Conference on "Movements, Migrations and Displacements in Africa"

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We are pleased to announce a three-day conference (March 24-26, 2006) centered on the theme of Movements, Migrations and Displacements in Africa with the objective of examining population shifts within Africa, and the movement of people from Africa to the rest of the world. We welcome papers that pose new, cultural, historical, sociological, methodological, and theoretical questions, whether addressing relevant, recurring and urgent issues or raising neglected topics. Papers are invited on virtually all themes, inclusive of time, period and space parameters as well as interdisciplinary perspectives.

Among the themes of interest are the following:

- Migration and shifting identity
- Hybridity, transculturation
- The impacts of wars and military systems, ancient and modern
- Trans-Atlantic migrations, forced and voluntary
- Cultural and ethnic accommodation of newcomers
- Case studies within Africa (e.g., Rwanda, South Africa)
- Case studies of Africans in other continents (e.g., Nigerians in Dallas; African churches in London)
- Impact of Western and Asian settlers
- Trans-national struggles and ideas
- The African diaspora in other continents
- Refugees Representations in literature, films, and media
- Exile and homecoming narratives
- Sociological issues as crime, juvenile delinquency, unemployment, family structures
- Gender and generational disparities
- Intellectual movements such as Pan-Africanism, Negritude, etc.
- Memoirs of migrancy
- Displacement: plot, characters, setting

The deadline for submitting paper proposals is October 1, 2005. Proposals should include a 250-word abstract along with author's name, address, telephone, email, and institutional affiliation.
Please submit all abstracts to: Toyin.Falola@mail.utexas.edu

It is expected that participants will raise the funding to attend the conference. The University of Texas at Austin does not provide participants with any form of funding support, travel or boarding expenses. If a small fund comes our way, we will use it to cover the administrative expenses of running the conference and to pay for the hotel rooms (food not included) for those coming from Africa and graduate students.

Selected papers from the conference will be published in book form.

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