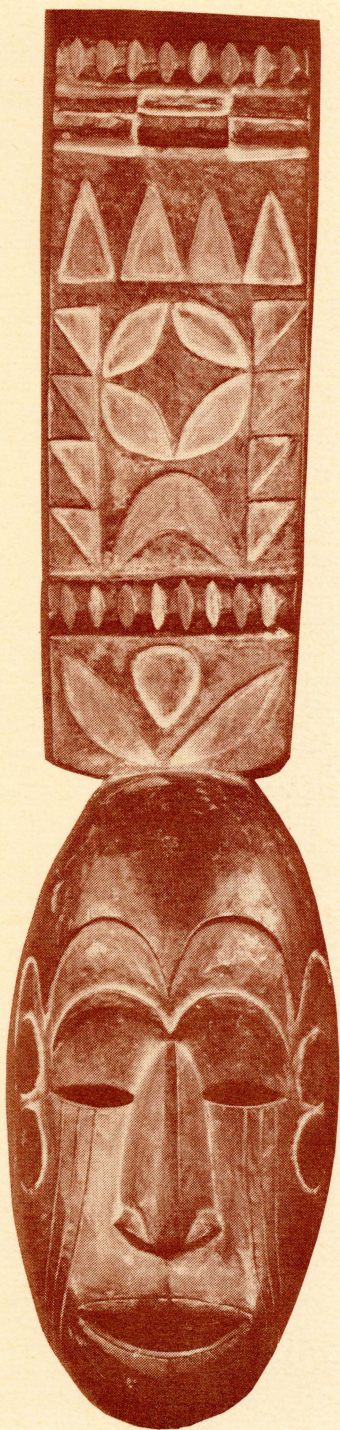


**Centre for  
African  
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**Dalhousie University**

## History and functions

African Studies at Dalhousie date from the late 1960's when the Departments of Political Science, History, and Economics instituted a number of courses concerned with Africa. Over the next decade the range of African Studies activities grew to include an ad hoc Committee, an interdisciplinary research seminar, and a publications series. In 1973, the University offered a B.A. degree with a specialisation in African Studies for the first time, which included a new introductory, interdisciplinary second year course on one region of the continent; and in February 1974, the annual conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies was held on the campus. In 1975, the Centre was formally established as an institute of the University, and opened by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The first two volumes in the new Dalhousie African Studies Series were released in mid-1976. In September of that year, the Centre occupied its own three-storey house on the Dalhousie campus and a year later produced its first biennial report.

The Centre for African Studies exists as a university institution concerned with teaching, research, and publishing on Africa; it constitutes a Centre for discussion and interaction on a wide variety of African issues and topics. Its membership includes faculty and fellows, graduates and undergraduates, and other individuals concerned with African subjects. As the group of scholars and students interested in Africa has grown at Dalhousie, so the range of activities has increased from an initial concentration on teaching and seminars to a broad programme which includes offering a B.A. degree and graduate instruction; arranging research and current affairs seminars; sponsoring fellows and visitors; publishing books and articles; organising workshops and conferences; facilitating collective and individual research; maintaining a reading room and a permanent exhibit of Africana etc.

The Centre has developed naturally from the tradition of African Studies established at Dalhousie over the last decade. Its building serves as the base for its several activities, providing five offices for fellows, directors and administrative assistant, seminar, reading, and coffee rooms, and space for a growing range of Africana, especially carvings and prints, journals and periodicals. The house now constitutes a centre for African Studies activities, both on campus and in the wider community; it symbolises the expansion of African Studies activities and constituencies at the university and in the region. In 1977/78, for instance, the Centre's membership consisted of twelve faculty (two of whom were away from campus), three fellows, more than thirty-five graduate students (twenty-five of whom came from Africa), and a growing number of faculty from other universities, numerous undergraduates and interested individuals from the city and elsewhere in the region.

## Faculty

The Centre's activities are administered by a Committee of Management of Dalhousie faculty, who are engaged in teaching, research or other activities concerned with Africa.

**Jerome H. Barkow** (Associate Professor of Anthropology) works in the areas of ethnography and Hausa culture. His articles on African anthropology have appeared in *Anthropos*, *American Anthropologist*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *Current Anthropology*, *Geneve-Afrique* and in O'Barr, Spain and Tessler (eds), *Survey Research in Africa*.

