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October 10, 2018

Greetings:

As the 60<sup>th</sup> Mayor of Atlanta, I am pleased to welcome the African Heritage Studies Association, sponsors, and attendees to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual African Heritage Studies Association (AHSA) Conference.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual African Heritage Studies Association Conference provides scholars, educators, and students with a unique opportunity to gather in support of Africa's heritage and legacy. The City of Atlanta is proud to host this impressive event, and we applaud the African Heritage Studies Association's efforts to promote the scholarly research, teaching, and publication of African history.

While you are visiting Atlanta, I encourage you to explore sites such as the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center, the Georgia Aquarium, the Atlanta BeltLine, the World of Coca-Cola, CNN Center, Centennial Olympic Park, Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Children's Museum of Atlanta, National Center for Civil and Human Rights, College Football Hall of Fame and more. I hope you enjoy our Southern hospitality, sample our great restaurants and immerse yourself in the rich and diverse heritage of our historic City.

On behalf of the people of Atlanta, I extend best wishes to you for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Keisha Lance Bottoms



#### CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

October 25, 2018

Dear AHSA Members and Participants:

On behalf of our President, Dr. Ronald A. Johnson, and members of the Clark Atlanta University family, I am pleased to welcome you to our historic institution. As you probably know, Clark College, founded in 1869, was the nation's first private, liberal arts institution to award baccalaureate degrees to African Americans, and Atlanta University, founded in 1865, was the nation's first African American graduate institution. Both institutions were consolidated in 1988 to become Clark Atlanta University. For more than 150 years, this university has been a national engine of access and opportunity for African Americans and underserved populations, transforming lives and igniting new possibilities. We are delighted that the African Heritage Studies Association has selected our institution to host this significant gathering, a gathering of scholars from around the nation. What better time to host this convening given the university's historic path on the nation's continuing march towards a more perfect union.

Clark Atlanta University is proud of our legacy in promoting issues of social justice and human rights, drawing from Dr. W.E.B. DuBois and his historical efforts to forge a Pan-African agenda. We have coalesced with other universities and academic institutions throughout the world and continue to expose our student body to opportunities of service in defense of social justice and human rights.

I thank each of your for participating in this conference and bringing your expertise to our campus community. And I thank the organizers for selecting Clark Atlanta University to host this conference. Throughout this conference, I ask you to stay engaged. On behalf of our President and the university family, I welcome you to this important gathering and wish all of you very fruitful deliberations.

Sincerely

Peter O. Nwosu, Ph.D.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



## Greetings from the President

#### KARIBUNI! AKWAABA! DUMELA! WELCOME!



The 49th Annual Conference of the African Heritage Studies Association (AHSA) opens with manifest stretch marks of a Global African organization on the heels of its semi-centennial anniversary. AHSA, in its nearly five decades, has borne great leaders, ideas, and programs with lasting legacies, while it has concomitantly faced intermittent challenges to survive and mature as a strong and lasting institution. This is part of AHSA's history.

Sprung from conflict in 1968 with larger Eurocentric structures, mostly absent of African presence, engaging the studies of Africa and African peoples, AHSA has been successful in its birthing of our own Afrocentric structure to do the same. Launched, as well, from the unflinching determination of Global African scholars and activists to use our own epistemologies and endogenous frameworks to chronicle and interrogate Africa's past, present,

and future possibilities, AHSA continues nearly 50 years later in its maturation with Pan African paradigms, methodologies, and problem-solving. But in the process that most organizations undergo to develop and establish themselves as concrete durable institutions, this process has not been without its problems.

The stretch marks of AHSA today show the deep challenges of organizational governance that are internally problematic and that have, at times, crippled the organization in its growth, rootedness, and survivability toward its 50th anniversary. Political corruption does not evade organizations simply because they are Afrocentric. In fact, transparency, accountability, and probity, which are axiologically inherent to ancient African cultures, is what is mandated of our Afrocentric organizations. We owe these to our ancestors, because "we are because they were".

AHSA is on the precipice of our semi-centennial. It is up to us as AHSA members, as stewards of this historic organization, to determine whether or not AHSA will make it to its 50th anniversary and beyond.

As President of the African Heritage Studies Association at the 49th Annual Conference, I say, "Yes We Can".

