

Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) Conference

INVITATION TO ATTEND

Mid-America Alliance for African Studies (MAAAS) Conference 2026

Sponsored by MAAAS; Reynolds College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, MSU; & Kansas African Studies Center, KU.

MAAAS Conference 2026 is an interdisciplinary conference. We welcome you to attend the keynote and panel sessions and enjoy the music of *Blue Meridian's* Interactive Music Session. Admission to keynote and panel sessions is free. You may also register as an official participant and/or become a member, please complete and submit the Registration Form at <https://kasc.ku.edu/maas-conference>.*

Attend Virtually or In Person **Friday & Saturday, October 9 & 10, 2026**

Plaster Student Union, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

Opening session Oct. 9th, 9:00 AM, Parliamentary Rm 313

International Keynote Speakers

9:40 – 11:00 AM, Friday, Oct. 9, 2026, Parliamentary Rm 313 PSU

Professor Toyin Falola

Jacob & Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities; University Distinguished Teaching Professor, University of Texas, Austin, Department of History.

Renowned scholar and public figure of global stature. Over the past four decades, he has redefined and expanded the approaches, scope, and effectiveness of African studies across multiple disciplines and throughout the world (see Vic Bahl interview at [University of Texas - Austin](#))

9:00-10:200 AM Saturday, Oct. 10, 2026, Parliamentary Rm 313 PSU

Professor Adeshina Afolayan

**Professor of African Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria;
2023-2024 Founder's Fellow at the National Humanities Center, Durham, NC.**

His work reframes African philosophy as multilayered via exploration of what shapes philosophical thought through intersectionalities of culture, gender, and knowledge production within African frameworks (see recent presentation at [University of Kansas - KASC](#) on philosophy and gender.

Enjoy our Guest Musicians – Blue Meridian: Kadesh Clouden & Tom Corbridge, Steelpan and Marimba percussion duo Interactive Presentation, **October 9, 2026, 3:00 pm at Ballroom, PSU.**

We look forward to seeing you all at MAAAS Conference 2026 October 9 & 10, 2026 –

Online or In Person. **See You There!**

***Lunches and Dinner are Registered Guests Only**

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