



Patterson School Fall Conference October 2-3, 2008

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2 - William T. Young Library

7:30 p.m. Keynote Address

Library Auditorium, University of Kentucky

“What is our Vision for Africa?”

Gerald LeMelle, Executive Director, Africa Action

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3 - Marriott’s Griffin Gate Resort,
Terrace Ballroom**

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Panel # 1: The Challenge of Development

Panel Chair: *Karen Mingst*, Patterson School

Robert Griffiths, Associate Professor Political Science, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Krista Johnson, Assistant Professor of African Studies, Howard University

Matthew McLean, Vice President for Congressional and Public Affairs, Millennium Challenge Corporation

10:15 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Panel # 2: AFRICOM and Security

Panel Chair: *Robert Farley*, Patterson School

Stephen Burgess, Associate Professor of International Security, U.S. Air War College and Associate Director of the US Air Force Counterproliferation Center

José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Associate Professor of Political Science and Comparative Politics, Armstrong Atlantic State University

Jerry Lanier, Foreign Policy Advisor to the U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM) Commanding General, Stuttgart, Germany

12:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet and Address—Salon D

12:45 p.m. Luncheon Speaker

***Katherine Almquist*, Assistant Administrator for the Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

1:30 p.m. Panel # 3: Recent Hot Spots

Panel Chair: *John Stempel*, Patterson School

Chad, *David Axe*, Freelance War Correspondent, *The Washington Times*, C-SPAN, BBC radio, *Wired and Popular Mechanics Zimbabwe*, *Sean Jacobs*, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies and Afro-American and African Studies, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Mauritania, *Boubacar N’Diaye*, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Political Science, College of Wooster

The Horn and the Delta, *Terry Mays*, Associate Professor of Political Science, The Citadel

3:00 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Panel #4: Africa’s Potential

Panel Chair: *Evan Hillebrand*, Patterson School

Craig Hoepfl, Deputy National Intelligence Officer for Economics, National Intelligence Council

Louis Mazel, Director, African Regional and Security Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Holly Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia, Int’l Trade Administration’s Market Access and Compliance, U.S. Commerce Department

4:45 p.m. Break

6:30 p.m. Reception, Atrium Terrace

7:30 p.m. Dinner and “Wrap-Up” Speakers, Bluegrass Pavilion

Ousman M. Kobo, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Ohio State University

Karen A. Mingst, Lockwood Chair Professor, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce, University of Kentucky