

"To realize the full possibilities of this economy, we must reach beyond our own borders, to shape the revolution that is tearing down barriers and building new networks among nations and individuals, and economies and cultures: globalization. It's the central reality of our time." William Jefferson Clinton, State of the Union Address, January 27, 2000

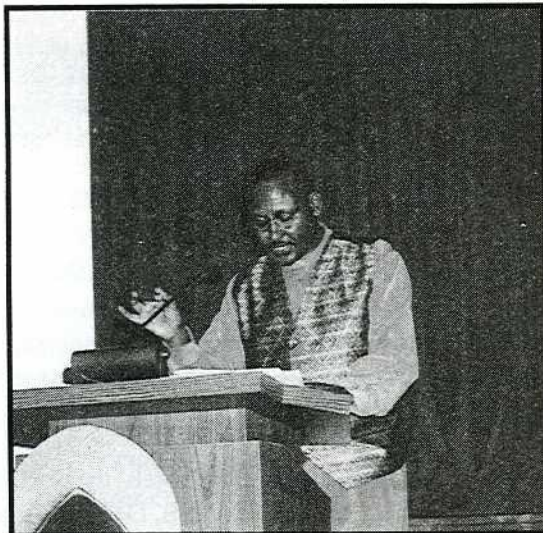
Middle States African Studies Association holds its first conference in Charleston, West Virginia

The Middle States African Studies Association (MSASA) held its first conference at the Cultural Center in Charleston, WV from March 23-26, 2000. The conference titled, "Shadow of the Past," was held in conjunction with "A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie" tangible artifacts exhibit sponsored by WV Governor Cecil H. Underwood, All-AID International, General Motors and others.

The MSASA conference was organized by the history department at West Virginia State College. The three-day event included concurrent panel sessions, keynote presentations, luncheons, a reception at the house of WVSC President Hazo W. Carter Jr.--a special thanks to Mrs. Carter--and an African soirée. Special presenters and keynote guests included: Ayele Bekerie, Cornell University; Vilbert White, University of Illinois-Springfield; Robert Shell, Rhodes University, South Africa; Dinizulu Gene Tinnie, Miami-Dade Community College; and Ric Powell, Founder of the National Association of Black Scuba Divers.



WVSC President Hazo W. Carter Jr. and West Virginia Governor and Mrs. Cecil H. Underwood at the gala opening of the Henrietta Marie



Cornell professor Ayele Bekerie lectures on African writing systems at the MSASA conference.

The focal point of the conference was the official opening of the Henrietta Marie Slave Ship exhibit that will be on display for the next three months at the Charleston Cultural Center. All-AID International and Governor Underwood hosted a gala event the evening of March 24th. At the end of the program, the guests were invited to join the governor in a premier look at the exhibit which officially opened to the public the following morning.

Scholars from the US, Africa, and the Caribbean presented papers and engaged in intellectual debate concerning the African diaspora during the three day conference. Professors Anna Marie Evans, Lois Lucas, William Drennen, and History Department Chair, Stuart McGehee are making plans for next year.

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International Exchange

WVSC Travel Courses: Summer 2000

Study Tour to Egypt May 19-June 4

Egypt, The Land of Ancient Khemet: This travel course offers a unique multicultural experience. The emphasis will be on the exploration of Ancient Egypt and its influence on Western Civilization and Christianity. In addition, the tour will encounter the cultures of Islam, the Coptics, and Nubia. Participants may earn 1-3 hours of academic credit by enrolling in Sociology 445 or Philosophy 445 during the Summer Session 2000 at the standard tuition rate. Students wishing to enroll for academic credit must first complete an interview with the instructor.

The tour is scheduled for May 19-June 4, 2000, at a cost of \$2700 per person/double occupancy. Registration for the tour ends April 10, 2000. For further information contact the tour director, Dr Herta Jogland, at (304) 346-2240 or at Campus Box 100, West Virginia State College, Institute, WV 25112.

Prague 2000 May 22-30

The WVSC Paradise Film Institute (PFI) offers it's second exciting study tour to WVSC's partnering institution, the Academy of Performing Arts Film School in Prague, Czech Republic. The PFI study tour allows students the opportunity to earn class credit and take enlightening trips to Barrandov Movie Studios, Pilsner Brewery and the famous spa town of Karlovy Vary.

Tour package includes RT airfare from Washington to Prague, in-country transportation, double occupancy lodging, breakfast, film screenings, and additional tours of the city. Cost: \$1,350 - \$1,450 (approximately). Student discount available.

