

## PENN STATE Site of NYSA 2012 Conference

Department of African American Studies, the Africana Research Center, the Smeal College of Business, and the Paul Robeson Cultural Center will be hosting the 37<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the New York African Studies Association (NYASA). NYASA, founded in 1967 as the SUNY African Studies Faculty Association, is a non-profit membership association, incorporated as NYASA in 1975, dedicated to advancing the discipline of Africana Studies. NYASA is open to all with an interest in Africa and the Diaspora. As a regional organization the New York African Studies Association promotes the visibility and advancement of the discipline in New York State and surrounding areas, offer opportunities for scholarly and professional development of educators, and provides enhanced education for community members, leaders and activists.

The conference will be held February 24-25, 2012, and will focus on *“Africans in the Americas and African Americans in Africa: the Shifting Boundaries of Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”* Paper, presentations, and panels are invited in the following areas:

- The Making of the Black Atlantic World
- Slavery and Freedom in the Americas
- Ethiopianism and Rasta Movements in the Americas
- Africana Religious Traditions in the Americas
- Abolition Movements, Slave Revolts, Underground Railroad/Maroon Communities in the Americas
- The Atlantic Slave Trade and the Modernity Project
- Harlem Renaissance, Black Arts Movement and Hip Hop Culture
- The Black Diaspora in Comparative Perspective
- The Civil Rights/Black Power Movements
- Malcolm X/Martin L. King and Black Internationalism
- African Americans and the Internal Colonial Model/Comparative Coloniality and Decolonization
- Pan-Africanism/Black Internationalism
- Africana Feminism/Black Internationalism
- African American Citizenship in the Jim Crow Nation
- Africana Feminism, Race, Gender, Class & the Quest for Universal Freedom
- US Post-Industrial Urban Crisis, Inequality & massive incarcerations
- The Black Radical Tradition in the Americas
- Shifting Boundaries of Citizenship for Blacks in the Americas
- President Barack Obama’s Foreign Policy toward Africa
- President Barack Obama’s Feed the Future Program/Food Security in Africa
- African American Expatriates in Africa
- African Americans, AFRICOM and Human Security
- African Americans and US foreign policy toward Haiti
- The New African Minority in the USA and the Americas
- Southern Sudan Africa’s newest state
- The New Oil States in Africa

- The Arab Awakening in Syria, Libya, Egypt, etc.
- China, India, Brazil and Africa

There will be a special panel organized on: *“The African Meaning of the Arab Awakening”*

Other topics for papers will be considered, as will proposals to organize panels and to promote student participation. Please send abstracts of not more than 150 words to the Local Organizing Committee at [nyasa@la.psu.edu](mailto:nyasa@la.psu.edu) by November 30, 2011. You will be contacted by the Program Committee on December 16, 2011, on the status of your proposal.

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