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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE:

Years of experience working in international development. Most experience in Africa or with projects concerning Africa, U.S. based and in the field. Current activity includes working for West African Regional Office of an American NGO operating out of Dakar, Senegal. Have also worked as outreach specialist for agricultural research and natural resource management in Senegal. Management experience includes staff supervision, budgetary planning, strategic planning, participatory program development and planning, conducting institutional needs assessment, etc. Also have experience in managing training programs, project identification, design, and monitoring. Field-based research on herders, pastoralism, pastoral economics, gender analysis and farmer participation, as well as household surveys and sector analysis (agriculture). Four years' experience university teaching: one in Nigeria at Ahmadu Bello University, three at University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES:

French: very good; Wolof: good; Spanish: good; Hausa: fair; Fulfulde (Pulaar): good; Zarma (Songhay): good; Arabic: fair; Pidgin English: fluent; passing knowledge of Sesotho

FOREIGN WORK EXPERIENCE;

Senegal, Niger, Mali, Nigeria, Tanzania, Madagascar, Egypt, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Benin, Togo, Kenya, and Lesotho. Long and short term assignments in Niger and Senegal.

EDUCATION:

B.A. 1973 Howard University, Major/Graphics; Minor African Art History. Cum Laude.

M.A. 1977 Ahmadou Bello University, Interdisciplinary Program: Graphics and Sociology /Thesis subject is the "Facial Identificatory Tattoos in Fulbe Social Process in Zaria." Citation of recommendation for publication.

Ph.D. 1984 Howard University, African Studies, Concentration in Anthropology/Development Studies. Economic Anthropology emphasis. Dissertation: "Resource Management in a Stratified Fulbe Society." Awarded NDFL Scholarship (accepted) and National Science Foundation fieldwork scholarship (not accepted).

#### WORK EXPERIENCE:

11/98 - 12/98 Consultant. Associates for Global Change for Etruscan Mines, Tera, Republic of Niger. Team leader for socio-economic analysis as component of environmental impact analysis. Conducted village surveys regarding current and potential effects of gold mining activities in the region. Methodologies included focus groups, individual open interviews, observation, interview guides for selected categories of individuals, and historical surveys. Etruscan Mines and AfricGeoMines.

11/1996 to present: Regional Coordinator for the National Council of Negro Women West African Regional Office. This position requires substantial knowledge and effort in institutional development, both for the development of WARO and for its beneficiaries, one of which has received an NCNW grant for capacity building. In addition to managing over one million dollars worth of projects here in Senegal (USAID funded) am also responsible for developing a five year strategic plan, identifying donors, establishing an internal reporting system, needs assessment of staff training needs, liaison with existing and new donors, liaison with NGO community, and development of new programming. Supervision of five professional staff, plus one driver and one apprentice driver. Responsible for reviewing quarterly budgets, amendments, and budget planning for projects and the office. Also responsible for long term planning for institutional sustainability; including assessment of possible income generating projects to contribute towards operational funds. Have initiated a bi-annual newsletter, intern program, email and internet use, and participatory planning and evaluation with the use of logframes.

To date, NCNW West Africa Office has had five interns: in 1998 2 interns (one from South Africa, one from the Kalamazoo program, U.S.; and in 1999 three interns from the U.S. These interns assisted in the establishment of the WARO website, and created a page for the interns which presents their activities and invites email correspondence with prospective applicants for the program. Each intern is required to negotiate his or her program with the office director after having spent a minimum of three weeks in-country.

6/98: Consultant to the World Bank, Bamako. Prepared a bibliographic survey on health issues for the Group Ad Hoc at the Ministry of Health and the Aged focussing on local attitudes towards various illnesses and health maintenance. Geographic focus was Mopti and regions east of Mopti. Bibliography with annotations was prepared for the purpose of assisting the Mali team to prepare a field survey in the area on the subject.

9/1996 to 10/1996: Editor for UNEP, United Nations Environmental Protection Agency. Edited document on desertification for the STAP (STAP Working Group for Land

Degradation), or Scientifica and Technical Advisory Panel of the Global Environmental Facility.

10/1992 to 10/1996: Agricultural Research Outreach Advisor, Natural Resource Based Agricultural Research Project, Development Alternatives, Inc., (DAI) in conjunction with the Consortium for International Development (CID), and ISRA (Institut sénégalais de recherches agricoles). USAID funded. / Senegal, West Africa. Key issues: extension, technology transfer, rural communications, farmer participation, institutional development (National Institute for Agricultural Research, Senegal).

1992 Consultant. Community/Institutional Analysis Specialist. Abt Assoc. USAID Mission, Niger. Three person team to study linkages between natural resource management and food aid.

Internship Coordinator and Assistant Professor, University of Maryland. Courses: Economic Development in Africa, Comparative Slavery, Community Development (1989 - 1992) See annex for course descriptions.

Consultant. Niamey, Niger. GENESYS Project/Futures Group. Preparation of a State of the Knowledge Report on Gender Issues, and preparation of a Women in Development Action Plan Outline for the Niger USAID Mission.

1991 Consultant. Washington. West African Research Association, Editing and illustration. Production of Inaugural issue of bi-annual newsletter. Design of WARA logo.

Consultant. Clark Atlanta University International Center. Training for women from Francophone Africa; 2 seminar courses: "Management Consulting for Women Entrepreneurs," and "Working with Illiterate Women in Small Enterprise Development"

1990 Consultant. Institutional Analyst. Madagascar. Tropical Research and Development, Inc. SAVEM Project Design Team. USAID Mission for TRD, Gainesville. Responsible for recommendations of institutional character of ANGAP, national agency for management of protected areas. June to August.

