

PSTC African Alumni Conference

Scientific Sessions

Brown University · Providence, Rhode Island
April 27-28, 2009



Free and open to the public. All sessions will be held in the PSTC's Seminar Room in Menco Hall, 68 Waterman Street.

Monday, April 27

9:00 Opening remarks

Michael White, PSTC Director

Daniel Jordan Smith, PSTC Associate Director

9:15 Session 1: Fertility and Sexual Behavior

David Lindstrom, Chair

Wealth, Kinship System, and Extramarital Sex Among Men and Women in Congo-Kinshasa

Yanyi K. Djamba, Auburn University - Montgomery

Internal Migration and Sexual Initiation among Never Married Youths in Nigeria

Blessing Uchenna Mberu, African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya

Prospects for a Fertility Transition in Uganda

John Ssekamatte-Ssebuliba, Makerere University, Uganda

The Dilemma of Demographic Transition in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Research Proposal

Ita Ekanem, Ekanem & Associates Consulting

11:00 Session 2: Regional and National Politics and Development

Daniel Jordan Smith, Chair

Political Aspects of the 2006 Nigerian Population and Housing Census

Oka Obono, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Darfur: Regional Possibilities versus National Realities

Mahgoub E Mahmoud, Tennessee State University

The Regional Level in the Architecture of Development Cooperation: Optional, or Imperative in the Response to HIV&AIDS?

Michael Tawanda, Governance, Human Rights, and AIDS, Swedish-Norwegian Regional

HIV & AIDS Program for Africa, Lusaka, Zambia

Eco-Violence in Darfur: Resource War or Ethnic Cleansing?

Afaf Omer, University of North Carolina – Asheville

Monday, April 27, continued

3:45 Session 3: Women's Health and Status: Qualitative Studies

Susan Short, Chair

"Fear, Shame, and Embarrassment": The Stigma Factor in Post-Abortion Care at KATH, Kumasi, Ghana

Eva Tagoe-Darko, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

"With guts and creativity, you can go beyond being just a woman:"

Case studies of women entrepreneurs in urban Mali

Assitan Diallo, Independent Sociological Researcher and Consultant, Bamako, Mali

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 Session 4: Education and Investment in Children

Nancy Luke, Chair

The Effect of Free Primary Education on Student Achievement: Evidence from Kenya

Adrienne Lucas, Wellesley College; **Isaac Mbiti**, Southern Methodist University

The Education of Disabled Children in South Africa

Eileen Phoshoko, Gauteng Department of Economic Development, South Africa

Parental Investment in Children over the Life Cycle

Olumide Taiwo, Independent Researcher

10:45 Coffee break

11:00 Session 5: Health and Well-Being

Stephen McGarvey, Chair

Self-reported health status and Quality of Life among the elderly in the

Kassena-Nankana District

Cornelius Debpuur, Navrongo Health Research Centre, Ghana

The Ethnic and Cultural Basis of Health Outcomes in Ghana

Kwaku Yeboah, University of Ghana