**John Flint** (Professor of History) teaches Imperial and African History. Amongst his publications are *Sir George Goldie and the making of Nigeria*, and *Cecil Rhodes*. He has also edited *Perspectives on Empire: essays presented to Gerald S. Graham* (with Glyndwr Williams) and the *Cambridge History of Africa, Volume 5, 1790-1870*. He is General Editor of the Dalhousie African Studies Series and a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Association of African Studies.

**Edgar Gold** (Associate Professor of Law) specialises in international law, particularly in the law of the sea and related issues of development in Africa. His essays on these subjects have appeared in Johnston (ed) *Marine policy and the coastal community*, Macdonald, Morris and Johnston (eds) *The International Law of Human Welfare*, Richey (ed) *The Encyclopedia of the Sea*, *New Scientist*, *Maritime Policy and Management* and *Safety at Sea International*.

**Kenneth A. Heard** (Professor of Political Science) is interested in the areas of southern African government, politics and development. He is author of *Political Systems in Multiracial Societies* and *General Elections in South Africa 1943-1970* and co-editor (with Timothy M. Shaw) of *Cooperation and Conflict in Southern Africa: papers on a regional subsystem* and *Politics of Africa: dependence and development*.

**Zbigniew A. Konczacki** (Professor of Economics) specialises in the economic history of Africa. He is author of *Public Finance and Economic Development of Natal 1893-1910* and *The Economics of Pastoralism: a case study of sub-Saharan Africa* and co-editor (with J.M. Konczacki) of *An Economic History of Tropical Africa, Volume 1, The pre-colonial period* and *Volume 2, The colonial period*, and *An Economic and Social History of Southern Africa*. His essays have appeared in *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, Chandrasekhar and Hultman (eds) *Problems of Economic Development* and Maasdorp and Humphreys (eds) *From Shantytown to Township*.

**Ian McAllister** (Professor of Economics) works in the areas of development, economics, and regional development. His main link with African issues has been as the first team leader of the Dalhousie—CIDA Programme of co-operation with the Ghana

Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA). He has written in the fields of project planning and regional development as well as having been economic adviser to two Canadian provincial governments, adviser to the federal finance department on regional policy, author of a Royal Commission and senior consultant to a number of Canadian and international development projects in fields including energy, labour, industrial feasibility projects, planning, public works projects and management training. He is the present Chairman of the Economics Department.

**Lars Osberg** (Assistant Professor of Economics) teaches labour economics and has long been interested in African economic development. He has been employed as economist to the National Insurance Corporation, Tanzania and the Tanzania Sisal Corporation. Currently his research focuses on the impact of industrial structure on the distribution of income. His papers have appeared in *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *The Review of Income and Wealth*, *Canadian Public Policy*, and Macdonald, Morris and Johnston (eds) *The International Law of Human Welfare*.

**Bala Pillay** (Associate Professor of History) teaches in the areas of Commonwealth and South African history. He is author of *British Indians in the Transvaal: trade, politics and race relations 1885-1906*. His essays have appeared in *Africa Quarterly*, *Collected Papers of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies*, and *International Perspectives*. He is now Chairman of the Department of History and served as first Director of the Centre in 1975-76.

**Thomas A. Pinfeld** (Assistant Professor of Economics) is currently on leave from Dalhousie serving as Field Director of the York University Project Planning and Evaluation Unit in Kenya. His own research interests are in the areas of transportation and urban economics. Professor Pinfeld is currently in Nairobi for his third year.

**Timothy M. Shaw** (Associate Professor of Political Science) works on African international politics, having taught at Makerere University and the University of Zambia. He is author of *Dependence and Underdevelopment: the development and foreign policies of Zambia* and of chapters in Mazrui & Patel (eds) *African in World Affairs*, Ingham (ed) *The Foreign Relations of African States* and Aluko (ed) *Foreign Policies of African States*. His essays have appeared in *African Studies Review*, *Africa Today*, *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, *International Journal*, *Issue*, *Journal of Modern African Studies*, *Journal of Southern African Affairs*, *Journal of Southern African Studies*, *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* (with Susan M. Shaw), and *Journal of African Studies* (with Agrippah T. Mugomba). He has served as Director of the Centre, 1977-78.

