

**Editor of *Issue***  
*The African Studies Association*

The African Studies Association is looking for someone to serve a three-year term as editor of *Issue*. The editor has full responsibility for publishing two issues a year, selecting issue themes, recruiting authors when necessary, and editing articles. *Issue*'s focus is on current topics and controversies regarding Africa and African studies. Articles are generally concise 3,000- to 4,000-word analyses of current situations in a particular topic and come from a wide array of disciplines. This position requires someone with a wide, interdisciplinary knowledge of Africa, interest in current issues concerning Africa, and good writing and editing skills.

**The African Studies Association especially encourages individuals who are interested in bringing new and innovative ideas to the position to apply for the editorship.**

Statements of interest and vitas should be sent to Dr. Sandra E. Greene, The African Studies Association, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400.

## ASA-Funded Book Donation Projects

The ASA makes available up to \$3,000 annually to assist groups with shipping costs for book donations to African libraries and schools. The grants are intended to encourage innovative projects that incorporate essential elements, including the following:

### *1. Recipient participation*

Ideally all book donation programs will be part of a broader academic liaison between institutions in Africa and the United States. While large-scale donations of container-loads of books can be effective, the ASA is trying to fill a perceived gap by increasing the number of small to medium-sized projects that focus on specific, articulated needs.

### *2. High-quality materials*

While books need not be new, they should be in good condition and relevant to the recipient's needs. Books can be procured from libraries (duplicates), personal libraries, book stores, students, and publishers.

### *3. Attention to details of logistics*

The project plan should include (1) a place to store books as they are being collected, (2) a means of reviewing the books for physical quality and relevance to the recipient's request, (3) materials and staff for packing, (4) a means of shipping to Africa, and (5) all necessary paperwork for customs and shipping. The ASA cannot offer any services in arranging shipping or other logistics. Our role is to supply funding to the extent possible.

## Applications for Funding

### *1. Project description*

Send a one- to three-page description covering the following:

- The recipient and relationship to donor
- The materials requested (specific titles or subject areas)
- The number of books and means of obtaining them
- Shipping and other logistical plans
- Status of the project: Is it already underway or just in the idea stage?
- Who will administer the project? Who is the liaison in Africa?

### *2. Budget*

- What are total costs of the project?
- How much is the request to the ASA?
- How will ASA funds be used?

### *3. Deadline*

Applications are due in the ASA Secretariat, Rutgers University, Douglass Campus, 132 George Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1400 no later than August 15, 1999. A report on the project and brief summary for *ASA News* are required at the project's completion.

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