

Dedicated to the memory of Stephen Ellis (1953-2015), author of *The Criminalization of the State in Africa and This Present Darkness: A History of Nigerian Organised Crime*. Scholar, activist, journalist, friend.



Gwendolen M. Carter

For 30 years the Center for African Studies at the University of Florida has organized annual lectures or a conference in honor of the late distinguished Africanist scholar, Gwendolen M. Carter. Gwendolen Carter devoted her career to scholarship and advocacy concerning the politics of inequality and injustice, especially in southern Africa. She also worked hard to foster the development of African Studies as an academic enterprise. She was perhaps best known for her pioneering study *The Politics of Inequality: South Africa Since 1948* and the co-edited four-volume *History of African Politics in South Africa, From Protest to Challenge (1972-1977)*.

In the spirit of her career, the annual Carter lectures offer the university community and the greater public the perspectives of Africanist scholars on issues of pressing importance to the peoples and societies of Africa. Since 2004, the Center has (with the generous support of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences) appointed Carter Faculty Fellows to serve as conveners of the conference.



Luise White

Luise White is professor of history at the University of Florida. Her most recent book is *Unpopular Sovereignty: Rhodesian Independence and African Decolonization* (Chicago, 2015). She is currently working on a history of the Rhodesian Army at war, the working title of which is *Fighting and Writing: the Rhodesian Army at War and Postwar*.



Todd Leedy

Todd Leedy is associate director of African Studies at the University of Florida. Along with his CAS colleague Abdoulaye Kane, he co-edited *African Migrations: Patterns and Perspectives* (Indiana, 2013). His current research project is titled "Racing on the Rand: A History of Township Cycling in South Africa, 1920-60."

Keynote Address

Jonny Steinberg



Jonny Steinberg on...

Why Is Murder Not A Crime In South Africa ?

An Answer to an Uncomfortable Question asked in Hargeisa, Somaliland

Jonny Steinberg was born and raised in South Africa. He currently teaches at Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar in 1995. He is the author of seven books. *Midlands* (2002), about the murder of a white South African farmer, and *The Number* (2004), a biography of a prison gangster, won South Africa's premier non-fiction award, the Sunday Times Alan Paton Award. He is also the author of *Sizwe's Test* (2008), a Washington Post book of the year and winner of the Recht Malan Award in South Africa; and *Thin Blue: The Unwritten Rules of Policing South Africa* (2009).

Friday, April 1st | 6:30p – 9:30p in Ustler Hall

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 1

830 – 845 Coffee/Tea

845 – 900 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Abe Goldman Director, UF Center for African Studies

Leonardo Villalón Dean, International Center

Luise White Professor, Department of History

900 – 1045 Crimes Without Courts

Chair: Charles Bwenge University of Florida

Neil Carrier, University of Oxford. *Quasilegality: Khat, Cannabis and Africa's Drug Laws*

Saheed Aderinto, Western Carolina University. *Debating Sexual Innocence: Crime, Sex, and Age of Consent in Colonial Nigeria*

Stuart Marks, University of the Free State. *Transformations in the Value of Wildlife on a Zambian Frontier*

1045 – 1115 Coffee/Tea

1115 – 100 Laws and States

Chair: Fiona McLaughlin University of Florida

Elizabeth Thornberry, Hobart & William Smith Colleges. *Informal Courts and the Making of South African Criminal Law*

Judith Scheele, University of Oxford. *'Nomads Who Conquered a State': Predation as a Mode of Production*

Charles Ambler, University of Texas - El Paso. *The Illegal Gin Trade and State Legitimacy in West Africa*

100 – 230 Lunch

230 – 415 Punishment in Motion, Migration as Crime

Chair: Akintunde Akinyemi University of Florida

Francis Musoni, University of Kentucky. *Tolerated Illegality: Clandestine Migration and Violence in the South Africa-Zimbabwe Border Zone, 1913-1933*

