

**The Indiana Consortium for International Programs
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Indiana University-Bloomington African Studies Program
In cooperation with IUPUI Office of International Affairs**

Present

**“Democratic Processes, Violence, and Reconstruction in Africa”
Friday, September 25, 2009
IUPUI University Place Conference Center, Indianapolis**

11:00 – 11:30am Registration*

11:30am – 1:00pm Luncheon with
Welcome by Karen DeGrange, Executive Director, ICIP and
Samuel Obeng, Director, IUB African Studies Program
Keynote Address by Zvisinei Sandi, Georgetown University

1:15 – 2:45pm Panel I
Maurice Amutabi, Central Washington University
“Hiccups and Upheavals in Kenya's Democratic Transition: Interrogating the role of
ethnicity, political elite and external factors.”

M. Anne Pitcher, University of Michigan
“Party Politics and the Revival of Capitalism in Post-War Mozambique.”

2:45 – 3:00pm Break

3:00 – 4:30pm Panel II
Jallah Barbu, Indiana University
“Reconstructing the Liberian Judiciary: Is Infrastructure Development Truly Improving
the Image of the Courts and Restoring Confidence in the Judiciary?”

Joshua Forrest, LaRoche College
“Rural Civil Society and Post-Violence Reconstruction in Africa.”

4:30-5:30pm Reception

*Cost (including lunch):
\$5.00 students
\$10.00 ICIP member institution faculty and staff
\$20.00 non-member institution faculty and staff

Presenter Biographical Information

Maurice Amutabi is an Assistant Professor of History at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. He holds a Ph.D. in African History from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (2005) and master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of Nairobi, Kenya. He taught at Moi University before coming to the United States. Professor Amutabi has published *The NGO Factor in Africa: The Case of Arrested Development in Kenya* (Routledge, 2006) as well as numerous articles. He has co-published *Nationalism and Democracy for People-Centered Development in Africa* and *Foundations of Adult Education in Africa*. His book *Islam and Underdevelopment of Africa* is forthcoming.

Jallah Barbu is a Fellow at the Center for Constitutional Democracy, Indiana University, and former Secretary General of the Liberian National Bar Association. He holds a Bachelor of Law from the University of Liberia, a Master of Law from Indiana University and a doctorate in law (SJD), also from Indiana University. In 2008 he was Legal Counsel to the Presidential Investigative Commission on corruption to the Government of Liberia.

Joshua Forrest is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Kerr Institute of African History, Politics and Culture at La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA. He has conducted field and archival research in Guinea-Bissau, Senegal, Gambia, and Namibia. In addition to many articles, he has published several books: *Subnationalism in Africa. Ethnicity, Alliances, and Politics* (Lynne Rienner, 2004); *Lineages of State Fragility: Rural Civil Society in Guinea-Bissau* (Ohio University Press, 2003); *Namibia's Post-Apartheid Regional Institutions: The Founding Year* (The University of Rochester Press, 1998); and *Guinea-Bissau: Power, Conflict and Renewal in a West African Nation* (Westview Press, 1992).

M. Anne Pitcher is a Professor of Political Science and AfroAmerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is the author of *Transforming Mozambique: The Politics of Privatization, 1975-2000* published by Cambridge University Press in 2002 and reprinted in 2008. She is also the co-editor with Kelly Askew of *African Postsocialisms*, published by Edinburgh University Press in 2006. She has published numerous articles on agrarian development, privatization, and the politics of economic reform in Africa.

Zvisinei Sandi is a creative writer and human rights activist from Zimbabwe where she was persecuted as a result of her work as a journalist and her pro-democracy activities. From 2007-2009 she was a Visiting Scholar at the Stanford University Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law. She is currently at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Ms. Sandi has written poetry and fiction. Some of her short stories have been published in *Creatures, Great and Small* (Mambo Press, 2005) and in *Women Writing Zimbabwe* (Weaver Press, 2008). Her novels *Vagrant Souls* and *Flight from the Inferno* have yet to be published.