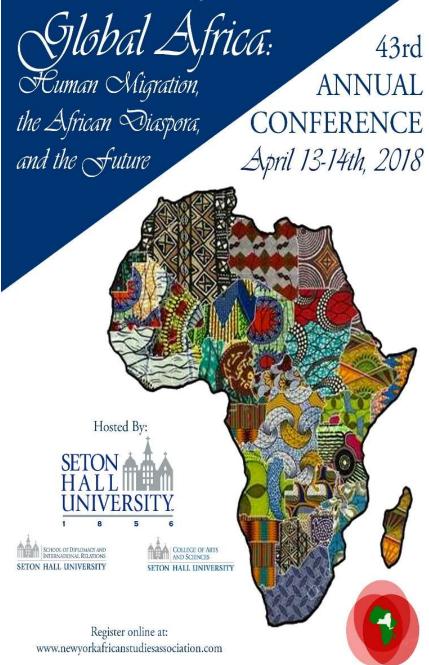
The New York African Studies Association presents...



<u>Letter from the President</u>



Welcome to the 43rd annual conference of the New York African Studies Association. Once again, NYASA not only welcomes participants from the U.S., Europe, and Africa but also has the honor of hosting a conference in a state other than New York. NYASA's philosophy is not merely trans-state but transnational in its promotion of a globally-conceived Africana studies dedicated to creating a more just, sustainable, and convivial world. Your presence at this year's conference at Seton Hall University works toward that better world, and as our "2018 world" pursues more walls from which neo-fascist "strongmen" spew hate and division, it is important that we pause and see ourselves and this conference as a "best hope" for the future. We have come together to engage in fact-based conversations and thoughtful critique in pursuit of understanding and appreciation, and in keeping with these goals, the theme of this year's conference is "Global Africa: Human Migration, the African Diaspora, and the Future."

I along with the entire Executive Board heartily thank Seton Hall University for hosting this year's gathering. It is not merely for etiquette's sake that we give thanks for the resources that have gone into this conference; it is an act of solidarity. It is easy to profess ideals on a website, but it takes commitment to devote time and money to hosting a conference. Today and into the foreseeable future, conferences such as this will be more and more about creating the synergy needed to heal humanity and the planet—our only family, and our only home.

Helping NYASA and all participants in pursuit of those goals, I would like to thank the many students, administrative assistants, technicians, physical plant employees, food service and print shop workers, administrators, professors, and everyone else who has contributed to this conference. Specifically, I would like to thank Seton Hall Provost Karen Boroff, Dean of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations Andrea Bartoli, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Peter Shoemaker, and Chair of Political Science and Public Affairs Robert Pallitto. I would also like to thank Assefaw Bariagaber of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Vice President Cheikh Ndiaye of Union College, and all the members of the Local Organizing Committee.

Finally and loudly, I would like to thank longtime NYASA member and past president Kwame Akonor of the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs for his tireless work and perennial good cheer in devoting the last year to making this conference a reality. Thank you, Kwame.

Congratulations to our Distinguished Africanist Award recipient José Arturo Saavedra Casco of El Colegio de México, A.C.; Ali A. Mazrui Outstanding Publication/Book and Educational Activities Award recipient Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo; Book Award recipients John K. Marah for Pan-African Education: A Bekeh U. Ukelina for The Second Colonial Occupation as well as this year's NYASA Distinguished Teacher Award recipient and the Thomas and Corinne Nyquist Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Wishing you a fruitful conference, and with hopes of seeing you at future NYASA conferences.

Kevin Hickey

President, NYASA

<u>April 13th</u>

<u>Registration:</u> April 13^{th} and 14^{th} from 8:00AM to 5:00PM (Jubilee Hall, Atrium, 4^{th} Floor)

Breakfast: 8:00AM-8:50AM (Jubilee Hall, Atrium, 4th Floor)

Opening Session: 9:00AM-9:45AM (Jubilee Hall, Atrium, 4th Floor)

Welcoming remarks from Chairs of the Conference LOC. Kwame Akonor and Assefaw Bariagaber

Remarks from the Seton Hall University Administration

Dean of College of Arts and Sciences. Peter Shoemaker

Dean of School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Andrea Bartoli

