



All Africa House Fellowship Programme (AAHFP) Workshop

Wednesday 7 June 2017, 09:30am – 05:10pm

Venue

All Africa House Dining Hall, Middle Campus, University of Cape Town

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

The AAHFP, funded by the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund, was conceptualised by Professor Chuma Himonga in 2009 as one of the features of All Africa House as an academic residence, and as part of the Afro-Politan vision of the University. The fellowships are designed to attract young or mid-career academics from Universities in Africa outside of South Africa to spend three months at All Africa House, developing their teaching materials or writing up completed research for publication. The main aim of the fellowships is to build capacity for research and teaching in universities on the African continent. The Fellows are accommodated at AAH, in order to have the experience of interacting and networking with scholars and academics from South Africa, the rest of Africa and further afield, as well as to expose them to available research and library resources at UCT. The fellows are hosted and mentored by senior academics at UCT in their respective fields of research on a voluntary basis.

Since its inception, the Fellowship has welcomed 29 Fellows to UCT.

This workshop is in recognition of the significant funding of the Fellowship Programme by the Vice-Chancellor's Strategic Fund, and of UCT's contribution to teaching and research on the Continent.

Five Fellows in the current cohort will present their work in the Fellowship Programme at the Workshop.

9.30 - 9.45 WELCOME, SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S STRATEGIC FUNDING SUPPORT TO THE AAHFP

Professor Chuma Himonga, Warden of All Africa House

10.05 - 10.20 Research and Internationalisation – building teaching and capacity

Chair: Dr Moonira Khan, Executive Director Dept of Student Affairs

Speakers:

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, Dr Max Price to be confirmed

Director: International Academic Programmes Office (IAPO), University of Cape Town, Professor Evance Kalula

10.30 – 11.30 FELLOWS: RESEARCH IN AFRICA

Chair: A/Professor David Jacobs, SARCHI Research Chair in Animal Evolution & Systematics, Dept of Biological Sciences, University of Cape Town

Speaker: Mr Laban Njoroge (hosted by Prof Les Underhill) (30 minutes)

“The Kenyan Dragonflies: Past, Present and the Future”

Bio:

Curator of Entomology at the National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi. His areas of interest are Conservation and Medical entomology. He has previously conducted research on mosquitoes with the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and collaborated on projects that have been published in high impact journals like Science and PLOS ONE. Currently he is working on aquatic invertebrates specifically the dragonflies in collaboration with his host and other researchers at the Animal Demographic Unit at the University of Cape Town.

Discussant: Emeritus Professor Les Underhill, Biological Sciences

11.30 – 12.30 FELLOWS: RESEARCH IN AFRICA

Chair: Professor Chigona, Department of Information Systems

Speaker: Ms Sellina Khumbo Kapondera (hosted by Prof Wallace Chigona) (30 minutes)

“Domestication of telecentres by Malawian rural women”

Bio:

Ms Kapondera is a lecturer and head in the Library and Information Science Department at Mzuzu University in Malawi. She holds a Masters Degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of the Western Cape. Her Masters research focused on the use of community telecentres in Malawi. She is also a member of the Malawi Library Association, a fellow of the second African School on Internet Governance, an alumnus of the Communications Policy Research Young Scholars and, also, an alumnus of the Internet Corporations for Assigned Names and Numbers NextGen. Her research interests are e-Learning, social media, ICT4D and ICT application in libraries.

Discussant: Dr Salah Kabanda, Department of Information Systems (15 minutes)

Discussion (15 minutes)

12.30 – 13.30 LUNCH

13.30 – 16.30 FELLOWS: RESEARCH IN AFRICA (grab a cup of tea)

Chairs: A/Prof Muthama Muasya and Dr Christopher Ouma

Speakers:

1. Dr Abubakar Bello (hosted by A/Prof Muthama Muasya)(30 minutes)

“Evolution, biogeography and patterns of diversification in Psoraleeae (Fabaceae)”

Bio

Dr Bello's areas of research interest are the taxonomy, evolution and biogeographic distribution of a legume tribe Psoraleeae. Research achievements are: evaluated the utility of DNA barcodes in identifying and detecting phylogenetic signals (e.g., fire response trait - reseeding and resprouting) at species and generic levels using the core DNA barcode markers. A member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), International Barcode of Life (iBOL), The Association for the Taxonomic Study of the Flora of Tropical Africa (AETFAT) and the Botanical Society of Nigeria (BOSON).

Discussant: Mr Meshack Dlodlu, a senior postgraduate student (15 minutes)

Discussion 15 minutes

2. Mr Antidius Kaitu (hosted by A/Prof Johann Hattingh)(30 minutes)

“Challenges of Implementing East African Community Law: The Free Movement of Persons Perspective”

Bio

Mr Kaitu is Assistant Lecturer at the University of Dar es Salaam School of Law in Tanzania where he teaches Regional Integration Law and Public International Law. He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree (LL. B) from the University of Dar es Salaam and Master of Laws (LL.M) from the same University under the Tanzania-German Centre for Postgraduate Studies (TGCL).

Discussant: A/Professor Johann Hattingh (15 minutes)

Discussion 15 minutes

3. Dr Macharia Mwangi (hosted by Dr Christopher Ouma) (30 minutes)

“Nexus/Busara and the Rise of Modern Kenyan Literature”

Bio

Dr Mwangi is a Lecturer at Kenyatta University, Kenya. He specialises in African literature and has been doing his research on small magazines. He is also a short story writer.

Discussant: To be confirmed (15 minutes)

Discussion 15 minutes

16.30 – 17.00 PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Chair: Professor Chuma Himonga

Speakers:

Dr Moonira Khan (10 minutes)

Mr Patrick Rezandt, manager, All Africa House (10 minutes)

17.00 – 17.10 VOTE OF THANKS

Mr Christian Zenim, administrator, AAHFP

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