



# Workshop in AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL HISTORY

March 31 - April 2 • Luce Hall, 34 Hillhouse Avenue

## THURSDAY, 31 MARCH

5:30pm Opening Reception

7:00pm Opening Lecture

**Achille Mbembe** (WISER, University of the Witwatersrand),  
“Decolonizing the University” cosponsored by Yale *AFRICA SALON*

## FRIDAY, 1 APRIL

8:30 Framing Remarks 1

**Abdoulaye Gueye** (University of Ottawa) *In the Shadow of Negritude’s Craftsmen*

9:15 Panel 1: Beyond Biography

Chair: **Jim Sweet** (University of Wisconsin - Madison) • **Kwasi Konadu** (City University of New York), “You say he is a good Whiteman who will not cheat me?”: Medical Anthropology and The Intellectual History of Kofi Donko • **Jonathan Earle** (Centre College), Reassessing Epistemological Boundaries in African Intellectual History: Historical Imagination & Reading Practices in Colonial Uganda • **Tobias Warner** (University of California – Davis), *The Fetish of Readability: David Boilat and the Making of the Colonial Library in 19th Century Senegal* • **Lauren Jarvis** (University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill), *Isaiah Shembe, Intellectual Community, and Conversion in Early Twentieth-Century South Africa*

11:30 Panel 2: Nation and Knowledge

Chair: **Daniel Magaziner** (Yale University) • **Alden Young** (Drexel University), *Teaching Economics as Statecraft in Sudan, 1930-1970* • **Marissa Mika** (University of Pennsylvania), *A Scientific Unit. Not Political at All* • **Elleni Zeleke** (York University), *Social Science is a Battlefield: the impact of the theoretical journals of the Ethiopian Student Movement on the Ethiopian Revolution of 1974* • **Aliyu Alabi** (Bayero University), *Modernization Praxes in Islamic Education in Ilorin 1930-1965*

1:30 Lunch and Roundtable

*Ideas and Ideology in Words, Media, and Bodies*

**Stephanie Newell** (Yale University); **Chika Okeke-Agulu** (Princeton University); **Lynn Thomas** (University of Washington)

3:30 Panel 3: Ideas and Transnational Activism

Chair: **Penda Mbow** (Université Cheikh Anta Diop) • **Sara Ranahma** (Johns Hopkins University), *Young Men for Women’s Education: International Student Conferences in Interwar France and North Africa* • **Lorelle Semley** (College of the Holy Cross), *Scottsboro on Trial in the Black Press in Paris* • **Joel Cabrita** (Cambridge University), *A Transnational History of Zionism in South Africa and the United States: Towards New Ideologies of Empire* • **Daniel Hodgkinson** (Oxford University), *Travelling through Space and Time: Gender, Socialism, and Pan-Africanism in the debates of exiled Zimbabwean student activists’ during the 1970s*

## SATURDAY, 2 APRIL

9:00 Framing Remarks 2

**Derek Peterson** (University of Michigan) *on Dissent*

9:15 Panel 4: Moral Philosophies

Chair: **Sean Hanretta** (Northwestern University) • **Jessica Krug** (George Washington University), *Fugitive Modernities and the Intellectual Life of Subject and Subjectivity Outside the State: A Five-Hundred Year, Transatlantic Biography* • **Wendell Marsh** (Columbia University), *Knowing beyond Human certainty: the Miraculous in Shaykh Musa Kamara’s Historiographical Method* • **Charlotte Walker-Said** (John Jay College, CUNY), “A Spiritual Decolonization”: Local and Global Christian Solidarities in the Catholic Church in Cameroon 1950-1970 • **Sara Marzagora** (SOAS), “We proceed following Japan”: the role of the Japanese model in early 20th century Ethiopian political philosophy

11:15 Panel 5: Print Communities

Chair: **Isabel Hofmeyr** (University of the Witwatersrand) • **Leslie James** (University of Birmingham), *What is fascism? An African approach* • **Emma Hunter** (University of Edinburgh), *The press as a baraza: newspapers as a source for African intellectual history* • **Pedro Monaville** (New York University – Abu Dhabi), *How ideas travel: a postal history of the Congolese Sixties* • **Jacqueline-Bethel Mougoué** (Baylor University), *Intellectual “Housewives”, Journalism, and Anglophone Nationalism in Cameroon, 1961-1972*

1:30 Lunch, Final Discussion, and Close

**Framing Remarks 3**

**Paul Landau** (University of Maryland) *on Historiographical Communities*

Concluding remarks **Shobana Shankar** (Stony Brook University)

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