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