1984 - 90 Regional Manager. African Development Foundation (Congressionally established U.S. government agency). Washington (2/3 time) and Senegal, Mali, Niger (1/3 time). Responsible for generating and managing all ADF projects in the Sahel region. Identified income generating grassroots projects in the field, such as cooperative management and marketing, gardening projects, herd re-stocking, crafts production and marketing, rural credit, and grain mill enterprises, as well as institutional capacity building projects. Monitored all projects in the field. Provided counsel for evaluation designs (US and field). Managed annual \$1 million project fund for small projects for Sahel. Initiated disbursement procedures in US and monitored budget operations for all projects.

1989 Conference Director, Co-producer of video. "Development Instead of Relief" conference of African pastoralists from Mali, Senegal, Niger, Somalia, Tanzania and Kenya. Co-author of resultant publication (see publications). African Development Foundation.

1990 Writer. "Analysis of project readiness of two countries: Liberia and Gambia." African Development Foundation. April to September.

1984 Consultant. WID Issues and Social Science Analysis. RONCO/USAID Rural Sociologist: Evaluation Team small scale income generation projects (agricultural sector) for

university related projects; from Sinai and Ismailiya in north to Fayoum and El-Minya in the south. 22 small scale sub-projects visited and reviewed. June to August.

1981 - 84 Women in Development Coordinator. Niamey Department Development Project/USAID Niger. Created and managed training programs for women of farming couples sent by local cooperatives for training. Monitored women's project participation in training centers and returnee couples through village on site visits. Established garden crop component in training program and oversaw procurement for garden inputs. Worked with others in credit capacity studies of cooperative members. Set up first network of on-site women trainers at centers.

1980 - 81 Student Intern/Foreign Area Specialist. USAID, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DS/RAD. Support to Social Science Unit. Analyzed incoming cables on Women in Development, drafted commentaries on same, prepared marketing report study and analysis, also report on Somalia (terciary and secondary sources).

1979 - 80 Training, Debriefing and Orientation Officer USAID/Washington, Nigerian Manpower Project. Conducted training and debriefing seminars for incoming and outgoing Nigerian students on cultural transition, technology transfer.

#### SELECTED LECTURES, SEMINARS, CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Foreign Service Institute on Fulani culture and pastoralism, Niger and the Sahel, Madagascar, Mali (from 1985 - 1992)

National Geographic Explorer Series; consultant to film Wodaabe of Niger; Washington, D.C. (1985). Assisted in film editing, interpretation of selected frames, and in translation of Wodaabe Pulaar/Fulfulde, at the special request of Carole Beckwith, photographer and author.

Consultant to the WETA Film series "The Africans" (by Mazrui); on Nigeria (1985).

Working Group on Women in Pastoralist Societies, Institute for Development Anthropology, SUNY Binghamton (1991)

Featured Lecturer. Smithsonian Resident Associate Program. African American Studies Center. "Comparative Slavery; Africa and the New World" (1992)

Panelist. University of Oslo, Norway; Center for Economy and Development. Pastoralism, Economy and Ecology: "Herders as Wage Earners in Niger" (1992)

Panelist. "Conflict Management in Traditional Fulbe Society." SAIS, John Hopkins University, Wash, D.C. March, 1996. Scheduled for publication.

Committee Member. Scientific Committee for the Ontology of NGOs. CONGAD. Dakar, Senegal.  
1997

## AWARDS

Republique du Niger: Chevalier de l'Etat 1988  
 National Science Foundation, Doctoral studies award, 1981  
 Smithsonian Institution, Summer Fellow, 1981  
 National Defense Foreign Language Fellowship, 1979, for Arabic

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

## TECHNICAL REPORTS:

W. Wilson. "ANGAP: Designing an Institution for Management of Protected Areas in Madagascar." Tropical Research and Development, Inc. for USAID, Antananarivo, Madagascar. 1990

W. Wilson with Asmarom Legesse. Nomads' Dialogue: Development Instead of Relief African Development Foundation, 1990. Washington, D.C.

W. Wilson. State of the Knowledge Report. "Women in Niger: Socio-economic Roles in Agro-Pastoral Production, Off-Farm Production, and Natural Resource Management. GENESYS Project. Niger Mission, USAID and Futures Group. January, 1992.

W. Wilson. "Women's Associations in the Kolda Region: A case study of Local Institutional Issues." 1996. Winrock, Int'l and ISRA (Institute Senegalais de la Recherche Agricole).

## ARTICLES:

W. Wilson. "Cooperatives as a Vehicle in Adult Education: The Case of Niger," in Journal of Negro Education, Yearbook #56, Summer 1987, No. 3

W. Wilson. "Women Pastoralists and Development Strategies," in SAGE, Special Issue on Women in Development in Africa, ed. Pearl Robinson, January 1992

W. Wilson. "Islam in Niger" in World Encyclopedia of Islam. Oxford University Press. 1992 .

W. Wilson. "The Fulani Model of Sustainable Agriculture." Nomadic Peoples, No. 36/37:1995, pp 35-51. International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences; Commission on Nomadic Peoples.

W. Wilson. "Multiple Perspectives in the Field: Senegal" in Practicing Anthropology, April, 1997

W. Wilson. "The Upward Mobility of Wives," The Journal of African Philosophy. Carfax Publishers, London, England. upcoming

## BOOK CHAPTERS:

W. Wilson. "Traditional African Conflict Medecine: The Fulbe Example." in Traditional African Conflict Medecine John Hopkins University. SAIS. Upcoming (1999).

#### BOOK REVIEWS:

W. Wilson. "Theory and Practice: New Views on Ecological Studies." a review of THE ECOLOGY OF PRACTICE. Studies of Food Crop Production in Sub-Saharan West Africa. for: JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECOLOGY. Case Studies in History and the Social Sciences. an online journal located at [www.library.arizona.edu/ej/jpe/jpeweb.html](http://www.library.arizona.edu/ej/jpe/jpeweb.html) December, 1998.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES;

Co-founder of PVO "Camp Jamono," an NGO focussed on stimulating youth reflection on issues of culture, nationalism, civic responsibility, world peace and ethnicity. Focuses on exchange between Senegalese and American youth. Advisor regarding programming.