Karibuni,

Lisa Aubrey, President, African Heritage Studies Association

## Conference Program

## "EXPANDING AHSA'S GLOBAL OUTREACH EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, ACTIVISM, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIPS"

#### THURSDAY October 25, 2018

Clark Atlanta University,
Robert W. Woodruff Library, 111 James P. Brawley Dr. S.W. 30314 - Exhibition Hall

#### CONTINUOUS DAILY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 9:00AM - 4:00PM

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER

8:45am Libation – Exhibition Hall Cultural Presentation Woodruff Library

Giwayen Mata, Inc.

Welcome Dr. Peter Nwuso, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs,

Clark Atlanta University

Words of Welcome - Ms. Amanda Poole, Clark Atlanta University Graduate

Student Government President

Speaker Introduction - Sheila Fleming-Hunter, Chair,

Archives Commission of AHSA

"From Waset to Wakanda: The Significance of the Black Panther"

Anthony Browder, IKG

11:00am **BOARD MEETING** in Woodruff Library Rm #303

12:30pm - 1:45pm AFTERNOON OPENING SESSION

Clark Atlanta University, Robert W. Woodruff Library, 111 James P. Brawley

Dr. S.W. 30314 - Exhibition Hall

Libations - Imam Fode Drame, President, Zawiyah Foundation



Opening Remarks: Lisa Aubrey, President of AHSA, Arizona State University

Conference Opening Plenary: "African Heritage Studies Comes of Age: Reflections of our Goals and Purpose"

Chair: Leonard Jeffries, AHSA Board Member, Professor Emeritus, City College of New York

#### Participants:

Shelby Lewis, AHSA Past President, Professor Emerita,
Clark Atlanta University
Gerterlyn Dozier, Adjunct Professor, Baruch College
William Boone, Professor, Clark Atlanta University
Mack Jones, Professor Emeritus, Clark Atlanta University

Herschelle Challenor, Former Dean, School of International Affairs, Clark Atlanta University

2:00pm - 3:30pm

#### **AFTERNOON SESSIONS**

Clark Atlanta University, Robert W. Woodruff Library, 111 James P. Brawley Dr. S.W. 30314 - Exhibition Hall

2:00pm - 2:15pm

Welcome

Mesfin Bezuneh, Director of Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders

2:15pm

**PANEL:** "WALTER RODNEY'S LEGACY: THE STRUGGLES FOR DEVELOPMENT, PAN-AFRICANISM, LIBERATION & JUSTICE CONTINUE"

CHAIR: Patricia Rodney, The Walter Rodney Foundation, Inc.
Jesse Benjamin-Kennesaw University
Seneca Vaught - Kennesaw University
Kurt Young – Clark Atlanta University
Asha T. Rodney Esq., Private Practice
Hashim Gibril, Clark Atlanta University

3:45pm - 5:45pm

**PANEL:** "RESTORING AFRICAN CULTURE"

CHAIR: Afia Zakiya, Independent Scholar/Founder AIDIKI, Accra and

Atlanta

#### **PANELISTS:**

"Spirituality as a Means of Revitalization for African Cultures" Imam Fode Drame, President, Zawiyah Foundation

"Is The Black Aesthetic Dead? Positing The Black Aesthetic In the Era of Trap Music, Twerking, and Black Panther" Aimee Glocke, California State University, Northridge

"Re-Negotiating The Distorted Culture And Identity In Africa And The African Diaspora"

Amos, D. Bivan, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

Great K. Moses, Kaduna State College of Education Gidan- Waya, Nigeria

"Akan Speaking Symbols: Assessing the Roles and Relevance of Akan Folk and Ethnic Art"

Kwadwo A. Okrah, Indiana University South

"The Where at Collective Fought Back by Doing It Themselves" Daria Dockery, Florida A&M University

#### **DINNER ON OWN**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

#### **REGISTRATION RESUMES ON SITE**

6:00pm

Please visit the Slavery Exhibit at the Shrine of Black Madonna Store prior

to event.

