

# African Diaspora Studies Knowledge Exchange Symposium

Conference Program



May 12-14, 2005

Florida Memorial University  
FIU/FMU Building  
15800 NW 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
Miami, FL 33054

**AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE**  
**A Symposium and Working Conference**  
**A Project of the African World Studies Consortium – South Florida \***  
**FIU/FMU Building - Florida Memorial University**

**Day I– May 12, 2005**

**9:00 –9:30 a.m.**

Welcome to the University: *Provost Karl Wright, Florida Memorial University*

Welcome to the Symposium: *Dr. Carole Boyce Davies, Director, ANWS, FIU*

Greetings from Miami-Dade County Public Schools: *Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair*

About the Consortium: *Dr. Rose Thevenin, Florida Memorial University*

**9:30-11:00 a.m. Session I African Diaspora: African Contexts and Initiatives**

**Chair: Dr. Edmund Abaka, University of Miami**

“The Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora Project”

*Babacar M’bow, International Programs, Broward County Libraries*

“Western Hemisphere African Diaspora Network Initiative”

*Fred Oladeinde, Foundation for Democracy in Africa*

“The Making of the African Diaspora – African Atlantic Economies”

*Dr. Joseph Inikori, University of Rochester*

“Black Women and Knowledge Production in the African Diaspora”

*Dr. Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Spelman College*

**11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m - Session II. Regional Entries I. African Diaspora in Europe**

**Chair: Dr. William Perry, Florida Memorial University**

“African Diaspora in Europe” *Dr. Dieudonne Gnamankou, Centre d’Etudes Africaines, Ecoles des Haute Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris*

“Migrating Home: Black British Identities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” *Wangui Wa Goro*

“Afro Deutsche in Germany,” *Tomi Adeaga*

**12:45-1:45 – LUNCH**

**2:00-3:30 p.m: Session III. Regional Entries II. African Diaspora in Asia and the Pacific“**

**Chair: Bertin Kouadio, FIU**

“The African Roots of Humanity and Civilization: Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands,” *Dr. Runoko Rashidi*

The Swahili Coast,”*Dr. Jesse Benjamin, St. Cloud State University*

**3:30- 5:00p.m. Session IV: Regional Entries III. African Diaspora in the Americas**

**Chair: Dr. Audley Reid, Florida Memorial University**

“Afro- Caribbean and Afro-Latin Americans” *Claire Nelson, IADB*

“Afro-Mexicans,” *Dr. Marco Polo Hernandez, Emporia State University*

“Overview of Literary Movements and Issues in the French Speaking Caribbean,” *Dr. Marie Jose Nzungou-Tayo, UWI*

“Rastafari as a Diaspora Formation,”*Dr. Michael Barnett, FIU*

**Dinner on your own: Enjoy Miami or Hollywood!**

**Day II– May 13, 2005**

**9:00 – 10:30A.M.**

Welcome to Day II of the Symposium:

**Session V– Subject Essays I - Social Sciences**

**Chair: Dr. Rose Thevenin, Florida Memorial University**

“History and the African Diaspora” – *Dr. Veronique Helenon, FIU*

“Health and the African Diaspora” - *Dr. Ida Tafari, FIU*

“Islam, The Black Experience and Comparative Diasporas,” *Ali Mazrui, Binghamton University*  
(tabled paper presented by *Babacar M’bow*)

**10:45 – 12:45 Session VI - Subject Essays II -Humanities**

**Chair: Tai J. Collins and Latasha Brown**

“Music and the African Diaspora,”*Dr. Delridge Hunter, Medgar Evers College*

“Dance and the African Diaspora” – *Dr. Yvonne Daniel, Professor Emerita, Smith College*

“Hip Hop Culture and the African Diaspora” *Dr. Greg Thomas, Syracuse University*

“Education and the African Diaspora,” – *Dr. Linda Spears -Bunton, FIU*

“Arts and the African Diaspora” – *Dr. Nkiru Nzegwu, Binghamton University*

**1:00 – 2:00 – LUNCH**

**2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Session VII Subject Essays III - The Caribbean as Radiating Center**

**Chair: Dr. Keshia Abraham, Florida Memorial University**

“The Oldendorp Studies: Language, Culture, Cosmology,” *Dr. Vincent Cooper, University of the Virgin Islands*

