

2023 Gwendolen M. Carter Conference

INCLUSIVE AND EXCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES: MINORITIES, WOMEN & YOUTH IN AFRICAN SPORT

2023



Gwendolen M. Carter



For over 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 *From Protest to Challenge: A Documentary History of African Politics in South Africa*. 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.

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Conference Overview

The 15th Sports Africa Conference and 38th Gwendolen M. Carter Conference: Inclusive and Exclusive Communities: Minorities, Women, and Youth in African Sport

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL USA

23-25 March 2023

Anyone who lives in or studies contemporary Africa recognizes how sport runs through so many aspects of daily and associational life. Yet in nearly every circumstance—past and present—there are individuals or groups that struggle for sporting access, support, and recognition. The 2023 Sports Africa/Carter Conference seeks papers that illuminate and interrogate multiple dimensions of these struggles, particularly those of minorities, women, and youth. The conference will feature thematic panels and a final session comprising a pedagogical workshop that aims to integrate sport with various African studies curricula. Organizers will also select a set of conference papers for consideration as a special issue in the *African Studies Quarterly* published at the University of Florida.

ABOUT THE SPORTS AFRICA NETWORK

The mission of the Sports Africa Network is to make African sport studies an interdisciplinary, inclusive, accessible, and integral part of the global conversation and scholarship on sports among practitioners and academics. With members from academic institutions as well as professional and non-profit organizations in Africa, Europe, and the United States, the Sports Africa conference is the preeminent event focused on African sports studies. Ohio University hosted the conference from 2004 to 2014. These first editions addressed a variety of themes such as gender, health, communication, politics, and globalization. The University of the Free State in South Africa hosted the conference for the first time at an African institution in 2017, followed by the University of Zambia in 2018, Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Senegal in 2019, and Nelson Mandela University in South Africa in 2021 (online). The conference is now the flagship activity of the Sports Africa Network, an affiliate organization of the U.S. African Studies Association. It continues to advance the study of African sports worldwide.

Keynote Address

"I Know Where I Am From, So I Know Who I Am"

Thursday 23 March @ 3:45 (via Zoom webinar)



Registration required

Joakim Noah

UF Basketball Legend
& NBA Africa Investor

"From Mali to the USA: Building Inclusive Communities On and Off the Court"

Friday 24 March @ 6:00 404 Grinter Hall



Hamchetou Maiga-Ba

WNBA Champion & President,
Special Olympics Mali

2023 Conference Program

Thursday March 23, 2023

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Registration 3315 & 3320 Reitz Union

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM

Opening Remarks **Alioune Sow** *Interim Director, Center for African Studies*
3315 Reitz Union

9:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Panel 1-2

Panel 1 : Gender-making through Sport - 3315 Reitz Union

Agnes Leslie Chair

Dawson McCall Making Men & Winning Medals at St. Patrick's High School, Iten (1972-1988)

Natascha Louw, Francois Johannes Cleophas & Wilbur Kraak Reconstructing Performance Narratives of Three Historically Significant Springbok Women Rugby Players between 2002 and 2016

Nobulele Phuza "Returning Netball to the People" - A Queer Review of Netball South Africa's Campaign for Social Justice in Netball between 2019 and 2022

Michael Gennaro "I Was Really Disgusted at Seeing Healthy Young Boys Playing Ping Pong...": Ping Pong, Youth, and Masculinity in Post WWII Nigeria

Panel 2 : Sports in Education - 3320 Reitz Union

George Cunningham Chair

Addmore Hapanyengwi A Predicament of Rugby and Soccer: Racial and Gender Participation in South African Secondary Schools

Abdoun Nassir Context Analysis and Prospects of Olympic Education in Cameroon

Fabien Gnimassou La Pratique du Sport en Milieu Universitaire Africain

Derek Catsam Springbok Factories: Elite South African Schools and the Perpetuation of Sporting Privilege

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Coffee Break

11:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Panel 3-4

Panel 3 : Marginalized in Sport - 3315 Reitz Union

Gerard Akindes Chair

Chepchirchir Tirop Ethnicizing Sport in Colonial & Post-Colonial Kenya

Wolfgang Owona Fernand Sports Among the Marginalized in Francophone Africa

Modou Gueye Seck Communautés Exclusives et Inclusives: Minorités, Femmes et Jeunes dans les Sport Africain: Élitisme Contre le Développement

