

# The Tenth Greater New York Area African History Workshop

## *Africa and the World*

*Location: Drexel University  
MacAlister Hall, Rooms 2019 and 2020  
(3250 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19104)  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016, 9am-5 pm*

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The Greater New York Area African History Workshop brings together scholars working on Africa and the African Diaspora in the Northeast United States. In past years, this workshop has served as an inviting space where faculty members and graduate students focusing on diverse historical topics can meet in a small, intellectually rigorous, and collegial setting. This year at Drexel University, we are excited to open the workshop to undergraduate students. Previous workshops have encouraged greater collaboration between scholars affiliated with history, African Studies, and Africana departments throughout the region. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their work, find commonalities with other scholars, and learn about new directions in the study of African history.

This year's theme is "Africa and the World." We invite papers on a variety of topics, including, but not limited to: Africa and its Diasporas; Gender and Sexuality; Spiritual Innovation; Nationalism and State-building; and Ideas of Economic Development. Our main goal is to create a space for regional collaboration and scholarly discussion and, thus, we will organize panel themes around the interests of our participants (as has been done in previous years).

We will follow the same format as the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> annual workshops, which were hosted by Princeton University and Rutgers University, respectively. There will be approximately 4-5 sessions with 3-4 papers each. A continental breakfast and catered lunch will be served. After the conference, participants will have the opportunity to continue the discussion over dinner at one of Philadelphia's excellent Ethiopian/Eritrean restaurants. Philadelphia is a major transit hub and is easily accessible from cities in the Northeast via bus, train, or car.

Please submit a proposal by February 5, 2016 that includes: (1) Your name, affiliation and a paper title; (2) a 250-word abstract; (3) a brief 1-2-page CV; and (4) a 4-5-line paragraph describing your main research interests. Please send proposals to: [ahy24@drexel.edu](mailto:ahy24@drexel.edu) and [kerenwe@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:kerenwe@sas.upenn.edu).

If you have any questions, please contact the organizers, Dr. Alden Young and Dr. Keren Weitzberg, at the above email addresses.