On-going research on Fulbe social process in pastoral systems and agro-pastoral adaptations. Niger and Senegal. Particular focus on native historical perspectives of land use systems and mediation of space and political rights with sedentary groups.

Past research on Madagascar and its relation to the United States in the 19th century. Focus on migrants and slaves who arrived in the U.S. during the period of transition marking the reign of Queen Ranavalona I.

## ANNEX: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*Economic Development in Africa:* This course reviewed global factors which affect economic development in Africa. Using a survey approach, this one semester course included study of the pre-colonial, colonial, post-independence and modern periods in Africa. The class covered the major long distance trade routes and the major economic activities, both productive and extractive, that obtained prior to the colonial period. Emphasis on the colonial period was on the effect of colonialism on trade development and the evolution of productive activities, notably agriculture, and extractive industries, notably mining. Study of contemporary economic conditions focused on the state of national economies and local production system in view of their historical context and current economic and monetary policies, including review of World Bank structural adjustment requirements.

*Comparative Slavery:* This course studied slavery in three major systems: West Africa, Latin America (focusing on Brazil and Haiti), and the United States. Major structural and cultural features of slavery in each region, within a historical context, were covered. Differences in economic systems were discussed in terms of the socio-political value of slave affiliation in Africa compared to the purely economic value of slave labor in the north America. The institution of concubinage as it was practiced in west Africa and Latin America was compared to organizational elements of the slave society in the United States. Issues regarding caste, ethnicity, labor value, and the position of women in slave societies were covered. The economic character of the Atlantic slave trade was covered in particular, and the difference between the internal African slave trade and the trans-Atlantic trade were discussed, in addition to the impact the loss of slaves may have had on slave-based societies in Africa.

This course was cross-listed at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) with the History Department and the Anthropology Department. It was also listed as both a graduate and undergraduate course.

*Community Development:* This two semester course treated the subject of community development with a focus on the African American community in the urban setting. The course employed an applied anthropology perspective which has been used with success both within the United States and in other regions of the world in assisting communities to identify problems, rank importance of issues, and design solutions. Students learned basic tenets of such applied anthropology tools as rapid rural appraisal, participatory planning, and tools for identifying and ranking problems to be solved. The course also looked at class structure within the African American community as well as the presence of African-Americans in various classes of the larger society. Finally, anthropological methods of analysis were used to assess kinship linkages across and with classes in the context of the African American community.

In addition to the three courses listed above, I was also Internship Coordinator for the Department of Afro-American and African studies for the period during which I was at UMBC. This responsibility entailed counseling students on prospective internship posts, assisting them in getting placement, monitoring their performance (through reports and through individual interviews), and assisting with problems encountered.



LIST OF REFERENCES FOR WENDY WILSON FALL

Professor Suleyman Nyang  
African Studies Faculty  
Howard University  
Washington, D.C.

Professor Michael Horowitz  
Director  
Institute for Development Anthropology  
New York University at Binghamton  
Binghamton, New York

Professor Pearl Robinson  
Department of History  
Tufts University  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. John Van Dusen Lewis  
Director  
Global Office for Agriculture  
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Professor Joseph Harris  
Department of History  
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This letter of interest is submitted to support the resume and other materials I have sent relevant to my application for the directorship of the West African Research Center. I have followed the development of this center since its inception, and am very interested in its work and its future. I also believe that I can make a unique contribution to its continued success, future development and the quality of its services to the academic community in particular and to the Senegalese intellectual public in general. In the following text I would like to present briefly to you some reasons why I think I might be especially suited to the tasks ahead for WARA.

#### Familiarity with Senegal: accessibility

I first came to visit Senegal in 1970 when I was a high school student, when I stayed for about three weeks. From 1984 to 1990, I traveled an average of 3 times a year to Senegal as the Regional Manager for The Sahel while at the African Development Foundation (ADF; located in Washington, D.C.) While at ADF I met with various government officials on a regular basis; developed a good sense of protocol in the country, and also visited all regions of Senegal in my work of project development, monitoring and evaluation. In 1992 I moved to Senegal as a USAID contractor to work as the Outreach Advisor for a project for the National Agricultural Research Center (ISRA). My task there was to facilitate and encourage collaboration between researchers, farmers and NGOs. I left this position in 1996, but have continued my research collaboration with some of my colleagues there. I am currently involved in a study sponsored by the Drylands Institute in London, England at the invitation of some of my ISRA colleagues.

I have a vested interest as a researcher living in Senegal for activities supporting a vibrant intellectual life here. I am married to a Senegalese national, I have children in school here. I would be interested to consider a long term relationship with the institute if such a possibility avail itself.

#### Familiarity with the sub region

I have spent at least half of my adult life in west Africa. I recieved my Masters Degree from Ahmadu Bello (ABU) University in Zaria, northern Nigeria and taught at the Kongo Campus of ABU for one year following the completion of my masters. As such, I am also familiar with some of the problems students and professors in west Africa face on a daily basis, as

well as some of the issues which are in the forefront of their concerns in terms of academia in a developing society.

While with ADF, I was fortunate to travel widely in the sub-region. I have visited Benin, Togo, Ghana, Liberia, Guinea, Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali. As director of the west Africa office of National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) I initiated an accord for collaboration with AFAARD/AWORD: the continental association for African women in Research and Development. I also arranged support for a program with Rutgers University on women in societies at war which was held at CESAG in Dakar while in this post.

#### Academic and Research Experience

As my cv indicates, I taught from fall 1989 to fall 1992 at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. After my first year two courses were subsequently cross-listed for graduate students in two other departments: History and Anthropology. I have consistently published in my area of specialization, which is pastoral societies and interface with sedentary land use systems. I have also been invited regularly as an outside or special lecturer; including participation in panels and international conferences in the US, Europe, and Africa. I also worked as Coordinator of the Internship Program while at UMBC's Afro-American/African studies department, and so have experience in support to students as well as lecturing and university administration.

