



African Heritage Studies Association

51ST ANNUAL & VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 15, 2020 - 6:00-9:00 PM EST
OCTOBER 16 & 17, 2020 - 11:00AM-8:00 PM EST **DAILY**

THEME: *"Paying Homage to the Scholarship of our Elders and Ancestors"*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HON. SAMIA NKRUMAH

JOIN AHSA and celebrate its 51st Annual Conference! This is our Historic *first* all Virtual Conference in a time of a global pandemic and revolutionary protests across the world in support of Black Lives and liberation. AHSA honors the founders, scholar-activist JEGNOCH who have led in developing the field and discipline of Africana Studies – a field charged to provide theoretical and practical solutions to Black oppression. AHSA’s honorees have lived decades promoting the need for a global united struggle to achieve African sovereignty based on informed historical analysis of African peoples and our culture that must guide the creation of African-centered scholarship, theory, and activism.

FINAL DRAFT PROGRAM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15, 2020 6:00PM-9:00 PM EST & 10:00PM GMT START

6:00pm VIRTUAL OPENING

Virtual Procession

Libations: G. Kimathi Carr, Chair Afro-American Studies Dept, Howard University & First Vice President, ASCAC

Black National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" - Ms. Bianca Jones, Music Educator, Vocalist/Songwriter, DC

Welcome Remarks - Ife Williams, President AHSA

Global Solidarity Message (Joomaay Ndongo Faye, General Secretary, Pan African Federalist Movement Int'l Preparatory Committee)

7:00-7:55 Special Session: Africana Studies: Theory and Practice in African-Centered Teaching

This Special AHSA opening discussion explores critical theoretical and practical issues in teaching Africana Studies in the Social and Environmental Sciences in ways that contribute to African people’s liberatory thinking and actions.

Moderator: Afia S. Zakiya, Vice President-AHSA

Presenters:

Kelly Harris, Dir. Africana Studies, Seton Hall University - *"Fulfilling the mission of AHSA: The history and concept of a Black Social Science"*

Kwasi Densu, Dept of Political Science, FAMU - *"Perspectives on Teaching Africana Environmental History & Political Ecology"*

7:40-7:55pm Q&A

8:15pm AHSA Book Launch: "Black Power, Black Lawyer" with Nkechi Taifa, Esq. -author, activist, lawyer

Moderator: G. Kimathi Carr

8:35pm

VIRTUAL AFRICANA CULTURE / HISTORY TOUR VIDEO PRESENTATION

BLACK LAND, CULTURE AND HISTORICAL TRENDS IN THE SOUTH

9:10 pm Closing & Overview of Next Day – Gayle Watts, AHSA Secretary



FRIDAY OCT 16, 2020 11:00AM-8:00 PM EST

11:00am OPENING:

Virtual Processional of Elders, Board members and Participants

Libations: NANA NKETSIA V GHANA (LIVE)

Invocation: : Nana Rosalind Jeffries

Black National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" - Bianca Jones, Educator, Vocalist/Songwriter, DC

Welcome Remarks/Overview of Conference: Gayle Watts

AHSA PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS - Ife Williams

AHSA ELDER MESSAGE

Global Solidarity Messages

RECOGNITION OF LOST WARRIORS, SCHOLARS, ELDERS, JEGNA

12:05-12:10 pm BREAK: GOOD TROUBLE VIDEO – AHSA YOUTH Showcase: MILAN MOYE'



12:10-12:35 pm YOUTH XPRESSIONS:

Moderator: Njideka Karmo

ON STAGE:

1. RADIANCE MAJOR- Yejide & Aziza MAJOR (FL)

2. Niara Nandi Msola (11) and Jabea Nsombi Msola (13) Homeschool Students (MD)

Dramatic Interpretation of the Poem "I Am" (excerpts from Conflict of Minds by J.K. Ngubane)

12:40-12:50 BREAK

12:50-2:00 pm PLENARY I: Institute of the Black World (IBW) & AHSA Collaborative Session
"Scholarship in the Service of Black Struggle: Tribute to Vincent Harding"



Moderator: William Dorsey, AHSA Treasurer

Presenters:

Howard Dodson, IBW/Immediate past Dir,, Moorland-Spangarn Research Center/Howard Univ. Libraries: "Why IBW"

