

SPR 2026 KASC Calendar

JANUARY

- **W, 21 (18:00-19:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CST):** African Virtual Affiliate Presentations
 - **Olufemi Timothy Ogunbode**, Department of History, Ladoko Akintola University of Technology, Nigeria; *Plurality of Migrants in Baptist Mission's Medical Practice in Yorubaland, 1907–1986*
 - **Pamela Muhadia Ngugi**, Department of Kiswahili and African Languages, Kenyatta University, Kenya; *A Kiswahili Mobile Reading Application for Rural Primary Schools in Kenya: Prospects and Challenges*
 - **Taofik Adesanmi**, Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Nigeria; *Negotiating Identity at the Threshold: A Linguistic Exploration of Epitaphs and Commemorative Discourse in Africa and the Diaspora*
- **T, 27 (18:00-19:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CST):** Ujamaa Virtual Colloquium Series
Rahina Muazu, KU Department of AAAS; *Women's Voices, Sacred Texts: Gender, Authority, and Qur'anic Soundscapes in Contemporary Africa*
- **Sat, 31 (15:00-22:30 UTC; 9:00 am – 4:30 pm CST):** Virtual Symposium
Global African/Asian Studies: Perspectives from the Americas
<https://kansas.zoom.us/j/88031352771> (Passcode: 503800)

FEBRUARY

- **W, 04 (18:00-19:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CST):** African Virtual Affiliate Presentations
 - **Tolulope Osayomi**, Department of Geography, University of Ibadan, Nigeria; *The African COVID-19 Paradox: Counter-Narratives and the Mapping of a Pandemic*
 - **Addamms Mututa**, Department of Communication and Media, University of Johannesburg, South Africa; *Challenges for Contemporary African Studies: Theory Alongside Reality*
 - **Ashraf Kagee**, Department of Psychology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa; *On Palestine and Debilitation*
- **M, 9 (3:00-4:00 pm CST):** AAAS LHC Brownbag
Fithawee G. Tzeggai, KU Department of Sociology *Sanitization Segregation: Urban Schools, Black Protest, and the Politics of Knowledge*
- **T, 17 (18:00-19:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CST):** Ujamaa Virtual Colloquium Series
Thomas Keegan, KU Department of History; *Fugitive Science: Eugenic Discourse and West African Political Expression in Colonial Freetown*
- **Th, 26 (7:00-8:30 pm CST):** Hall Center for the Humanities Speaker Series
Felwine Sarr, Romance Studies, Duke University; *The Making of the Present*

MARCH

- **F, 6 (15:00-23:00 UTC; 9:00 am - 5:00 pm CST):** KASC Graduate Research Symposium
- **M, 9 (20:00-21:00 UTC; 3:00-4:00 pm CT):** UVCS/Langston Hughes Center Colloquium
Ricka Mamma, KU School of Social Welfare; *Intimate Partner Violence and Immigrant Women: Intersecting Factors Shaping Vulnerability and Resilience*
- **Th, 12 (19:00 UTC; 2:00 pm CT) Digital Indaba**
Nozomi Sawada, Komazawa University (Tokyo, Japan) and University of Birmingham (UK);
Decoding Emotions in African Historical Texts: AI Analysis of Colonial Nigerian Newspapers"
- **W, 25 (17:00-18:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CT):** Ujamaa Virtual Colloquium Series
Mungai Mutonya, *Mapping Nairobi's Linguistic Profile: Methods, Challenges, and Insights*

AFRICA TAMASHA WEEK

- **M, 30 MAR:** ATW launch
- **W, 01 APR:** African (Diasporic) Language Festival
- **Th, 02 (4:00 pm CT at The Forum in Marvin Hall)**
Malês (2024). A film developed in consultation with Professor João José Reis.
- **Th, 02 (7:00 pm CDT; Location TBA)**
Laurent Dubois, Department of History, University of Virginia; *What Worlds Does Soccer Imagine*
- **Fri, 03 17:00 UTC; 12:00 pm CT in 100 Stauffer-Flint):** Global African Studies Lecture
João José Reis, Department of History, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil; *Manoel Joaquim Ricardo, A Successful Hausa Freedman in Bahia, c. 1806-1865*
- **Sat, 04:** Africa Night Party

APRIL

- **W, 8 (17:00-18:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CT):** African Virtual Affiliate Presentations
 - **Aphiwe Mhlangulana**, Institute for Humanities in Africa (HUMA), University of Cape Town, South Africa; *A Decolonial Feminist Exploration of Black African Women's Experiences in Feminist Activism*
 - **Stephen Phiri**, Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Studies, South Africa; *The Predicament of the African Post-Colonial State*
 - **Adeolu Oyekan**, Decolonial Research Group, University of Pretoria, South Africa; *Ethics Dumping and Data Mining: Implications of Cosmopolitan Ethics for Reconfiguring African Studies*
- **M, 13 (3:00-4:00 PM CT):** LHC Brownbag Series
Owen MacDonald, Department of History, University of Illinois; *Caribbean Amazônia: Race, Migration, and Labor in Northwestern Brazil, 1870-1941*
- **W-F, 15-17:** Africana Librarians Council at KU Libraries
- **T, 21 (17:00-18:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CT):** Ujamaa Virtual Colloquium Series
Korkor Ebeheakey, History of Art, University of Michigan; and Lecturer, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi; *Marked Histories: Ga-Dangme Body Modification as Language, Art, and Archive*
- **W, 29: (17:00-18:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CT):** African Virtual Affiliate Presentations

- **Jackson Coy**, Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; *Freedom of Religion and Paradox of Worshipping in Tanzania*
- **Nkuruka Jacinta Akaenyi**, Department of Performing Arts, Akwa Ibom State University, Nigeria; *Patterns of Domestic Violence and Economic Control: Comparative Findings from Maria Irene Fornes The Conduct of Life and Osita Ezenwanebe's Adaugo*
- **Mulikah Adeyemi Lawal**, University of Lagos, Nigeria; *Oral Literature in a Global World: Influences of the New Media and Digital Humanities*

MAY

- **W, 6 (17:00-18:15 UTC; 12:00-1:25 pm CT):** Ujamaa Virtual Colloquium Series
Maxamed Abu-maye, Department of AAAS, Ohio State University; *Black Muslim Refugee: Militarism, Policing, and Somali American Resistance to State Violence*
- **F, 8:** African Studies Council Meeting (?)