Provost. Karen Boroff, Professor and Dean Emeritus

Remarks from Student Representative. Jong Woong Park

Remarks from NYASA President. Kevin Hickey

Panel Session A (April 13th @10:00AM-11:30PM)

Panel Session A-1 Portrayals of Migrants in Literary Works and the Arts (Stafford 09) Chair: Kevin Hickey, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Tsegaye Wodajo, Bronx Community College of The City University

of New York, Portrayal of a Returnee in an African Novel

Kevin, Hickey, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Ornithological Identities—Envisioning a Global African Space

Ibrahim Murat Oener, International Burch University (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Smooth Patchwork: Nomadism and Transgression in Caryl Phillips's Works

Panel Session A-2 Neo-Colonialism, Human Trafficking, Refugees and Migration (Stafford Hall 07)

Chair: Marcel Yameogo, Seton Hall University (NJ), *Many people drowning in the Mediterranean Sea, who is responsible?* Christian Durán, Seton Hall University (NJ), *The Continuing Crisis of (Neo) Colonialism: Migration as a Result of US Imperialism* Stephanie Miller, Seton Hall University (NJ), *The Role of Human Trafficking on Human Migration in Africa* Patrick Barron, Seton Hall University (NJ), *The Untold Story of the*

Patrick Barron, Seton Hall University (NJ), *The Untold Story of the Civil Rights Movement*

M.M. Fadakinte, Department of Political Science. Faculty of Social Sciences. University of Lagos. Lagos. Nigeria, *Africa and the crisis of Human Migration; Reflections on Colonialism and the State*

Panel Session A – 3 Migration and Social Change (Stafford Hall 08) Chair:, Shawn Brelvi Seton Hall University (NJ), Mikalia Morris, Seton Hall University (NJ), Tim Bertrand, Seton Hall University (NJ), Adam Varoqua, Seton Hall University (NJ), and Tristan Miller, Seton Hall University (NJ), *Enacting Social Change in the 21st Century from the Millennial Perspective*

Grace Onovo, CUNY-Hostos, Fundamentals of nursing practice and the culturally diverse nursing students' with ESL: Student perspectives

Lunch: 11:45AM-1:45PM (Jubilee Hall, Atrium, 4th Floor)

Awards and Keynote Speech

NYASA Teachers' Award

Mr. Bashir Akinyele

NYASA Service Award

Mr. Lawrence Hamm

The NYASA Book Awards

John K. Marah, *Pan-African Education: A Must for the African Union* (Routledge, 2018)

Bekeh U. Ukelina, *The Second Colonial Occupation: Development Planning, Agriculture, and the Legacies of British Rule in Nigeria* (Lexington Books, 2017)

The NYASA Book Award Honorable Mention

Anne C. Bailey, *The Weeping Time: Memory and Largest Slave Auction in American History* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)

Keynote Speech Dr. A. Zachary Yamba

Panel Session B (April 13th @2:00PM-3:30PM)

<u>Panel Session B-1</u> Determinants of Human Migration (Stafford Hall 06)

Chair: E. Obiri Addo, Drew University

AM Kalumba, University of Fort Hare (South Africa), Environmental Determinism and African Migration: A Case of Ugandans in and Desertion of South Africa

E. Obiri Addo, Drew University (NJ), *Religion and Migration in West African Historical Experience: Implications for the New West African Diaspora in the Tri-State Area* Maria Nakitto and Charles Baguma, Determinants of Human Migration in Uganda: Are there Links to Contraceptive Use Behavior in the Population?

Ashraf Ghaly, Union College, Human migration in Africa and the Middle East.

