AfAA Preliminary Program

The following is the preliminary program for the 2021 AAA Annual Meeting, being held November 17-21 in Baltimore, Maryland, and online virtually. This is the curated program for the section of Association for Africanist Anthropology.

Please note: Session types are indicated in this preliminary program. “In-Person” indicates that the session will take place in a meeting room at the Annual Meeting in Baltimore, with at least one presenter presenting in the room. Some presenters for in-person sessions have elected to present remotely via zoom. “Virtual” indicates the session will be presented entirely virtually and found on the virtual meeting platform, Pathable.

Thursday, November 18, 2021

(2-0760) The Royalty of Resistance: Citizenship, Activism, Constitutionalism and the Discursive Space of Protests in Africa
Volunteered - Oral Presentation (In-Person)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
8:00 AM - 9:45 AM
Miriam Kilimo, Kathryn Takabvirwa, Ermitte St. Jacques, Betty Harris

(2-1290) Infrastructure,(in)Security, Autochthony, Urbanism and the Multivalence of Indigeneity
Volunteered - Oral Presentation (In-Person)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
4:15 PM - 6:00 PM
Katrina Greene, Anne Lewinson, Erin Jordan, Daniel Smith, Eshetu Tegengne
(2-1654) AfAA Awards Ceremony
Distinguished Lecture (In-Person)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
8:30 PM - 10:30 PM
Kristin Hedges

(2-1653) AfAA Distinguished Lecture and Reception: ‘Becoming a Big Man in Africa: Subalternity, Elitism and Ethnic Politics in Nigeria’ (delivered by Dr. Wale Adebanwi)
Distinguished Lecture (In-Person)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Yolanda Covington-Ward, Adewale Adebanwi

Friday, November 19, 2021

(3-2310) Energy Landscapes in Transition: Techniques of Extraction, Environment, and Eco-Justice in East and West Africa
Invited Session - Oral Presentation (In-Person)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM
Ebenezer Obadare, Oluwabunmi Bernard, Omolade Adunbi, Kristin Phillips, Erin Dean

(3-2120) Organizing and Curating Museums during the Pandemic: Truth, Responsibility, and Repatriations
Oral Presentation (In-Person)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
2:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Preminda Jacob, Bennetta Jules-Rosette, Erica Fontana, J.R. Osborn, Shannen Hill

(3-2461) Beyond "Failure": South Sudan in Focus
Roundtable / Townhall (Virtual)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
2:00 PM - 3:45 PM
Jok Madut Jok, Clemence Pinaud, Matthew Sebastian, MaryBeth Chrostowsky, Ferenc Marko, Harriet Mulukwat, Yidong Gong, Christian Doll
(3-2150) Material publics  
Oral Presentation (In-Person)  
Association for Africanist Anthropology  
4:15 PM - 6:00 PM  
Hassan Kochore, Abdullahi Shehu, Musa Ibrahim, Nathan Dobson

(3-1940) Techniques of Affect: TechnoHealth, Pandemic Governmentality, Salon Customers and the Social Dynamic of Viral Emergence in Africa and its Diaspora  
Volunteered - Oral Presentation (Virtual)  
Association for Africanist Anthropology  
4:15 PM - 6:00 PM  
Sylviane Greensword, Raymond Awadzi, Olufunke Adegoke, Stephanie Rupp

Saturday, November 20, 2021

(4-3291) Centering Blackness in the Anthropology of Africa  
Cosponsored Session - Roundtable / Townhall (In-Person)  
Association for Africanist Anthropology  
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM  
Laurian Bowles, Ampson Hagan, Jemima Pierre, Victoria Massie, Omotayo Jolaosho, Deborah Frempong, Chrystel Oloukoi, Kwame Otu

Sunday, November 21, 2021

(5-3530) Music and Politics in East-Africa  
Oral Presentation (In-Person)  
Association for Africanist Anthropology  
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM  
Raymok Ketema, Charles Lwanga, Sarah Bishop, Simeneh Gebremariam, Giordano Marmone, Kelly Askew, Bilinda Straight

Asynchronous Content

(0-0540) Praising the Empire: Religious Ethics in the Making of a Decolonial Diaspora  
Talk (Virtual)  
Association for Africanist Anthropology  
Brian Smithson
(0-0890) Indigeneity, Modernity, and Regimes of Naming among Bakiga Christians in Western Uganda
Talk (Virtual)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
T.J. Espino McGurran

(0-0170) Theobroma – the food of gods: Chocolate, truth, and responsibility in Ghana and beyond
Individual Poster (Virtual)
Association for Africanist Anthropology
Barbora Kyereko