



Schedule of Events
PSTC African Alumni Conference
Brown University · Providence, Rhode Island
April 26-28, 2009

Schedule subject to change.

Sunday, April 26

Daytime free.

6:00 Buffet Dinner in PSTC Lobby, Mencoﬀ Hall, 68 Waterman St.

Monday, April 27

All sessions will be held in the PSTC's Seminar Room in Mencoﬀ Hall, 68 Waterman Street.

8:30 Arrival at PSTC

9:00 **Opening remarks**

Michael White, PSTC Director

Daniel Jordan Smith, PSTC Associate Director

9:15 **Session 1: Fertility and Sexual Behavior** – David Lindstrom, Chair

Wealth, Kinship System, and Extramarital Sex Among Men and Women in Congo-Kinshasa

Yanyi K. Djamba, Auburn University - Montgomery

Internal Migration and Sexual Initiation among Never Married Youths in Nigeria

Blessing Uchenna Mberu, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya

Prospects for a Fertility Transition in Uganda

John Ssekamatte-Ssebuliba, Makerere University, Uganda

The Dilemma of Demographic Transition in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Research Proposal

Ita Ekanem, Ekanem & Associates Consulting



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10:45 Coffee Break

11:00 **Session 2: Regional and National Politics and Development** – Daniel Jordan Smith, Chair

Political Aspects of the 2006 Nigerian Population and Housing Census

Oka Obono, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Darfur: Regional Possibilities versus National Realities

Mahgoub E Mahmoud, Tennessee State University, Nashville

The Regional Level in the Architecture of Development Cooperation: Optional, or Imperative in the Response to HIV&AIDS?

Michael Tawanda, Governance, Human Rights, and AIDS, Swedish-Norwegian Regional HIV & AIDS Program for Africa, Lusaka, Zambia

Eco-Violence in Darfur: Resource War or Ethnic Cleansing?

Afaf Omer, University of North Carolina – Asheville

12:30 Lunch

2:00 **Plenary Discussion of postgraduate professional trajectories and challenges**

Mark Pitt, Professor of Economics and former PSTC Director, moderator

3:30 Afternoon break

3:45 **Session 3: Women's Health and Status: Qualitative Studies** – Susan Short, Chair

"Fear, Shame, and Embarrassment": The Stigma Factor in Post-Abortion Care at KATH, Kumasi, Ghana

Eva Tagoe-Darko, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

"With guts and creativity, you can go beyond being just a woman:" Case studies of women entrepreneurs in urban Mali

Assitan Diallo, Independent Sociological Researcher and Consultant, Bamako, Mali

4:45 Return to hotel

6:30 Group Dinner



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Tuesday, April 28

9:00 Arrival at PSTC

9:30 **Session 4: Education and Investment in Children** – Nancy Luke, Chair

The Effect of Free Primary Education on Student Achievement: Evidence from Kenya
Adrienne Lucas, Wellesley College and **Isaac Mbiti**, Southern Methodist University

The Education of Disabled Children in South Africa

Eileen Phoshoko, Gauteng Department of Economic Development, South Africa

Parental Investment in Children over the Life Cycle

Olumide Taiwo, Independent Researcher

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 **Session 5: Health and Well-Being** – Stephen McGarvey, Chair

*Self-reported health status and Quality of Life among the elderly in the
Kassena-Nankana District*

Cornelius Debpuur, Navrongo Health Research Centre, Ghana

The Ethnic and Cultural Basis of Health Outcomes in Ghana

Kwaku Yeboah, University of Ghana

12:00 Lunch (sandwiches at PSTC)

1:00 **Overview of competitive funding available to PSTC alumni**

Daniel Jordan Smith, Associate Director, PSTC

1:45 Concluding remarks

2:00 Open time for collaborations & meetings with faculty and graduate students

3:00 Tea with Graduate Students

Dinner on own

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