<u>Panel Session B- 2</u> Religion, Migration and African Literature in the Diaspora. (Stafford Hall 08)

Chair: Guillaume Yoboué, University at Buffalo Guillaume Yoboué, University at Buffalo, *Religious Insecurity, Insurgency and Mass Exodus in Africa - The Challenges of Boko Haram in Nigeria* Marc A. Pape, Saint John Fisher College (NY), L'Illusion Diasporique/Diasporic Illusion Kanaté Dahouda, Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY), African and Caribbean Diaspora, Memory, Exile and Identity Cheikh M. Ndiaye, Union College (NY), From Claire De Duras to Yvonne Verra: Nearly 200 years of African women migration! Douglas H. Thomas, SUNY-Brockport, "From Queen-Mother to Church Mother: Migrating Matriarchy"

Panel Session B- 3 Impact of Governance on Human

Migration (Stafford Hall 09)

Chair: Owino Ndede

Ebenezer Olamiposi Adeyemi, University of Ibadan (Nigeria), Nation-Building as a Panacea to Illegal Migration of Africans to Europe, The Americas and Beyond.

Olufeso, Samuel Damilare, University of Ibadan (Nigeria), *Curbing the Plague of Migration through Democratic Governance* Owino Ndede, (East African Community Organization (Albany, New York), *The internal and external factors affecting (non) evolution of governance in Africa and its influence on the African exodus*

Panel Session B-4 Surviving the Misconception of Blackness

(Stafford Hall 07) **Chair**: Dr. Seth N. Asumah, SUNY Cortland Devon A. Sanders, SUNY Cortland, *Melanin* Kevin Robinson, SUNY Cortland, *Miseducation, Socialization and Conformity in the Black Community* Jacob Wright, SUNY Cortland, *Should All Speech Be Free? How Hate Speech Negates Freedom* Alliyah Dookie, SUNY Cortland, *Rethinking Internal Migration Benefits for Africa*

Panel Session C (April 13th @3:45PM-5:15PM) Panel Session C-1

Race, Migration, and Literature (Stafford Hall 09) Chair: Dr. Simone A. James Alexander, Seton Hall University Kaliyah Inswood, Seton Hall University (NJ), *Female Passion and Passivity in Nella Larsen's Passing* Monet Watson, Seton Hall University (NJ), *Independence and Female Agency in Dorothy West's The Wedding* Emani Miles, Seton Hall University (NJ), *Performing Black Masculinity in Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God* Nkili Cooper, Seton Hall University (NJ), *Race and Black Womanhood in Dorothy West's The Wedding* Rachel Campbell, Syracuse University, *Gaining Freedom in Grenada through migration as demonstrated Paule Marshall's Praise song for the Widow*

<u>Panel Session C-2</u> Migration in the Distant Past (Stafford Hall 09) Chair: Assefaw Bariagaber, Seton Hall University Aldair Rodrigues, Universidade Estadual de Campinas (Brazil), From the Bight of Benin to Brazil: ethnic and political dimensions of the African diaspora during the Eighteenth Century Dalia Antonia Muller, University at Buffalo, SUNY, For Our Birthplace is Africa: Radical Afro-Diasporic Political Imaginaries in Twentieth-century Cuba.

Shantel George, SUNY-Oneonta, *Commodities and Religion; Slave Trade*

A. Anokwale Anansesemfo, Goucher College

Viewing Exhibition and Conference Reception: 5:30PM-7:15PM (Jubilee Hall, Atrium, 4th Floor) Beryl Goldberg, Photography, Burkina Faso 3 Families Tetteh Tawiah, Art Exhibit Kofi Ayim. Book Exhibit, Independent Publisher Kassahun Checole, Publisher, Africa World Press, Inc. & The Red Sea Press, Inc.

Networking and Entertainment: 7:45

April 14th

Breakfast: 8:00AM-8:30AM (Atrium Jubilee Hall 4th Floor)

Panel Session D (9:00AM-10:15AM)

Panel Session D-1

Experiences of African Immigrants in the United States (Stafford Hall 07)

Chair: Afua Yeboah Ampiaw Seton Hall University

Afua Yeboah Ampiaw, Seton Hall University (NJ), Lived experiences of United States nursing students from Sub-Saharan Africa Reuel Mebuin, Seton Hall University (NJ), Understanding how Sub-Saharan Africans Experience Higher Education in the United States Deon Davis, Stockton University (NJ), The Matter of Black Lives Tetteh Tawiah, Independent Scholar, Exploring Africa's historical contribution to art and science

as inspiration for creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship in the diaspora

