



CENTRE OF AFRICAN STUDIES

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

MICHAELMAS TERM 2015



Best wishes and thanks to Marilyn Glanfield, who retires after twelve years as Librarian.

And a warm welcome to her successor Jenni Skinner.

Your library representatives

Postgrads Simon Sowerby
ss2111@cam.ac.uk

Undergrads Vacant

Please let them
know your concerns
and suggestions
about the library

Launch of the Black Cantabs Society

The Black Cantabs Society seeks to research and publish the unknown histories of Cambridge's black students (African, Afro-Caribbean, African American). For over a century black students have been a part of Cambridge University's heritage, going on to different roles ranging from kings to poets, politicians to scientists, but with little recognition in Cambridge and beyond.

We hope to uncover the stories of the university's lost students, adding the Black Cantabs to the wider history of the University of Cambridge. Please come along to hear more about the society, stories of the earliest black alumni, and how you can get involved in this trailblazing project.

Date: 5-7pm, 30th October
Venue: Bowett Room, Queens' College
Contact: **Njoki E Wamai**
(new24@cam.ac.uk) or Nnenda Chinda
(ncc37@cam.ac.uk)

Africa Research Forum
Wednesday 28th October
1-2 pm, Room S2, ARB

The 1804 Jihad of Usman Dan Fodio in the Wider context

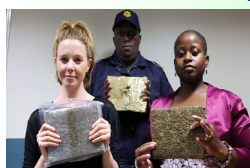
Paul Naylor
University of Birmingham

Here is a selection of books received recently in the library (see more on Pinterest) Have you found a book or other resource particularly useful in your studies? Would you like your comments or a brief review included in next term's newsletter (and/or on the library website)? If so, please submit your thoughts by Email to afrlib@hermes.cam.ac.uk

If there is a book DVD or journal you would like us to buy, please let us know — there is a form on the library website .



DVDs

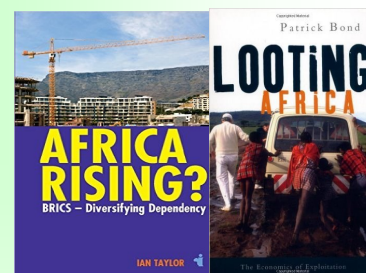


The cannabis
smugglers



Outbreak: the
truth about
ebola

New e-books



Library services update

There is no longer a photocopier in the library but we are offering a scanning service. Scanning (by library staff) and sending to your Email will be FREE . If you require printing the charges will be 7p for A4 and 12p for double sided. The same copyright regulations apply.

Don't forget our comb-binding services for your dissertations etc. We can bind up to a maximum of 150 sheets with transparent front and back covers and additional card covers if required . Up to 100 sheets £1.50, up to 150 sheets £2.



<http://scolma.org/>

SCOLMA organises lunchtime seminars several times a year (often on the same day as its regular committee meetings) attended by librarians, scholars and other interested parties. All start at 1pm.

For further information on any Seminar contact: [Dan Gilfoyle](#)

SCOLMA also organises an Annual Conference on varied themes concerned with African resources and scholarship.

For further information on any Conference contact: [Lucy McCann](#)



The West Africa: Word, Symbol, Song exhibition is at the British Library and runs until 16 February 2016. Adults £10, Over 60s £8, other concessions £5, Under 18s free and Friends of the British Library go free. For more information, visit <http://www.bl.uk/events/west-africa-word-symbol-song>

Centre of African Studies Seminar Series: Popular culture in Africa

Monday 26 October, Dr Christopher Warren- Crime fiction, mythomania, and the criminalisation of the South African State

Monday 2 November Professor Dorothea Schulz- The rifle, the quill, and the rosary : competing sources of political legitimacy in Mali

Monday 9 November, Dr Thomas Hendriks- On follies, swageurs, and other ambiancours: popular culture and queer extraversion in urban Congo

Monday 16 November, Dr Carine Plancke- Media influences in contemporary Rwandan dance performance

Monday 23 November, Dr Duncan Omanga: Social media and the making of the New Baraza: mediatisation of Kenya's local administration

Monday 30 November, Professor Karin Barber - Writing a history of African popular culture

Seminars will be held at 5pm in Room S1 of the Alison Richard Building



Centre of African Studies



MPhil in African Studies

Funding deadlines:
Gates USA - 14 October 2015
Gates Cambridge, Cambridge Trusts - 2 December 2015
CHESS, ESRC, AHRC - 6 January 2016

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The MPhil in African Studies is a postgraduate course with a substantial research component, which runs for nine months covering the three terms of the Cambridge academical year. It is designed both for students who want to enhance their understanding of the social, cultural, political and economic history and present condition of Africa and for those who want to go on to further primary research. It provides intensive research and language training for those who wish to go on to prepare a doctoral dissertation.

For more information visit our website:

www.african.cam.ac.uk



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Use the library website to keep up to date with library services and new acquisitions. There are links to events and online resources which are regularly updated. You can use forms to recommend new purchases and give feedback about the library, as well as use links to renew books and pay fines online.

Archival papers are being listed on a webpage - a work in progress.

<http://www.library.african.cam.ac.uk/Collections/archivist>

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