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The Lloyd G. Balfour African President-in-Residence Program at APARC: 2004

Her Excellency Ruth Sando Perry, former interim head of state of the Republic of Liberia and the only female African head of state in modern times, began her tenure as the second Lloyd G. Balfour African President-in-Residence on January 24, 2004.


Throughout her tenure, which ended on March 31, 2004, Madam Perry offered profound insights on the critical topic of reconciliation in Liberia.

*Read Madam Perry’s addresses at http://www.bu.edu/aparc/resources/index.html*

His Excellency Karl Auguste Offmann, former President of the Republic of Mauritius, completed his term as the third Lloyd G. Balfour African President-in-Residence at APARC on October 1, 2004.

President Offmann assumed the Balfour residency on April 7, 2004. His Excellency’s tenure included convening the second African Presidential Roundtable in Boston and London, launching the Balfour Educational Initiative, and writing the foreword to the African Leaders State of Africa Report 2004. In addition, he completed short-term residencies at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and Elizabeth City State University in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

During Offmann’s travels to Washington D.C., Colorado, Georgia, California, and North Carolina, he delivered the following addresses: “Socio-Economic Development in Multi-Cultural Societies: The Mauritian Experiment,” “Investment Opportunities in Mauritius,” “The Challenges and Promises of Africa,” and “Ethical Behavior for Managers.”

*Read the full text of President Offmann’s addresses at http://www.bu.edu/aparc/resources/index.html*

The Lloyd G. Balfour African President-in-Residence Program is funded by the Lloyd G. Balfour Foundation and its trustee, Fleet National Bank, a Bank of America company.

Launched on February 4, 2002, with $1 million from Fleet National Bank, the Balfour African President-in-Residence Program is a Boston University-based initiative for former democratically elected African heads of state. The Balfour African President-in-Residence Program is an effort to provide the American public with unprecedented access to high ranking African officials whose experiences and positions give him or her a unique perspective on political and economic dynamics in Africa. Dr. Kenneth D. Kaunda, first President of the Republic of Zambia, served as the inaugural Balfour African President-in-Residence from September 30, 2003 to November 30, 2004 and was featured in the APARC winter 2003 Communiqué.

During their tenure, Balfour residents speak at various venues throughout the United States focusing on issues of political and economic significance relative to Africa. In addition, Balfour residents provide leadership on a number of APARC-sponsored activities, including the APARC American-African Universities Collaborative, the Balfour Educational Initiative, the annual African Leaders State of Africa Report, and the African Presidential Roundtable.

APARC was established to complement BU’s African Studies program as a resource for fostering efforts at democratization and free-market reform in Africa. Over the last five decades, BU has established an international reputation for excellence in teaching and conducting research on Africa and has built and maintained broad collaborations with institutions in Africa. In addition to hosting African former heads of state, APARC also serves as a repository for select documents of democratically elected African leaders, and organizes lecture series, and academic conferences.

The fourth Balfour African President-in-Residence will be announced in the spring of 2005.
The African Presidential Archives and Research Center (APARC) has announced a collaboration with three African universities, which is the result of the expansion of the APARC Historically Black Colleges and Universities Collaborative.

The University of Ghana (Ghana), the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), and the University of Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) now join Georgia’s Morehouse College and North Carolina’s Elizabeth City State University as members in the APARC American-African Universities Collaborative (AAU Collaborative).

New grants of $400,000 from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and $150,000 from the Carnegie Corporation will provide the member schools unparalleled access to all of APARC programs and APARC materials. APARC’s Balfour Residents will visit each school for short-term residencies during their tenures at Boston University. Faculty and students from the member schools will participate in APARC’s annual African Presidential Roundtable of former African heads of state. This academic year’s Roundtable will be held in Boston and Johannesburg.

Charles Stith, APARC director and former United States Ambassador to Tanzania, says “that the newly enhanced Collaborative will result in a better understanding among Africans and Americans regarding their respective perspectives on critical policy issues. With United States foreign policy under worldwide scrutiny,” he adds, “the AAU Collaborative will facilitate transcontinental conversations about foreign policy issues in a less politically charged environment.”

“Given the urgency of issues like Iraq, terrorism, Darfur, and the impact of globalization on Africa, this Collaborative is particularly timely,” notes Stith. “It provides an opportunity for universities to do what they do best - that is, to provide a credible forum, thoughtful people, and the sort of continuity necessary to find short, medium, and long range solutions to vexing problems.”