7:00pm

Community Town Hall Meeting

Shrine of the Black Madonna

946 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30310 (404) 752-6125

(Transportation provided)



Report Back from the United Nations International Decade of African Descendants

Presidential Welcome - President of AHSA, Lisa Aubrey

Ife Williams, Vice President of AHSA, Presiding

#### **PANELISTS:**

Olive B. Sampson, Chief Executive Officer, International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly-Guyana

Anthony Browder IKG, Member of Working Group for International Decade for People of African Descent

Huberta Jackson-Lowman, President (2017-19) Association of Black Psychologists, Participant in International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly-Guyana

Izmira Aitch, Legislative Assistant, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC, Status of African Americans and Congress

LaTosha Brown, Founder of Black Votes Matter-Participant in International Decade for People of African Descent Assembly-Guyana

8:00pm - 9:00pm Open Mic for community respondents - Report Back to United Nations

#### FRIDAY OCTOBER 26, 2018

Clark Atlanta University, Robert W. Woodruff Library, 111 James P. Brawley Dr. S.W. 30314

Exhibition Hall

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 8:30AM - 4:00PM** 



9:00am - 11:15am

#### **MORNING SESSION**

9:00am

CONFERENCE OPENING-REFLECTIONS

**Exhibition Hall** 

Opening Remarks: Stephanie Y. Evans, Professor and Chair, Clark Atlanta University, African-American Studies and Africana Women's Studies and History

PLENARY: GENDER, IDEOLOGY AND SYMBOLISM IN THE BLACK PANTHER MOVIE

Exhibition Hall

**CHAIR:** Shelby Lewis, Professor Emerita, Clark Atlanta University and Co-Chair, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) Council of Presidents

#### **DISCUSSANTS:**

Beverly Guy Sheftall, Professor and Director of the Women's Center and Academic Program, Spelman College

Georgene Bess-Montgomery, Associate Professor, Clark Atlanta University and President, National Council of Black Studies

Beverly Lindsay, Co-Director and Principal Investigator, Institute on Women and University Leadership in Post-Conflict and Transitional Societies

Shelby Lewis, Founder, Africana Women's Studies and Professor Emerita, Clark Atlanta University

Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, Chair, of African American Studies, University of California, Irvine and Co-Editor, National Political Science Review.



11:30am -1:00pm

#### **MORNING SESSION 2**

**PANEL I:** AFRICAN HERITAGE EDUCATION

**Exhibition Hall** 

Chair: William Dorsey

#### **PANELISTS:**

"Protracted Struggle, Protracted Crisis, and Black Education, 1940-2010: A Research Note on Educational Attainment and Empirical Data in the United States of America"

J. Vern Cromartie, Contra Costa College

"What You Teachin'? How You Teachin?: On the Importance of Teaching and Pedagogy in Africana Studies"

Karanja Keita Carroll, Baruch College, City University of New York

"Language Matters: Change it to Make Progress" MaryNell Morgan-Brown, Empire State College

"Honoring Our Roots: Auto-Ethnography as an Emancipatory
Research Method"

Dannielle Joy Davis, Saint Louis University, AYA Educational Institute

**PANEL II: WORKSHOP** 

Room 303

Preparing for Afrikan liberation: Learning from family stories and the stories of Afro-Cuban freedom fighting

Workshop presenters will discuss how coursework on liberation movements in Cuba and traveling to Cuba enhanced understanding of cultural connections and lessons to be learned from liberation stories of people within the African Diaspora. Interactive aspects of the session will allow workshop participants to experience the power of this work to inform activism in Diasporan communities.



#### **WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:**

Derise E. Tolliver, School for New Learning, DePaul University Wekesa O. Madzimoyo, Aya Educational Institute Story Lumpkin, Aya Educational Institute

#### 1:00PM - 2:30PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

(See appendix for eateries)

1:15pm - 2:15pm Membership Meeting Woodruff Library Exhibition Hall

To-go lunch can be purchased and taken to meeting room TBA

2:30pm - 4:30pm AFTERNOON SESSIONS

2:30pm Reconvene

**PANEL I: ACTIVISM** 

**Exhibition Hall** 

CHAIR: Kurt Young, Clark Atlanta University

#### **PANELISTS:**

"Paul Bogle, Robert B. Love and Alexander Bedward: Black Power as resistance to Colonialism and Race Prejudice in nineteenth and early twentieth century Jamaica"

