isaac Bacirongo and Michael Nest

<http://www.booktopia.com.au/still-a-pygmy-isaac-bacirongo/prod9781925048384.html>

If members recall from the 2012 AFSAAP Conference in Canberra, Isaac and Michael presented their story. Now it is published. The unique story of one man's fight to save his identity from destruction.

Membership Changes

During the AGM 2014 held at Dunedin, New Zealand, it was proposed and agreed to extend discount membership and conference fees currently available to students, to other unwaged members, such as retirees and concession card holders. Hence our constitution now has an additional category of membership for 'pensioners and concession card holders', with the same fee as student membership.

In the financial year 2013-2014 our income from annual membership (\$10,046.49) has covered the costs of editing, printing, publishing, and posting The Australasian Review of African Studies (\$8,864.40) but not all website hosting and maintenance costs (\$1,810).



Given that there were rises in postage this year (by Australia Post) and newsletter distribution costs has risen since June 2014, we proposed to increase membership fees by a modest amount of \$5 to each type of membership for the year 2015. This was agreed to by the members at the AGM.

Hence membership fees for 2015 are:

- 1. Student \$50**
- 2. Pensioner and concession card holder \$50**
- 3. Regular \$80**
- 4. Regular –International \$90**
- 5. Organisation \$105**
- 6. Organisation – International \$115**

Those who attended the 2014 AFSAAP conference have already paid their 2015 membership fees which were included in the registration fee. Membership fees are now due for 2015 at the new rates (above). When renewing membership you do not need to complete the membership form. However you are free to do so, if you wish to update your information or submit your profile for the AFSAAP website.

Jean Burke (continuing treasurer)

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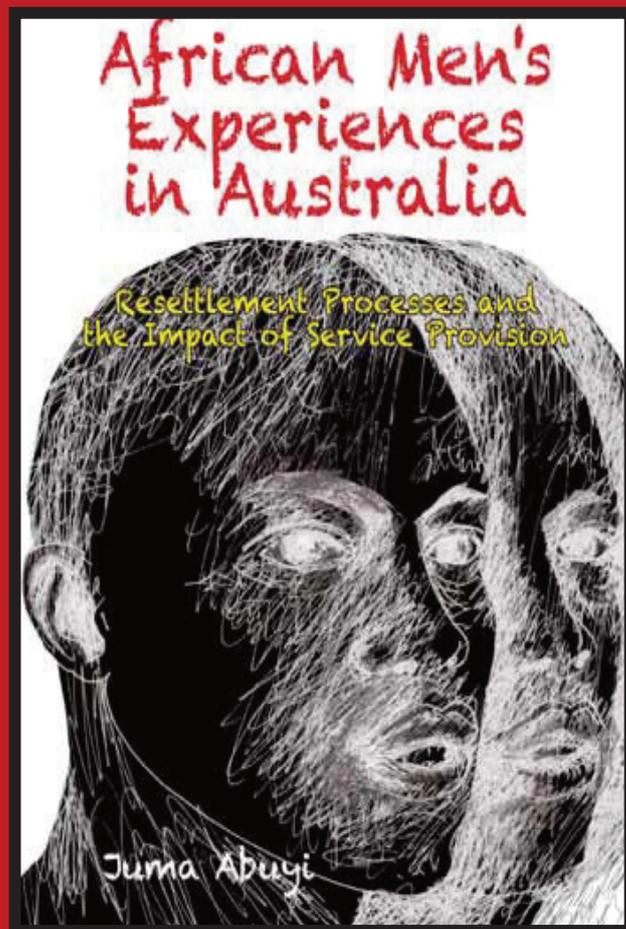
Associate Professor Dale Bagshaw, University of South Australia

... makes a worthy contribution to knowledge in the area of refugee and African diaspora studies. In addition, the thesis contributes to the practical application of knowledge in the area of the social and cultural support of African men and their families in contexts of re-settlement in western societies such as Australia.

Dr Lana Zannetinno, Flinders University - Adelaide, South Australia

....a comprehensive and well-written account of two studies carried out within the research traditions of immigration, acculturation and adaptation studies (.....) well-linked to a number of professional issues that arise during the experiences of these events and processes.

Emeritus Prof John Berry, Queen's University - Ontario, Canada



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