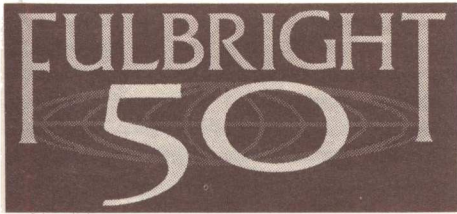


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ASA Awarded Fulbright 50th Anniversary Distinguished Fellow: Mkandawire of CODESRIA to Give Abiola Lecture

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, with funding provided by the United States Information Agency, has awarded the ASA a Fulbright Distinguished Fellowship in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the passage of legislation establishing the Fulbright program. The ASA's nominee for this honor is Thandika Mkandawire.

Mr. Mkandawire is the former Executive Secretary of the Council for the Development of Social Sciences in Africa (CODESRIA), which is headquartered in Dakar, Senegal. He joined CODESRIA in 1980 as the Deputy Executive Secretary, in 1986 he was promoted to Executive Secretary. He has taught at the University of Zimbabwe, University of Stockholm, the International Institute of Labour Studies (Geneva), and Ohio State University. He is a member of the executive or editorial board of a half dozen international organizations.

He has published numerous articles on policy making, academic freedom, and the social sciences.

Mr. Mkandawire will visit New York, Atlanta, and the Bay area. He will speak on the 14th and 15th of November at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, of New York University, (212) 998-7402.

He will speak on the 18th and 19th at Emory University, (404) 727-6402; and Atlanta University Center, (404) 223-1416.

On November 20th and 21st Mr. Mkandawire will speak at the University of California-Berkeley, (510) 642 8338; and Stanford University (415) 723 0295.

Mr. Mkandawire will deliver the Abiola Lecture at this year's Annual Meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday November 25th. His topic is "The Social Sciences in Africa: Breaking Local Barriers and Negotiating International Presence."

Irene Fatayi-Williams (1920–1995)

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Irene Fatayi-Williams (nee Lofts) died peacefully at her home in Lagos on 9 December 1995, after a long illness. Irene was born on July 3, 1920 in Ilford, Surrey, England. After leaving school she worked at the Ministry of Air Craft Production. When World War II broke out, Irene joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) and trained as a radar technician. During the war, she maintained radar equipment on RAF aircraft.

At the end of the war, Irene moved to Berlin and worked for a British welfare organization. In 1946, she returned to England and joined the British Council, where she met her future husband, Atanda Fatayi-Williams (now retired Chief Justice of the Nigerian Supreme Court), who had recently completed his degree at Cambridge University, and was reading law in London. In June 1948 the couple married. Soon thereafter Fatayi returned to Lagos to begin practicing law. Irene remained in London for six months to study Yoruba at the School of Oriental and African Studies.

In December 1948, while Nigeria was still firmly under British control, Irene began her long and remarkable life in the country. She

and her husband lived initially in the home of his father, a prominent Muslim merchant. Irene presented a weekly radio program ("This Week in Review") for the Nigerian Broadcasting Service, and soon she commenced working for the Public Relations Department of the Nigerian government, under Harold Cooper. When Fatayi-Williams moved to Ibadan in 1955, Irene took up an appointment as Confidential Secretary to the Western Region Public Service Hospital and Oxford University Press. In 1967, Irene founded Nigerian Book Suppliers, which for many years distributed Nigerian publications to libraries around the world. Two years later she moved back to Lagos with her husband, where she subsequently founded two other successful companies, the Bestseller Bookshops and Nigerian Cards Ltd., currently run by two of her sons.

Irene was an enthusiastic athlete throughout her life. While at school, she won the All-England Girls' Hurdling Championship. On arrival in Nigeria, she helped establish the Women's Amateur Athletics Association. In the 1970s, she served on the governing board of the Lagos

State Sports Council, in 1987 she received a National Sports Award from the Nigerian National Sports Council, and in 1955 she became Vice-Patron of the Nigerian Olympic Committee. Irene enjoyed swimming and tennis until a few years before her death.

When Nigeria became independent in 1960, Irene was the twelfth expatriate to become a Nigerian citizen. Beyond business and women's athletics, she served her church (Our Savior's Lagos) and numerous Nigerian charities, including the Home for Disabled Girls in Lagos. Irene gave generous hospitality, vital assistance, and warm friendship to numerous Africanist librarians and researchers who passed through Lagos and Ibadan. She was a loving mother to her three sons and a devoted wife to her husband as he pursued a distinguished legal career. A woman of great determination, character, and conviction, Irene continued until her death to have deep faith in her adopted country. All who knew her will sorely miss her.

Irene is survived by her husband the Hon. Justice Atanda Fatayi-Williams, her sons Babatunde, Alan, and Oladele, and her four grandchildren, all of Lagos.