

Anthropology Southern Africa Annual Conference

CROSSING BORDERS – BLURRING BOUNDARIES

Hosted by the Rhodes University Anthropology Department
29th June - 2nd July 2014
Rhodes University,
Grahamstown

Call for Papers and Panel Proposals

In today's world, crossing borders and its outcomes are interwoven with the crafting and unravelling of peoples' ways of living and formations of self. Giving an account of the journeying implicit in such crossings calls for complex forms of attention – attention that is brought to bear on everyday life, its locales and temporalities. It is simultaneously a call for a sophisticated blending of theory, philosophical approach and empirical research. As anthropologists, our intellectual task is often to engage in unsettling hegemonic knowledge claims, yet we also enter fruitful cross-disciplinary encounters, in which mutual audibility is hoped for, and in which disciplinary reshaping is implicit.

Crossing borders – blurring boundaries...

- in the stylization and ongoing formation of gendered selves - between the local and the global -
between nation states and their diasporic populations - between literal and figurative migration -
between aesthetics and politics, the private and public, alienation and belonging, life and death, the
human and inhuman - between the visible and the invisible, between legality and illegality, nature and
culture...

Crossing borders – blurring boundaries...

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| - as epistemological challenge... | - as provocation... |
| - as survival... | - as escape... |
| - as transcendence... | - as advocacy... |
| - as loss... | - as limit. |

For next year's ASnA Conference, to be hosted by the Rhodes department of anthropology from 29 June - 2 July, 2014 in Grahamstown, we invite proposals for papers and panels broadly addressing the theme of 'Crossing borders – blurring boundaries'. Within this rubric, we especially encourage participants to consider the ways in which new work in African/Africanist anthropology is reorienting and revitalizing the discipline.

Please send proposals for papers or for panels to the organizers by **10 January 2014**. The organisers are particularly interested in receiving panel proposals. Proposals should include abstracts of no more than 250 words. For panel proposals, please include a list of prospective participants and their institutional affiliations if these have already been identified.

Send your abstracts and panel proposals to: asna2014@ru.ac.za

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at Rhodes University. The Barrat Lecture Theatre and Seminar Rooms will be utilized for this as well as venues in and around the Anthropology Department. Lunches and teas will be provided as part of the conference fee, there are also the following coffee and food venues on campus for break-away gatherings: *Theatre Cafe* at the Drama Department, *The Kaif* which is situated near the library and the *Provost Café* a little further away, as well as a number of venues within walking distance off campus. These include the *Rat and Parrot*, *Haricots* and *Café Divine* all of which are situated in New Street. The conference fee will also include a dinner and entertainment on the evening of Tuesday the 1st July. The venue for the dinner will be confirmed with all at a later date.

Accommodation and Your Wellbeing

Due to the National Arts Festival commencing on the 4th of July in Grahamstown, it is of utmost importance that you book your accommodation timeously. Below are a few of the B & B's available. You may wish to get a snack or a meal at our restaurants and cafés in town. There are a number of these and many serve great food, see our further information below.

There are two pharmacies within walking distance of the conference venue. These are Wallace's Pharmacy at the Peppergrove (Pick n Pay) complex and Grahamstown Pharmacy on High Street. The nearest doctors/nurses are available at the High Street Practice, telephone: 0027 466362063. However, if you do not feel well and need assistance please call one of the conference organizers. We will provide you with their contact details once you have registered. The accommodation suggestions are:

Afriteмба

There are a number of options under Afriteмба. The Graham Hotel and Evelyn House which is situated in the city center within walking distance of the university and Oak Lodge which is situated on the sunny side of town.



Visit their webpage at: www.afriteмба.com

Henri House



Visit their webpage at: www.facebook.com/henrihouse

Email address: www.henrihouse.co.za

The White House



Visit their webpage at: www.awhitehouse.co.za
 e-mail address: info@awhitehouse.co.za

Jenny's Bed and Breakfast



Visit their webpage at: <http://www.jennys.co.za>
 E-mail address: claire@jennys.co.za

The Victoria Hotel



Visit their webpage at: <http://www.hotelvictoriamews.com/>
 Email Address: hotelvictoria@imagnet.co.za

Student Accommodation

For students on a very low budget, there will be on campus res accommodation which would include breakfast. The charge for conference bed and breakfast is R 350.00 per person and the rooms are serviced every day. Please note that there are communal bathrooms on each floor. The res's have not been identified for this as yet. The name of the residences will be made known at a later stage.

Conference Fees

The conference fees are calculated at cost and include a sliding scale for students and ASnA members. The fees include conference organisation, nametags, programmes, lunches and teas over the three days of the conference, as well as dinner, entertainment and transport for the Tuesday evening event. In the interests of inclusivity and in developing a broader community of African/Africanist anthropologists, we will carefully scrutinize all abstracts and panel proposals. We kindly ask that the conference fees be paid in full by **28 February 2014**.

Interesting Activities at Our Conference

In the course of the conference you will have the opportunity to book either a walking tour of Grahamstown or the university. You may also opt to join a group on a wild game drive during which you may visit a community tourism initiative in the Eastern Cape. We will provide information on these activities in the course of the months to come. We are also organizing a fund raising event for a postgraduate bursary in anthropology at Rhodes University. We will be auctioning a variety of items including a prized painting by the internationally known artist and MA student in anthropology at Rhodes, Mathias Chirombo. Please encourage your university to bid! Visit Mathias' website at: www.mathiaschirombo.com



Mathias Chirombo at work.

Transport

The closest airport to Grahamstown is the Port Elizabeth Airport which is a 130 km drive to get to your destination (approximately an hour and 20 minute drive from the Airport to Rhodes University in Grahamstown). We will have shuttles available for your benefit. Please provide us with details of your time of arrival and departure so as to arrange pickups and drop-offs. There are also a number of car rentals situated at the airport should you wish to hire a vehicle for the duration of the conference.

Visit the following webpages for information on car hire:

www.budget.co.za/

www.tempestcarhire.co.za

www.avis.co.za

Should you have any other queries about the conference, please contact us at: asna2014@ru.ac.za

We look forward to welcoming you to Grahamstown and the Eastern Cape Province!