William "Bill" Strickland, IBW/W.E.B. Du Bois Dept. of Afro-American Studies, UMASS-Amherst: "IBW and Black Struggle"

Collette Hopkins, IBW/Diaspora U.org: "More Power Than We Know"

1:50-2:00pm Q&A

2:00pm LUNCH BREAK- POETRY CULTURAL READING - Inka Alasade, Univ. of Illinois, Center for African Studies

2:30-3:35pm PLENARY II: African Heritage Studies Association, Genealogies of Knowledge and Inter-relational Knowledge Production

This panel will show how the foundation which AHSA stands is strong and it is only with the next generation of scholars' understanding the unique social, historical and political foundation of AHSA that we can move forward in the ways envisioned by John Henrik Clarke, Shelby Lewis, James Turner and Marimba Ani.

Moderator: Karanja Keita Carroll, Africana Studies, Baruch College

Presenters: Karanja Keita Carroll

Autumn Raynor, Speech Communication, Houston Community College Northwest

DeReef Jamison, Africana Studies, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Sekhmet Ra Em Kht Maat, Africana Studies, Tennessee State University

3:20-3:35pm Q&A

3:35-3:45pm BREAK

3:45-4:15 pm Cultural Presentation: The Pan African Heritage World Museum/Academy (PAHW), Ghana

Moderator: Njideka Karmo, Director, Fawohodie Sua, AIDIKI

Presenter: Hon. Kojo Acquah Yankah, Founder, Pan African Heritage World (www.pahw.org) & AUCC -Ghana (www.aucc.edu.gh)

4:05-4:15pm Q&A

4:15-4:20pm BREAK

4:20-5:20 pm AHSA ANNUAL MEETING

AHSA ANNUAL MEETING TO HOLD-members receive update on state of organization and discuss important issues.

Participants sign up during this time volunteer for committees. Committees to join are: **1) Fundraising 2)**

Communications/Membership 3) Programs (Youth)

5:20-5:30 pm BREAK

5:30-7:00 pm PLENARY III: BLACK HISTORICAL RESISTANCE ACROSS THE DIASPORA: African-Centered Frameworks for Understanding Resistance to White Supremacy & State Police Violence

Moderator: Afia S. Zakiya, Vice-President AHSA

Presenters:

Beatriz Morales Faba– Assoc. Prof. Emerita, Morris Brown College “Teaching and Learning from the Ancestors”.

Akinyele Umoja – Prof. African-American Studies, Georgia State Univ., Atlanta, Ga

Yannick Giovanni Marshall – Asst. Prof. Africana Studies, Knox College ““Seeing ‘White Crime’”: Notes on Some Problems of Visibility” – presenting from Tanzania

6:40-7:00pm Q&A

7:10-8:15PM PLENARY IV – The Legacy and Contributions of James Turner to Africana Studies

Moderator: Robert Harris, Jr., Prof. Emeritus, Cornell Africana Studies & Research Center

Presenters:

Shelby Lewis, Professor Emerita, Atlanta University, Co-Founder, AHSA: “*James Turner: The Consummate Scholar-Activist*”

Ron Daniels, President, Institute of Black World 21st Century (www.ibw21.org): “*The Legacy and Contributions of James Turner to Africana Studies*”

Keisha Hicks, Academic Advisor, McNair Scholars Program UC-Berkeley: “*Let Your Motto Be Resistance!*” *James Turner and Radical Scholarship Production*”

8:05-8:15pm Q&A

8:20-8:30pm **Closing** – Overview of next day: **Njideka Karmo - Director, Fawohodie Sua, AIDIKI**



SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2020 11AM - 9PM EDT

11:00 am OPENING CEREMONY

Virtual Processional – Elders, AHSA Board, Exec members, conference attendees/participants
Libation & Ancestral Call- Nana Prof. James Small (Vice Pres. World African Diaspora Union/WADU)
Invocation- Nana Rosalind Jeffries (WADU, SVU)
Black National Anthem "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" - Bianca Jones
Overview of day - Njideka Karmo – Director, Fawohodie Sua, AIDIKI

Global Solidarity Messages

RECOGNITION OF LOST WARRIORS – Kwame Agyei Akoto, Nana Dr. Akosua Akyaa (Patricia Newton), Conrad Worrill, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Tamir Rice, Riah Milton, Oluwatoyin Salah, Rep. John Lewis, Rev. C.T. Vivian, Itibari Zulu, Chadwick Boseman, Hashim Nzinga, others!

