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Start: Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, 08:00AM

End: Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, 04:30PM

Venue: FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center, Ballrooms

Amiri Baraka, Monopoly Capitalism and the Obama Presidency

Kamiri Clarke, Blackness in an Age of Global Capitalism, Humanitarianism and "New" African Diasporic Formations

Carlos Moore, Opening up Cuba to the Global Economy: Fostering Democracy or Re-Empowering Cuba's Former Elite by Proxy?

Francis Abiola Irele, An Identity of Passions

Sponsored by African and African Diaspora Studies, School of International and Public Affairs, Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series, Global and Sociocultural Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Center.

News Article

African and African Diaspora Studies (AADS) in Florida International University's School of International and Public Affairs is organizing a one-day symposium entitled "Globalization, the 'Crisis' of Capitalism, and the Obama Presidency: African and African Diasporic Perspectives on Multiculturalism and Cosmopolitan Conviviality." The event takes place in the Graham Center Ballrooms of the FIU Modesto Maidique Campus on October 30, 2009, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The symposium is free and open to the public.

This event will highlight the renewed relevance of African and African diasporic perspectives in the discussion of current issues. It will feature four plenary sessions structured around the presentations of four top scholars:

- Amiri Baraka (Independent Scholar) Monopoly Capitalism and the Obama Presidency
- Kamari Clarke (Yale University) Blackness in an Age of Global Capitalism, Humanitarianism and "New" African Diasporic Formations
- Carlos Moore (Independent Scholar) Opening up Cuba to the Global Economy: Fostering Democracy or Re-

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- Francis Abiola Irele (Harvard University) An Identity of Passions

“The symposium will demonstrate the high intellectual aspirations of African and African Diaspora Studies at FIU. The event will also commemorate and publicize throughout FIU and South Florida communities a new chapter in the program’s institutional life,” said Dr. Jean Rahier, AADS director and associate professor of anthropology in the Department of Global and Sociocultural Studies.

“The program has undergone three fundamental changes,” added Rahier. “The transformation of its name from ‘African-New World Studies’ to ‘African & African Diaspora Studies’ better reflects the research interests of our diverse faculty; the program’s main offices have relocated from FIU’s Biscayne Bay Campus to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus (on the third floor of the Labor Center Building); and, AADS is now a program within the newly formed School of International and Public Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences.”

Following the symposium, AADS will host a West African Dinner-Soirée, featuring catered West African cuisine (including fish pies; olleleh; fish benachin; lamb benachin; chicken yassa; vegetable rice; sorrel, baobab, and ginger juices); cultural dance performances by the Senegambia Cultural Dance Troupe; drumming and dance by the Bia Tama Drumming Group; masquerade performance by the West African Masquerade Society; and a variety of cultural and popular music by DJ King Solomon Sounds. Starting at 7:00 pm, the event is an opportunity to showcase the enriching cultural dimensions of AADS activities. Tickets are priced at \$30 per person and will go on sale shortly.

For more information, contact African and African Diaspora Studies at 305-348-6860 or africana@fiu.edu

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