<u>Panel Session D-2</u> Historical Perspectives on Migration (Stafford 09) Chair: N'Dri Assie-Lumumba, Cornell University

N'Dri Assie-Lumumba, Cornell University, The Meanings and Moments in African Migrations: Historical Perspectives on Cases of Continental and Global Movements and their Contemporary Implications

Jochen S. Arndt, Virginia Military Institute, A Deep History of Migration and Language-Based Identity Formation in South Africa Moris Samen, The Goethe University Frankfurt, "to stay means living, to go means dying": The contemporary migration of young Africans seen from the perspective of Erudite Bamileke Janice Mwapaga, African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region, Inc., The African American: The Hope for the World

<u>Panel Session D-3</u> Where Do We Come From? African Origins of Human Life and Migration (Stafford Hall 07)

Chair: Dr. Bekeh Ukelina, SUNY Cortland

Tiana Johnson, SUNY Cortland, Ezekiel Johnson, SUNY Cortland, and Matthew Henry, SUNY Cortland

Nompumelelo Dlamini, University of Zululand, Xenophobia and its Discontents: Unpacking Causes and Contradictions for South Africa's Foreign Policy

Dr. John K. Marah, SUNY College at Brockport, *Beyond Africa's Triple Heritage: A Discourse on a Contemporary African Phenomenon*

Panel Session E (April 14th @10:30AM-11:45PM) Panel Session E-1 Human Migration, Politics, and the Diaspora (Stafford 109)

Chair: Seth N. Asumah, SUNY Cortland

Seth N. Asumah, State University of New York at Cortland, U.S. Immigration Policy and the Politics of Exclusion: Seeing More Than African Immigrants.

Naaborle Sackeyfio, Miami University of Ohio, Unpacking the politics of social capital and African migrant incorporation in Japan

Mariela Smith, Institute of Radio and Television, *African Students in Cuba*

Nkosinathi Mlambo, University of Zululand, *Regional Supremacy or Coalition? Probing South Africa's relation with Southern Africa post-apartheid*.

Panel Session E-2 Intellectual Capital and its strategic component for development (Stafford 109)

Chair, Amadu Jacky Kaba Seton Hall University '*Geniuses' Among Us: An Analysis of MacArthur Fellows, 1981-2017*

Karl Botchway, New York City College of Technology/CUNY, "In analyzing state performance, therefore, we must analyze state capacity alongside the political actors who seek to deploy it." Richard Severin, York College - CUNY The Pan African Congress of 1791,

Denarto Dennis, University of the West Indies, Mona (Jamaica), An enquiry into the causes and consequences of poverty and an exploration of possible future solutions (1960-2005): Paired cases of Botswana and Zimbabwe; the Dominican Republic and Haiti; and The Cayman Islands and Jamaica

Roger Gocking, NYASA, Ghana's Bui Dam and the Contestation over Hydro Power in Africa

Panel Session E-3 Migration Perspectives from Women

Writers (Stafford Hall 08)

Chair: Rose A. Sackeyfio, Winston Salem State University Cheryl Toman, Case Western Reserve University, *Malian Immigration in France Yesterday and Today: Perspectives from African Women Writers*

Habib Zabzana, University of Scranton, *The African-Italian Diaspora, Colonialism, and the Narrative of Migration, Trauma, and Memory in Igiaba Scego's Adua* Henry Williams, Lehman College/CUNY, *Assata Shakur's*

Autobiography as Pan-African Urban Migration Narrative

Rose A. Sackeyfio, Winston Salem State University, Women Writing Diaspora in the 21st Century: Race, Identity and Culture Fredline McCormick-Hale, Seton Hall University, Time for A New Strategy? Rethinking women's Empowerment in Sierra Leone

<u>Panel Session E-4</u> International Diplomacy and Migration (Stafford Hall 06)

Chair: Alexander James Miller Seton Hall University (NJ), An Analogy for Conflict and Repatriation: An analysis of conflict and repatriation efforts in Mozambique and their implication on the South Sudanese civil war

Claire Yocom, Seton Hall University (NJ), A Perspective on the German Migration Crisis

Selam T. Woldegerima, Seton Hall University (NJ), It is Africa's time Morgan McMichen, Seton Hall University (NJ), Economic and Security Benefit of Open-Door African Migrant and Refugee Policy: Germany vs Hungary in the Post-2015 Refugee Influx Sobukwe Odinga, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, Horn of Africa, International Relations, Security, Diplomacy

Panel Session E-5 Teachers Workshop. 10:30AM-11:45AM (Stafford 07)

Teacher panel on African-centered techniques for the education of African people in the diaspora. **Chair**: Rev. Dr. Forrest Pritchett, Seton Hall University.

