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DIVISION OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS
AMERICAN SECURITY INTERESTS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
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SPRING 2015
CLASS MEETS WED
5:00-7:30
1/22/2014-4/30/2015
ENG 201

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REQUIRED READING:
Articles as assigned.

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• Clark, J. Desmond (1970). The Prehistory of Africa. Thames and Hudson
• Théophile Obenga (1980). Pour une Nouvelle Histoire Présence Africaine, Paris
• Cambridge History of Africa, Volume 1-5.
• Falola, Toyin. Africa, Volume 1-5.
REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to read selected chapters of the texts; research and present a regional/issue study (20 pages); summarize and discuss assigned articles and chapters; and take a midterm and final examination. Mastery of the subject will be assessed by a combination of tests, presentations, written summaries and class participation as follows:

ATTENDANCE/CLASS PARTICIPATION: 10%
EXAMINATIONS: 30%
ARTICLE SUMMARIES: 30%
REGIONAL STUDY: 30%

GOAL: Students will be able to:
• consider Sub-Saharan Africa in the context of history and geo-politics;
• identify American security and foreign policy interests;
• assess and critique contemporary and future US foreign policy decisions regarding Sub-Saharan Africa.

GENERAL NOTES: All students are expected to abide by the University’s policy on academic honesty. Cheating and plagiarism are unacceptable and will be punished.

All written material submitted will be consistent with our status as university scholars. It will not be hand written and it must answer the question asked. It must be footnoted where appropriate and it must be edited. Students are expected to cite the materials referenced in order for the Professor to insure that each student has personally reviewed and considered the material. Students should be guided by CORE principles: C=cite to the materials, O=organize before you write; R=respond to the questions asked; E=edit. Poorly communicated answers will be graded accordingly.

GRADING:
A-91-100
B+-88-89
B-84-87
B—80-83
C+-78-79
C-70-77
F-64 and below

CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

WEEK TWO (JAN 28)-Hot topics; Africa before the West; Shillington Chpts 1-11; **WA #1 due.** Assignment of WA #2.

WEEK THREE (FEB 4)-Hot Topics; Sub-Saharan Africa and colonialism. Shillington Chpts 12-25; **WA #2 due.**

WEEK FOUR (FEB 11)-Hot Topics; African Independence, Assignment of WA#3.

WEEK FIVE (FEB 18)-Hot Topics; US foreign policy and culture before WW11.

WEEK SIX (FEB 25)-Hot Topics; US Foreign policy and culture in the Cold War. **WA #3 due.**

WEEK SEVEN (MAR 4)-Hot topics; US foreign policy and since the end of the Cold War. **Presentation outlines due.** Midterm Examination.

WEEK EIGHT (MAR 11)-Hot topics; Africa since independence; **Turn in Midterm Examination.**

WEEK NINE (MAR 18) **SEMESTER BREAK!**

WEEK TEN (MAR 25) Hot topics; African political and economic development since the end of the Cold War. **Presentation papers due.**

WEEK ELEVEN (APR 1) Hot topics; Neo-colonialism since the end of the Cold War; Presentations as assigned. WA #4 assigned.

WEEK TWELVE (APR 8) Hot topics; US interests and responses to 21st century challenges in Africa; Presentations as assigned. **WA #4 due, WA #5 assigned.**

WEEK THIRTEEN (APR15) Hot topics; African responses to challenges of the 21st century; Presentations as assigned. **WA #5 due.**

WEEK FOURTEEN (APR 22) Hot topics; Selected topics; Presentations as assigned. Prep for final exam.

WEEK FIFTEEN (APR 29 )-Turn in final; hot wash; The Future of Africa.