SERSAS-SEAN
"21st Century Resiliency: Sustainable Development and U.S.-Africa Relations"
Spring 2017 Conference
February 3rd and 4th
College of Charleston
Friday, February 3rd

6:00pm: Reception at Simon Lewis and Janet Watts’s house, at 50 Dunnemann Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403 (please RSVP to lewiss@cofc.edu by noon on Thurs. Feb. 2nd)

Saturday, February 4th

8:00-8:30am: Registration, breakfast, and coffee
-at Jewish Studies Building, room 233 (96 Wentworth Street), College of Charleston campus

8:30-10:00am: SESSION ONE
US - Africa Relations
Chair: Christopher Day

Stephen Magu (Hampton University)—“The US and Great Powers’ ‘Benign Neglect’ Foreign Policy Approach”

Abou B. Bamba (Gettysburg College)—“An American Bid in African Development: David E. Lilienthal and the Ivorian Miracle, 1960-1975”

Aran MacKinnon (Georgia College)—“Congresswoman Frances Payne Bolton and the Trip to Africa, 1955: A Preliminary Exploration”

10:15am-12 noon: SESSION TWO
Chair: Bill F. Ndi

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Benjamin Hart Fishkin (Tuskegee University)—“Failed Educational System, the Flipside of Unsustainable Development”

Bill F. Ndi (Tuskegee University)—“A Nose for Money and the Advocacy for a Sustainable Democracy”

Adaku T. Ankumah (Tuskegee University)—“Sustainability, Democracy, and Women in Thomas Jing’s *The Tale of an African Woman*”

Richard Evans (Tuskegee University)—“Academic Freedom as Panacea to Sustainable Political Freedom: Bill F. Ndi’s *God’s in the Ivory Towers*”

John Hames (University of Florida)—“Heroes’ and ‘Traitors’: The Politics of Pulaar Language Loyalty in Senegal and Mauritania”

Noon-12:30pm: Lunch

12:30-2:00pm: Plenary lecture by Peter Lewis (Johns Hopkins University)
"Changing the Narrative: African Development and Policy Futures"

2:15-3:45pm: SESSION THREE
Resources, Climate, and Economics

Chair: Kenneth Wilburn (East Carolina University)

Beth Elise Whitaker (UNC-Charlotte), James Igoe Walsh (UNC - Charlotte), and Kennedy Mkutu (United States International University-Kenya)—“Avoiding the Resource Curse: Results from a Survey Experiment in Kenya”
Saturday, February 4th

Abe Goldman (University of Florida)—“Climate Change and the Political Economy of Carbon in Tropical Africa”

Robert Dibie (Indiana University Kokomo) —“Analysis of Local Governments Proactive Sustainability Strategy in Nigeria and South Africa”

4:00 -5:00pm: SERSAS Business Meeting

6pm: Dinner at Fast & French (at your own expense, please make reservation with Chris Day by noon on Sat. Feb. 4th) 98 Broad Street

Street Address for the Conference:
Jewish Studies Building – 96 Wentworth Street (back entrance near Marty’s Place)

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