

UMBC Africana Studies Hosts International Conference on Women & The Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa

Keynote Speakers



Obioma Nnaemeka

Chancellor's Professor at
Indiana University

Topic: "Gendered Spaces and
War: Re-imagining Biafra - Not
as a Territory"

Tuesday, May 8th
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
UC Ballroom



James F. Phillips

Professor of Population and Family
Health, Columbia University, New
York and a former Relief Officer of the
International Committee of the Red
Cross, who served both in Biafra and
Nigeria, 1960s-1970

Topic: "The International Response to
the Biafra Crisis: Challenges, Errors
and Contradictions Associated with the
Origins of Emergency Public Health"

Wednesday, May 9th
1 p.m.-2 p.m.
UC Ballroom

May 8th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Banquet of African Food and Music
May 9th, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

UMBC University Center Ballroom
1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250

UMBC Africana Studies Commemorates the 50th
anniversary of the Nigeria-Biafra War by Hosting:
Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War International
Conference. The first major international academic
gathering that focuses on women and the war.

The conference also features a series of talented speakers
from around the US, Canada, Europe and Africa who will
discuss topics such as:

- Women's Life Stories and Personal Accounts of the War
- Women Militia and Combatants in the War
- Women, War Conditions, and Humanitarian Activities
- Women, War Crimes and the International Criminal Law
- The War and the Representations of Women in Literary
and Other Genres
- Women in Prewar Political Economy of Nigeria
- Women and Postwar Reconstruction, Reconciliation,
and Rehabilitation

Register at africanastudies.umbc.edu
Send emails to afst2018conf@umbc.edu

Peace Corps Roundtable: "Waging Peace in Biafra: Unique Experiences of Peace Corps Volunteers" May 8th, 9:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m., UC Ballroom



Mimi Budd

Mimi taught in Nigeria from 1965
to 1967. During the Kaduna
pogroms, she helped an Igbo
army officer escape. She was
evacuated in 1967. At home she
raised funds to support the Biafran
airlift for the duration of the war.



Ned Greeley, Ph.D.

Ned taught at St. Aidans,
Umuezeoka, Abakaliki '66-'67. He
met his wife who taught in Etchi
County. They were evacuated from
Biafra on a freighter. They lived
forty years overseas, Monica as an
educator, Ned primarily with USAID.



David Koren

As a Peace Corps Volunteer, David
taught English and General Science
near Umuahia for 3 years, 1964-
1966. Following Peace Corps service,
he served again as a volunteer for
UNICEF on the Biafran Airlift in 1968
and 1969.



Catherine Onyemelukwe

Catherine was a Peace Corps teacher
in Lagos. She married in 1964. In April
1967 the family fled to Biafra, to her
husband's village, where she lived
until September 1968. Her husband
was a key player in Biafra.