

UCI and Africa: Expanding Engagements, Ongoing Dialogues
Thursday and Friday, December 6-7, 2012
Itinerary

Thursday, December 6, 2012 – Location: Pacific Ballroom C, Student Center

10:30am – 11:00am: Registration; Coffee & refreshments

11:00am – 11:30am: Welcome: Cecelia Lynch, Director, International Studies
Opening Address – Michael Drake, M.D., Chancellor, UC Irvine

11:30pm – 1:15pm: PANEL: Honoring the Work of Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o

Chair: Laura Mitchell (UC Irvine)

Participants: Chris Abani (University of California, Riverside), Cilas Kemedjio (University of Rochester), G. Ugo Nwokeji (University of California, Berkeley), Tiffany Willoughby-Herard (UC Irvine)

With response by Ngũgĩ wa Thiong’o (UC Irvine)

1:15pm – 2:30pm: Lunch

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Speaker: Dr. Thomas Parham, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, UC Irvine

2:30pm – 4:15pm: PANEL: Charity and/or Justice?: The CIHA Blog takes the Great Humanitarian Debate to the Next Level

Chair: Cecelia Lynch (UC Irvine)

Participants: Simangaliso Raymond Kumalo (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Albert Bangirana (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Abdoul Aziz Kébé (Université Cheikh Anta Diop), Cilas Kemedjio (University of Rochester), Tanya Schwarz (UC Irvine)

Commentator: Rev. Ranjit Mathews, Episcopal Church USA

4:15pm – 5:00pm: Coffee break & refreshments

<NOTE NEW LOCATION: SSPA 1100>

5:00pm – 6:20pm: PANEL/International Studies Public Forum: Fighting Words!: Protest and Popular Culture in Africa

Chair: Kristin Peterson (UC Irvine)

Participants: Sophia Azeb (University of Southern California), Victoria Bernal (UC Irvine), Simangaliso Raymond Kumalo (University of KwaZulu-Natal), Jean Tompihe (Chapman University and UC Irvine)

6:45pm: Dinner (for conference panelists/participants only)

Location: Chakra Cuisine

4143 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612

(Located within walking distance - across the bridge from UCI at University Center)

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Friday, December 7, 2012 – Location: Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway (SBSG) 1517

8:30 – 9:00am: Coffee & refreshments

9:00am – 10:30am: PANEL: NGOs and/or Development: Examples from Kenya, South Africa, Uganda

Chair: Donald Donham (UC Davis)

Participants: Morgan Michael Bailey (UCI Engineers Without Borders), Bill Cooper (UC Irvine) and Colette Cozean (East Africa Partnership), Jene Meece (Cradle to Career in Kenya), Lindsay Miller (The Africa Project), Ayesha Nibbe (Hawaii Pacific University)

10:30-10:45: Coffee break

10:45am – 12:15pm: PANEL: NGOs, Consortia, and Sharing Virtual and Practical Knowledge

Chair: Ben Cox (UC Irvine)

Participants: Larry Cooperman (UC Irvine), Robbie Griffin (Athabasca University), Ken Keirstead (Lyceum Group), Deborah Mindry (UCLA)

12:15pm – 1:30pm: Lunch with undergraduates, graduates, faculty

Sponsored by Dean Sharon Salinger and Division of Undergraduate Education

Speaker: Marcella Khelif (The Study Abroad Center, UC Irvine)

1:30pm – 3:00pm: PANEL: Collaborative Conversations: Exploring Artistic Connections between Ghana and Africa-America

Chair: Jessica Millward (UC Irvine)

Participants: Joe Knox (UC Irvine), Jennifer Fisher (UC Irvine), Jaye Austin Williams (UC Irvine)

Commentator: Akosua Adomako Ampofo (University of Ghana-Legon)

3:00 – 3:15pm: Coffee break

3:15pm – 4:45pm: PANEL: Mobile Money Transformations in Africa: An IMTFI Roundtable

Chair: Kristin Peterson (UC Irvine)

Participants: Edward “Cliff” Mensah (University of North Carolina, Pembroke), Zhixin “Richard” Kang (University of North Carolina, Pembroke), Ndunge Kiiti (Houghton College), Jane Mutinda (Kenyatta University)

4:45pm – 5:00pm: Conference Wrap-Up and Next Steps in Collaborations

7:30pm: Dinner (for conference panelists/participants only)

Location: Cecelia Lynch’s home

3645 Myrtle Ave., Long Beach, CA 90807

(Transportation will be provided for those without vehicles.)