

ISSUE

A Journal of Opinion

In This Issue

AFRICAN WOMEN IN THE AGE OF TRANSFORMATION: WOMEN'S VOICES FROM THE CONTINENT

Articles by Yassine Fall, Janet Olusi, Eunice K. Kamara, Peace T. Kyamureku, Natasha M. Gordon, Grace E. Okereke, Bev Clark, Philomina E. Okeke

> PUBLISHED FOR ITS MEMBERS BY THE AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION VOLUME XXV/2 1997



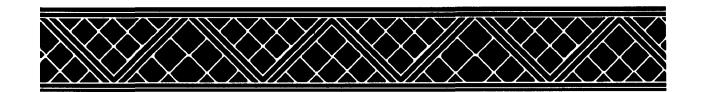
INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS TO *ISSUE*. Contributions are welcome. Manuscripts should be typed double-spaced with ample margins for editorial marking. Two paper copies should be submitted along with a computer disc (WordPerfect 5.0 or 5.1 or Microsoft Word 5.0 or 5.1 are preferred). Contributors submitting pieces from Africa are exempted from the requirement to submit them on disks. Footnotes, if present, should be placed at the end of the piece and the number referring to them should be typed flat in the text, not superscripted. Use of footnoting software packages makes program translations difficult, please avoid them. The editor asks contributors to note that in *ISSUE*, terms are italicized, not placed in quotes. Manuscripts should be consistent with the recommendations of *A Manual of Style* (University of Chicago Press, 14th edition, revised). All editorial correspondence should be sent to Dr. Beverly Hawk, Editor, *Issue: A Journal of Opinion*, Political Science and Public Affairs, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama 35294-3350.

Articles in *Issue: A Journal of Opinion* represent neither the views of the African Studies Association nor those of its officers. The Editor is responsible for the final selection of the content of *ISSUE* and reserves the right to reject any material deemed inappropriate for publication. Responsibility for opinions expressed and for the accuracy of facts published in articles rests solely with the individual authors. Responsibility for the copyediting of the material is also the author's.

Copyright ©1997 by the African Studies Association, Inc. All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopy, recording or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher. Any author has the right to republish his or her article in whole or in part without requesting permission from the Association; others desiring permission to republish material should apply to the Editor. Printed by McNaughton and Gunn Lithographers, Inc., Saline, Michigan.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS: The postal system does not forward periodicals. We must receive written notification from you at least five weeks in advance of any change in your mailing address to ensure uninterrupted delivery of ASA materials. Failure to notify us of your correct mailing address will result in suspension of your membership until we receive such notification. We can make address changes only when current dues are paid. Domestic claims for non-receipt of issues must be made within six months of publication (overseas claims, within one year). Copies of *ISSUE* damaged in the mail will be replaced without charge.

Production Editor: Karen Rader



ISSUE

A Journal of Opinion VOLUME XXV/2 1997

Editor: Beverly G. Hawk

Guest Editor: Philomina E. Okeke

AFRICAN WOMEN IN THE AGE OF TRANSFORMATION: WOMEN'S VOICES FROM THE CONTINENT

CONTENTS

FAREWELL FROM THE EDITOR	3
GUEST EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION	5
Yassine Fall, Gender Relations in the Democratization Process: An Analysis of Agrarian Policies in Africa	8

Janet Olusi, Enhancing Female Participation in African Agricultural Transformation: The Nigerian Experience	12
Eunice K. Kamara, SAPs and Female Reproductive Health in Kenya	16
Peace T. Kyamureku, Uganda: Hope Amidst Obstacles	20
Natasha M. Gordon, "Tonguing the Body": Placing Female Circumcision within African Feminist Discourse	24
Grace E. Okereke, Raising Women's Consciousness Towards Transformation in Nigeria: The Role of Literature	28
Bev Clark, Lesbian Activism in Zimbabwe	31
Philomina E. Okeke, African/Africanist Feminist Relations: Restructuring the Agenda/Agency	34
COMBINED BIBLIOGRAPHY	37