

March, 2012

Dear Colleague,

As national Co-Chairs of the **Association of Concerned Africa Scholars (ACAS)** we invite you to become a member of **ACAS**. **ACAS** (<http://concernedafricascholars.org>) is composed of progressive scholars and practitioners who monitor and respond to United States foreign policies in Africa. Each year we publish at least one issue of *the ACAS Bulletin* on a timely topic and we undertake several policy initiatives that include writing op eds, offering testimony, conducting critical research and analysis, as well as undertaking educational outreach campaigns for policy makers and the alert public.

This year, we have formed task forces on (a) food sovereignty, (b) land grabs, and the (c) militarization and Africa. Updates about these task forces will appear on the “Action” page of the website.

We meet each year for our annual business meeting at the Africa Studies Association (ASA) annual convention. We sponsor at least one official ACAS panel at the ASA and our members network to sponsor other panels of common interest as well. This past year (2011) our meeting panels included:

- Agriculture, Food and Ongoing Struggles for Food Sovereignty: Paths to Contributing to Africa's Liberation?
- The Politics of Liberation: Transformations (Part I)
- The Politics of Liberation: Contested Meanings (Part II)

ACAS members David Wiley and Carl LeVan were also featured in the plenary on “What Role Now for the National Security Funding of African Studies?”

Joining ACAS is an excellent way to meet other scholars and practitioners who share your concerns and to network with other scholars and practitioners to accomplish projects that have meaning for you related to learning about and publicizing U.S. foreign policy in Africa. ACAS is also an excellent vehicle through which to publicize your own work on Africa.

At the African Studies Association annual convention in Philadelphia in November 2012, ACAS will be celebrating its Thirty-Fifth Anniversary! We hope you will be part of our celebration. A special ACAS meeting and reception are planned for Wednesday evening, November 28, in addition to panels and a business meeting during the convention.

We hope you will join ACAS for only \$10.00 per year. Please return the enclosed ACAS Membership Form and let us know how you would like to be involved. Your membership is critical to building a community of progressive scholars and activists critically evaluating U.S. foreign policy towards Africa.

Sincerely,

Eve Sandberg (Oberlin College) and Noah Zerbe (Humboldt State University)
ACAS Co-Chairs 2012-2013

Association of Concerned African Scholars (ACAS)

Membership Form

(ACAS will not share your personal information with any other organization or persons.)

Name_____

Affiliation_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip:_____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Africa Activist Scholarly and Country Interests: _____

Would you like to join an ACAS Task Force? (see website: www.concernedafricascholars.org)

Militarization in Africa and AFRICOM _____

Food sovereignty _____

Land grabs _____

Other: _____

Please identify other ways you might like to be involved in ACAS:

Write an article in ACAS Bulletin about _____

Serve on the ACAS Board of Directors _____

ACAS Membership Status:

New member _____ Renewal _____

Current ASA Member: Yes: _____ No: _____

Membership Fee: \$10.00 per year (by calendar year)

Please return with a check payable to:

"Association of Concerned Africa Scholars" (not tax deductible)

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