WMU’s Center for African Policy Development Research presents Distinguished Lectures on Africa (Spring Semester 2012)

Health Outcomes of Inter-community Violence in Three Northern Kenyan Pastoralist Communities
3 to 4:30 p.m.
Monday, March 12
2028 Brown Hall

Dr. Bilinda Straight
Associate Professor of Anthropology
Western Michigan University

Bilinda Straight (Ph.D., University of Michigan, 1997) is an associate professor of anthropology at Western Michigan University. She works with Samburu pastoralists in northern Kenya on consciousness, cosmology, material culture, gender, health, and violence. She has published scholarly articles in a variety of journals and edited volumes. She is the editor of “Women on the Verge of Home” (SUNY, 2005), and author of “Miracles and Extraordinary Experience in Northern Kenya” (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2007). She has been the recipient of numerous grants and awards, including Fulbright and the National Science Foundation.

Ethiopian-American Relations during the Reign of Emperor Haile Selassie, 1930-1974
3 to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28
2028 Brown Hall

Dr. Theodore Vestal
Professor Emeritus of Political Science
Oklahoma State University


Africa after 9/11: Rethinking U.S. Definitions and Policies
3 to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 11
1025 Brown Hall

Dr. David Wiley
Professor of Sociology
Former Director of African Studies Center
Michigan State University

David Wiley (Ph.D., Princeton) is a professor of sociology and African studies at Michigan State University. He served as director of the African Studies Centers at Michigan State University (1978-08) and University of Wisconsin-Madison (1972-77). His research has focused on Zambia (urban housing and development); Zimbabwe (race relations, religious movements); Kenya (participatory fisheries management); South Africa (urban environment) as a Fulbright-Hays Senior Fellow at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, as well as internationalization and less commonly taught languages in the U.S. and, currently, militarization in Africa. His most recent publication is “International and Language Education for a Global Future: Fifty Years of the U.S. Title VI and Fulbright-Hays Programs” (co-ed, MSU Press, 2010).

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