I am a life member of the American Anthropological Association and a member of several sub-associations, including the National Society of Applied Anthropologists.

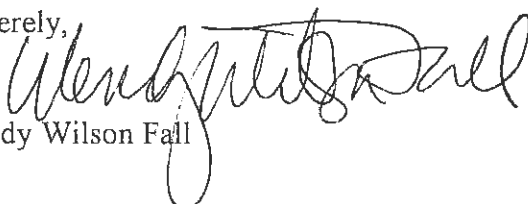
I continue with my research and my field study interests. One reason (the major reason) I want to change jobs is that I want to devote more time to academic pursuits, have greater accessibility to the academic community, and have publishing objectives which I intend to achieve within the next few years.

#### Past Management Experience

My past work experience has provided me with several different management experiences. In various positions I have been required to supervise others' work, do long term and short term planning, design and manage budgets, organize conferences, and do fund raising. In 1989 I organized an international conference of pastoralists which included African intellectuals from both east and west Africa, as well as functionally literate and even illiterate herders who met in Arusha, Tanzania to share cultural and technical knowledge.

I sincerely hope that you will consider my application for the post of Director of WARA. I am convinced that it would be a rewarding challenge which would lead to positive development of myself as a scholar and to WARA as the key institution which it surely is.

Sincerely,



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University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, WI 53706, USA

Dear Mr/Ms:

I just graduated from Rice University (Houston, Texas), with a Ph. D. in African Archaeology and, I am interested in promoting the development of research in Africa. I have a seven years experience of American university structures and, I am also very familiar with Francophone university system. I have an extensive knowledge of living and working in Africa. I am fluent in English, French, and Senegalese languages.

My research interests are interdisciplinary and involve a wide range of fields in the social sciences including historical archaeology, economic history, political economy, demography, etc... I believe that my African, American and, Francophone experiences will be extremely profitable to WARA program.

I am available for immediate employment and look forward to hearing from you. Please see the enclosed resume for additional highlights concerning my experience. You may contact me directly by phone at (713) 522 4905, or by e-mail at thiawi@yahoo.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ibrahima Thiaw

**Dr. Ibrahima Thiaw**

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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Anthropology (African Archaeology), Rice University, April 1999.

MA in Archaeology/Anthropology, Rice University, 1995.

Diplome d'Etude Approfondie (D.E.A.) in Prehistory, University of Nanterre, Paris X (France): 1991-1992.

B.A. and "Maitrise" in History, University of Dakar C.Anta Diop, Senegal, 1990-1991.

## **FIELD AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE:**

**Field Supervisor:** Middle Senegal Valley Project, First Field Season. Excavation, Survey, and Archaeomagnetic Sample collection. Field Directors Dr. R. and S. McIntosh (Rice University) in collaboration with Dr. H.Bocoum (IFAN, University of Dakar C.A. Diop.) November 1990- May 1991.

**Field Supervisor:** Middle Senegal Valley Project, Third Field Season. Directed Excavations at C12 and C19 (Cuballe), data analysis, and field report writing; collection and analysis of archaeomagnetic samples. December 1992-February 1993.

**Field Supervisor:** Supervised excavations and edited final report for the Rice University Field Course at the Tod-Milby site (historical archaeology) (Houston, Texas.) Field Director Dr. R. McIntosh. February-May 1993.

**Archeomagnetic Dating Field Technician:** Pithouses Excavations and Archaeomagnetic sample collection in Taos (New Mexico.) Sample processing, and results interpretation. In collaboration with the Office of Archaeological Studies, Museum of New Mexico, Sante Fe. Field Director D.Wolfman. June-July 1993.

**Field Co-Director:** Archaeological Reconnaissance along the Falemme and Xolimbinne rivers (Upper Senegal Valley region, Senegal-Mali). In Collaboration with M. Clark (SMU-Dallas) and M. Lam (IFAN C.A. Diop, University of Dakar.) December 1993-February.

**Archeomagnetic Dating Field Technician:** Archaeological field survey and archaeomagnetic sample collection in Taos, Piñon Canyon (New Mexico), and Via Ahumada (Mexico.) Sample analysis in Archaeomagnetic Dating laboratory. In collaboration with OAS, Museum of New Mexico, Sante Fe. Field Director D.Wolfman. October-November 1994.

**Co-Principal investigator:** Archaeological investigations in the Falemme river (Senegal). Directed excavations and survey at colonial French outposts and Arab contact sites. April 1996/1997.

**Crew Member:** Archaeological excavations at historical sites in downtown Houston (BallPark), for Moore Archaeological Consulting. Project manager, Roger Moore. September 1997/ March 1998.

**Field Consultant:** Archeological excavations at a controversial historical cemetery site, Allen Parkway Village Project (Houston), Espey, Huston & Associates. Project Manager, Eugene Foster. August /September 1998.

## PAPERS

1993 (editor) The Tod-Milby site, Rice University Field Course Report. Department of Anthropology, Rice University.

1994 A Preliminary Archaeomagnetic Curve for the Middle Senegal Valley. Paper presented at the 12th Biennial Conference of the Society of Africanist Archaeologists, April 28-May 1, 1994 (in collaboration with D. Wolfman.) Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

1995 Excavations at C12 and C19, the Middle Senegal Valley Third Field Season, Cuballe. M.A. paper, Department of Anthropology, Rice University.

1995 The Development of Archaeomagnetic Dating in the Middle Senegal Valley. Poster presented at the Panafrican Congress of Prehistory, Zimbabwe, 1995.

1996 A First Millennium AD Secular Variation Curve for the Middle Senegal Valley. Paper presented at the 61st Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, April-May 1996. New Orleans, Louisiana.