University of the Witwatersrand’s Vice-Chancellor, Professor Loyiso G. Nongxa links the Collaborative to Africa’s new position in the world: “For South Africa, governance and leadership in Africa has fast become an area of excellence. This makes research and education in this area a strategic niche for not only South Africa but also the entire continent. Hence, our involvement in this project as, hopefully, a South African intellectual support base,” he says.

“The AAU Collaborative is a great opportunity for some of the United States’ premier institutions of higher learning to interact with some of the premier institutions of higher learning in Africa,” observes Dr. Sarah Moten, Education Chief for the USAID’s Africa Bureau. “The net effect is that Americans and Africans come to understand each other better and help to fashion a framework for greater transcontinental cooperation that can facilitate greater growth and development in Africa.”

“The Leadership Center at Morehouse College is delighted to partner with APARC in this dynamic initiative, in which tomorrow’s leaders will be exposed to the increasingly complex and urgent issues of United States-Africa relations,” says Dr. Walter Earl Fluker, Executive Director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College.

“We see this Collaborative as being critical to our training leaders for the 21st century; leaders who can negotiate global issues for the world in general and for Africa and America in particular,” comments Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University.

Describing the Collaborative as a “renaissance of cooperation between the United States and Africa,” Professor Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, Vice Chancellor of the University of Ghana is equally excited. “As a university with a long history of collaboration with U.S. universities and in the forefront of knowledge production for development,” Asenso-Okyere says, “the University of Ghana hopes to contribute effectively to the Collaborative to improve upon the quality of life of the people of the United States and Africa.”

**African Presidential Archives and Research Center (APARC)**

**Director**
Ambassador Charles R. Stith
former U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania

**Founded**
2001

**Location**
Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts

**President ad interim**
Aram V. Chobanian, M.D.

**History:** Ambassador Stith was appointed by the Chancellor of Boston University to establish the African Presidential Archives and Research Center (APARC) as a complement to Boston University’s fifty-year commitment to African studies. In forty-eight months, APARC has become a vital platform for discussions on economic and political trends in Africa.

**Mission:** Africa is undergoing a period of profound change. In the 1950s and 60s that change was from colonization to independence; in the 1990s and into this century, the change has been equally profound and is from independence toward democratic and free-market reform. APARC’s mission is essentially pedagogical; hence the Center (i) chronicles this most recent phase in Africa’s development; (ii) encourages a multidisciplinary approach to thinking about Africa, and (iii) offers a forum for African leaders to engage other political, business, academic, and public sector leaders.

**Website:** [http://www.bu.edu/aparc](http://www.bu.edu/aparc)
The Leadership Center
Director
Dr. Walter E. Fluker
Founded
1995
Location
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia
President Walter E. Massey, Ph.D.

History: The Leadership Center at Morehouse College, established in 1995 with a generous grant from The Coca-Cola Foundation, was created to reflect the “Beloved Community.” The “Beloved Community” is a moral ideal embraced by alumni such as the former Morehouse College President Benjamin E. Mays, Howard Thurman, Martin Luther King Jr., and other distinguished Morehouse alumni.

Mission: The Leadership Center’s mission is to develop a comprehensive interdisciplinary leadership program to sustain the “Beloved Community” which incorporates values such as compassion, integrity, and courage as an integral part in the development of leaders and to build a state-of-the-art facility to house the academic departments, institutes, and projects of the leadership program.

Website: http://www.morehouse.edu/leadershipcenter

Centre of Africa’s International Relations
Director
Professor John Stremlau, Ph.D.
Founded
2001
Location
University of the Witwatersrand
Johannesburg, South Africa
Vice-Chancellor Loyiso G. Nongxa, Ph.D.

History: In 2001, the University of the Witwatersrand launched the Centre on Africa’s International Relations, the world’s first university-based training and research facility that specializes in the relations among African countries and their role in world affairs.

Mission: The Centre of Africa’s International Relations is committed to developing the people and ideas that will enable South Africa to improve the well-being of its citizens through expanding effective engagement in regional and world affairs.

