

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

Friday, March 23	3:00	Registration: East Lounge, Indiana Memorial Union
	7:30	LSA Reception: Mathers Museum Opening of Liberia Exhibit Opening Remarks: William Siegmann, Brooklyn Museum <i>(Registration Table available)</i>
Saturday, March 24	8:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast Frangipani Room Balcony
Videoconference between Indiana University and Liberia	8:30	Welcoming Remarks Patrick O'Meara, Dean, Office of International Programs John Hanson, Director, African Studies Program Saaim W. Naame, Executive Secretary, Association of Liberian Universities
	Symbols of Past and Present Liberia, Panel I: 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
	Coffee available on the Frangipani Room Balcony	
	Reconstruction & Development, Panel I 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 & 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 & Property Rights in Post-conflict Liberia</i> Jeanette Carter, University of Liberia

Saturday	1:00-2:30	Buffet Lunch Georgian Room
Reconstruction & Development, Panel II Chair, Jeanette Carter, University of Liberia		
	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

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

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

Sunday, March 25	Registration & Continental Breakfast Frangipani Room Balcony	
Symbols of Past and Present Liberia, Panel II Chair, Alpha Bah, University of Charleston		
	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
Coffee available on the Frangipani Room Balcony		
Reconstruction & Development III Chair, Andreas Massing, Independent Scholar, Weiler bei Bingen/Rhine, Germany		
	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

Sunday	1:00	Buffet Lunch Georgian Room Liberian Studies Association Business Meeting LSA President, Alpha Bah, University of Charleston
	1:30 - 2:30	
Historical Perspectives on Liberia Chair, Claude Clegg, Indiana University		
	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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