1998 The Impact of French Penetration in the Upper Senegal: Preliminary results. Paper presented at the 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial of the Society of the Africanist Archaeologists, Syracuse University, May 20-24, 1998.

The Archaeology of the Atlantic Impact on Inland Senegambia: French Penetration and African Initiatives in Eighteenth-Nineteenth Centuries Gajaaga and Buundu.

Forthcoming article in the *Journal of Historical Archaeology*.

The Built Environment and the Expansion of Social Dependence in Eighteenth-Nineteenth Centuries Inland Senegambia (Upper Senegal River). Forthcoming article in the *Society of Historical Archaeology Newsletter*.

L'Impact de la Traite des Noirs dans le Haut Fleuve du Senegal: Archéologie des Interactions Afro-Européennes dans le Gajaaga et le Buundu au 18<sup>e</sup> et 19<sup>e</sup> siècles.

Forthcoming article in Samb D., *La Traite des Esclaves à Saint Louis et son Arrière Pays*. IFAN C.A. Diop publications, Dakar, Senegal.

An Archeological Investigation of long-term Culture Change in the Lower Falemme (Upper Senegal Region) AD 500-1900. Ph.D. Dissertation. Department of Anthropology, Rice University. April 1999.

#### **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES**

\*National Science Foundation grant for doctoral dissertation, 1996/97.

\*Baldwin Fellowship, Leakey Foundation, 1997

\*Baldwin Fellowship, Leakey Foundation: 1992 to 1994.

\*Social sciences fellowship, Rice University, Department of Anthropology: since 1992.

\*National Scholarship from the Ministère de l'Education Nationale (Senegal) to pursue advanced degree (DEA) in Archaeology, Nanterre (Paris X), 1991-1992.

\*National Scholarship from the Ministère de l'Education Nationale (Senegal) for B.A. and Maitrise preparation, Dakar University, 1986-1991.

\*First prize in History, "Concours General Senegalais", 1985.

\*Member of the African Study group of Houston

\*Vice President of the Senegalese Association of Houston

\*Member of the Society of the Africanist Archaeologists (SAFA).

#### **Languages**

English (fluent), French (fluent), some Spanish, Sereer (fluent), Wolof (fluent).

## References

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**PROPOSAL TITLE PAGE**

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<b>Amount of USIA Funding Request</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>Total budget of USIA-supported project</b>	<b>\$154,300</b>
<b>Total Operating budget of Organization</b>	<b>\$174,300*</b>

**\*Estimated value of Annual rental of WARC premises provided free by Senegalese Government: \$20,000.**

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**FOR SUBGRANT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO:  
COUNCIL OF AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTERS  
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**Proposals submitted to The Council of American Overseas Research Centers must be submitted in the format described below. Proposals that do not follow the guidelines will be considered technically ineligible. Please number each page including budget and addenda, beginning with the Table of Contents (number only one copy of the Cover Sheet).**

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Application Checklist:        Attach this form.

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- TAB C        Proposal: see Guidelines - not to exceed twelve double-spaced, double-sided typed pages.
- TAB D        Budget: see Guidelines and Attachment 1 (Budget Format).
- TAB E        ORC's Board of Directors.
- TAB F        Resumes of the U.S. and Overseas Project Directors.
- TAB G        Financial Statement and Certified Annual Audit Report: Submit the most recent audited financial statement and, if required, certified A-133 133 audit report. If the most recent reports have been previously submitted, please resubmit with a cover statement explaining when the next financial statement and audit will be issued.

Check one of the following:

- ( x )    Financial Statement/audit report attached.
- (   )    Resubmission of previous report with statement indicating issue date of next audit.

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( x ) Not applicable.
- TAB I Current Tax Exempt Status: Please attach a copy of the Internal Revenue Service notification of current tax-exempt status.
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( x ) Previously submitted. Attn: Mary Ellen Lane
- IRS Form 990 - Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax:  
Please attach copy of most recent return.
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- TAB K Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace: Form IA-1285 attached.
- TAB L Disclosure of Lobbying Activities and Additional Applicant Organization Information Form: Form M/KR-12
- TAB M Lobby Certification for Contracts, Grants, and Cooperative Agreements: Form M/KR-13 attached (for requests in excess of \$100,000).
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ASSISTANCE AWARD PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

1. DATE SUBMITTED 05/14/99	2. REFERENCE NUMBER #	3. GRANT NUMBER
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4. APPLICANT INFORMATION

LEGAL NAME: West African Research Association (WARA)	ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: WARC
ADDRESS (give city, state, zip) 1414 Van Hise Hall, 1220 Linden Drive Madison, WI 53706	Name, telephone and fax number (with area code) of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application. Professor Edris Makward, WARA President; (608) 262-2487/263-3891; Fax: 608-265-4151; email: emakward@facstaff.wisc.edu

5. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): \_\_\_\_\_

6. TYPE OF APPLICANT: <u>J</u> A. State B. County C. Municipal D. Township E. Special District F. Independent School District G. State Controlled Inst. of Higher Learning H. Private University I. Individual J. Non-Profit Org. K. Other (Specify)	7. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, provide appropriate letter(s). _____ A. Increase Award C. Increase Duration B. Decrease Award D. Decrease Duration OTHER: _____
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8. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: WARA/WARC Scholars-in-Residence Collaborative Research Fellowship & Other Fellowship Programs.	9. AREAS/COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY PROJECT: Senegal and West Africa
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15. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data in this application/preapplication are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant and the applicant will comply with the attached assurances if the assistance is awarded

a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative Edris Makward	b. Title WARA President	c. Telephone number 608-262-2487
d. Signature of Authorized Representative <i>Edris Makward</i>	e. Date Signed 5/14/99	

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission of the West African Research Association (WARA) is to enhance U.S. and West African scholarship and increase interest in international affairs among Americans through a reciprocal program of research exchanges between American and West African scholars and institutions.

