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FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2004

8:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. Conference Registration
8:00a.m. – 8:45a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00a.m. – 10:45a.m. Conference Opening (Plenary)
  • Welcome, Cudore Snell
    Interim Dean of School of Social Work
    Howard University
  • Opening Remarks, Richard A. English
    Howard University Provost
  • Keynote Address, T. Uzodinma Nwala
    University of Nigeria - Nsukka
10:45a.m. – 11:15a.m. Coffee Break
11:15a.m. – 1:00p.m. Concurrent Sessions A
  I. Igbo Americans
  II. Language Issues and Challenges
  III. Neo-Liberalism, Globalization, and Igbos in the 21st Century
  IV. Science, Technology, and Property Rights in Igboland
1:00p.m. – 2:15p.m. Lunch
2:30p.m. – 4:15p.m. Concurrent Sessions B
  V. Kingship in Igboland
  VI. Music and Literature
  VII. Politics and Public Policy
  VIII. Religious Beliefs and Practices in Igboland
4:25p.m. – 4:45p.m. Chimalum Nwankwo
  North Carolina State University
  Reading from The Womb in the Heart & Other Poems

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SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2004

7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:30a.m. – 8:40a.m. Welcome
  • Horace Dawson, Director
    Ralph Bunche International Affairs Center
8:45a.m. – 9:10a.m. Chudi Uwazurike, City University of New York
  Igbo Organizations as Exemplars of the Immigrant Experience
9:30a.m. – 11:15a.m. Concurrent Sessions C
  IX. Crisis of Identity Among the Igbos
  X. Cultural and Philosophical Perspectives in Igboland
  XI. Igbo Politics in the Fourth Republic
  XII. Igbos, Their Neighbors, and the Igbo Diaspora
11:15a.m. – 11:45a.m. Coffee Break
11:45a.m. – 1:45p.m. Concurrent Sessions D
  XIII. Critical Issues: Sharia and Biafra
  XIV. Igbo Nation in the New Century (Roundtable)
  XV. Igbo Women and Their Contributions
2:00p.m. – 3:45p.m. Concurrent Sessions D
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4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. General Plenary Session
  • Presiding, Emmanuel Nnadozie
    Truman State University
7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m. Reception at Holiday Inn Georgetown
  2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
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FRIDAY, APRIL 2  •  CONCURRENT SESSIONS A
11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

I. Igbo Americans
Chair: Maduawuchi (Stan) Ogbonna, Sullivan Correctional Facility
Baldwin Anyasodo, Alvan Ikoku College of Education
Ritual Artworks of the Igbo as African Arts in the Diaspora - A Conflict Resolution of African-American Cultures in Diffusion
Ishaq Al-Sulaimani, Culture Education Institute
An African-American Link to Igbo Origins: The Egba are Ibos
Vernon Grier, Culture Education Institute
The Destruction of the Igbo Identity in African-American Culture

II. Language Issues and Challenges
Chair: Chimalum Nwankwo, North Carolina State University
Peter Ihionu
Ihe kwuru ihe akwudebe ya: The Case of the Igbo Bound Complement
Edwin Okafor, University of Nigeria-Nsukka
The Language Problems of a Multilingual Learner
Monday Onukawa, Abia State University
Interfixation in the Igbo Grammar - An Evidence of Duality in Igbo Traditional Thought

III. Neo-Liberalism, Globalization, and Igbo in the 21st Century
Chair: Austin Ahanotu, California State University-Stanislaus
Michael U. Mbanaso, Howard University
African Renaissance and the Igbo Question
Raphael Chijioke Njoku, University of Louisville
Neoliberal Globalism in Microcosm: A Study of the Precolonial Igbo of Eastern Nigeria
Maazi Yosef A. Ocho, Ekwe Nche
The Igbo Hebrew Connection

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FRIDAY, APRIL 2  •  CONCURRENT SESSIONS B
2:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

IV. Science, Technology, and Property Rights in Igboland
Chair: Okechukwu Iheduru, Michigan State University
Okechukwu Iheduru, Michigan State University
Globalization, Homeland Associations and Transnationalization of Pan-Igbo Identity and Politics
Patrick Mbajekwe, Appalachian State University
When Land Becomes Money: Transformations in Land Tenure and Property Rights in Nineteenth Century Onitsha, 1857-1899
O.N. Njoku, University of Nigeria-Nsukka
The Scientific and Technological Heritage of the Igbo: The Issue of Relevance

V. Kingship and Chieftaincy in Igboland
Chair: Gloria Chuku, Morgan State University
Felix Nwaorgu
Mushroom Kingships in Igboland and Igbo Traditional Village Democracy
Clement A. Okafor, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Igbo Enwe Eze: Fact or Fiction
Pat Uche Okpoko and Paul Omeje, University of Nigeria-Nsukka
The Evolution of Chieftaincy Institutions in Igboland: A Case Study of Nsukka Culture Area

