African Studies Workshop Schedule 2013-14

Fall 2013

September 9 – Achille Mbembe presenting Twenty Years After Apartheid: South Africa as an Idea

Achille Mbembe, Research Professor in History and Politics at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa; Visiting Professor in the Romance Studies Department and at The Franklin Humanities Institute at Duke University; Convenor of The Johannesburg Workshop in Theory and Criticism (JWTC).

September 16 – Jane Guyer presenting When and How Does Hope Spring Eternal in Personal and Popular Economics: Thoughts from West Africa to America

Jane Guyer, George Armstrong Kelly Professor of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University.

September 23 – Sara Byala presenting The Museum as Archive: Introduction to ‘A Place that Matters Yet: John Gubbins’s MuseumAfrica in the Postcolonial World’

Sara Byala, Senior Writing Fellow, University of Pennsylvania.

September 30 – Olaf Zenker presenting De-judicialisation, outsourced review and all too flexible bureaucracies in South African land restitution

Olaf Zenker, Ambizione Research Fellow (Swiss National Science Foundation/SNSF), Institute of Social Anthropology, Bern.

October 7 – Jeremy Seekings presenting In defence of the ‘underclass’: social and economic exclusion in post-apartheid South Africa

Jeremy Seekings is the Director of the Centre for Social Science Research, and Professor in the Department of Sociology, University of Cape Town.

October 21 – Lauren Coyle presenting Sovereigns of the Sacred: Possession, Redemption, and Sacrificial Mining in Ghana

Lauren Coyle, PhD Candidate in Anthropology, University of Chicago, and W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow, Harvard University.

October 28 – Bjorn Enge Bertelsen presenting Effervescence and Ephemerality: Dynamics of Urban Rioting and State Sovereignty in Mozambique
Bjorn Enge Bertelsen, Postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen, and Associated Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen.

**November 4 – Nicoli Nattrass** presenting *Job Destruction in the South African Clothing Industry: How an Unholy Alliance of Organised Labour, the State and Some Firms is Undermining Labour-Intensive Growth*

Nicoli Nattrass is the Director of the AIDS and Society Research Unit at the Centre for Social Science Research, and Professor in the School of Economics, at University of Cape Town.

**November 11 – Paul Farmer** presenting *Advancing Global Health Equity: Lessons from Rwanda.*

Paul Farmer, Kolokotrones University Professor, Harvard University, Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School, Chief of the Division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Co-founder of Partners In Health.

**November 18 – Jennifer Cole** presenting *Working Misunderstandings: The Tangled Relationship between Kinship, Marriage, and the French State*

Jennifer Cole, Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago.

**November 25 – Peter Probst** presenting *On Property, Values, and Exchange: Living with (World)Heritage in Nigeria*

Peter Probst, Professor in, and Chair of the Department of Art and Art History, and Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, Tufts University.

**December 2 – Adeline Masquelier** presenting *Pumping Iron at the Fada: Beans, Bodily Capital, and the Warrior Ethos*

Adeline Masquelier, Professor and Chair in the Department of Anthropology, Tulane University.
Spring 2014

February 3 – Andrew Apter presenting History in the Dungeon: Spectral Spaces and Sovereign Signs in Cape Coast Castle, Ghana

Andrew Apter, Professor of History, University of California- Los Angeles.

February 10 – Rosalind Shaw presenting The TRC, the NGO, and the Child: Young people and post-conflict futures in Sierra Leone

Rosalind Shaw, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Tufts University.

February 19 (Special Workshop) – Parker Shipton and Daivi Rodima-Taylor presenting Territoriality, Sovereignty, and Belonging in East Africa

Daivi Rodima-Taylor, Ph.D., Visiting Researcher, African Studies Center, Boston University.
Parker Shipton, Professor of Anthropology, Research Fellow in African Studies, Boston University.

February 24 – Pauline Peters presenting Land appropriation, the vulnerability of customary tenure, and a battle over visions of agrarian futures in Africa today

Pauline Peters, Lecturer in Public Policy, Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School.

March 3 – Kay Shelemay presenting Listening to Ethiopia’s South: Music, Musicians, and the Performance of Oromo Nationalism

Kay Shelemay, G. Gordon Watts Professor of Music and of African and African American Studies, Harvard University.

March 10 – Robert Bates presenting Democracy and Growth: Evidence from Africa


March 24 – Adam Ashforth presenting Witchcraft, Justice, and Human Rights: Cases from Malawi

Adam Ashforth, Professor in the Department of AfroAmerican and African Studies, University of Michigan.

March 31 – Emmanuel Akyeampong presenting TBD
Emmanuel Akyeampong, Professor of History and Professor of African and African American Studies, Harvard University.

**April 7 – Brian Larkin** presenting *Techniques of Inattention: The Mediality of Loudspeakers in Nigeria*

Brian Larkin, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Barnard College.

**April 14 – Nancy Rose Hunt** presenting *TBD*

Nancy Rose Hunt, Professor of History (and Obstetrics/Gynecology), University of Michigan.

**April 21 – Claudia Gastrow** presenting *Geographies of Dispossession: Understanding the Politics of Demolition in Angola*

Claudia Gastrow, PhD Candidate in Anthropology, University of Chicago.

**April 28 – Stephen Clingman** presenting *Pathologies of Wealth: The South African Case*

Stephen Clingman Professor of English and Director of the Interdisciplinary Seminar in the Humanities of Fine Arts, University of Massachusetts.