Panel will feature Dr. Akil Khalfani, Essex County College, Bashir Akinyele, Weequahic High School and TJ Whitaker of Columbia High School.

Panel Session F (April 14th @12:15PM-1:45PM) Panel Session F-1 Immigration in the 21st Century: Globalism, Capitalism, Discrimination and Urban Unrest (Stafford 07) Chair: Maha Marouan, The Pennsylvania State University Darryl C. Thomas, The Pennsylvania State University, American Nativism and the Retreat from Globalism, Cosmopolitan ism and Immigration in the 21st Century

David McBride, The Pennsylvania State University, African-Descent Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Youth, and Urban Unrest in Western Cities: Challenges for Urban Rights Maha Marouan, Pennsylvania State University, Sub-Saharan Migrants in Morocco: Race, Religion and Cultural Belonging Erick Agbleke, Seton Hall University, Winning Hearts and Minds of the African Youth: A Strategy to Secure the Battleground in the Fight Against Terrorism and Insurgency in Africa Owen Brown, Medgar Evers College, Diversity in Post Racial America

<u>Panel Session F-2</u> The Media and Human Migration (Stafford 08) Chair: Afolabi O. Oladapo, Institute for Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ibadan (Nigeria), *The Roles of Social Media in illegal Migration among Nigerian Youths.*

Zeinab Amir Aslani, University of Catania, A comparative content analysis of the portrayals of deceased migrants vs victims of terrorist attacks in Italian and UK media Joseph Bosco Bangura, North-West University (South Africa), African Pentecostalism, African Diaspora and Mediatised Self-Branding in Catholic Belgium Garhe, Osiebe, PEP Development or Eternal Tourism: Popular Music and Western Phantasmagoria in Africa Adeola Obafemi Mobolaji, University of Ibadan, Influence of Economic Instability, Nigerian Films and Musical Videos on Attitude of Nigerians towards Migration Abimbola Cole Kai-Lewis, New York City Department of Education/Community Partnership Charter School Lower School, London Roads and Postal Codes: An Analysis of Sierra Leonean Migration in the Song "N18"

<u>Panel Session F-3</u> Human Migration and Development (Stafford 09) Chair: Kwame Akonor, Seton Hall University Chioma Joseph-Obi, University of Port Harcourt (Nigeria), *Labor Migration and Remittances between US-based Nigerians and Nigeria: Impacts on Recipient Families and Children.*

Andrew Osehi Enaifoghe, University of Zululand, *The socio*economic impact of trade and human migration in South Africa polity.

Kelly Ndubuka, Attorney, *Urbanized Migration: the Story told by New Land Pressures.*

Remi Alapo, CUNY Social Sciences Dept., *National Culture and Influences On Leadership Practices*

Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, SUNY, Cortland, Place Matters: A Comparative Analysis of Transnational African Migrants' Experiences

<u>Panel Session F-4</u> Roundtable Discussion Foreign Aid and Alternative Development Ideas (Stafford 109)

Chair: Dr. Cheryl Sterling, City University of New York Panelists; Alice Backer; Phillipe ST Luce; Danielle Nicholson; Bisrat Woldemichael; Sherry Antoine; Tetteh Tawiah

Panel Session F-5 The State, Migration and Development (Stafford 206)

Chair: Jerry Persaud, State University of New York at New Paltz Edgar J. Ridley - Edgar J. Ridley and Associates, International Management Consulting Firm, *The Role of Cognitive Semiotics in African Migration*.