Noluntu Dyubhele Hope between Mountains in Sport: A Case Study of Wooldridge

Panel 4 : Para-Sports - 3320 Reitz Union

Todd Leedy Chair

Dennis Osei-Nimo Annor The Pre- and Post-colonial Legacy of Disability and its Impact on Para-sport Development in Ghana

Nampoûtho Sylvain Zingue Ouattara Sports, A Powerful Factor for Inclusion and Development of People living with a Disability: Case of the Moving Sport Camp in Burkina Faso

Louzanne Coetzee Auto-Ethnography of Being a Paralympian

Dominique Brand Finding Language to Describe Persons with Disabilities' Experiences of Participation in Non-Elite Sport Environments

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Panel 5-6

Panel 5 : Sports Biographies - 3315 Reitz Union

Alioune Sow Chair

Gerard Akindes & Peter Alegi Before Lukaku: Paul Bonga Bonga's Afro-Belgian Football Biography

Mari Engh Gender Policing in African Sporting Competitions

Mamadou Samb La Lutte Traditionnelle Diola, Un Exemple d'inclusion Sociale

Panel 6 : Race, Ethnicity, and Politics - 3320 Reitz Union

Derek Catsam Chair

Tyler Fleming Fighting for the Race(s): Interracial Connections within South African Boxing Magazines in the Postwar Era

Mark Fredericks To Forget or Remember: Making a Case for a Truth Conference on South African Sport

Lorna Jepkoech Kimaiyo Ethnicity and Sports in Colonial Kenya

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Coffee Break

3:45 PM - 4:45 PM

Keynote 3315 Reitz Union

Joakim Noah I Know Where I Am From, So I Know Who I am

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Opening Reception & Welcome 427 Grinter Hall

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Friday March 24, 2023

9:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel 7 : Sport Activism - 200 Farrior Hall

Anthony Gathiru Chair

Annick Pikbougoum-Zingue L'arbitrage Féminin au Burkina-Faso

Elemon Sakala & Kristien Sakala-Kloosterman Equal Pay for Equal Work - Contextualizing Financial Incentives and Disparities for Zambian Women Athletes

Oscar Mwaanga Applying a Decolonial Critique to Illuminate the Exclusionary Mechanisms Inherent in African and Global Sports

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Coffee Break

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Panel 8 : Women in Football - 200 Farrior Hall

Philip Janzen Chair

Amour M. E. Fassinou Football Féminin et Décrochage Scolaire au Bénin: Causes et Conséquences

Tafadzwa Blessing Choto "Ladies in the Centre?" Exploring the Experiences of Female Football Referees in Zimbabwe

Benedine Azanu Online Representation of Women in Sports: An Analysis of News Media Coverage of Women Footballers in Ghana

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Panel 9 : Sports Academies - 200 Farrior Hall

Matthew Kirwin Chair

Crispus Taremwa Challenges Facing Youth Football Academies in Kampala City

Sikiru Abiona Yusuff "We Should Play More with the Boys": Social Motivations and Female Athletes Struggles in a Sports Academy

Yomi E. Ejikunle Capital Cities and Politics of Football Monopolization in Nigeria

3:30 PM - 3:45 PM

Coffee Break

3:45 PM - 5:00 PM

Panel 10 : Experiencing Migration - 200 Farrior Hall

Abdoulaye Kane Chair

Ernest Yeboah Acheampong Young African Athletes: Challenges and Constraints of the 'Unkown' Career Abroad

Gerard Akindes & Matthew Kirwin The Journey of Francophone African Players to Elite Leagues in the Global North

Kelsey Slater African Basketball in Photographs: Framing an Emerging Continental Sports League via Instagram

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Keynote 404 Grinter Hall

Hamchetou Maiga-Ba From Mali to the USA: Building Inclusive Communities On and Off the Court

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Conference Social Grinter Hall Lobby

Saturday March 25, 2023

9:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Conference Workshop: Who Studies African Sports? 471 Grinter Hall



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