**Alasdair Sinclair** (Professor of Economics) worked in the Ministry of Planning in Tanzania as a member of the University of Toronto Project. He is co-author of a report on the training of national planners for the

Government of Ghana and is the Dalhousie coordinator of the CIDA-GIMPA Project.

**Rowland Smith** (Professor of English) teaches African and Modern British literature. He is author of *Lyric and Polemic: the literary personality of Roy Campbell* and of essays in Heywood (ed) *Aspects of South African Literature, Comparative Literature, Dalhousie Review, Journal of Commonwealth Literature* and *Malahat Review*. He is also editor of *Exile and Tradition: studies in African and Caribbean Literature*. He served as Director of the Centre in 1976-77 and is currently Chairman of the English Department.

**J. Bertin Webster** (Professor of History) specialises in pre-colonial African history, particularly in Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda. He has taught at Ibadan, Makerere and Malawi Universities and has directed several research projects on pre-colonial history. He is author of *The Revolutionary Years: West Africa since 1800*, and co-editor of and contributor to *Chronology in African History, The Iteso during the Asonya*, and the *History of Uganda: migration and settlement, 900-1900*. His many essays have appeared in *East Africa Journal, Tarikh* and *Uganda Journal* and in several collections including Ogot (ed) *War and Society in Africa* and Ajayi and Crowder (eds) *History of West Africa*.

## Programmes of the Centre

### a) Teaching

Faculty associated with the Centre offer courses and degrees at both undergraduate and graduate levels, the former being more multi-disciplinary and the latter more uni-disciplinary.

At the **undergraduate** level, Dalhousie offers a B.A. degree in African Studies, consisting of two years of course work beyond the first year. This multi-disciplinary programme examines the history, politics, economics and cultures of several of the peoples and states of Africa. It commences with a special and compulsory introduction to Africa (African Studies 200) which concentrates on the insights of one or two disciplines into one region of Africa, either east, west or southern Africa; this basic course is offered in the early evening to encourage the participation of part-time students.

The B.A. in African Studies also includes at least four other classes which focus on Africa, taken from the offerings of associated faculty in Anthropology, Economics, English, French, History, and Political Science. Further details of requirements for this programme can be obtained from the Faculty of Arts and Science Undergraduate Calendar or from the Administrative Assistant in the Centre.

At the **graduate** level, several participating departments offer degrees in particular disciplines with a concentration on African subjects and materials. Graduate degrees offered by Dalhousie University with an African orientation include those in Economics (M.A. and Ph.D.), English (M.A.), History (M.A. and Ph.D.), Law (LLM) and Political Science (M.A. and Ph.D.). Several African students have also been enrolled in the Certificate, Diploma and Master programmes offered in the School of Public Administration.

In 1977-78, there were African or Africanist graduate students taking course work or writing theses in each of these fields. Although graduate students working on Africa prepare a dissertation within a particular discipline, they participate in the Centre's interdisciplinary activities and so become aware of approaches and perspectives of Africa adopted by other scholars.

Recent graduate theses on Africa at Dalhousie include -

O. Akintunde (Ph.D. in Economics, 1976) "A structural study of an African economy: Nigeria".

Milcha Amolo (Ph.D. in History, 1977) "Sierra Leone and British colonial labour policy, 1930-1945"

Erim O. Erim (Ph.D. in History, 1977) "A pre-colonial history of the Idoma of Central Nigeria"

Robert P. Flute (M.A. in Political Science, 1976) "Underdevelopment, economic dependence and class structure in Tropical Africa, with particular reference to Kenya"

Malcolm J. Grieve (M.A. in Political Science, 1977) "South Africa's Bantustans and the prospects for change"

Charles Kere (M.A. in Philosophy, 1977), "The problem of national identity: a case for African single-party states"

Ralph Ochan (LLM in Faculty of Law, 1977) "Marine policy and the developing land-locked states: the search for a new equity in the law of the sea."

Several graduate students associated with the Centre have recently published scholarly articles. These include:

Malcolm J. Grieve (with Timothy M. Shaw) "Review article—Dependence or development: international and internal inequalities in Africa", *Development & Change* 8(3), July 1977, 377-408 and "The political economy of Africa: internal and international inequalities" *Munger Africana Library Notes* 41, 1977.