WARA came into existence in 1989 with Professor Joseph Harris of Howard University as its first President (1989-95) after several very stimulating meetings at the Smithsonian Institution with a strong support, encouragement and guidance by CAORC. Professor Edris Makward of the University of Wisconsin-Madison is the current WARA President (1995-To date),

WARA has been a member of CAORC since its inception, but after an initial three year USIA \$30,000 a year grant which allowed it to initiate a very fruitful short term Research Fellowships Program in West Africa and in the U.S., it was not included under the CAORC/USIA umbrella grant. However, thanks to an initial three year \$50,000 a year USDE grant (now renewed at a higher level of \$75,600 a year through FY2000), WARA has been able to operate a very effective Minority Internship Program (graduate students) and a Faculty Summer Research Fellowship in West Africa and a number of academic and cultural activities.

WARA is therefore confident that this USIA application for \$50,000 for FY 99/00, and hopefully at a higher level for subsequent years, will go a long way towards the consolidation of our active presence in the region through several new activities and also by helping us in our effort to recruit and retain a highly qualified overseas director on a much longer term basis that we have been able to do so far, in view of our weak financial base.

The activities we wish to fund through the USIA grant are the following:

- WARA/WARC Scholars-in-Residence collaborative research fellowship which will offer a 2 to 3 month long fellowship in Dakar, Senegal to facilitate the completion of a joint project between a West African and a North American scholar engaged in a fruitful collaborative research (Prepared Research/New collaboration - Social Sciences and the Humanities).

Budget: Airfare for both fellows (\$1,800 + \$800): \$2,600

Maintenance stipend in Dakar

(2 x \$4,000): \$8,000

Materials and other research expenses

(2 x \$400): \$ 800

Total: \$11,400

- Research Fellowship for a West African Scholar to a North American University or Research Institution for a 2/3 month stay and for a North American Scholar (or for 2 West African scholars).

Budget: Airfare: (\$1,800 x 2): \$ 3,600

Maintenance stipend (2/3 months)

(\$5,000 x 2) \$10,000

Materials and other Research expenses:

(2 x \$400) \$ 800

Total: \$14,400

3. Expanding the Ford Foundation funded Upenn/Codesria/WARA "Dual Intellectual Citizenship" Summer 2000 session. This Program proposes to invite 2 graduate students from universities in the sub-region (outside Senegal) to attend the Summer 2000 session.

<u>Budget:</u> Travel: (\$500 x 2):	\$1,000
Maintenance and books (\$1,500 x 2):	<u>\$3,000</u>
(8 weeks)	
<u>Total:</u>	\$4,000

4. Two adequate computers with email and internet access for our 2 researchers' offices.

Estimated Total: \$7,700

5. Administrative component: Director's salary (partial). As indicated earlier in this Summary, it is imperative that WARA be in a position to hire and retain a qualified WARC director - preferably a U.S. citizen or a scholar with a strong U.S. professional experience - on a longer term basis. We are therefore requesting authorization to use the total 25% ceiling authorized under administrative cost towards the salary of the WARC director that we are planning to advertise through various web sites and newsletters without delay.

- USIA support towards Director's salary: \$12,500

The other portion will be taken from our USDE grant: \$14,500. With an additional amount from our Sylvan Prometric contract, we hope to bring the total salary to around \$28,000/\$30,000.



We are also planning to negotiate with the USIS post in Dakar and/or with the Senegalese government for the possibility of using one of their lodgings (Fulbright) for the WARC/CROA director. This would make the position definitely more attractive to U.S. potential candidates.

#### USIA BUDGET SUMMARY

1.	WARA/WARC Scholars-in-Residence Collaborative Research Fellowship	\$11,400
2.	Research Fellowship in West Africa and the U.S.	\$14,400
3.	Expanding the Upenn/Codesria/WARA Dual Intellectual Citizenship	
	Summer 2000 Session	\$ 4,000
4.	Two computers for researchers	\$ 7,700
5.	USIA support towards WARC Director	\$12,500
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

## PROPOSAL NARRATIVE

### 1.0. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES AND NARRATIVES

#### 1.1 Purpose and Objectives.

a. As indicated in the Executive Summary of this Application, WARA's central purpose is to enhance collaborative research and scholarly and cultural exchange and understanding between U.S. scholars, researchers and university teachers and institutions and their West African counterparts. WARA has now been accorded membership in the Association of African Studies Programs and has regularized its status as an affiliated member of the African Studies Association.

WARA programs complement the efforts of the fifteen National Resource Centers (NRC) for African Language and Area Studies (Title VI Centers) to improve the cross-cultural learning of students and faculty in the U.S. through study in Africa and they partially satisfy the NRC's concern for the paucity of quality overseas study programs.

b. WARA's overseas office, the West African Research Center (WARC) in Dakar, Senegal, provides an institutional presence and lends continuity and stability to programs sponsored by postsecondary U.S. institutions. It is the only such center located in tropical Africa. Its stated objectives are to:

- provide U.S. and West African scholars access to research resources and expand research opportunities
- create a point of contact for U.S. and West African researchers allowing the intersection of their respective research traditions

- foster collaborative research efforts, conferences and projects
- reinforce institutions on both sides
- supplement documentation resources
- award fellowships to American and West African scholars
- encourage interest in international affairs and careers among American graduate students
- disseminate information on West Africa-related research issues
- organize periodically meaningful and landmark seminars, symposia and conferences when experts and researchers and creative artists and thinkings from different horizons and backgrounds, can meet and exchange fruitfully ideas, preoccupations, research results and stimulating thinking.

## 1.2. Benefits.

a. The anticipated benefits for the host country and the region, i.e. Senegal and West Africa, are manifold. Firstly, the very fact that WARA chose Dakar, the capital city of Senegal as the center of its activities in the broad sub-region of West Africa is viewed very positively by Senegalese scholars and the government. The initial obvious benefit to the host country is the immediate opportunity it gives to its own scholars to work and exchange research ideas, strategies and results with their counterparts from North America and from other countries in the sub-region. The regional nature of WARA/WARC is very important to us and cannot be overemphasized.

