

Notes from Campus Theme meeting (10/19)

1. Send **Anne Aldrich** recipes and suggestions about African food in the dining hall during International Education Week.
2. **Katy**: Books on display in the library. We decided on the following themed displays for this and next year (2 per semester):
 - a. 2nd fall 2015 display: Music
 - b. spring 2016: Development, Politics
 - c. fall 2016: Geography, a display focused on a specific country
 - d. spring 2017: food and agriculture, art
3. **Stephen**: Working on a Qualtrics survey to capture faculty involvement and keep a record of how faculty and students are engaging with the theme. Stephen, can you let us know when this will be ready?
4. CFC's Leadership Week (is this what the event is called?): November 2-6. **Saheed** will be speaking (Saheed: when? I can't find a calendar for this event).
5. I am working on the WCU Syllabus and hope to send it to the campus on Monday.
6. **Kofi**: Kwesi Yanka, April 20-21, 2016. The committee recommends that Kofi apply for Visiting Scholar Funds for this visit. Saheed offered to help with this. We need other folks to assist with advertising and publicity.
7. Proverbs around campus: **Cyndy**, can you give us an update?

Some items that we can put on the calendar that we're working to develop:

- October 26: Film: *Shield and Spear* (<http://www.shieldandspear.com>) 7 pm. UC Theater.
- Film: *Invictus* (when??)
- November 16-20: International Education Week: African cuisine in courtyard dining
- February 18, 2016-May 6, 2016. Fine Arts Museum. Color and Theory: Past and Present. Reception and talk with Odili Donald (Nigerian born artist) Thursday, April 7, 2016.
- April 20-21: Kweis Yanka

Possible speakers

Please review these folks prior to our next meeting.

Dustin L. Jones from Keppler Speakers contacted Kofi and I about several of his clients. They are below:

- [Pres. F.W. de Klerk](#) | [The Global Leadership Foundation](#)
- [Derreck Kayongo](#) | [The Global Soap Project](#)
- [Lopez Lomong](#) | [RUNNING FOR MY LIFE: One Lost Boy's Journey from the Killing Fields of Sudan to the Olympic Games](#)
- [Kohl Crecelius](#) | [Krochet Kids intl.](#)
- [John Prendergast](#) | [Enough Project](#)
- [John Bul Dau](#) | [The John Dau Foundation](#)

Nicholas Passalacqua (Anth/Soc) suggests Michael Kenyhercz, a forensic anthropologist located in Knoxville who works occasionally in South Africa.

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Here's a link to his academia.edu page: <https://utk.academia.edu/MichaelKenyhercz>

Ray Maxwell (Library) suggests Ambassador Alex Laskaris. He says, “Alex is an Africa expert (we served together in Angola as junior officers, and in the Bureau of African Affairs at mid-level) and the current ambassador to Guinea Conakry. Before my plans changed, we had discussed casually the idea of his coming through Cullowhee on one of his visits back to Washington. Also copying Carol because the Africa theme program came up in a meeting we had here in the library. Anyway, Alex is very interested in the upcoming Africa program here and would be a great speaker, especially with his recent experience in Guinea with the Ebola outbreak. Also, he is just an all-around good guy.”

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Tony Hickey and Nyaga Mwaniki suggested Sarah Mucha from Nairobi. You guys will have to provide more information for us about her.

Another item for discussion: Lane Perry has been contacted by the folks at Water is Life: <http://waterislife.com/> (see attached proposal).