Brett Shadle, Virginia Tech. *Refugees and Unwelcome Migrants: Humanitarianism and Politics on Kenya's Northern Frontier, 1910s-1930s*

Abdoulaye Kane, University of Florida. *Outlawing African Immigrants' Cultural Practices in France: Crossing National Borders and Maintaining Ethnic Boundaries?*

Saturday, April 2

830 – 900 Coffee/Tea

900 – 1045 Crimes With Courts

Chair: Susan O'Brien University of Florida

Stacey Hynd, University of Exeter. *(Re)Constructing Murder: Capital Punishment and the Criminalization of African Bodies in British Colonial Africa, c. 1890-1960*

Steven Pierce, University of Manchester. *Culpable Identities: Homicide Law and the Politics of Culture in Late-Colonial Northern Nigeria*

Samuel Daly, Columbia University. *Old Guns, New Crimes: Armed Robbery in Biafra, 1967-1973*

1045 – 1115 Coffee/Tea

1115 – 100 Prisons, Prisoners, and Politics

Chair: Sebastian Elischer University of Florida

James Brennan, University of Illinois. *Politics and the Prison Yard: A View from Tanzania's Political Prisoners, 1964-1980*

Munyaradzi Munoichiveyi, College of the Holy Cross. *Life Behind Bars: The Political and Social Lives of Political Prisoners in Colonial Zimbabwe*

Alioune Sow, University of Florida. *Political Prisoners and Criminal Punishment in Mali*

100 – 230 Lunch

230 – 415 Speech, Silence and Law

Chair: James Essegbey University of Florida

Louisa Lombard, Yale University. *Who Can Denounce? A Relational Theory of Manhunting*

Allison Shutt, Hendrix College. *Slander and Defamation in Federation-era Southern Rhodesia*

Nicholas Smith, City College of New York. *Criminal Pasts and Political Futures: The Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Post-Apartheid State Building*

Participant Biography



Charles Ambler

Charles Ambler has published extensively on the history of leisure, popular films, and mass media, as well as alcohol regulation and labor control in colonial Africa. He is former president of the African Studies Association.



Saheed Aderinto

Saheed Aderinto is a senior research fellow of the French Institute for Research in Africa. His areas of specialization include nationalism, historical method, gender and sexuality, children and youth, peace and conflict, and popular and expressive culture.



James Brennan

James Brennan specializes in urbanization, political thought, and media in East Africa as well as the history of decolonization. He is a recipient of the Bethwell A. Ogot book prize and co-editor of the *Journal of Eastern African Studies*.



Neil Carrier

Neil Carrier focuses on the anthropology and history of East Africa and its diaspora. He has been working on a project examining the Somali-dominated Nairobi estate of Eastleigh as part of the Oxford Diasporas Programme team. Neil also maintains his interest in the topic of Africa and its drug trade.



Samuel Daly

Samuel Daly currently studies the Nigerian Civil War (1967-1970) and the history of Nigerian citizenship. His areas of previous research include crime and policing in early colonial Abeokuta, and the sexual politics of boxing in 1960s Lagos.



Stacey Hynd

Stacey Hynd works on the histories of law, crime and punishment in Africa. Her current research examines histories of child combatants in modern African warfare and the development of human rights and humanitarian discourses in West Africa, with a particular focus on Ghana.



Abdoulaye Kane

Abdoulaye Kane studies social networks and transnational social spaces in the historical context of globalization, with a focus on Senegal and the Senegalese diaspora in the USA, Europe, and elsewhere in Africa.



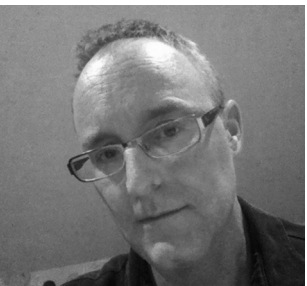
Louisa Lombard

Louisa Lombard studies African borderland areas where the state is largely absent, and a range of actors govern. Her research locales, primarily the remote and little-populated eastern reaches of the Central African Republic, are further marked by violent histories that continue into the present.