Secondly, WARC/CROA through its library and its reading room serves the needs of UCAD and Université Gaston Berger students as well as those of many Senegalese and other

West African professors and graduate students specializing in American Studies. One of our goals is to develop also our holdings in the area of West African and African Studies in order to serve better the needs of students and researchers of the sub-region.

Thirdly, WARA fellowships and internships funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Education have made it possible for under-served categories of educators and students to experience professional exchanges and carry out research projects in West Africa. Moreover, the long-term benefits to national interests in the areas of business and foreign policy accrue by developing a close awareness of the societies in which Americans operate. WARA programs and its overseas center provide effective institutional linkages between the American public and West African communities.

Lastly, many regional scholars have expressed their trust in the significant impact and benefits of an AORC in their region by joining enthusiastically local chapters of WARA/AROA.

At the conclusion of our very successful First International WARA Symposium in Dakar (June 1997), many scholars from Senegal and from other West African countries expressed their satisfaction with the great opportunity such a stimulating forum meant for them.

b. The anticipated benefits offered by WARC/CROA to participating U.S. scholars and their U.S. institutions include primarily the presence of a strong and well integrated and reliable infrastructure in the region that they can count on to facilitate their initial contacts and work in the region. This is also true for U.S. scholars who have already established strong contacts and research experience in the region. WARC can, and has been very active in helping U.S. scholars secure research clearance as well by introducing them to local scholars involved in similar or related research projects.

WARC/CROA can also be counted on to help directly or make appropriate referrals regarding accommodations for individual scholars, graduate students or research or study groups.

Despite its very limited funding base, i.e. the USDE grant supplemented by the Senegalese governments' generous in-kind contribution of very spacious, functional and well located premises, and by the income generated through several scholarly and educational contracts, WARA is now seen as an important and highly visible American research institution in the region. WARA is being solicited by several U.S. institutions for various programs. The latest has just reached my desk from Professor William Murphy of Northwestern University who, in conjunction with Professors Jean and John Comaroff of the University of Chicago, is planning to run an African Civilization course work involving 20 students and three professors, next Winter quarter in Senegal.

WARC/CROA has the infrastructure and expertise to organize on request training seminars in the region for U.S. based organizations such as CIPE (Center for International Private Enterprise - Fall 1996 and Spring 1998) or educational programs for U.S. teachers such as the NEH funded Old Dominion University projects (Summer 1997 and 1999).

Our Fellowships and Internship programs for U.S. scholars and minority graduate students described above, although still relatively modest in numbers have been very stimulating and encouraging for U.S. Africanist scholars at different stages in their careers and their involvement in the region. Many have been very grateful for the opportunity and support provided by WARA/WARC, and have passed on the information to colleagues who have subsequently contacted us for information.

## **2.0 ORC FACILITIES/OPERATIONS**

## 2.1 Facilities.

The **West African Research Association (WARA)** was founded in 1989, for the purpose of promoting scholarly exchange and collaboration between American and West African researchers. Prior to its founding, no other institution of its kind had existed in sub-Saharan Africa. The Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), with the help of a grant from the Smithsonian Institution, hosted the first meeting of African and American scholars to establish objectives for the association.

WARA's overseas Center (WARC/CROA West African Research Center/Center Recherche Ouest Africain) is a fifteen room facility located in the beautiful Fann Residence area of Dakar and allocated to WARA rent free, by the Senegalese government in 1997. WARC opened its doors initially in 1993 at the temporary premises also provided rent free by the Senegalese government. The permanent WARC site is a handsome and spacious building in a very pleasant environment. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Oumar Ndongo, the AROA President and Interim Director in Summer and Fall 1997 and of Professor Robert Mortimer and Professor Fiona McLaughlin as subsequent Center directors, and a wise and efficient use of our limited resources, the Center is now on its way to being a very effective Research Center for American and West African scholars.

## 2.2. Services.

a. WARC/CROA has now become very visible in its new permanent location in the University of Dakar area and it is used as a point of departure for more and more U.S. Africanist scholars and students visiting the region. Our WARA secretariat at the University of Wisconsin-Madison frequently refers scholars and institutions to our Center in Dakar and the follow-up has

been very good. The services provided include help with visas (long term), institutional affiliations, official research clearance where applicable, facilitating contacts and fruitful relationships between U.S. and West African scholars and researchers. WARC is also available and has often helped out in organizing cultural and social encounters for visiting student groups from the U.S. (Example: The NYU Martin Luther King scholars Programs in 1997 and 1998. WARC has also the resources, personnel and local and regional contacts and connections to subcontract with U.S. organizations and institutions for training and other scholarly and cultural programs and projects (Example: CIPE - Center for International Private Enterprise - training program in Saly Portudal, Senegal, Fall 1996 and Bamako, Mali, Spring 1998; Old Dominion University NEH funded Francophone Project for teachers - Summers 1997 and 1999).

The Center library is becoming an important research and study resource for local and visiting students and scholars.

WARC has now established a strong tradition of organizing or sponsoring at its premises highly stimulating and well attended lectures, seminars and debates on a variety of scholarly, cultural and topical subjects, as well as high profile art exhibits by West African or U.S. visiting artists.

WARC organized the first International WARA Symposium in June 1997, (West Africa and the Global Challenge) and plans to hold a second one in the year 2001.

Research space with adequate computer and other equipment access is available for visiting U.S. scholars and students.

b. The services described above are provided primarily by the staff of the Center, i.e. the Director who so far has always been someone with a strong research and personal familiarity

with the country (Senegal) and the region (West Africa), Dr. Omar Ndong, the dynamic AROA President who has also served as Interim Director on two occasions, the librarian Abdoulaye Niang, the RED (Regional Electronic Database) Connectivity Program Assistant Madiama Mbaye, the computer assistant Sarrany Badian and the Administrative Assistant Astou Touré.