F. John Ravenhill "Military rule in Uganda: the politics of survival" *African Studies Review* 27(1), April 1974, 229-260.

Chris Youé, "The threat of settler rebellion and the imperial predicament: the denial of Indian rights in Kenya, 1923", *Canadian Journal of History*, 12(3), 1977.

Many of the recent graduate students to be associated with the Centre now hold university or government appointments. These include Dr. John Ausman (Department of External Affairs, Ottawa), Dr. Erim O. Erim (Lecturer in History, University of Calabar), Isaac Lamba (Lecturer in History, University of Malawi), Dr. Leonard Ngcongco (Lecturer and Head, Department of History and Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Botswana and Swaziland, Gaborone), and Dr. Geoffrey Nwaka (Lecturer in History, University of Nigeria, Nsukka).

Further details about graduate degrees in African Studies offered by Dalhousie can be obtained from the Faculty of Graduate Studies Calendar or from the Chairman or Graduate Coordinator of each department. Possible sources of financial assistance for graduate work in African Studies include Dalhousie University Scholarships, Killam Scholarships, Canada Council masters and doctoral Fellowships, Commonwealth Scholarships, CIDA Scholarships, and IDRC thesis Fellowships. The Centre particularly encourages applications for graduate work from junior faculty members from Africa who would study at Dalhousie as teaching fellows.

## **b) Seminars**

The centrepiece of African Studies at Dalhousie remains the fortnightly research seminar at which papers from faculty, fellows, and graduates are introduced and discussed. In addition, occasional current affairs and visitors seminars are organised at lunchtimes at which more informal and topical presentations are made and debated.

The programme of **research seminars** is now in its seventh year and consists of some 15 papers annually.

In 1977-78, the following papers were presented:

John Orkar, "Chronology of the Tiv"

James Morrison, "A Successful Resistance: the impact of the Fulani Jihad on the Jos Plateau in the 19th Century"

Wallace Mills, (St. Mary's University) "The Fork in the Road: religious separatism vs. African nationalism in the Cape Colony"

Frederick Johnstone, (Memorial University) "The Class Analysis of Racial Domination in South Africa: the class colour bar model"

Gordon Haliburton, "The First British Annexation of Basutoland"

Judith Gold, "Is Development a Mental Health Stress?"

Georges Charpentier, "Christian Missionaries and Conflicts of Cultures in Africa"

Rowland Smith, "*Personal Landscape* and the British Literati in Egypt during the Second World War"

Sam C. Nolutshungu (York and Ibadan Universities)

"Black Opposition and State Power in Southern Africa"

John Flint, "The Origins of Decolonisation in Nigeria"

Ralph Ochan, "The International Law of Human Welfare: a case for international intervention in Uganda"

Zbigniew Konczacki, "A Chapter in the Economic History of Somalia: the inter-war period"

Nicola Swainson, "The State and Economy in East Africa: Kenya"

Christopher Youé, "Imperial Land Policy in Swaziland and the African Response"

Timothy M. Shaw/Malcolm Grieve, "Dependence as an Explanation of Inequalities in Africa"

The newer series of **current affairs and visitors seminars** began in the Centre's first year and now has its own established place, atmosphere and constituency. Amongst these seminars have been the following presentations in 1977-78:

Ibrahim Msabaha "Some observations on the 'current' Anglo-American Proposal to Rhodesia"

Anthony Nwabughuogu and Isaac Adu "Proposals for Constitutional Change and Non-military Governments in Nigeria and Ghana"

Michael Lynk "Socialist development in Tanzania"

Kwasi Nyamekye (University of Papua New Guinea) "Development of State and University in Papua New Guinea"

Thelma Baker (United Nations Association) "Women and Development in West Africa"

Omari Kokole "The Arab Relation with Black Africa and the Effect of the Sadat Initiative"

Patrick Keatley (The Guardian) "Current Developments in Southern Africa"

Richard Lapchick (ARENA and ACCESS) "Sport and Politics: the case of South Africa"

Harry Carter (Department of External Affairs)

"Developments in Canada's Policy Towards Southern Africa"

Zbigniew Konczacki "The Background of the Somalo-Ethiopian Conflict"

D. K. Doherty (Department of External Affairs)

"Canada's Relations with Africa"

### **c) Fellows and Visitors**

The Centre has attracted a growing number of fellows, associates and visitors in recent years. Although it has no funds of its own it has successfully sponsored applications from Africans and Africanists for both internal and external support to enable well-qualified



scholars to take up residence at Dalhousie University for periods between six to eighteen months. It has also welcomed a large number of visitors, both scholars, diplomats, politicians and correspondents.

