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Kansas African Studies  
Center Presents:

**A TWO-WEEK INSTITUTE  
FOR TEACHERS**

**AFRICA**



**A DIALOGUE OF  
CULTURES**



June 11-22, 2007

To be held in

109 Bailey Hall

University of Kansas

Lawrence, Kansas

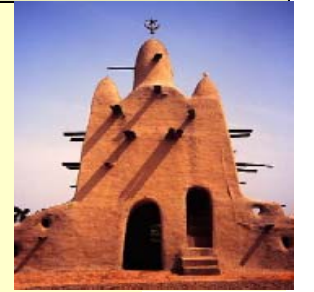
**Graduate and In-Service Credit Available  
Scholarships are being offered**

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**THE KANSAS AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER'S 2007 TEACHER SUMMER INSTITUTE** will provide teachers and educators in our region with a unique perspective on Africa and African cultures. The main objective of this two-week program is to learn about the continent in order to teach vital related topics within schools and academic institutions. It is designed to address challenges and problems encountered in learning and teaching about Africa. Using a multi-faceted teaching approach, including presentations, panel discussions, demonstrations, video illustrations, and hands on library research, Africanist faculty at KU will provide the knowledge needed to better understand Africa and its realities. Specific topics of study will include: teaching resources and methodology, current African issues (media stereotypes, human rights, health, ethnic conflicts, politics, and HIV/AIDS), as well as African culture including religions, languages, music and dance, and literature. A visit to see African art collections at Nelson-Atkins Museum in Kansas City is planned as well as featuring teaching resources available at the Kansas City Zoo and KU's Museum of Anthropology. The Institute's closing day will include an elaborate ceremony featuring music, drumming, dance, and foods of the people of Africa.



**This Institute is recommended** for all teachers and educators who teach about Africa in their classrooms, or who seek quality information and thought-provoking discussion about different aspects of African culture and societies.

**The daily format** includes an array of learning sessions-talks and panel discussions by KU African area specialists, library research time, and a field trip to the Kansas City area. Participants will create lesson plans to be used in their own classrooms, as well as by other educators, and will have opportunities to meet with faculty consultants for content and resource suggestions. The last day of the Institute, each participant will share their units and brainstorm as a collective group. A select number of these lesson plans will be used for *Teaching Africa and the Middle East in the*

*Great Plains*, a KASC project funded by the Longview Foundation that provides teachers with classroom resources that focusing on Africa. Teaching materials will be posted on the Center's website and other websites related to international education.

**Graduate credit** will be available to those who wish to enroll and pay for tuition and fees. Graduate students who are taking the summer workshop for credit are required to prepare research projects approved by the Institute Director. These research projects will also be presented on the last day of the Institute.

**In-service credit** has been applied for the Lawrence and Topeka School districts. If you would like help obtaining in-service credit in your district, please let us know.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION,** contact Khalid El-Hassan, Kansas African Studies Center,

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# AFRICA: A DIALOGUE OF CULTURES

Monday through Friday, June 11-22, 2007

## MORE INFORMATION

The Institute offers a unique opportunity for teachers, college instructors, KU students, and community members in our region to learn about African cultures and societies. They will get interactive perspectives on African culture including ethnicity, religion, music, food, arts, and dance.

Special learning experiences will include a visit to the Nelson-Atkins Museum featuring the African Arts collection. A visit to the Kansas City Zoo to see teaching and learning resources about Africa is also planned. Another highlight of the Zoo trip is viewing the newly established 95 acre African exhibits that allows participants to view African animals in a natural habitat. The Jewish Vocational Services of Kansas City and the Catholic Charities of Kansas City, Kansas, with their expertise in recent African immigrant resettlement, have been added as additional resources for Institute participants. We will visit these institutions as part of our day visit to Kansas City.

The Institute will be listed as AAAS 680 "Introduction to Modern Africa" and AAAS 690 "Investigation and Conferences" and can be taken for up to 6 undergraduate or graduate credits.

An additional aspect of the summer Institute's success is its ability to introduce KU graduate students to African studies. The workshop in its interdisciplinary format and cultural package has been very effective in recruiting graduate students to African studies at KU. All of the KU graduate students who participated in the last six years expressed interest in continuing to take African studies in the subsequent years.

## A SAMPLER OF OUR TOPICS

- Methodological Approach to the Teaching of Africa.
- Media and Stereotypes of African People.
- Africa Online: Resources for Teaching about Africa.
- Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflicts in Africa.
- African Collections at the KU's Museum of Anthropology.
- A visit to Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art Collection in Kansas City.
- Selected African Languages and Culture.
- Values and Traditional Religions of Africa.
- African Dance: Presentation and Demonstration.
- Economic Development in Africa.
- Gender and the Situation of African Women.
- Health Issues and HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- Religion and Identity of the Swahili People in Africa.

## OUR SPECIALISTS INCLUDE:

Omofolabo Ajayi	Margaret Rausch
Malcolm Gibson	Liz MacGonagle
Garth Myers	Sandra Gray
Nelly Ukpokodu	Mohamed El-Hodiri
John Janzen	Gitti Salami
Peter Ukpokodu	Jane Irungu
Ken Lohrentz	Ebenezer Obadare
Elizabeth Asiedu	Majid Hannoum
Beverly Mack	Glenn Adams
Byron Caminero-Santangelo	Khalid El-Hassan

## CELEBRATE AFRICA!

The Teacher Summer Institute closing ceremony will be a celebration of African cultures, including a festive African dinner, with African music and dance, featuring the Djembe Kaan drumming group. Feel free to bring your families and enjoy a relaxing evening with Institute colleagues!

## MORE INFORMATION

The materials fee is \$40 for teachers and \$20 for KU graduate students.

Late fee: Additional \$5 after Friday, June 1, 2007. A materials fee refund may be requested in writing before June 1; otherwise no refunds will be given after that date.

### Materials Fee Includes:

- Educational program with KU faculty specialists on Africa.
- Informational packet and resource materials
- Refreshments.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

A limited number of scholarships are being offered to participants this year. To apply for a scholarship, write a brief essay answering the following questions about your needs and interests in teaching Africa, and include one letter of reference from your primary evaluator.

- What do you teach; at what grade level?
- What African topics do you teach, and how much time do you devote to Africa?
- To better teach about Africa, what do you or your colleagues need for your classroom or your school? (i.e. content, materials, resources, etc.)

Scholarships may be used for graduate tuition and fees, or other related Institute expenses. They will be offered to eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. **The deadline to apply is Friday, May 11, 2007.** A notice of scholarship awards will be sent by June 1st, along with a confirmation letter including more Institute details. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent upon receipt of registration.

**Deadline for registration: Friday, June 8, 2007**

Please copy this form to register more than one person

## REGISTRATION FORM

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is this e-mail accessible in summer? \_\_\_\_\_

School/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Here for More Information:

Accommodations in Lawrence

Graduate and In-Service Credit

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send completed registration form with materials fee (\$40 for teachers and \$ 20 for KU students) to: Kansas African Studies Center, University of Kansas, 1440 Jayhawk Blvd., Bailey Hall, Rm. 10, Lawrence, KS, 66045-7574. Confirmation letter with further details, including a parking map, will be sent upon receipt of registration.