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28TH ANNUAL

Cheikh Anta Diop

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Channeling Classical African Wisdom
in Response to Contemporary Challenges



Friday, October 21, 2016

Temple University

Walk Auditorium

9:00 am to 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 22, 2016

Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District

8:30 am to 7:00 pm

FRIDAY

THIRTY YEARS AFTER CHEIKH ANTA DIOP: THE POLITICS OF KNOWLEDGE IN A DANGEROUS WORLD

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LIBATIONS AND SALUTATIONS TO CHEIKH ANTA DIOP

Dr. Kimani Nehusi

*Afrocentricity International Chapter of the Graduate Students Association of the
Department of Africology*

Trey Lipscomb

Reading from the Glory Book, *Mwakadilo*,

10:00 am – 11:00 am

SESSION I: CHEIKH ANTA DIOP AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF KEMETIC STUDIES

Moderator: Dr. D. Zizwe Poe, Director, Africana Studies, Lincoln University

Dr. Maulana Karenga

Professor and Chair, Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Long
Beach, Founder of Kwanzaa, Eminent Scholar of Maat,

“Diop and the Continuing Project of Restoration: From History to Ethics”

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**SESSION 2: CHEIKH ANTA DIOP: FULFILLING THE SPIRITUAL DIMENSION
OF DIOPIAN PHILOSOPHY**

Moderator: Dr. Adisa Alkebulan, Africana Studies, San Diego State University

Dr. Ama Mazama

Graduate Chair, Department of Africology, Temple University, Managing Editor, *Journal of Black Studies*, Peraat of Afrocentricity International, and Mambo

*“Carrying Out Diop’s Ultimate Aim: Reclamation of African
Spiritual Identity and Personality”*

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Lunch

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

**SESSION 3: CHEIKH ANTA DIOP’S SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL
DISENGAGEMENT FROM EUROPE**

Moderator: Dr. V. Nzingha Gaffin, Director, Africana Studies, Cheyney University

Dr. Aoua Bocar Ly-Tall

African Canadian Sociologist, Consultant, and Major Scholar of Gender Equity and the Islamic World, Winner of the Prize of the Governor General of Canada for Excellence

“The Legacy of Cheikh Anta Diop: Contemporary Issues”

Dr. Molefi Kete Asante

Professor and Chair, Department of Africology, Temple University, and founder of Afrocentric theory, and Founding Editor, *Journal of Black Studies*, and Founder of the Cheikh Anta Diop International Conference

“Knowing Cheikh Anta Diop?: The Celebration of Mental Courage, Persistence, and the Future of Disengagement with Western Indigenous Knowledge”

3:30 pm – 4:10 pm

SESSION 4:

Dr. Mostafa Hefny, Independent Scholar, “*The Blackness of Egypt: Personal Testimony*”

PERFORMANCE

4:20 pm to 5:20 pm

Universal Drum and Dance Group

Walk Auditorium

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

SESSION 5: DIOP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISCIPLINE: A ROUNDTABLE

Moderator: **Christopher Roberts**, Doctoral Student at Temple University

Panelists

Dr. V. Nzingha Gaffin, *Cheyney University*

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, *University of Florida*

Dr. Serie McDougal, *San Francisco State University*

Dr. Ana Monteiro-Ferreira, *Eastern Michigan University*

Final Remarks

Stephanie Yarbough, *Temple University*, DISA – VP for Conference Affairs
and Local Arrangements

Saturday

The Wyndham Philadelphia Historic District

PANEL 1: African Philosophy, Ethics, Aesthetics, and Social Practice

8:30am to 9:40am

Chair, Dr. Serie McDougal, *San Francisco State University*

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF JUSTICE AND FORMATIONS OF MAAT IN
DANIEL BLACK'S *PERFECT PEACE*

Dr. Christel N. Temple, *University of Pittsburgh*

RESURRECTING KEMETIC CULTURE: INCREASING THE POPULARITY OF KEMET IN THE BLACK
COMMUNITY USING GROUNDED FICTION

Dr. Atiba K. King, *Author*

AFRICOLOGICALLY MAPPING AFRICANA MEMORY OF ANCESTRAL VIOLENCE AND
VENERATION: AXIOLOGICAL CONSIDERATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF DIGITAL/SPATIAL
RESEARCH METHODS