Kofi Boukman Barima, Jackson State University Department of History

"Critique of African Nationalisms: Engaging in Decolonial Thinking" Agya Boakye- Boaten and Jeremias Zunguze, University of North Carolina Asheville

"Afro-Cuban, African-American Solidarity Movements and the Future of Cuba: An African-Centered Political Ecology Perspective"

Kwasi Densu, Florida A & M University

"China in Africa: The Fifth Wave of Conquest and Plunder?" Sabella Ogbobode Abidde, Alabama State University



#### **PANEL II: FILM PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**

Room 303

25th Anniversary of Haile Gerima's Sankofa: The Continued Relevance for

Africana Studies

Sekhmet Ra Em Kht Maat, Tennessee State University

Karanja Keita Carroll, Baruch College

5:30pm - 7:00pm Reception - ZuCot Art Gallery

100 Centennial Olympic Park Drive, SW

\*If using gps use 330 Chapel Street SW garage

(Transportation provided)

#### **SATURDAY** OCTOBER 27, 2018

Clark Atlanta University Henderson Student Center 3rd floor - Baranco Auditorium

9:00am - 11:00am PANEL I: GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

CHAIR: MaryNell Morgan, Empire State College, New York

#### **PANELISTS:**

"Du Bois, a Product of His Time, Ahead of his Time: A Review of Du Bois' Scholarship Concerning Africa"

Tarik Richardson, Temple University

"Critique of Black/Dalit Reason by DuBois and Ambedkar: Pan-Africanism or Postcolonialism?"

Anindya Sekhar Purakayastha, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"Amilcar Cabral, Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o and Cultural Nationalism: A comparative analysis of their approaches to African Nationalism and Liberation"

Delvon A. Benson, Clark Atlanta University



"The Continental African Novel and the Quest for a Reconstructed Africa: An Afrotriumphalist Manifesto."

Tavengwa Gwekwerere, California State University, Los Angeles

"A Traditional African Approach to Intellectual Development: Lessons from the Luba of the Congo"

Tshilemalema Mukenge, Professor Emeritus, Morris Brown College

11:15am - 1:00pm

#### **ROUNDTABLE:** WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

**CHAIR:** Shelby Lewis, Founder, Africana Women's Studies and Professor Emerita, Clark Atlanta University

#### **PANELISTS:**

Afia S. Zakiya "Water No Get Enemy: Current Trends in the Political Ecology of Water Access, Rights and Sovereignty for People of Afrikan Descent in America"

Izmira Aitch, Legislative Assistant, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC, Status of African Americans and Congress

João Gabriel, Center for Afro-Brazilian Studies, Activism in Brazil

Nana Kwesi Jumoke Ifetayo -NCOBRA and PGRNA Agenda 2063 (AU) and Reparations\ Nation building-Separation with Reparations - Now is the Time!

Kurt B. Young, Clark Atlanta University, "'We have forgotten how to recognize ourselves': The Next Stage of Pan-African Praxis"



#### 1:00PM

### Luncheon

KARAMU - HONORING OUR ELDERS AND ANCESTORS

Host

Ms. Gayle K. Watts

Processional of Elders, Board Members and Officiates

Libations Baba Leonard Jeffries

Cultural Presentation – Giwayen Mata, Inc.

Welcome - Edward Davis

Awards

Sheila Fleming Hunter and Ife Williams

Chakufa Cha Mchana Kinahudumiwa (KISWAHILI)

**LUNCH IS SERVED** 

INTRODUCTION OF THE ORATOR OF THE DAY

Daniel Omotosho Jojomani Black



## FOOT WASHING CEREMONY BY SPIRITUAL GUIDE - QUEEN CELESTE MINTON:

Shelby Lewis
Leonard Jeffries
William Boone
Patsy Hilliard (Representing Asa Hilliard)

#### HONORING OF ANCESTORS WHO SERVED AS PRESIDENTS OF AHSA:

1969-1972, John Henrik Clarke 1976-1980, Ronald Walters 1985-1989, W. Ofuatey-Kodjoe 1985-1989, Charshee McIntyre 1992-1996, William "Nick" Nelson, Jr

