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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AFRICAN WOMEN WRITERS

Submissions are requested for an edited collection of interviews or conversations with well-known and emerging African women writers. Participants are asked to submit interviews of women writers of fiction, poetry, or drama from North or Sub-Saharan Africa no later than **November 30, 2000**. All interviews must be transcribed and word-processed (WordPerfect or Word) in English or English translation. Contributors should provide introductory information about the writer being interviewed and the circumstances of the interview. Photos would also be appreciated. Submissions should be sent on disk with two hard copies to either of the editors: Maureen N. Eke, Associate Professor, Department of English, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859; Tel:

(517) 774-2662; Fax: (517) 774-1271; Email: eke1mn@mail.cmich.edu; G. Oty Agbajoh-Laoye, Assistant Professor, Department of English and Foreign Languages, African-American Studies, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764; Tel: (732) 571-3662; Fax: (732) 263-5242; Email: Olaoye@monmouth.edu.

### THE OVERSEAS MINISTRIES STUDY CENTER

The Overseas Ministries Study Center is compiling a *Dictionary of African Christian Biography* and is requesting suggestions of names for inclusion. For further information contact: Dictionary of African Christian Biography, Overseas Ministries Study Center, 490 Prospect St., New Haven, CT 06511-2196; Tel: (203) 624-6672; Fax: (203) 865-2857; Email: dacb@omsc.org; Website: www.dacb.org.

### ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COLONIALISM

The Encyclopedia of Colonialism, a 1,200 page, three-volume, illustrated reference work, is soliciting entry writers. The

Encyclopedia expects to be a unique, contemporary, and comprehensive reference work covering the subject of colonialism and imperialism in the modern (post-1400) period, including significant anti-colonial movements. For further information contact: Melvin E. Page, General Editor, Encyclopedia of Colonialism, Department of History, East Tennessee State University, P. O. Box 70672, Johnson City, TN 37614; Email: colonial@etsu.edu.

### KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

Kalamazoo College is offering opportunities for students to study in France, Germany, Kenya, Senegal and Thailand. For further information contact: The Center for International Programs; Telephone: (616) 337-7133; Fax: (616) 337-7400; Email: cip@kzoo.edu; Website: www.kzoo.edu/cip.

## CLAUDE AKE MEMORIAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The Africa-America Institute and the African Studies Association announce the first Claude Ake Memorial Awards Program competition, funded by the Ford Foundation.

An internationally renowned Nigerian political scientist and economist, Claude Ake was committed to positive change for his country and Africa. The Claude Ake Memorial Awards Program seeks to encourage young African scholars/activists to carry out research, reflection and writing about their ideas and activities. The award is intended for Africans who, like Claude Ake, champion social justice, economic development and democracy.

Successful applicants will receive stipends of \$5,000 for innovative research aimed at meeting challenges that face the continent of Africa. As part of the award, Ake award recipients will travel to the United States to participate in study tours that are designed to support their individual research interest. In addition, the Ake Scholars will present their research at the African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meeting in Houston, TX, November 15-18, 2001. The Africa-America Institute will publish the completed research projects of each Ake Scholar.

**Application Process:** Applications may also be downloaded via the Internet at: [www.aaionline.org](http://www.aaionline.org) and [www.africanstudies.org](http://www.africanstudies.org). Applications will be reviewed by a panel of distinguished scholars of African studies in the humanities and social sciences. Completed applications must be received at the Africa-America Institute no later than **October 27, 2000**.

**Eligibility:** This program is intended primarily for African scholar/activists residing on the continent of Africa. Awards may also be made to select applicants residing in the African Diaspora. Preference is given to individuals who have not recently visited North America. Proficiency in written and spoken English is required.

**For applications and information contact:** The Africa-America Institute, Claude Ake Memorial Awards, 1625 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 U.S.A.

The mission of the Africa-America Institute (AAI) is to expand educational and professional training opportunities for Africans, foster greater understanding of Africa in America, and promote mutually beneficial US-Africa relations. Founded in 1953, AAI is a multi-racial, multi-ethnic, nonprofit organization, with offices in New York and Washington, DC, and a presence in 20 African countries.

The African Studies Association (ASA) was founded in 1957 as a nonprofit organization open to all individuals and institutions interested in African affairs. Its mission is to bring together people with a scholarly and professional interest in Africa. With over 3,000 individual and institutional members worldwide, ASA is the leading North American organization that promotes African studies.