

Top Ten Reasons to Become an ASA Member

1. Members attend the Annual Meeting, which has grown into one of the largest annual gatherings of Africanists in the world. The meetings include keynote lectures, panels and roundtable discussions on topics of major importance; publishers' exhibits of the latest books in African studies with representatives available to discuss publishing possibilities; and the presentation of eight awards ranging from book awards to recognition of lifetime achievement. The Annual Meeting also includes showings of latest documentaries and feature films from and about Africa; job placement services; receptions for faculty, students and alumni of African studies programs at major universities; and two very popular events: the welcome reception and the dance party.
2. Members can nominate international scholars to obtain funding to enable them to attend the Annual Meeting.
3. Members receive subscriptions to two leading African studies journals, the *African Studies Review*, and *African Issues*, and the professional bulletin, *ASA News*. Members also receive a discount on *History in Africa* and the *Canadian Journal of African Studies* as well as on a wide variety of other ASA Press publications. For a current listing of publication offerings, see http://www.africanstudies.org/asa_publicationslist.htm
4. Some 37 scholarly, professional and activist organizations currently maintain connections with the ASA and many hold their business meetings at the ASA Annual Meeting.
5. The ASA initiates special projects to support international research collaborations with African scholars in higher education. The ASA promotes networking and mutually advantageous research collaborations. For example, the ASA has supported the development of a website <http://www.isp.msu.edu/AfricanStudies/AEJP/> that provides African scholars access to international journals on Africa. In addition, with funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, the ASA has supported the development of a higher education resource directory; see <http://www.africa.msu.edu/AUP/>
6. The ASA represents the interests of professionals and scholars of Africa and African studies and seeks to broaden opportunities in the field.
7. The ASA seeks to increase public understanding of Africa through the media and other fora.
8. The ASA provides support to those who teach about Africa at all levels, from K-12 to institutions of higher learning.
9. The ASA promotes linkages with African-American scholarly, activist, professional, and local communities that are interested in the study of Africa.
10. The ASA makes funds available annually to assist groups with shipping costs for book donations to African libraries and schools.

The ASA invites all who would like to participate in these activities to join. The ASA welcomes members from North America and around the world. A membership form also may be found on the ASA's at www.africanstudies.org

Within a few weeks of joining the ASA you will receive a welcome packet that includes a brochure that provides information about the ASA's services and governance, and that suggests ways in which you can participate in the ASA activities. You will also in due course begin to receive copies of *African Issues*, the *ASA News*, and the *African Studies Review*.



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DEADLINES 2005

Materials must be postmarked on or before the deadline. If the date falls on a holiday or a weekend, the materials are due the following business day.

- Jan. 1 *Conover-Porter Prize* nominations are due (in even-numbered years).
- Jan. 15 *Graduate Student Paper Prize* deadline.
- Feb. 1 *African Studies Review* deadline for ads for the April issue.
- Feb. 15 *Distinguished Africanist Award* nomination packets are due.
- Mar. 1 *ASA News* deadline for ads for the April issue.
- Mar. 15 *Annual Meeting Proposals* are due.
- Mar. 15 *Coordinate Organizations*
- Update address and contact person information.
 - Meeting requests are due. All requests received after March 15 will incur a \$25 administrative fee and the meeting may not appear in the Annual Meeting Preliminary Program.
 - Proposed Panels and Roundtables are due.
- Mar. 15 *International Visitor Award* applications are due. International Visitor Award applicants must also submit Annual Meeting proposals by March 15.
- Mar. 15 *Membership Renewal* deadline. Members whose forms are processed after this date risk not receiving all publications and the ballot.
- May 1 *Herskovits Award* nominations are due.
- May 1 *Text Prize* nominations are due (in odd-numbered years).
- June 1 *ASA News* deadline for ads for the July issue.
- June 1 *Book Donation Award* applications are due.
- July 1 *African Issues* deadline for ads for the September issue.
- July 1 *African Studies Review* deadline for ads for the September issue.
- July 1 *History in Africa* deadline for ads for the September issue.
- Sep. 1 *Annual Meeting Final Program* deadline for ads.
- Sep. 1 **Ballots Due for the ASA Officers and Board of Directors Elections.**
- Sep. 30 *Annual Meeting* pre-registration deadline.
- Sep. 30 **Letters of Invitation Requests are due. Requests received after this date will incur a \$25 administrative fee.**
- Oct. 1 *African Issues* deadline for ads for the December issue.
- Oct. 1 *African Studies Review* deadline for ads for the December issue.
- Oct. 15 *Coordinate Organizations*
- Annual Reports are due (maximum of 5 pages).
- Dec. 1 *ASA News* deadline for ads for the January issue.
- Dec. 31 *Children's Africana Book Award* nominations are due. A copy of the nominated book must be sent to each committee member.

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