Steve Panford, Columnist and Former Professor, New York City Tech, State Sponsored Approaches to Development: Searching for Alternate Model To Economic Development in Africa

Mohammed Ouhemmou, University of Ibadan, *Migration and Governance*

Peter Asare-Nuamah, Pan African University, *Tackling climate change: African Union and climate change governance in Africa*

Serena Masino, Dept. Of Economics and Quantitative Methods, Foreign-Local Interactions, Working Conditions, and National Policy in the Ghanaian Construction Industry – A Case Study of Accra

Lunch: 2:00PM-4:00PM (Jubilee Hall, Atrium, 4th Floor)

Awards and Recognition NYASA 2018 Distinguished Africanist Award, Professor José Arturo Saavedra Casco

Mazrui Outstanding Publication/Book and Educational Activities Award Dr. Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo

Closing remarks LOC, and NYASA

NYASA E-Board Meeting 4:00PM-5:00PM (Jubilee Hall 570. Fifth floor conference room)

<u>Networking and Conference Social:</u> 5:15PM -7:00PM Fashion Presentation and dining at Papillon, http://papillon25.com

BIOGRAPHIES

TOM and CORINNE SERVICE AWARD



Mr. Lawrence Hamm

Chairman People's Organization For Progress

There is not enough space in this program to explain the great contributions that Lawrence Hamm and his grassroots organization, People's Organization For Progress have made in Essex County, New Jersey, and beyond. Mr. Hamm's civil rights advocacy and humanitarian work goes back four decades. The best way that people now describe Larry Hamm to emphasize his great contributions to the most vulnerable people among us is that he is the "Dr. King of New Jersey". That says it all. Larry Hamm earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University in 1978. For more information on Larry's great work, please see this link to his grassroots organization: http://njpop.org/wordpress

2018 NYASA DISTINGUISHED AFRICANIST AWARD



Professor José Arturo Saavedra Casco

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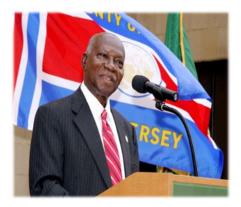


Dr. Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo

Ibipo started working in the Geography Department at SUNY Cortland in 1988 as an Assistant Professor. Ibipo's teaching and research competencies are human geography and global development, urban social geography, diversity and gender studies, and Africa. She was promoted to associate professor in 1994, and became a full professor in 2002. During 2002 and 2003, she served as interim co-chair of the Geography Department and as acting chair. She was a past Co-Coordinator of the Women's Studies Program. Her scholarly work integrates gender and ethnicity into geographic research and curriculum. As a member of the executive board of the New York African Studies Association she served as President and co-edited two books on African studies.

In addition to co-authoring and co-editing five books, among her publications are numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters and book reviews. Her latest work about engaging feminism and development is a co-edited book titled Global Perspectives on Gender and Space (Routledge 2014). Apart from her extensively cited research publications women's commuting and the spatial mismatch in the work trips of African American women, Africa is the geographic focus of her teaching and research in gender and development. Her definitive chapter on "Geography, Gender and Development" in the widely-read Aryeetey-Attoh's Geography of Africa textbook is one of her most influential contributions in light of student's and instructors' acclaim of the piece, now in its 3rd edition.

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba

Dr. A. Zachary Yamba holds the title of President Emeritus after stepping down as the longest serving college president in New Jersey on March 31, 2010. Affiliated with the College for four decades, he joined the humanities faculty when the college opened in 1968 and served as Dean of Faculty prior to his appointment as president in May 1980. He is also Regent Emeritus on the Board of Regents of Seton Hall University,

http://www.essex.edu/about/administration/presidentemeritus/wppaspec/oc1/cv0/ab14/pt241

TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Mr Bashir Akinyele

Bashir Akinyele of the Newark Anti-Violence Coalition is a graduate of Seton Hall University and received a Master's in History from Columbia University. He is a long term teacher at Weequahic High School, Newark, NJ. Akinyele, is the Chairperson of Weequahic's Black History Month committee. He is a founding member and press officer of the Newark Anti-Violence Coalition, and was the first guest of Rutgers University's new live internet radio show called "All Politics Are Local". He now discusses and takes calls with the host Ed Riliey on the pandemic disease of violence plaguing the African American and Latino American community.

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