Christopher Roberts, *Temple University*

AGENCY REDUCTION FORMATION: LOCATING AN EGALITARIAN HERMENEUTIC

Dr. Michael T. Tillotson, *University of Pittsburgh*

PANEL 2: Reflective Traditions of Intellectual Warfare in the African Diaspora

9:40am to 10:50am

Chair, Dr. Jennifer Williams, *DISA*

SHAPING AFRICAN WORLD ISSUES: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INTRA-DIASPORIC ALLIANCES

Dr. Ifetayo M. Flannery, *San Francisco State University*

GENOCIDE AS THE LAST FORM OF EPISTEMICIDE IN BRAZIL: THE NEED FOR RECOGNITION OF
AN AFRICAN HERITAGE AS ANTI-POISON OF VIOLENCE IN THE LARGEST MODERN DIASPORA

Luanda Ribeiro do Nascimento, *Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro*

CRITICAL CURRICULUM: THE AFRICAN-CENTERED HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Dr. Arnett Mpigani Kweli, *Executive Director, Kweli Educational Enterprises, Inc.*

DEALING WITH THE TERRITORIAL PROBLEM OF EPISTEMICIDE

Katiúscia Ribeiro, *Federal Ctr. of Technological Education, Celso Suckow da Fonseca*

PANEL 3: The Epistemological Turmoil of Race Rescued by African/a Humanism
10:50am to 11:50am

Chair, Dr. Katherine Bankole-Medina, *Coppin University*

STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING: THE DEFINITIVE HISTORY OF RACIST IDEAS IN AMERICA
Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, *University of Florida*

WITH THE LOVE OF ISIS: PEARL CLEAGE'S *FLYIN' WEST* AND BLACK WOMEN CHARACTERS
THAT EPITOMIZE SISTERHOOD
Dr. Kimmika Williams Witherspoon, *Temple University*

AFRICANA STUDIES AS A WEAPON FOR PRESERVING AFRICAN HUMANITY
Dr. Justin Gammage, *California State University, Dominguez Hills*

12:00pm TO 1:00pm
KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Chair, Dr. Christel N. Temple, *University of Pittsburgh*

“Beyond Yesterday is Tomorrow: Celebrating in the Restoration of Afrikan Humanity”
Dr. Kimani S. K. Nehusi, *Temple University*

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN:
1:00 pm to 1:50 pm

PANEL 4: Practical Axiology and Contexts of African Pedagogy Over Time
2:00pm to 3:10pm

Chair, Dr. Doñela Wright, *San Francisco State University*

THE FORMS AND CONTENTS OF PTAH-HOTEP'S LEXICON OF LEARNING, WISDOM, JUSTICE
AND RIGHTEOUSNESS: A CRITICAL STUDY OF ANCIENT KEMETIC LEXICAL FORMS
IN CONTEMPORARY AFRICAN CULTURAL AND MORAL PRACTICES
Dr. Mohamed Garba, *Abdou Moumouni University of Niamey, Niger*

AFRICAN CONSCIOUSNESS THROUGH LINGUISTIC UNITY: A JUXTAPOSITIONAL ANALYSIS OF
TERMINOLOGY FROM *YURUGU* AND *THE ISLAND OF MEMES*
Dr. V. Nzingha Gaffin, *Cheyney University*

THE CREATIVE POTENTIAL OF NOMMO: EXPLORING THE ETHICAL UTILITY OF THE WORD IN
RITES OF PASSAGE PROGRAMS FOR BLACK YOUTH
Theo B. Holt & Dr. David S. B. Mitchell, *University of West Georgia*

FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND HIS TRIP TO BRITAIN, 1845-1847:
WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO LIVERPOOL
Dr. Mark Christian, *Lehman College – City University of New York*

PANEL 5: The Revisionist Enterprise: Explorations of Core Cultural Worldview
3:10pm to 4:10pm