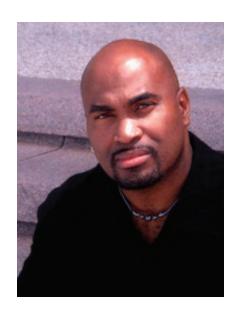
#### LIFETIME AHSA UBUNTU AWARD

Shelby F. Lewis, Founder and Past President

#### **AHSA RAFIKI AWARD**

Peter Nwosu, Provost CAU





DR. DANIEL BLACK is an award-winning novelist, professor, and activist. His published works include They Tell Me of Home, The Sacred Place, Perfect Peace, Twelve Gates to the City, The Coming, and Listen to the Lambs. In 2014, he won the Distinguished Writer's Award from the Mid-Atlantic Writer's Association. The Go On Girl! National Book Club named him "Author of the Year" in 2011 for his novel Perfect Peace. Perfect Peace was also chosen as the 2014 selection for "If All Arkansas Read the Same Book" by the Arkansas Center for the Book at the Arkansas State Library. The novel has been reprinted more than ten times and is being heralded as an American literary classic. Dr. Black has also been nominated for the Townsend Literary Prize, Ernest J. Gaines Award, Ferro-Grumbley Literary Prize, Lambda Literary Award, and Georgia Author of the Year Prize.

In 2015, Dr. Black's The Coming was published to broad critical acclaim. The novel is a first-hand account of the trauma and triumph of Africans aboard a slave ship in the 16th century. Reviewers call this work "brilliant", "poetic", and "a literary homage to the lives of those Africans tossed into the sea." In 2016, Dr. Black's long-awaited novel Listen to the Lambs was published. This novel explores the lives and agency of homeless people who find each other on the street and create lives of meaning without material substance.

Dr. Black's work has been justly celebrated. National Book Award winning author Charles Johnson says The Coming is "powerful and brilliant." He goes on to state, "This is a work to be proud of!" Pulitzer Prize winning author Alice Walker says, "Perfect Peace is a spellbinding novel that kept me reading late into several nights. A young boy raised as a girl until 'she' was eight years old.... and then? Forced to be a 'boy.' It is a gift to have so much passion, so much love, so much beautiful writing so flawlessly faithful to the language of ancestors who grappled as best they could with more than they could ever understand. This novel will one day be a film of much benefit to us, if done well. The visuals of it will help us see what we are so often blind to: the great fluidity inherent in all things, including 'race' and sexuality. Thank you, Daniel Black."

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Dr. Black spent his formative years in rural Blackwell, Arkansas, Dr. Black graduated from Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University) where he earned the prestigious Oxford Modern British Studies fellowship and studied at Oxford University. He was awarded a full fellowship to Temple University where he studied with poet laureate of the Black Arts Movement, Sonia Sanchez and earned his Ph.D. in African American Studies. Dr. Black is Professor of African American Studies at his alma mater Clark Atlanta University.

Dr. Black lives in Atlanta and is the founder of the Ndugu-Nzinga Rites of Passage Nation, a mentoring society for African American youth.



PETER O. NWOSU (the "N" is silent), Ph.D., American Council on Education Fellow and Fulbright Scholar, serves as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. of Economic Research ranks CAU as the leader in the rate of economic mobility among Atlanta-area colleges. Dr. Nwosu brings more than 20 years of experience in higher education to his role, leading and managing strategic and operational initiatives, as well as personnel and budget for two divisions (Academic Affairs and Student Affairs), which includes 19 direct reports, nearly 200 full time faculty (from across the university's 71 degree programs), and a variety of other academic and administrative units, such as enrollment services; student services and campus life; research and sponsored programs; planning, research and

assessment; center for cancer research and therapeutic development; center for undergraduate research and creative activity; university's honors and scholars' program; career development center; university museum; radio and television stations, among others. A major thrust of his responsibilities is enhancing undergraduate and graduate education, improving student success outcomes, strengthening teaching and research, aligning academic and student life, and improving quality assurance processes, in line with campus mission and goals, as well as the President's priorities.