Website: http://ssocial.wits.ac.za/ir/index.htm

Office of the Vice-Chancellor
Director
Vice-Chancellor
Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, Ph.D.
Founded
1948
Location
University of Ghana
Accra, Ghana
Vice-Chancellor
Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere, Ph.D.

History: The University of Ghana was founded in 1948 as the University College of the Gold Cost; it became the University College of Ghana in 1957. The University of Ghana acquired its present status and title in 1961.

Mission: The mission of the University of Ghana is to improve the conditions of Ghana and Africa by providing a congenial learning environment for men and women expected to provide critical leadership in public service, commerce, agriculture, science, and the performing arts.

Website: http://www.ug.edu.gh

Institute of Development Studies (IDS)
Director
Professor Hasa Mfaume Mlawa Ph.D.
Founded
1973
Location
University of Dar es Salaam
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Vice-Chancellor
Matthew L. Luhanga, Ph.D.

History: The Institute of Development Studies (IDS) was established in 1973 as one of the Institutes of the University of Dar es Salaam. IDS was created to teach and undertake research in a multidisciplinary framework, with a particular focus on the development issues of the third world. Such issues include: agricultural and industrial development; technology transfer and development; energy and the environment; planning and management; local government; gender; population and development; culture; health; urban development; and globalization and political development.

Mission: The Institute has four broad goals: (i) to teach a multidisciplinary development studies course at undergraduate and graduate levels; (ii) to conduct research on development issues; (iii) to actively work on developing solutions with policy makers, activists, and the general public; (iv) to collaborate with other organizations and individuals to publicize research and findings.

Website: http://www.udsm.ac.tz/ucb/instiofdevelop.html

African Studies Program
Director
Johnny Houston, Ph.D.
Founded
2002
Location
Elizabeth City State University
Elizabeth City, North Carolina
Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim, Ph.D.

History: ECSU’s Office of International Programs began in 1965 with a global vision. The continent of Africa became a special interest of the program such that a sub-unit, The African Studies Program was initiated in 2002 so that the International Program remained true to its global vision. Both programs operate under the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Mission: ECSU’s African Studies Program has one primary vision: to make a significant contribution to the lives of African children and to assist those who seek and desire to learn more about Africa.

Website: http://cssvc.ecsu.edu/asp

Boston University’s APARC hosts Ambassador Mongella for short-term residency

Ambassador Gertrude Mongella, President of the Pan-African Parliament of the African Union, delivered the inaugural lecture of the Balfour Leadership Lecture on Africa on Wednesday, November 10, 2004. The address, entitled “The African Union Parliament and Its Relationship to the Process of Democratization and Free-Market Reform in Africa,” was the focal point of her visit to the United States under the auspices of APARC.

As President of the African Union Pan-African Parliament, Her Excellency is the highest-ranking female political official on the continent. Originally from Tanzania, Ambassador Mongella served as United Nations Assistant Secretary General from 1993 to 1995, and acted as Secretary General of the fourth World Conference on Women, in Beijing (1995). Ambassador Mongella has held numerous offices within Tanzania as well as in the international community.

During the week of November 5-13, 2004, Mongella traveled between Boston and Washington, D.C., meeting with public and private-sector and academic leaders, as well as delivering lectures at Howard University, Harvard University, and the Opportunities Industrialization Centers International.

Ambassador Mongella also met with members of the African Diplomatic Corps; Raymond Offenheiser, President of Oxfam America; Governor Mitt Romney and Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healy Sullivan of Massachusetts; Lieutenant Governor Michael Steele of Maryland; Dr. Constance Newman, Assistant Administrator for Africa at the United States Department of State; Dr. Sarah Moten, Education Chief for the Africa Bureau of USAID; and members of APARC’s advisory board.

Ambassador Mongella appeared on several national television and radio programs including NPR’s “The Tavis Smiley Show,” WBUR’s “The Connection” and the CBS Sunday news program.

The APARC Balfour Leadership Lecture on Africa is an effort to provide the American public with unprecedented access to a high ranking African official whose experience and position gives him or her a unique perspective on political and economic dynamics in Africa.

This initiative seeks to engage international private and public-sector leaders in conversations relative to Africa’s relationship with the world. The lecturer has the opportunity to offer important insights and experiences regarding economic and political issues on the continent while enhancing American understanding of contemporary trends and developments in Africa.

*Read Ambassador Mongella’s Addresses at http://www.bu.edu/aparc/resources/index.html*