11:45-12:30pm ROUNDTABLE: 2021 PANAFEST FOUNDATION & AHSA COLLABORATION

PANAFEST & AHSA 52ND ANNUAL MEETING & VIRTUAL CONFERENCE: *July 23-August 3, 2021 Ghana*

AHSA THEME: *“The Future of AHSA and the Youth in the African Liberation Movement”*

PANAFEST THEME: *“Securing The African Family : Our Soul, Our Health, Our Wealth”*

VENUE: Cape Coast, Elmina, Accra, and Assin Manso - Ghana. www.panafestghana.org

Presenters: Afia Zakiya & Gayle Watts – AHSA, Rabbi Kohain Halevi, Executive Director, Panafest Foundation & Nana Kobina Nketsia V, Panafest Foundation/AHSA Member

12:20-12:30 pm Q&A

12:30-12:35 BREAK

12:40-1:40 PLENARY V: Ujamaa Society: CAU Political Science Students on Current Black Lives Matter Movement & Role of Black Political Scientist in Black Liberation

Moderator & Presenter: Ms. Jayme Beasley, President, Ujamaa Society-Clark Atlanta University & Ujamaa Society (Jarrod K. Grant, Alexis Harris,

1:30-1:40pm Q&A

1:45 – 2:15pm **LUNCH BREAK: Virtual CULTURAL PERFORMANCE PRESENTATIONS/ Seize power video**

2:15-3:30PM PLENARY VI – KEYNOTE SESSION: STATE OF GLOBAL BLACK WORLD PROGRESS TOWARDS SOVEREIGNTY AND PAN AFRICAN UNITY

Moderator: Nana Prof. James Small, (Vice Pres. World African Diaspora Union/WADU) - **New York, NY**

Keynote Speaker: Hon Samia Nkrumah – Founder/Pres., The Kwame Nkrumah Pan-African Centre (KNAC). **Accra, Ghana**

Response 1: Nana Kobina Nketsia V - Paramount Ruler of Essikado (Sekondi) Traditional area, Western Region-Ghana

Response 2: Ghanaian Youth Female (TBD)

Response 3: Nana Leonard Jeffries (Nana Kwaku Dua Agyeman II), AHSA Board and Elder

3:00-3:30pm Q&A

3:30-3:40PM BREAK

3:40 - 4:45pm PLENARY VII Examining The Works of Marimba Ani, Shelby Lewis, & Charshee McIntyre

Moderator: Mwalimu Baruti- Co-Founder, Akoben Institute

Video: Remembering the Wisdom of Nsamanfo Charshee McIntyre

Presenters:

Ensi-Kwesi Imhotep Ogundele Akufe Gilliam: “Influence of Marimba Ani & Shelby Lewis in Black Studies and my Education”

Joanne Edey-Rhodes, Dept of Africana & Puerto Rican/Latino Studies at Hunter College, CUNY - “ Marimba Ani (Dona Richards): Educator, Colleague, and Friend”

Catherine Kanabahita , Executive Director, DENIVA, Uganda – “Reflections on Shelby Lewis’ Personal and Global Impact”

4:35-4:45 Q&A

4:45-4:55 BREAK

4:55-6:50 PM PLENARY VIII: Examining The Works of AHSA FOUNDER Nsamanfo JOHN HENRIK CLARKE

Moderator & Presenter: Runoko Rashidi – Independent Historian and Researcher

Presenters:

Runoko Rashidi – Independent Historian/Researcher: “John Henrik Clarke: The Man Who Never Left Us”

Tony Browder - Director, IKG Cultural Resources- Presentation: “The John Henrik Clarke Enhanced History Project”

Izmira Aitch- International Political Economist, Washington DC, Global Africa

J. Vern Cromartie – Chair, Contra Costa College Sociology Dept: “From Alabama to Georgia: The First Steps of the Great and Mighty Walk of John Henrik Clarke

Greg Kimathi Carr - Chair, Dept of Afro-American Studies, Howard University

6:30-6:50pm Q&A

7:00-7:30PM CLOSING SESSION & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Moderator: Ife Williams, AHSA President

FILM: A GREAT & MIGHTY WALK video: <https://youtu.be/ZcfoGMZLKmo>

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