

23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cheikh Anta Diop  
International Conference

*“Fundamentals and Innovations in Afrocentric  
Research:  
Mapping Core and Continuing Knowledge  
of African Civilizations”*

October 7-8, 2011

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

Registration	7:30am-5:00pm
Drum Call	8:15am-8:30am
Opening Ceremony and Presentation of Program	8:30am-9:00am
Panel 1 - Education	

**Primers and Educational Formats for Proficiency in African Culture**  
9:00am-10:10am

**1) Dr. Daphne Chandler**

*“Martin Luther King, Jr. Ain’t All We Got”: Achieving and Maintaining Cultural  
Equilibrium in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Western-Centered Schools*

**2) Dr. Nosakare Griffin-El**

*Trans-Defining Educational Philosophy for People of Africana Descent: Towards the  
Transconceptual Ideal of Education*

**3) Dr. George Dei**

*African Indigenous Proverbs and the Instructional and Pedagogic Relevance for Youth  
Education*

**Locating Contemporary Media and Social Portrayals  
of African Agency**  
10:15am-11:25am

**1) Dr. Ibram Rogers**

*A Social Movement of Social Movements: Conceptualizing a New Historical Framework  
for the Black Power Movement*

**2) Dr. Marquita Pellerin**

*Challenging Media Generated Portrayal of African Womanhood: Utilizing an  
Afrocentric Agency Driven Approach to Define Humanity*

**3) Dr. Martell Teasley**

*Barrack Obama and the Politics of Race: The Myth of Post-racism in America*

**Keynote Address**

**Where Myth and Theater Meet: Re-Imaging the Tragedy of Isis and Osiris**  
11:30am-12:15pm

Dr. Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon

**Lunch 12:15pm-1:45pm**

**Philosophy and Practice of Resurgence and Renaissance**

**1:45pm-3:00pm**

**1) Abena Walker**

*Ancient African Imperatives to Facilitate a Conscious Disconnect from the Fanatical Tyranny of Imperialism: The Development of Wholesome African Objective for Today's Africans*

**2) Kwasi Densu**

*Omenala (Actions in Accordance With the Earth): Towards the Development of an African Centered Environmental Philosophy and Its Implications for Africana Studies*

**3) Dr. Segun Shabaka**

*Philosophy and Practice of Reinventing and Renaissance*

**African Traditions of Scientific Innovation and Well-Being**

**3:05pm-4:20pm**

**1) Dr. Vinson Ballard**

*Pursuing ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Access for African Americans and Africans throughout the Diaspora who may have Disabilities*

**2) Ayana Powell**

*Obesity Among African American Women: Silent Voices, Visible Pain*

**3) Dr. Frederick Bertley**

*The Importance/Role of Innovation in the African Contributions to Science and Discovery*

**Afrocentric Theory and Methods**

**4:25pm-5:40pm**

**1) Dr. Michael Barnett**

*Applying the Afrocentric Paradigm as an Investigative Tool of Analysis to shed light on the Epistemological, Ontological, Axiological and Cosmological Dimensions of the Rastafari Movement*

**2) Dr. Serie McDougal**

*Reclaiming Research Methods in Africana Studies*

**3) Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt**

*Theory Meets Practice: Afrocentricity, Black Intellectual Thought and Contemporary Social Practices*

**Closing Plenary**

**Sankofa: Return to the Source**

**5:45pm-7:00pm**

**1) Dr. Robert Bauval**

*Black Genesis: The African Origin of Pharonic Egypt*

**2) Anthony Browder**

*The Asa Restoration Project*

## **Friday Finale**

**7:15pm-7:45pm**

*Women's Shekere Ensemble*

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**

### **Core Knowledge and Fundamentals of African Philosophy**

**9:00am-10:20am**

**1) Ahmed Ilmi**

*Indigenous African philosophies and the Power of Ancestral Wisdom*

**2) Paa-Kofi Aikins**

*Africa's Wisdom to the World*

**3) Dr. Njoki Wane**

*Centering Afrocentricity Within the Schooling Experience: Implementing the Seven Principles of Kwanza (Nguzo Saba)*

Panel 2 – Aesthetics

### **Activism, Aesthetics, and the Afrocentric Paradigm**

**10:25am-11:45am**

**1) Dr. Jawara Giddings**

*Jay-Z and Africanist Civilization or Culture: What's the connection?*

**2) Dr. Khonsu Ra Wilson**

*The Creative Idea of Larry Neal*

**3) Dr. Larese Hubbard**

*Frances Ellen Watkins Harper: A Proto Africana Womanist*

### **The Molefi Kete Asante Awards Luncheon**

**12pm-2pm**

**Keynote Address: *The Meaning and Measure of Malcolm***

**Dr. Maulana Karenga**

**Special Panel**

### **Contemporary Africa**

**2:15pm-3:35pm**

**Rueben Castillo**, Columbia

**Nicole Lee**, TransAfrica Forum

**Dr. Adisa A. Alkebulan**, Diopian Institute for Scholarly Advancement

**Dr. Molefi Kete Asante**, Afrocentricity International

**Ancient African Directives and a Vision  
for the Future of the African World**

**3:40pm-5:00pm**

**1) Dr. Charles Verharen**

*Ancient Africa: The Structure of Revolutions in Ethics*

**2) Dr. Anta Merritt**

*“Yes, But Is Ethiopia Really A Part of Africa?”*

**3) Dr. Ana Monteiro-Ferrera**

*Impressions of Ancient Egypt: Source and Inspiration for African Agency*

**3) Dr. Zizwe Poe**

*Sankofa: Looking to Ancient Africa to Address Contemporary Social Challenges*

**Ancient Africa and Creative Production:  
Symbols, Imagination, and Literature**

**5:05pm-6:35pm**

**1) Dr. Christel N. Temple**

*Anteriority and African American Theatre*

**2) Dr. Denise Martin**

*African Mythic Science*

**3) Dr. Nzingha Gaffin**

*An Analysis of the Nubian Dilemma through the Works of Idris Ali, Haggag Oddoul, & Tayeb Salih*

**4) Dr. Regina Jennings**

*The Panther Skin wearing Kemetic Deity of Writing: Seshat And the Poetry of the Black Panther Party*

**Closing Plenary**

**Mapping Core and Continuing Knowledge  
Of African Civilizations**

**6:40pm-8:00pm**

**1) Dr. Ama Mazama**

*Core and Continuing Knowledge*

**2) Dr. Molefi Asante**

*Per-aa Tutankhamen and the Controversy over His Blackness: Re-assessment of the Racial Discourse*