Stuart Marks

Stuart Marks is a biologist and anthropologist whose work has focused on wildlife management, conservation and human development in Africa. His doctoral work in Zambia with the Valley Bisa culture has been the basis for much of his personal and professional research.



Steven Pierce

Steven Pierce researches in and around the city of Kano, focusing on issues of law, politics, colonialism, social theory, gender, and semiotics. His current project examines the politics of Islamic criminal law in northern Nigeria through scandals over flogging in the early colonial period and through controversies over homicide cases in the late colonial period.



Munyaradzi Munoichiveyi

Munyaradzi Munoichiveyi has researched the histories and lived experiences of Zimbabwean political detainees and prisoners, examining how they challenged and negotiated their incarceration.



Francis Musoni

Francis Musoni focuses on migration, borderlands, informal sector economies and identity formation in southern Africa. I am currently writing a book examining the rise and resilience of illegal migration across the Zimbabwe-South Africa border from the 1890s to the present.



Judith Scheele

Judith Scheele researches trade, mobility and interdependence in Algeria, northern Mali and, more recently, northern Chad. She seeks to understand the local through the many ways in which it is connected to the outside, and thereby to develop a comparative framework for the study of the Sahara as a region.



Brett Shadle

Brett Shadle currently researches the history of refugees in Kenya and has previously published in interpersonal violence and sexual offences in early colonial Kenya. He is the originator and coordinator of the Virginia Tech Africa Coalition.



Allison Shutt

Allison Shutt teaches African history and studies colonial Zimbabwe (Southern Rhodesia). She has published articles on the rural middle class and land tenure, exhibitions, racial etiquette, and the legal and social meanings of insolence. She is currently completing a book on manners and racial etiquette.



Nicholas Smith

Nicholas Smith researches the politics of crime, policing, and vigilantism in African democratic states with an initial focus on post-apartheid South Africa. His additional research projects include an examination of prisoners' experiences of the operation of political power behind bars, drawn from prison memoirs.



Alioune Sow

Alioune Sow studies sub-Saharan Francophone literature and film with a particular emphasis on memory, memoirs, and narratives in Mali. He is director of the France-Florida Research Institute.



Elizabeth Thornberry

Elizabeth Thornberry studies the history of gender, sexuality and the law in Southern Africa. Her current research analyzes changing conceptions of sexual violence in South Africa's 19th century Eastern Cape by combining a social history of rape in the colonial period with an exploration of the discursive links between sexual consent and governance in the process of constructing the colonial state.

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- 2012 Health and Development in Africa
- 2011 African Independence: Cultures of Memory, Celebrations, & Contestations
- 2010 Bridging Conservation and Development in Latin America and Africa: Changing Contexts, Changing Strategies
- 2009 African Creative Expressions: Mother Tongue & Other Tongues
- 2008 Migrations In and Out of Africa: Old Patterns and New Perspectives
- 2007 African Visual Cultures: Crossing Disciplines, Crossing Regions
- 2006 Law, Politics, and Society in South Africa: The Politics of Inequality Then and Now
- 2005 States of Violence: The Conduct of War in Africa
- 2004 Movement (R)evolution: Contemporary African Dance
- 2003 Dynamics of Islam in Contemporary Africa
- 2002 Zimbabwe in Transition: Resolving Land and Constitutional Crises
- 2001 Governance and Higher Education in Africa
- 2000 Renegotiating Nation and Political Community in Africa at the Dawn of the New Millennium
- 1999 Aquatic Conservation and Management in Africa
- 1998 Africa on Film and Video
- 1997 Communication and Democratization in Africa
- 1995 African Entrepreneurship
- 1994 Transition in South Africa
- 1993 Africa's Disappearing Past: The Erasure of Cultural Patrimony
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- 1991 Involuntary Migration and Resettlement in Africa
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