For more information contact Danny Boyd @ 766-3379 or dboyd@oscar.wvsc.edu
Visit the Paradise Film Institute at www.paradise.wvsc.edu

Mexico Study Tour June 3-10, 2000

This course will include lectures, discussions, guest visits, museum tours, and historic points of interest covering the social, political, economic, and cultural life of Mexico and the Oaxaca region. Costs include course tuition plus \$800 for travel expenses. A limited number of \$200 scholarships are available. For more information please contact Dr. Bob Hall at 766-3047. Email: hall@oscar.wvsc.edu

London Theatre Study Tour July

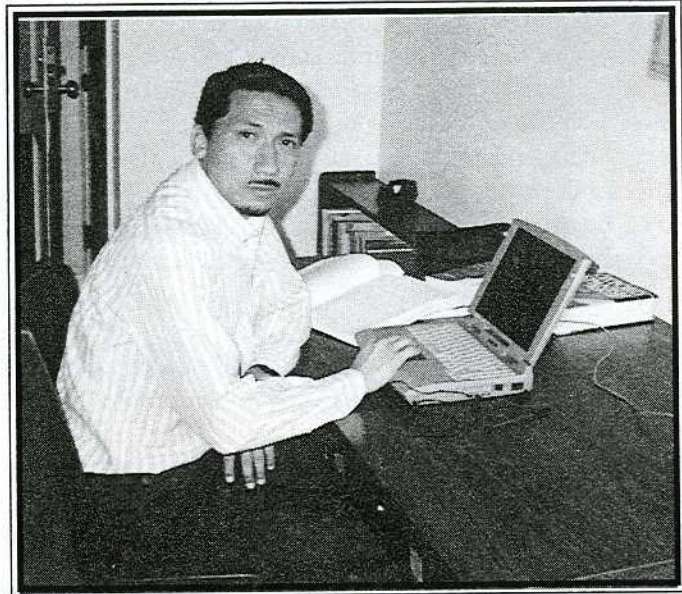
Gateway Travel: London Theatre: This theatre/study tour to London and Stratford includes performances at London's Royal National Theatre and at the Royal Shakespeare Company in Stratford. Participants may earn 1-3 hours of academic credit by enrolling in Communications 445 during the Summer Session 2000 at the standard tuition rate.

The tour will take place in July 2000, at a cost of \$1599 per person, double occupancy, including airfare, hotels, theatre tickets, and breakfasts. Application deadline is April 15, 2000. For further information contact Dr. David Wohl, Dean of Arts and Humanities, at (304) 766-3186 or by e-mail at dwohl@mail.wvsc.edu.

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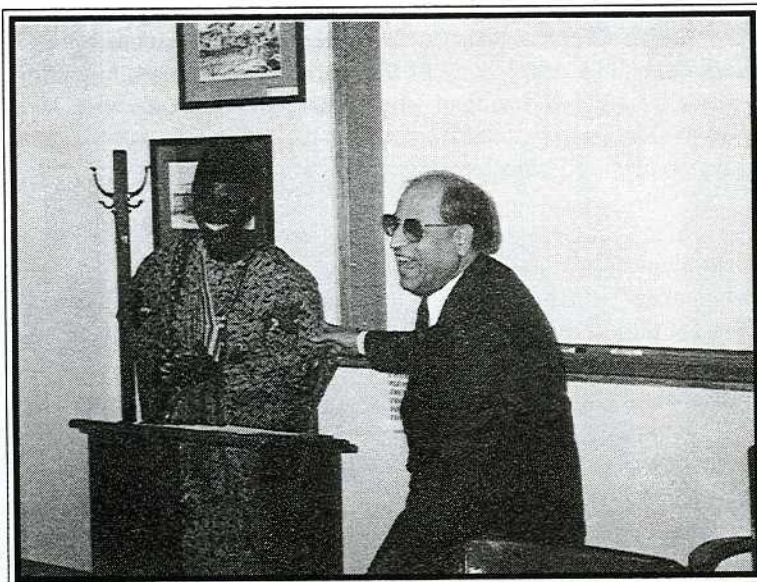
Welcomes Visiting Resident Scholar from the University of Mexico

Dr. Jorge Gonzalez-Galvan will be in residence at West Virginia State College on a one-year sabbatical as Research Associate in the Social Sciences. Dr. Galvan holds the doctorate degree in Sociology of Law from the University of Law, Economics and Social Science in Paris. He is a Professor of Law and a researcher at the Institute of Legal Research at the University of Mexico (UNAM), a member of the National System of Researchers, and professor of "Methodology and Techniques of Legal Research" of the Postgraduate School of Law at the University of Mexico. His area of specialization is the "Law of Indigenous People." In 1995, he received the "Award of Distinction for Young Academicians" from the National University in the area of social science research.



Resident scholar, Dr. Jorge Gonzalez- Galvan

Drain-Jordan Library Receives Second Librarian from Benin



Benin Librarian, Theodore Sossouhounto and WVSC Library director, Dr. R. N. Sharma

Mr. Theodore Sossouhounto received a warm welcome from Drain-Jordan library director Dr. R.N. Sharma and his staff with whom he will be working until early April, thanks to a 3-year grant from the United Negro College Fund that allows for a partnership between the Drain-Jordan library and the National University of Benin library. Mr. Sossouhounto will work with Drain-Jordan library staff to familiarize himself with American librarianship, hone his technical capacity, and sharpen his English language skills. Mr. Sossouhounto is the second librarian to participate in the exchange. Benin librarian, Ms. Genevieve Sohounou spent two months at the WVSC campus from Oct-Dec. 1999.

