

# Call for Papers

**Pan-African Studies Department  
Kent State University**

## **Africa and the Global Atlantic World Conference**

*"Cultures, Identities, and Racial Violence in the Pan-African World"*

**April 8-9, 2016**

The Department of Pan-African Studies at Kent State University invites papers for its third bi-annual Africa and the Atlantic World Conference. The 2016 conference focuses on intersections and transformations within identities, cultures, and experiences of Africa and the Black Diaspora. The conference hopes to allow scholars to explore the continuous and evolving meaning that race, class, gender, and sexuality have on the experiences of African people worldwide. Papers examining the lingering effects of racism on the lives of Blacks in the United States and the Pan-African world and the strategies of resistance against such oppression are highly encouraged. Such oppression needs to be explored not only in relationship to Africa and the United States, but also in connection with the Caribbean, South America, Asia, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and other parts of the world. A primary focus will be placed on the impact of racial violence and social, economic, and political marginalization of people of African descent in the United States and other parts of the Pan-African world. Papers discussing the implications of recent racial events in various cities of the United States and other parts of the Pan-African world are highly encouraged.

We invite submissions from a variety of academic scholars, independent scholars, advanced graduate students, undergraduate students, artists, community leaders and activists on ways to reflect the strengths and diversity of people of African descent. We welcome artistic submissions and have set aside gallery space and theatre space for such endeavors.

Topics and themes of papers/artistic work may include:

- Critical Race Theory
- Violence in the Pan-African World
- Police Brutality
- Black Masculinity
- Black Feminism
- The Prison Industrial Complex
- Black Sexuality
- Theories of Africana Studies
- The future of Africana Studies
- Public Policy and Africana Studies
- Geography and identity
- Gender, sexuality, and the black body
- Black popular culture
- Diasporic economics and labor markets
- Migration and identities of modern immigrants
- Redefinition of the African American identity
- Culture, representation and performance,
- Obama Phenomena

**Guidelines for Submission:**

Please submit a working title and a brief abstract of 250 words, an abbreviated CV (1 page), your full name, institutional affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address. The due date is *November 16, 2015*. Please send all materials electronically to: [dpas@kent.edu](mailto:dpas@kent.edu) or by mail to Attention: Conference Committee, Department of Pan-African Studies, Kent State University, P.O. Box 5190, Kent, Ohio, USA, 44240.