“The Rise and Fall of Caribbean Black Power,” *Dr. Brian Meeks, UWI*

“Caribbean Migrations and the Formation of the Caribbean Diaspora” *Dr. Monica Jardine, SUNY-Buffalo*

“Trinidad and Tobago’s Contributions to the Diaspora” - *Neila Todd, Ministry of Education, Trinidad and Tobago and Dr. Michael Alleyne, George Washington Univ.*

“Colonizin’ in Reverse’: The Globalisation of Jamaican Popular Culture.”” *Dr. Carolyn Cooper, UWI*

**AFRO-BRAZILIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO AFRICAN DIASPORA KNOWLEDGE**

**6:00 p.m. Film Launching - “A Bahia do Afoxe Filhos de Gandhi”**

**Reception – Hosted by Provost Karl Wright, FMU**

**7:15 p.m. - Film Introduction – Lino D’Almeida, S12 Producoes, Salvador da Bahia**  
**(Translation by Prof. Augusto Soledade)**

**Film Showing – “A Bahia do Afoxe Filhos de Gandhi”**

**DAY III - May 14, 2005**

**9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Session VIII -**

**African Diaspora in the Americas. *U.S. African Americans. Bringing it All Home.***

**Chair: Dr. Paula Seniors, Florida Memorial University**

“In Motion the African American Migration Experience: A Project of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture,” *Dr. Sylviane A. Diouf, Content Manager*

“Black Spirituality and the Black Church,” *Dr. Phyllis Baker, Miami Dade College*

“Family Structures from Africa to the Americas.” *Dr. Niara Sudarkasa, African American Research Library and Cultural Center*

“African Americans and the Making of Black Political Identity in the U.S.” *Dr. John McClendon, Bates College*

**11:45-2:00 p.m.**

**Meeting – International Advisory Board, *Encyclopedia of the African Diaspora***

- 1. Overview and Update – Sabrina Collins Editorial Assistant**
- 2. Collaborative work - Dr. Angela Leonard**
- 3. What’s Left to be Done -- Carole Boyce Davies, General Editor**
- 4. Next Steps –Suggestions/Omissions /Must haves**

## **SPONSORS**

**This project is sponsored largely by a grant from the Ford Foundation to African-New World Studies: “Intersections of African Diaspora Knowledge Communities. The South Florida Model.” A related summer project is organized for graduate students: Interrogating the African Diaspora. International Graduate Student Summer Seminar. For more information check the project website: [www.fiu.edu/~interad](http://www.fiu.edu/~interad)**

**We gratefully acknowledge their contributions to the advancement of knowledge about the African Diaspora.**

**\*\*Conference sessions are chaired by African-New World Studies graduate students. For more information about our program see our website at [www.fiu.edu/~africana](http://www.fiu.edu/~africana)**

**Faculty from the South Florida African World Studies Consortium Universities as identified. We gratefully acknowledge those institutions in our program.**

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**Dr. Michael Alleyne’s participation is sponsored in part by the Eric Williams Memorial Collection, University of the West Indies**

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### **Refreshments:**

**Day I - Coffee service: sponsored by State Senator Frederica Wilson  
- Lunch: \$20. per person**

**Day 2 - Coffee Service provided by the Lion Shop and Café, FMU  
- Lunch: \$10.00**

**Lunch service graciously prepared by *Irie Isle, Miami, Florida, Phone (305) 354-7678***

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**PAST CONFERENCES AND CONFERENCES SPONSORED:**

- 1. Florida. The State of Black Studies and African Diaspora Peoples. Knowledge/Rights/Communities  
May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003  
Florida International University and the African American Research Library and Cultural Center, Broward County**
- 2. Florida. The State of Black Studies II.  
The Mis-Education/Incarceration/Re-Education Nexus. Black Communities in the Intersections. May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004, Florida international University, Florida Memorial College and Miami Dade College.  
(In collaboration with the Commissioner of Education Task Force on African American History, Tallahassee, Florida)**
- 3. Symposium: Barry University, Africana Studies Program. “The Ties That Bind II: Africa Dispersed”**
- 4. Symposium: Creole Language Workshop, March, 2005, Florida International University (Co-sponsored Program)**

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1. Members of the instructional staff of the public schools, subject to the rules and regulations of the state board and of the school board, shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required, following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction the following:

(f) **The history of African Americans, including the history of African peoples before the political conflicts that led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the enslavement experience, abolition, and the contributions of African Americans to Society.**