

The Africana Studies Department Proudly Presents

When: November 10, 2025

Where: UC Ballroom

Time: 6:00 pm

The 47th Annual W. E. B. Du Bois Distinguished Lecture
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

“Ecological Thoughts in Sahel West African Women’s Literary and Cultural Narratives”

The talk examines life and being human in West African Sahel women’s ecological thoughts as articulated in their literary and cultural narratives. It aims to expand our understanding of Sahelian women’s enduring contributions to ethical engagement with environmental concerns and preservation, climate change, vulnerability, migration, gender equity, and resilience. Comparative perspectives between the Sahel ecological thoughts and W.E.B. Du Bois’ sociological meditations on the intersection of race, class, gender, and environmental justice will be highlighted.



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