

Jackson State University
1ST International Peace Conference And Symposium:
Peace Through Understanding
April 19-20, 2007

Program

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Opening Session

9:00A.M – 9:30 A.M. College of Education and Human Development, Room 100

Greetings:

Dr. Daniel Watkins, Dean
College of Education and Human Development

Dr. Benjamin C. Ngwudike
Editor, E-Journal of International Studies

Concurrent Sessions

9:30 A.M.–11:00 A.M. College of Education and Human Development, Room 100

Mangok M. Mayen, Sudanese Cultural Specialist, Unaccompanied Refugees Program,
Catholic Charities, Jackson, MS; Glenda Y. Windfield, EdD, Assistant Professor
of Special Education; Patricia VanDecar, EdD, Assistant Professor of Social Science;
Jackson State University
Topic: **Southern Sudanese Diaspora: Resettlement and Political Future**

Tejan Muata, Senior Director, Africa Peace Education Program of American Friends
Service Committee, Atlanta Regional Office
Topic: **AFSC “I Love Darfur” Campaign**

11:30 A.M.–12:50 P.M. College of Business, Room 239

Tejan Muata, Senior Director, Africa Peace Education Programs of American Friends
Service Committee, Atlanta Regional Office
Topic: **African Debt Cancellation and Fair Trade Initiatives**

12:00 P.M.–1:00 P.M. Jackson Medical Mall, Room 147/148

Mohammad Shahbazi, PhD, MPH, CHES, Professor, and Leziga Gbaanador, B.S., MPH
Candidate, School of Health Sciences, College of Public Service, Jackson State
University
Topic: **War and Public Health**

1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. Faculty Papers: College of Business Auditorium, Room 134

Session I

James Maddirala, PhD, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Jackson State University
Topic: **The Global-World HIV/AIDS Alliance**

Greg Granger, PhD, Associate Professor of Political Science, Director of School of Social Sciences, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA
Topic: **Security Regimes or Security Dilemmas? International Organizations and the Balance of Power in Central Asia**

William Housel, PhD, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA
Topic: **Soft Power and Peacemaking: The US, EU and NATO**

Alberta Yeboah, PhD, Associate Professor of Social Science, Jackson State University
Topic: **Movers and Shakers: Peace Activists and International Peace**

Tabitha Otieno, PhD, Professor of Social Science, Jackson State University
Topic: **Gender-based Violence and Its Implications for World Peace: A Case Study of Kenya**

3:10P.M.-5:00 P.M. Faculty Papers: College of Business Auditorium, Room 134

Moderators: Dr. Alberta Yeboah, Dr. Pat VanDecar

Session II

Zachariah Z. Gaye, EdD, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership, Jackson State University
Topic: **President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf's Vision for Stability in Liberia**

Patsy Daniels, PhD, Associate Professor of English; Preselfannie McDaniels, PhD, Assistant Professor of English; Elizabeth S. Overman, PhD, Assistant Professor of History; Jackson State University
Topic: **Globalizing the Liberal Arts Curriculum through the Introduction of Concentrations**

Benjamin C. Ngwudike, PhD, Assistant Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education, Jackson State University
Topic: **Sustaining America's Competitive Edge: An Overview of Achievement of US Students on International Assessments**

Viktoriya O. Levinskaya, PhD, Westminster International University, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Visiting Fulbright Specialist at Jackson State University
Topic: **The Influence of Islam in Central Asia**

Moderators: Dr. Alberta Yeboah, Dr. Pat VanDecar

6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. College of Education and Human Development, Room 100

Session III Faculty-Student Panel

Gloria Dansby-Giles, PhD, Professor; Frank Giles, PhD, Professor; Katherine Mallard; Ricardo Phipps; Tamika Rosa; Eunice Short; Department of School, Community and Rehabilitation Counseling, Jackson State University

Topic: **Global Competition and Its Projected Impact on the Counseling Profession: Searching for Peaceful Strategies**

Stephen B. Trouard, Kelly O. Weeks, Steven L. Cockrum, Department of Management and Marketing, Jackson State University

Topic: **Cultural Effects on the Avoidance of Conflict: An International Comparative Study Using Hofstede's Framework of Cultural Dimensions**

Ngam Jacqueline Bele Nyoh, University of Yaounde, Cameroon

Topic: **The Feminization of HIV/AIDS**

Zachariah Z. Gaye, EdD, Assistant Professor, and Lourdu M. Yalla, Department of Educational Leadership, Jackson State University

Topic: **War, Peace and Religion**

Carrine Bishop, PhD, Chair, Department of Educational Leadership
Jackson State University

Topic: **The Black Christ of Panama**

Traci Carridine, Department of Educational Leadership
Jackson State University

Topic: **The Power of Experiences in International Travel**

Indrani Sai, Department of Special Education, Jackson State University

Topic: **War and Its Effects on Women and Children**

Jacqueline Franklin, PhD, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Development, Faculty Advisor, SS 212-01; Peggy Brisco; Sara Hughes; Brittany Joyner; Tracy Taylor; Yoceria Terry; Willis Smith; Monica Weary; and Alicia Wilson; College of Education and Human Development, Jackson State University

Topic: **The Impact of Asian Businesses on West Jackson**

Session Moderators: Dr. Gloria Dansby-Giles, Professor, and Dr. Frank Giles, Professor

Session Discussant: Hamoongo Choongo, Jackson State University

Friday, April 20, 2007

College of Business Auditorium, Room 134

- 10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Presidential Panel: Issues on International Peace**
Dr. Ronald Mason Jr., President
Jackson State University
- Dr. Beverly Hogan, President
Tougaloo College
- Dr. Roger Parrott, President
Belhaven College
- Facilitator: Dr. Velvelyn Foster, Vice President for Academic Affairs**
Jackson State University
- 12:30 P.M.-1:45 P.M. Luncheon: University Guest House**
- 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M. College of Business Auditorium, Room 134**
Ambassadors' Panel: Global Issues and International Peace
- Her Excellency Dr. Inoge Lewanika **(Convener/Facilitator)**
Zambia Ambassador to the United States
- His Excellency Armando Alexandre Panguene
Mozambique Ambassador to the United States
- The Honorable Ray Mabus
Former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia
- The Honorable John N. Palmer
Former U.S. Ambassador to Portugal
- 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center**
International Scholarship and Awards Banquet

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