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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract
The University of Chicago African Studies Workshop is an interdisciplinary forum conducted and operated under the auspices of the University Council for Advanced Studies. The collection of African Studies Workshop Records contains administrative data such as period evaluations by the Council for Advanced Studies, participant lists, requests for refunding, meeting agendas, invitations to present and related correspondence, as well as a collection of the papers presented to the workshop’s various venues between the years 1985 and 1995. The bulk of materials date from the years 1990-1993. The included papers document the past student and faculty participation in the African Studies Workshop, the administrative workings of the workshop and the often otherwise unavailable papers presented in this unique and influential forum.

Information on Use

Access
The collection is open for research.

Citation
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Historical Note
The University of Chicago African Studies Workshop is an interdisciplinary forum conducted and operated under the auspices of the University Council for Advanced Studies. The workshops involved in the Council for Advanced Studies (CAS) emerged in 1982 following recommendations from a research inquiry called the University of Chicago Commission on Graduate Education, also known as the Baker Report. The mandate was to provide advanced graduate students with the opportunity to discuss and present their dissertation research to a
diverse community of scholars. Since its inception the workshop system has been gradually expanded to encompass not only advanced graduate students, but less advanced graduate students’ MA papers and dissertation proposals, as well as visiting scholars’ and faculty works in progress.

The African Studies Workshop forum is specifically organized for graduate students and faculty whose research involves social, historical, political and economic lives of people of the African Continent as well as its historical and contemporary diasporas. The majority of participants in the African Studies Workshop come from the Department of Anthropology, but the workshop student coordinators and faculty sponsors have also actively encouraged interdisciplinary collaboration and conversation by including participants and members from the disciplines of history, human development, literature, political science and religious studies. Additionally, the African Studies Workshop has been a platform for cross-institutional collaboration and cooperation through participation in special sessions at the Red Lion Pub on the north side of Chicago. These special sessions are co-coordinated with Northwestern University’s Program on African Studies and have historically involved participants from both the Committee for African and African American Studies at the University of Chicago and the aforementioned Northwestern University Program.

The workshop has historically been organized by graduate student coordinators working under the oversight of one or two faculty sponsors. These coordinators bear the responsibility (in consultation with the faculty sponsors) of planning the yearly workshop presentation schedule, inviting and corresponding with visiting guest speakers, and maintaining the yearly CAS budget allocated for workshop activities, refreshments, transportation and honoraria for visiting guests. Each year the workshop undergoes a review and evaluation process by CAS and must present the previous year’s activities, graduate student and faculty participation and continued interest in the existence of the workshop.

**Scope Note**

The African Studies Workshop Records are organized into two Series: Series I: Administration and Series II: Events. The collection contains annual administrative data required for the re-evaluation and continued funding of the workshop between the years 1985 and 1995: Council for Advanced Studies Evaluations and requests for Funding, participant lists, invitations and correspondence with guest presenters, quarterly workshop schedules, and bureaucratic documents such as reimbursement requests and worksheets for travel expenses. The bulk of the collection consists of a chronologically organized collection of the papers submitted and discussed at the workshop between the years of 1985 and 1995 at its venues, the African Studies Workshop and the Red Lion Seminars co-coordinated with Northwestern University’s Program in African Studies.

**Related Resources**

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:
University of Chicago. Committee on African Studies. Records

Ralph Austen. Papers

University of Chicago, Commission on Graduate Education (Baker Commission). Records

Subject Headings

• Austen, Ralph A.
• University of Chicago. Committee on African Studies
• Africa -- Study and Teaching

INVENTORY

Series I: Administration

Series I, Administration, contains chronologically-ordered administrative data required for the ongoing operation of the workshop: Council for Advanced Studies annual evaluations; workshop directories and participant lists; draft and final workshop presentation schedules; invitations to present and related correspondence; funding and reimbursement requests and other miscellaneous forms.

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Series II: Events

Series II, Events, contains a chronologically-ordered collection of the papers presented at the African Studies Workshop between the years of 1985 and 1995. These include papers presented at the African Studies Workshop and at the "Red Lion Seminars" co-coordinated and co-hosted with Northwestern University’s Program in African Studies. This collection also includes papers presented at an African Studies Workshop "Conference on Ritual, Power and History" in 1990. Some copies of workshop papers contain marginalia and critical commentary resulting from the workshop presentation and other folders contain workshop announcement posters.

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