In 1977-78, three **fellows** working in African Studies were in residence, all under distinctive arrangements. Georges Charpentier of the Department of External Affairs, recently Ambassador in the Ivory Coast and Director of Francophone Africa Division, came to the Centre as a Foreign Service Visitor; Dr. Nicola Swainson arrived as a Killam Postdoctoral Research Fellow after research and teaching in Kenya and Tanzania; and Dr. Gordon Haliburton, recently Professor of History at the National University of Lesotho was awarded a Senior Killam Fellowship in History.

In recent years, the Centre has welcomed Dr. Bridglal Pachai, recently Professor of History at the University of Malawi, as a Senior Killam Fellow in History and Political Science; Dr. M. Catherine Newbury as a Killam Fellow in Political Science and David Newbury as Research Associate after their researches in Zaire and Rwanda; Dr. Agrippah Mugomba as a Research Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies after teaching in Uganda and Kenya; Dr. Kwasi Nyamekye as a Research Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies following research on Africa in the United Nations; Dr. K. V. Ram as Research Associate after teaching in Uganda; and Dr. J. Jorgensen as Research Fellow in Foreign Policy Studies engaged in work on Uganda, Kenya and Ghana. Dr. Newbury is now Assistant Professor in Government at Wesleyan University; Dr. Mugomba is Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Afro-American and African Studies at the University of California - Santa Barbara; Dr. Nyamekye lectures in Political Science at the University of Papua New Guinea; Dr. Ram teaches history at the University of Lagos; and Dr. Jorgensen instructs in Sociology at McGill University.

Recent **visitors** to the Centre have included academics and administrators, civil servants and commentators from both Africa and elsewhere. Some have given informal talks or been involved in recruitment; others have been on research or have been renewing acquaintance. The Centre attempts to arrange appropriate schedules for each visitor to the campus.

Since the Centre's opening, the range of visitors has included, for example, Dr. J.F.A. Ajayi (Vice-Chancellor of the University of Lagos), Dr. Carl Widstrand (Director of the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies), Dr. Charles Odidi-Okidi (Institute of Development Studies, University of Nairobi); Dr. Yashpal Tandon (University of Dar-Es-Salaam); Dr. Sam Nolutshungu (Ibadan University); Dr. Rick Johnstone (Memorial University); Professor John Saul (York University); René Pellissier (African correspondent for *Le Monde*), K.B. Wood (Ghana News Agency); Robin Derricourt (African Publisher, Longman); Their Excellencies J. X. T. Muwamba (High Commissioner of Malawi), Frederick Rutakyamirura (High Commissioner of Tanzania), Wilson M. Chakulya (High Commissioner of Zambia) and Peter Afolabi (High Commissioner of Nigeria); and several members of the Department of External Affairs; CIDA, Secretary of State Department and IDRC.

#### **d) Publishing**

The Centre encourages publications on Africa through its own series and by making its facilities available to its members. Under an arrangement with Longman in London and Africana in New York, the Centre sponsors the **Dalhousie African Studies Series**. Dr. John Flint is General Editor of this Series, which is published in cooperation with Dalhousie University Press. The first two volumes of the Series were released at a reception in April 1976; two further volumes are to be added in 1978; and it is anticipated that two or more books will appear annually.

