



## About the Center

The Africa Center at the University of Pennsylvania (formerly the African Studies Center) is recognized as a vital and forward-looking center where re-

searchers, students and cultural and business entities come to gain knowledge of contemporary and historical Africa. The Center coordinates a wide range of course offerings in anthropology, demography, economics, history, language, literature, politics, religion, and sociology. Specialized issues are addressed through the University's research programs, professional schools, and interdisciplinary centers. The geographic interests of Penn Africanists span the continent -- including Francophone and Islamic countries -- and extend to the African diaspora throughout the world. Faculty and staff share a commitment to a broad, integrated approach to the study of African people, their institutions, and the wider world where they now reside.

Outreach is central to the Center's mission. Ongoing collaborations with other educational institutions, government agencies, private businesses, and non-profit organizations in the United States and abroad keep the Center in the forefront of academic and cultural developments. African language training and the coordination of country- and region-specific seminars on contemporary topics are also key components of the Center's efforts to meet the demands of individuals and institutions seeking to expand their engagement with the continent.

The federal government recognized the quality and richness of the Penn resources on Africa and designated the Africa Center as a federally funded Title VI National Resource Center in 1993. With its consortium partners Bryn Mawr, Haverford, and Swarthmore Colleges, the Africa Center at Penn is a leader in teaching, research, and outreach in African area studies.

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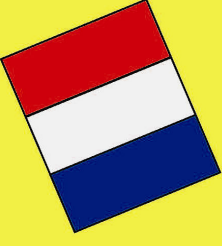
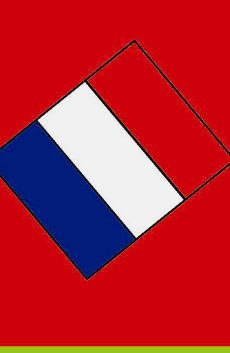
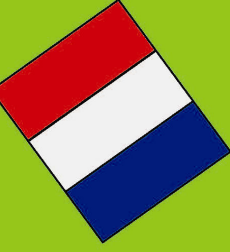
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# “Mali: Islamic Militarism and Foreign Intervention”



February 27th, 2013

2:00—5:00 PM

Stiteler Hall, Silverstein Forum, 208 S.37th St.

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**Gregory Mann** is an historian of francophone West Africa. He is currently working on a book project entitled *The End of the Road: Non-governmentality in the West African Sahel*. Drawing on research conducted primarily in Mali, the project analyzes the rise of novel forms of political rationality among govern-

ments and non-governmental organizations in the Sahel from 1946 to the late 1970s. Mann's articles have appeared in the *American Historical Review*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, the *Journal of African History and Politique Africaine*, among other publications. His award-winning book *Native Sons: West African Veterans and France in the 20th century* was published by Duke University Press in 2006. He earned his doctorate at Northwestern University and his B.A. at the University of Georgia.



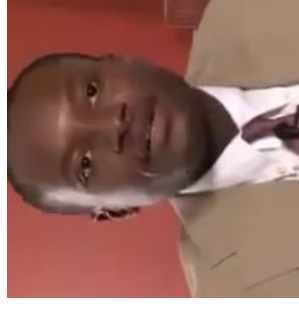
**Susanna Wing** received her M.A from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in African Area Studies, and a PhD from UCLA in Political Science. Her book, "Constructing Democracy in Transitioning Societies of Africa" received the 2009 Best Book Award from the African Politics Conference Group. It was published in paperback in 2010 as "Constructing Democracy in Africa: Mali in Transition." In

2007-08 she was a visiting researcher at the Centre d'études des mondes africains in Paris, France. Before coming to Haverford, Susanna taught at UCLA. She was awarded a Chateaubriand Post-doctoral Fellowship and conducted research at the Centre d'étude d'Afrique noir (CEAN) at the University of Bordeaux. She has worked as a consultant for the World Bank, USAID, and Freedom House and frequently serves as an expert on women's rights for asylum cases.



**Bruce Whitehouse** is assistant professor of anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, where he is also associated with the Globalization and Social Change Initiative and the Africana Studies Program. He has conducted field research in Nigeria, the Republic of Congo, and Mali. His book *Migrants and*

*Strangers in an African City*, an ethnography of transnational migration between the western Sahel and the Congo Basin, was published last year by Indiana University Press. He was on a Fulbright scholarship in Bamako, Mali last March when a coup d'état toppled that country's government. He remained in Bamako for three months after the coup, completing his fieldwork and blogging about events on the ground in the Malian capital.



**Mohamed Keita** coordinates the Committee to Protect Journalist's (CPJ) campaigning efforts in 43 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. Since joining CPJ in 2006, Keita has reported on and advocated for scores of journalists who have been censored, threatened, intimidated, unjustly prosecuted, imprisoned, attacked, forced

into exile, or murdered. His writings on press freedom have appeared in *The Huffington Post*, *The New York Times*, *The Hill*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *Slate Afrique*, to name a few, and he has given presentations at the World Bank, the U.S. State Department and U.S. Congress. He has helped organize workshops in West Africa to promote the U.N.'s "Responsibility to Protect" doctrine with local civil society and has monitored various U.N. reform consultations at the UN secretariat in New York.