Prior to his appointment at CAU, Dr. Nwosu served as associate vice president for academic programs (AVP) and accreditation liaison officer at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). CSUF, with more than 39,000 students, is the largest campus in the California State University System, and ranks fifth in the nation for the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded to students from underrepresented groups. His work in advising and student success garnered system, state, and national accolades, with the National Academic Advising Association recognizing him in 2016 with its Outstanding Institutional Advising Program Award for "innovative and/or exemplary practices" that make "significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising." At Tennessee State University, Nashville, where he served as associate vice president for Academic Affairs, Institutional Planning and Assessment, he led the successful reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, developed new degree programs, and implemented general education reform and assessment. As special assistant to the president for institutional planning at the same university, he led the development of the 2010-2015 strategic plan and implemented campus-wide institutional effectiveness plans. Among his other leadership roles are: special assistant to the provost for academic planning and diversity initiatives, director, center for human relations, chair, department of urban studies and planning, as well as chair, department of communication studies at California State University Northridge.

A graduate of the Institutes for Higher Education at Harvard University, Dr. Nwosu earned his Ph.D. in communications studies from Howard University in Washington, D.C. Author of three books and more than 80 scholarly writings, including book chapters, refereed journal papers, and conference presentations, he sits on the editorial review boards of a number of peer-reviewed journals, and was editor of the peer-reviewed journal, Africa Media Review, for more than 10 years. He also serves on the Executive Board, American Council of Education Fellows Program, and the Board of Directors, California Urban Partnership (CUP). His work has taken him to more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, North America, and South America.





**SHELBY F. LEWIS** is Professor Emeritus, Clark Atlanta University, Co-Chair of the NCOBPS Council of President and an international development consultant. She has served as Vice-Chair of the J.W. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and former President of the African Heritage Studies and the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

Dr. Lewis began her career as an Education Officer in Uganda (1962-64) under the auspices of the Teachers for East Africa (TEA) Project. She was an adjunct lecturer in Makerere University's Extra-Mural Studies program during the early 1960s and served as founding Director of Guidance at Tororo Girls School from 1965-1967. She served as Director of the Council of the Africa American Institute in New York in 1967 and joined the Political Science Faculty at Southern University in Baton

Rouge, Louisiana in 1968. From 1973-1995 she was a professor and administrator at Atlanta University (AU) and engaged in a variety of short term teaching, research and consulting activities in the US, Africa and Asia during that period, including serving as a Ford Foundation Fellow in Zambia (1975-76); a USAID consultant in a number of countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean between 978-95). Aalso during this period she was a Senior Fulbright Lecturer, National University of Lesotho(1982); founder of Network: A Pan-African Women's Forum(1986); founding director of Development Consultants Networkin Zimbabwe (1987); and professor of Political Science at Dillard University (1988).

During her tenure at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University) Dr. Lewis was founding Director of the Africana Women's Studies Program; founding Director of the International Center; Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences; Associate Vice President for Sponsored Programs and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. She retired from Atlanta University in 1995 and assumed the position of Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs at Morris Brown College, leaving there to become a WorldWID Fellow at USAID/DC in 1997, where she conducted research on women in war torn states in Africa and Latin America.

In 1998, Dr. Lewis joined The College Fund/UNCF as a consultant. After writing winning proposals for the \$23 million Tertiary Education Linkages Project for South Africa (USAID/TELP); the \$5-\$10 million International Development Partnership (IDP) program, the \$2 million Education for Development and Democracy Initiative (EDDI) for university-to-university partnerships in Africa and an \$800,000 Afro-Latina project, she was appointed to the position of Vice President for International Programs. In this role, she managed internationalization and university linkages projects in 32 countries in Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. She retired from UNCF in 2003 and began consulting on USAID projects in Liberia, Nigeria, and Zambia. Additionally, she served as Executive Director of The Lewis Foundation and a Fulbright Specialist in Uganda prior to being appointed to the J.W. Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board by President Barack Obama. She served on the Fulbright Board for four years.

Dr. Lewis holds academic degrees in Political Science from Southern University (B.A), University of Massachusetts (M.A.) and the University of New Orleans (PhD). Her scholarly research has been published in journals and books in the US and Africa. Her most recent book projects include edited volumes titled Historical Inevitability: The Role of Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans Saga (2009) and The Legacy of John Henrik Clark (2014). She slso served on a variety of national and international boards, committees and task forces, including: Christian University, Colombia; The Grace Schools, Nigeria; Council for the International Exchange of Scholars (Fulbright/CIES); Mickey Leland Internship Program (Carter Center); and a USAID Task Force on HBCUs; Constituency for Africa/Atlanta.

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