



**AFRICAN STUDIES PROGRAM | AFRICAN FEMINIST INITIATIVE**

**African Feminisms around the World: Cartographies for the 21st Century**

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

6:00-8:30 Informal evening gathering at Whisker's Pub, Nittany Lion Inn

**Friday, September 23, 2016**

7:30-8:30 Breakfast in the Penn State Room, Nittany Lion Inn

8:30-9:15 Presentation by Ben Goldman and Julie Porterfield (Penn State Libraries) on African feminist archiving project, Penn State Room

9:15-9:30 Walk to Foster Auditorium

9:30-9:35 Welcome by Bill Dewey, Director of the African Studies Program

9:35-9:45 Opening remarks by Dean Susan Welch, College of the Liberal Arts

9:45-10:00 Welcome and introduction by Gabeba Baderoon and Alicia Decker

10:00-11:30 Keynote Panel: Mapping the Field of African Feminism, Part I  
Akosua Adomako Ampofo (U of Ghana), Mary Hames (U of Western Cape), and Margo Okazawa-Rey (San Francisco State U)

11:30-1:00 Lunch in the Penn State Room, Nittany Lion Inn

1:00-3:00 Feminist Historical Research: Nationalism, Militarism and Activism  
Penn State Room

#BBOG and Histories of Feminist Activism in Neoliberal Nigeria,  
Abosede George (Barnard College)

“The burden is heavy, we need the men”: Zulu Women and the 1959  
Rebellions in South Africa, Jill Kelly (Southern Methodist U)

#WearYourDrossNow: Reconciling Feminism with Religious and Social  
Values in Ghana, Wunpini Fatimata Mohammed (Penn State U)

Women's Day Rallies and Anglophone Nationalism in 1960s Cameroon, Jacqueline-Bethel Mougoué (Baylor U)

“The time has come that we can't win through peace”: African Women's Militant Thought and Action in 1950s South Africa, Rachel Sandwell (U of the Witwatersrand)

Respondent: Fungai Machirori (Her Zimbabwe)

3:00-3:30

Break

3:30-5:30

Alternative Literacies at the Nexus of African Literary Studies and African Feminisms: A Co-Panel of the ACLx and the African Feminist Initiative Boardroom, Nittany Lion Inn

Feminism, the Cold War and Southern Africa: Rereading *The Golden Notebook*, Susan Andrade (U of Pittsburgh)

Worlding Sexualities under Apartheid: From Gay Liberation to Queer Afropolitanism, Kanika Batra (Texas Tech U)

Through a Woman's Eyes: Contemporary African Cinema and Women's Vision, Njeri Githire (U of Minnesota)

Deconstructing Gender Myths through Participatory Educational Theatre, Kimingichi Wabende (U of Nairobi)

Respondent: Rose Jolly (Penn State)

6:00-9:00

Dinner with ACLx conference at Nittany Lion Inn featuring a poetry reading by Abena Busia (Rutgers U) with an introduction by Gabebe Baderon (Penn State)  
Ballroom C, Nittany Lion Inn

### **Saturday, September 24, 2016**

8:00-9:00

Breakfast in the Penn State Room, Nittany Lion Inn

9:00-10:30

Keynote Panel: Mapping the Field of African Feminism, Part II  
Bibi Bakare-Yusuf (Cassava Republic Press) and Patricia McFadden (Independent scholar)  
Penn State Room

10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:45

Feminist Methods across Africa: Transnational, Regional and Diasporic Views on Teaching Research, Media and Policy  
Penn State Room

Feminisms in Contemporary North Africa, Nada Mustafa Ali (U Mass-Boston)

Representations of African Feminism in Hip Hop, Msia Kibona Clark (Howard U)

Leaving it to Chance: How a Cameroonian University Is Unintentionally Producing African Feminists, and Why It Needs to Be More Intentional, Monique Kwachou (U of Buea)

Feminist Ethnography and Transnational Politics in Africa, Selina Makana (UC- Berkeley)

Crafting Feminist Methodology for Researching Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in Nigerian Universities, Charmaine Pereira (Independent scholar and activist)

Respondent: Esther Ajayi-Lowo (Texas Women's U)

12:45-2:00

Lunch in the Penn State Room, Nittany Lion Inn

2:00-4:00

Queering African Feminisms: Gender, Sexualities and Reproduction  
Penn State Room

“Most African languages don't even have a way of phrasing having an abortion that means anything good”: Is Abortion Un-African?, Malvern Tatenda Chiweshe (Rhodes U)

Solidarity's Limits? The Possibility of Feminist-Queer Activist Alliances in Malawi and Namibia, Ashley Currier (U of Cincinnati)

De-Sexualizing the African Girl: Child Marriage Debates in Colonial East Africa, Corrie Decker (UC Davis)

Girls at the Core: A Practical Example of Centering Feminine Adolescence in Development and Feminist Discourse, Anne Moraa (Zana Africa)

Precarious Equality? Queering the Gender Equity Paradigm in Democratization Theory, Julie Moreau (Northern Arizona U)

Respondent: Chika Okoye (Rutgers U)

4:00-4:15	Break
4:15-5:30	Wrap-up session (publications, archiving and oral history projects, & AFI) Penn State Room, NLI
6:00-9:00	Dinner with African Studies faculty at Pasquerilla Spiritual Center