Chair, Dr. Jennifer Williams, *DISA*

WHERE THE EYE BECAME THE HAND: EKPE/MGBE AND THE AFRIKAN KNOWLEDGE
SOCIETY'S ROLE IN SHAPING SOCIETAL VALUES IN CROSS RIVER STATE CULTURE
Dr. Kevin J. Hales, *The University of Tennessee-Knoxville*

OPTIMAL THEORY BELIEF SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
Kenneth Winfrey, *Psychotherapist and Organizational Consultant*

AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY OR ETHNOPHILOSOPHY?
REFLECTIONS AROUND AFRICAN TRADITIONAL THOUGHT SYSTEMS
Dr. Ana Monteiro-Ferreira, *Eastern Michigan University*

SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTATIONS AND CORRIDOR RECEPTION

4:10pm to 4:40pm

Presenters: Dr. Ana Monteiro-Ferreira, *Eastern Michigan University*
Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, *University of Florida*

DISA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP (JOURNAL ARTICLE)

“The Nation in Antiquity: Unification, Civil War, and
National Liberation in Ancient Kemet”

Journal of Black Studies 46.3 (2015): 239-257

Dr. Lamont D. King, *James Madison University*

DISA AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP (BOOK)

Representations of Black Womanhood in the Media:

The Damnation of Black Womanhood (New York: Routledge, 2015)

Dr. Marquita M. Gammage, *California State University, Northridge*

DISA AWARD FOR INTELLECTUAL INITIATIVE AND ACADEMIC ACTION

Dr. V. Nzingha Gaffin, *Cheyney University*

Dr. Daryl Zizwe Poe, *Lincoln University*

**PANEL 6: Contemporary Case Studies Demanding Solutions from Practical
Afrocentric Orientations to Gender, Identity, and Personhood**

4:40pm to 5:50pm

Chair, Dr. Latoyia Bailey, *School District of Philadelphia*

THE MEDIA FRAMING OF BLACK MEN FROM RODNEY KING TO FREDDIE GRAY:
CRIMINALIZING THE VICTIM

Dr. Donnetrice Allison, *Stockton University*

AN AFROCENTRIC ANALYSIS OF THE BLACK FAMILY MORAL CHARACTERISTICS DISPLAYED
IN THE MEDIA: CHALLENGING MEDIA’S ANTI-BLACK MARRIAGE AGENDA

Dr. Marquita M. Gammage, *California State University, Northridge*

AFRICANA WOMANISM IN LEADERSHIP AND SONG

Dr. KenZoe Brian J. Selassie, *Benedict College*

DEFEATING THE EUROCENTRIC IMPOSITION OF THE TROPE OF COLORISM
IN THE ETHIOPIAN EXPERIENCE

Dr. Brian J. Yates, *St. Joseph’s University*

PANEL 7: Inspired by Diop: Returning the Vision to Its African Source
5:50pm to 7:00pm

Chair, Dr. Clyde Ledbetter, *Cheyney University*

A LINGUISTIC ASSESSMENT OF MA'AT AND ITS USAGE IN MODERN AFRICAN
COMMUNITIES OF MEMORY
ASAR IMHOTEP, *Madu Ndela Institute*

EXPLICATING PEDAGOGIES OF MORALITY: WHEN THE BOOK OF PROVERBS RESEMBLES THE
WISDOM LITERATURE OF AFRICA
Octavia J. Clarkson, *Temple University*

OMENALA (ACTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EARTH): TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT
OF AN AFRICAN CENTERED ENVIRONMENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND
ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR AFRICANA STUDIES
Dr. Kwasi Densu, *Florida A&M University*

ANCIENT NUBIAN SCRIPTURES: MAATIAN ETHICS IN THE ROYAL WRITINGS
OF THE NUBIAN PHARAOH ASPELTA
Dr. Salim Faraji, *California State University, Dominguez Hills*

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Christel N. Temple
Temple University, Executive Director - DISA

Dr. Molefi Kete Asante
Temple University and Diop Conference Founder

READING OF CONFERENCE RESOLUTION