The following volumes are available from Longman (orders from Europe and Africa) and Africana (orders from North America):

James Walker, *The Black Loyalists: the search for a promised land in Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone, 1783-1870*

Rowland Smith (ed) *Exile and Tradition: studies in African and Caribbean literature*

J. Bertin Webster (ed) *Chronology in African History*

Timothy M. Shaw and Kenneth A. Heard (eds) *Politics of Africa: dependence and development*

#### **e) Workshops and Conferences**

A series of workshops, conferences and displays on diverse African topics has been held at Dalhousie. The Centre has helped to sponsor and organise these. They include an Exhibition of African Art and Design (April 1973); a Conference on African Writing with Mount St. Vincent University (May 1973); an interdisciplinary Workshop on Southern Africa (August 1973); the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies (February 1974); a day of seminars on the Centre's official opening (November 1975); a meeting on Black History in Nova Scotia (April 1976); a Workshop on Conflict and Change in Southern Africa: Scandinavian and Canadian perspectives and policy options, with Carleton University and the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies (February 1978); and an Exhibition of West African Textiles, with St. Mary's University (April 1978).

#### **f) Research, Secondments and Africana**

The Centre does not normally sponsor or conduct research as an institution. However, it does both encourage and facilitate the research of its members both for graduate degrees and for professional development.

In recent years, several faculty members have secured external funds for **research** purposes. Professor J. Bertin Webster has organised the Benue Valley Project, a continuing cooperative Nigerian-Canadian investigation into the pre-colonial history of one region of Nigeria. Professor John Flint organised a Project on Canadian Missions in Africa between 1974 and 1976 and was awarded a further Canada Council grant in 1977 for research in the partition of Nigeria. Professor Jerome Barkow received Canada Council grants in 1975 and 1977 to further his research on the Hausa in Nigeria and Niger and Professor Timothy Shaw has undertaken work on Canadian-African relations through a grant from the Donner Canadian Foundation to the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University.

Several Dalhousie faculty have been attached to African institutions in recent years under various

**secondment** arrangements. Dr. Alasdair Sinclair worked in the Tanzanian Ministry of Planning under the University of Toronto Project for a year. Dr. Tom Pinfold has been associated with the York University Project in Nairobi, Kenya for three years. Dr. J. Bertin Webster has served as Professor and Head of History at the University of Malawi under UNESCO auspices for two years. Professor Ian McAllister was the first team leader of the Dalhousie-CIDA Project at GIMPA in Accra, and Dr. Timothy M. Shaw taught at the University of Zambia for a year and is being seconded to the University of Ife in Nigeria.

The **Department of Economics** has entered into a programme of cooperation with the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) to train middle-level and senior planning officials, financial managers and project planners and managers of the Government of Ghana. The Project is funded by the Government of Ghana and the Canadian International Development Agency, within the umbrella of a five year agreement. This programme began in 1975, following a joint report by Professors Ian McAllister and Alasdair Sinclair of the Economics Department. Further information can be received from the Administrative Officer-Ghana Project in the Department of Economics at Dalhousie University.

The **Killam Library** at Dalhousie has one of the best collections on Africa in Canada. Substantial material on the continent has been collected over the last decade including bibliographies, books, government publications, microfilms, reference sources, scholarly journals, magazines and newspapers. Over a hundred periodicals and serials on Africa are on the Library's regular subscription list.

The Centre also houses its own collection of Africana - both carvings and pictures, journals and magazines. A series of reliefs, paintings, photographs and masks is displayed in the Centre. The reading room includes major journals and magazines of Africa and occasional materials produced by research and political institutions concerned with Africa.

### **g) Community Activities**

The Centre cooperates with a range of institutions and individuals interested in Africa both on and off campus, both in the city and in the wider region.

The Centre has worked with the **African Students Association** for a number of years, particularly over its annual celebration of "Africa Night", an evening full of different aspects of African culture - lecture and libation, fashion and food, dancing and drumming. Recent guest lecturers have included Professor Ali A. Mazrui (University of Michigan) and His Excellency Tom Tlou (Ambassador of Botswana at the UN).

The Centre also cooperates with the Student Union, Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, Overseas Student Adviser and Centre for Foreign Policy Studies on campus and with groups such as the Black United Front, CUSO, International Education Centre at St. Mary's University and Southern Africa Information Group in the city and region. It provides speakers on Africa from its membership for schools, service clubs, and other universities. Several members of the Centre appear occasionally in the media in discussions of African affairs.

For **further information** about the activities of the Centre, please call or write the Administrative Assistant, Ms. Betsy Tilley-Sinel at 1444 Seymour Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia. B3H 3J5, Canada; telephone (902) 424-3814.