

## Liberia: Performing Symbols of the Past, Reinventing Symbols for the Future

Friday, March 23	3:00	<b>Registration: East Lounge, Indiana Memorial Union</b>
	7:30	<b>LSA Reception: Mathers Museum</b> Opening of Liberia Exhibit Opening Remarks: William Siegmann, Brooklyn Museum <i>(Registration Table available)</i>
Saturday, March 24	8:00	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast</b> Frangipani Room Balcony
<b>Videoconference between Indiana University and Liberia</b>	8:30	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Patrick O'Meara, Dean, Office of International Programs John Hanson, Director, African Studies Program Saaim W. Naame, Executive Secretary, Association of Liberian Universities
	<b>Symbols of Past and Present Liberia, Panel I:</b> Chair, D. Elwood Dunn, Sewanee—University of the South	
	9:00	<i>Some Divide, Others Unite: Assessing the Role of Liberian National Symbols,</i> William E. Allen, Kennesaw State University
	9:30	<i>Non-Combatant Men as Symbols for the New Liberia,</i> Mary H. Moran, Colgate University
	10:00	<i>Flags of Convenience: Reflections on the Significance of Flag Design in Iraq, Kenya, and South Africa,</i> John Simpkins, Charleston School of Law
	10:30	<i>Matilda Newport: The Power of a Liberian Invented Tradition</i> Svend E. Holsoe, University of Delaware
	<b>Coffee available on the Frangipani Room Balcony</b>	
	<b>Reconstruction &amp; Development, Panel I</b> Chair, Cyril Broderick, Delaware State University	
	11:00	<i>Agricultural Resources of Liberia: Demand for and Production of Goods and Services: Correlations with the 2005 Elections Data</i> Cyril Broderick, Delaware State University
	11:30	<i>A Comparison of the Recent National Elections in Liberia and the Congo</i> John Yoder, Whitworth College
	12:00	<i>Political &amp; Economic Integration in Liberia: Is it an Elusive Goal?</i> Emmanuel O. Oritsejafor, North Carolina Central University
	12:30	<i>Who Owns Papa's Land: Challenges of Research on Land &amp; Property Rights in Post-conflict Liberia</i> Jeanette Carter, University of Liberia

<b>Saturday</b>	1:00-2:30	<b>Buffet Lunch Georgian Room</b>
<b>Reconstruction &amp; Development, Panel II Chair, Jeanette Carter, University of Liberia</b>		
	2:30	<i>The Role of Liberians and Liberianologists in the Diaspora in Human Capacity Building in the New Liberia</i> C. William Allen, Civil Service Agency of the Republic of Liberia
	3:00	<i>Educational Reconstruction Efforts and the Well-being of Teachers in Postwar Liberia: When Is Now?</i> Janet Shriberg, Columbia University
	3:30	<i>Women in Postwar Liberia: Identities, Opportunities, and Constraints in a Historical Perspective</i> Veronika Fuest, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
	4:00	<i>Managing Suffering: Open Mole and Trauma Among Liberian Women</i> Sharon Abramowitz, Harvard University
	4:30	<i>To Judge Or Not To Judge :A Post Conflict War Crimes, Truth and Reconciliation and Comprehensive Structural Transformation; The Ellen's Factor of Liberia's Perestroika and Glissandos</i> Amos Sirleaf, Strayer University

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**Liberian Studies Association Annual Banquet**  
Georgian Room

**7:00 PM, Saturday Evening**

**Keynote Speaker: Sakui Malakpa, University of Toledo**

***Liberia: Lessons, Challenges and Chances from Historical and Contemporary Perspectives***

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**Posters Presentations**

View during breaks on upper level of Frangipani Room

*Multiple Trajectories Toward Reintegration,*  
Maarten Bedert, Ghent University (Belgium)

*Microorganisms that Threaten Liberia and Liberians,*  
Cheryl Broderick, Indiana University

<b>Sunday, March 25</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast Frangipani Room Balcony</b>	
<b>Symbols of Past and Present Liberia, Panel II Chair, Alpha Bah, University of Charleston</b>		
	8:00	<i>Ideals and Symbols as a Reflection of the Relationship between Minority and Majority in Liberia</i> Yekutiel Gershoni, Tel Aviv University
	8:30	<i>Courage, Principle, and Ambition: Peaceful Resistance to Repression in Liberia (1979-2003)</i> Robert M. Press, University of Southern Mississippi
	9:00	<i>Without Vision and Heart the People Perish: Symbols of a New Liberia</i> Boikai S. Twe, Sinclair Community College
	9:30	<i>The Wisdom of the Road,</i> Jane J. Martin, US Educational and Cultural Foundation, ((1984-89)
	10:00	<i>The Philosophy and Culture of Liberia: Slogans and Mottos on Commercial Vehicles,</i> James Guseh, North Carolina Central University
<b>Coffee available on the Frangipani Room Balcony</b>		
<b>Reconstruction &amp; Development III Chair, Andreas Massing, Independent Scholar, Weiler bei Bingen/Rhine, Germany</b>		
	10:30	<i>The Hegemonic Presidency, The Constitution and Post-Conflict Peace-building in Liberia</i> George Kieh, Grand Valley State University
	11:00	<i>Reinventing the Security Sector in Liberia: Lessons Learnt from Public Perceptions of Security Actors</i> Judy Smith-Höhn, Institute of African Affairs, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
	11:30	<i>Building Sustainable Peace in Liberia,</i> Veronica Walker, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
	12:00	<i>Forecasting Liberian GDP</i> Anthony M. Andrews, Global Trade Research Institute, Governors State University
	12:30	<i>Myriad Environmental Problems in Liberia and the Way Forward</i> Morris Koffa, Liberia Environmental Watch

<b>Sunday</b>	1:00	<b>Buffet Lunch</b> <b>Georgian Room</b>  <b>Liberian Studies Association Business Meeting</b> <b>LSA President, Alpha Bah, University of Charleston</b>
	1:30 - 2:30	
<b>Historical Perspectives on Liberia</b> <b>Chair, Claude Clegg, Indiana University</b>		
	2:30	<i>Myths about Early Liberian Emigration Unveiled: The Monrovia Case, 1822-1870</i> John Wess Grant, University of Arizona
	3:00	<i>To Liberate from An "Anomalous Condition" or "Secure in Ignorance and Wretchedness"?</i> <i>Reassessing the Intellectual Origins of the American Colonization Society,</i> Andrew Kahrl, Indiana University
	3:30	<i>The Rice Growers and the Transatlantic Slave Trade,</i> Amos Beyan, Western Michigan University
	4:00	<i>Inferential Early History of Liberia 1460 -1490,</i> Andreas Massing, Independent Scholar, Weiler bei Bingen/Rhine, Germany
	4:30	<i>Traditional Marriage Relationships between "Wife-Giver and Wife-Receiver" in Bandiland: An Instrument for Enhancement of Peace and Stability in Bandi Society and Its Implications for Sustainable Peace and Stability in Liberia</i> Samuel B. Ngovo, Western Michigan University

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