UMBC Africana Studies Hosts International Conference on Women & The Nigeria-Biafra War: Reframing Gender and Conflict in Africa

Keynote Speakers

Obioma Nnaemeka
Chancellor’s Professor at Indiana University
Topic: “Gendered Spaces and War: Re-imagining Biafra – Not as a Territory”
Tuesday, May 8th
11 a.m.-12 p.m.
UC Ballroom

James F. Phillips
Professor of Population and Family Health, Columbia University, New York and a former Relief Officer of the International Committee of the Red Cross, who served both in Biafra and Nigeria, 1960s-1970
Wednesday, May 9th
1 p.m.-2 p.m.
UC Ballroom

May 8th, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
May 9th, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.
Banquet of African Food and Music
May 9th, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.
UMBC University Center Ballroom
1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250
UMBC Africana Studies Commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Nigeria-Biafra War by Hosting: Women and the Nigeria-Biafra War International Conference. The first major international academic gathering that focuses on women and the war.

The conference also features a series of talented speakers from around the US, Canada, Europe and Africa who will discuss topics such as:
- Women’s Life Stories and Personal Accounts of the War
- Women Militia and Combatants in the War
- Women, War Conditions, and Humanitarian Activities
- Women, War Crimes and the International Criminal Law
- The War and the Representations of Women in Literary and Other Genres
- Women in Prewar Political Economy of Nigeria
- Women and Postwar Reconstruction, Reconciliation, and Rehabilitation

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Peace Corps Roundtable: “Waging Peace in Biafra: Unique Experiences of Peace Corps Volunteers”
May 8th, 9:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m., UC Ballroom

Mimi Budd
Mimi taught in Nigeria from 1965 to 1967. During the Kaduna pogroms, she helped an Igbo army officer escape. She was evacuated in 1967. At home she raised funds to support the Biafran airlift for the duration of the war.

Ned Greeley, Ph.D.
Ned taught at St. Aidans, Umuezeoka, Abakaliki’ 66–67. He met his wife who taught in Etchi County. They were evacuated from Biafra on a freighter. They lived forty years overseas, Monica as an educator, Ned primarily with USAID.

David Koren
As a Peace Corps Volunteer, David taught English and General Science near Umuahia for 3 years, 1964-1966. Following Peace Corps service, his husband’s village, where she lived until September 1968. Her husband was a key player in Biafra.

Catherine Onyemelukwe
Catherine was a Peace Corps teacher in Lagos. She married in 1964. In April 1967 the family fled to Biafra, to her husband’s village, where she lived until September 1968. Her husband was a key player in Biafra.