

*Ties that Bind: Uniting Africans*  
Mid-America Alliance for African Studies 2008  
University of Missouri – St Louis  
October 17-18, 2008

MAAAS invites you to submit your presentation proposal (individual or panel) for our 2008 annual conference. Submission Deadline is August 1, 2008.

**Featuring Keynote Speaker:**

Professor Toyin Falola, Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professorship in History  
University of Texas - Austin

**Conference Theme Statement:** African societies and nations have experienced various events, both historical and contemporary, that have created common ground across cultures and geo-political boundaries. The Mid-American Alliance for African Studies has chosen to explore the causes and consequences of ties that bind throughout Africa in its 2008 meeting in St Louis, Missouri. What are the issues, commonalities, conditions that unite people across culture, nationality, religion, language, etc. within the African context? How have these ties been used to effect change within and outside the continent? Scholars and practitioners from all disciplines are invited to share their ideas and projects related to “Ties that Bind: Uniting Africans” in a collegial setting. Possible themes include the following, although other topics are welcomed:

- Roots and results of African unity organizations
- The African Diaspora: Connections
- Economic Regional movements and organizations
- Women’s organizations and movements for unity
- Education’s role in uniting Africa
- Cross-cultural collaborations and organizations
- Artistic representation of African unity
- African social and political organizations to unite
- Religious movements that unite

Please submit your abstract of 250 words or less to:

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Remember all presenters must register for the conference; please mail the attached registration form with payment.

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**Early Conference Registration (before August 1):**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30 - faculty

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10 - students & independent scholars

**Late Conference Registration (after August 1):**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$40 - faculty

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20 - students and independent scholars

**MAAAS membership fees:**

All conference presenters and participants must pay both MAAAS membership fees and conference registration fees.

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**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks payable to MAAAS. Please send an abstract of no more than 250 words for any presentation. Include your name, title, and institution information on the abstract. You may e-mail your proposal to [jamaineabidogun@missouristate.edu](mailto:jamaineabidogun@missouristate.edu). Please remember presenters must pay the conference registration fee.

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