THE NEW RESEARCH IN EQUATORIAL AFRICA

Etat des lieux sur la recherche en Afrique équatoriale

An event sponsored by the African Studies Program, the History Department, the Harvey Goldberg Center, the Center for French Studies, the Department of French & Italian, and the Diaspora Circle

* University of Wisconsin-Madison
* Saturday, October 14, 2006
The Friedrick Center, 1950 Willow Dr

THE CONFERENCE IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

8:15 am: Coffee and Welcome

8:25 am – 8:45 am: Introductory Paper -Neil Kodesh:
“A Comparative Note from the Healer’s Shrine”

8:45 am - 11:00 am: Composing and Representing Power in the Longue Durée

Chair: Thomas Spear

Jan Vansina: “Oral Traditions, Art, and the Survival of the Kuba Kingdom”/ “Art, traditions orales et survie du royaume Kuba”

Kairn Klieman: “The Ancient History of Bwiti in West-Central Africa”


General discussion

11:00 am -11:15 am – Break

11:15 am - 12:30 pm: Roundtable: “Ruptures and Continuities in Equatorial Africa:
A tribute to, and assessment of, Jan Vansina’s Equatorial Tradition”

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12:30 pm- 2:00 am – Lunch
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2:00 pm – 4:00 pm:  **On the Social Front: Gender, Masculinity and Popular Culture**

*Chair: Aliko Songolo*

**Rachel Jean-Baptiste:** “Gendering the Equatorial Historical Tradition: Marriage, Sexuality and Divorce in Twentieth Century Gabon”

**Didier Gondola:** “Tropical Cowboys, Masculinity and Ritualized Violence in 1950s Kinshasa”


**Charles Tshimanga:** “Music, Cultural Studies and the Social History of the Congo”

**Marissa Moorman:** “Music and Gender in Late Colonial Angola: Clubs vs. the Maquis”

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm: Break

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm:  **Le retour du politique**

*Chair: Michael Schatzberg*

**Enrique Okenve:** Title TBA

**Florence Bernault:** “De la modernité comme impuissance: fêtichisme et crise du politique en Afrique équatoriale”/Powerlessness and Modernity: Fetishism and Political Crisis in Equatorial Africa

**Meredith Terretta:** “Nationalists Go Global: From Cameroonian (UPC) Village Maquisards to Pan-African Freedom Fighters”

**Rémi Bazenguissa-Ganga:** “Le politique en colonie : violence, guerres électorales et construction de l’Etat au Moyen-Congo”

*General discussion*

**Participants:**

Rémi Bazenguissa-Ganga (EHESS, Paris)  
Florence Bernault (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)  
John Cinnamon (Miami University)  
Didier Gondola (Indiana Un.-Indianapolis)  
Nancy Hunt (Un. of Michigan-Ann Arbor)  
Rachel Jean-Baptiste (SUNY-Albany)  
Kairn Klieman (Un. of Texas-Houston)  
Neil Kodesh (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Alisa LaGamma (Metropolitan Museum of Art)  
Marissa Moorman (Un. of Indiana-Bloomington)  
Enrique Okenve (African Caribbean Institute)  
Jeremy Rich (Middle Tennessee State Un.)  
Michael Schatzberg (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Aliko Songolo (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Thomas Spear (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)  
James Sweet (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)  
Meredith Terretta (LeMoyne College)  
Charles Tshimanga (Un. of Nevada-Reno)  
Jan Vansina (Un. of Wisconsin-Madison)