VI. Music and Literature
Chair: Obi Iwuanyanwu, Central State University
Iwu Ikwubuzo, University of Lagos-Nigeria
African Literatures in African Languages: The Example of Written Igbo Literature
Obi Iwuanyanwu, Central State University
Achebe’s Architectural Anamorohosis
Chinny Ohia, Howard University
The Importance and Use of Theoretical Principles of Igbo Music in Composition
VII. Politics and Public Policy
Chair: Ogechi Anyanwu, Bowling Green State University
Chidinma F. Anyanwu, National Agency for Food & Drug Administration
The New Leadership in NAFDAC and the Challenging Effects on the Igbo in the 21st Century
Emmanuel Ogechi Anyanwu, Bowling Green State University
Politics of Autonomous Community Creation in Imo State: A Case Study of Isieke-Ehime Mbano Experience
Fabian Ohaegbu, Imo State University
The Imperativeness of Recapturing Ndigbo Prominence in the Geo-Politics of Nigeria

VIII. Religious Beliefs and Practices in Igboland
Chair: Felix Ekechi, Kent State University
Jude Aguwa, Mercy College
Christianity and Igbo Culture: The Case of Burial Practices and a Recent Church Regulation
Paul Onovoh, North Springs High School
Godwin Uwah, College of Charleston
Fables and Folklores in the Existential Universe of the Igbo Person

IX. Crisis of Identity Among the Igbos
Chair: Godwin Uwah, College of Charleston
Maduawuchi S. Ogbonna, Sullivan Correctional Facility
Acculturation and Igbo Identity
John Ukawilulu, Bethane-Cookman College
The Sociology of Chiaa Achebe
Samuel Uzochukwu, University of Lagos
The Igbo and Crises of Cultural Identity

X. Cultural and Philosophical Perspectives in Igboland
Chair: Michael Mbabuike, Hostos Community College of the City University of New York
Sabine Jell-Bahlsen, Dialectical Anthropology
Igbo Culture From the Perspective of Critical, Political, and Dialectical Anthropology
Paul Ikechukwu Ogugua, Anambra State University
A Philosophical Discourse on ‘Ofo’ as an Igbo Cultural, Religious and Ritual Symbol of Governance
Michael Mbabuike, Hostos Community College of the City University of New York
Asusu na Omenani Ndi Igbo: Akwa alili na Nchekwube

XI. Igbo Politics in the Fourth Republic
Chair: Ebere Onwudiwe, Central State University
Obioma Iheduru, Fort Valley State University
Igbo Political Philosophy and the Dynamics of Public Policy in Modern Nigeria
Ikenna Odife, Nnamdi Azikiwe University
Federal ‘Imperialism’ and the Erosion of Igbo Identity in Nigerian Politics: An Analysis of the Igbo Political Clout in the Fourth Republic
John Oriji, California Polytechnic State University
Dynamics of Traditional Igbo Political System: A Historical Perspective
XV. Igbo Women and Their Contributions
Chair: Norma Jones, Howard University
Chinagorom Asinobi, Imo State University
Energy Expenditure Level and Time Allocation for Domestic, Farming and Processing Activities of Igbo Women of Cassava Farm Household in Imo State of Nigeria
Gloria Chuku, Morgan State University
‘Igwe Bu Ike’ - Group is Strength: Igbo Women in Cooperative Societies and Community Development
Chinyere Ojide
Igbos in the 21st Century: Changing Concepts of the Igbo Woman

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XII. Igbos, Their Neighbors, and The Igbo Diaspora
Chair: Nneka Osakwe, Nnamdi Azikwe University
Uchenna Anyanwu, University of Nigeria-Nsukka
The Igbo and Efik-Ibibio Relationship
Chima Korieh, Central Michigan University
Igbo Identity in the Atlantic Diaspora: Myth and Reality
Rachel R. Reynolds, Drexel University
‘We are Not Surviving, We are Managing’: The Constitution of a Nigerian Diaspora Along the Contours of Global Economy

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2:00 p.m.- 3:45 p.m.

XIII. Critical Issues: Sharia and Biafra
Chair: Chima Korieh, Central Michigan University
Emmanuel Ogechi Anyanwu, Bowling Green State University
The Study of Sharia Laws: Implications for the Ibos
Herbert Ekwe-Ekwe, Center for Cross-Cultural Studies
Biafra and These Times: Reflections on the Quest for African Renewal
Paul Yancho, Central Michigan University
A Study of Catholic Humanitarian Aid In the War of Biafran Independence

XIV. Igbo Nation in the New Century (Roundtable)
Chair: Philip C. Aka, Chicago State University
Philip C. Aka, Chicago State University
Biafran Actualization Organizations in Igboland and the New World
Justin K. Akujieze, Chicago State University
Igbo Landing and the Igbo Nation Worldwide
Michael Eskay, Chicago State University
Igbo Education in the New Century
Chinedu Ibe, Igbo Heritage Incorporated
TBA
Michael Mbanaso, Howard University
On the Igbo Question: Then and Now
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To forge intellectual links and network with scholars, policy makers, and activists inside and outside NIGERIA.

To participate actively and collaboratively in continental and global debates with interested organizations in Nigeria, the U.S. and other countries on issues specifically relevant or related to Igbo studies.

To work actively for the promotion of Igbo language with interested organizations and/ or institutions in diverse regions of the world.

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