Dr. Leigh Swigart, past WARC director (1995-97) and Dr. Ndong, have been very successful in hiring highly competent staff for the Center and the subsequent Center directors Professors Mortimer and McLaughlin have been satisfied with their performance.

At the U.S. level, the WARA Secretariat benefits from the strong support of the African Studies Program and the Department of African Languages & Literature at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The staff consists primarily of a part-time graduate student working under Professor Edris Makward, the WARA President. Mrs. Chris Willard-Waldo, Administrative Assistant in the Department of African Languages and Literature, helps a great deal with typing and with the editing and production of the biannual WARA Newsletter.

c. As seen in (2.a) and (1.2) the services provided by WARA/WARC benefit a broad and diverse constituency composed of U.S. scholars, students and institutions as well as their West African counterparts. WARC also works closely with the USIS office in Dakar for joint programs and cultural activities such as Martin Luther King Day and other relevant functions and activities. A third category of beneficiaries is third country scholars interested in and/or working in the region.

### 2.3 Administration and Governance.

a. WARA is a corporation of U.S. West Africanist scholars and institutions (200 and 15



respectively) which established in 1993 a West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal. WARC is administered through its Board of Directors. The WARA President is the chief executive officer and general manager of the corporation. He/She works closely with the principal WARA officers composed of the Treasurer, the Secretary and the Vice-President. WARA policies and programs are outlined by the WARA Board of Directors and carried out by the WARA President and officers working closely with the WARC Director and his/her staff and associates.

Once a year, WARA tries to arrange for the WARC director to travel to the U.S. to attend and participate in the annual meeting of the WARA general membership and also the Fall WARA Board of Directors meeting.

Ideally, and in accordance with the WARA by-laws (Chapt. 4 # 400/401) the activities of WARC should be supervised by a joint Committee composed of West Africans and Americans. The current WARA President is now actively involved in setting up such a committee.

b. WARC is supported administratively from the U.S. through constant communication with the WARA Secretariat and through periodic reports and consultations from Dakar and guidelines and advice from the U.S. The U.S. office helps with the ordering and shipping of office supplies, equipment and books. Practically all the administrative costs of running WARC (salaries, utilities, equipment, maintenance, etc.) come from the WARA office through its grants monies (so far USDE only), its membership fees and other income. However, WARC is expected to participate more substantially in the defraying of these administrative costs through its own increasing contract income. It is with this goal in mind that we are currently planning to create a new administrative position of a part-time *special programs coordinator* at WARC. The duties

of this paid administrator will be to help in attracting and coordinating efficiently, a varied number of educational and cultural contract projects and programs with substantial overhead income which will in turn be used towards the overall administrative costs of running WARC.

#### 2.4. Finances.

WARC finances its operations primarily through the grants secured by WARA and through part of the membership fees collected by WARA from individual and institutional members ( $\$25 \times 200 = \$5,000$  and  $\$500 \times 15 + \$7,500$ ) and by AROA from AROA members (about \$1,000). Overhead income overhead generated through WARA/WARC contracts and services to participants and visitors are also used in financing the WARC budget.

#### 3.0. **FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS.**

a. WARA Fellows and Interns (USDE grant) are recruited through the dissemination of an announcement in our WARA Newsletter and also through universities and colleges and other Africanist Newsletters (ASA, ALA, etc.) in the U.S. We received 15 applications from qualified candidates for the 1999 WARA Fellowship competition (2 awards) and 17 for the 1999 Internship competition (3 awards). Two sets of three distinguished Africanist WARA members are asked to review and rank all applications of each category with narrative comments. Their responses are tabulated by the WARA Secretariat at UW-Madison and then Fellows and Interns are selected and informed. A three day Orientation Program is organized for the Interns in Madison in May, before they leave for their internship in West Africa.

We plan to follow more or less a similar procedure for the new Fellowship Programs; but we will naturally want to involve the WARC director and some AROA members in the selection of West African candidates for these programs.

#### 4.0. OTHER PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

a. In addition to the academic, scholarly and cultural activities and operations listed above, WARA/WARC sponsors other activities, either spontaneously, or on request from interested parties, i.e. the local USIS office, the U.S. Embassy or from U.S. universities and institutions, the University of Dakar or other research organizations or NGO's operating in the region. These activities include:

- Occasional lectures or presentations of current research by scholars working in the region. These scholars may be from the U.S., from West Africa or from other countries.
- Artistic exhibits by local, national or international visitors.
- Discussions around an important recent book or other publication.
- Research methodology seminars for the benefit of U.S. and other doctoral candidates.
- Group projects involving lectures by consultants recruited by WARC, and travel to historic, cultural and/or religious sites in Senegal or in neighboring countries.
- Help with academic programs for U.S. student groups.
- Cultural and social gatherings for visiting U.S. student groups.
- The joint MSU/WARA Electronic Connectivity Project funded by USIA and MSU.
- The 1999 Summer Dual Citizenship Graduate Summer Program in Dakar co-sponsored by Upenn, Codesria and WARA. Funded by Ford Foundation (1999-2000). Primarily for Upenn graduate students.
- Exploring with the Senegalese Ministry of Culture the feasibility of a joint venture involving discussions around "African Development and the Diaspora".

b. & c. These activities fit perfectly into the overall objectives of WARA/WARC as they

would increase the understanding of the now accepted notion that WARA is about broadening scholarly and cultural ties through collaboration on an equal basis between Americans, Senegalese and West African nationals and third-country nationals, at different stages in their respective careers.

#### 5.0. Evaluation.

The benefits of the programs and activities sponsored by WARC are demonstrated through the very positive responses from regional as well as U.S. individual scholars and institutions through letters and email to the WARC office and the WARA Secretariat, expressing their satisfaction and their plans to continue their ties with the Center.

WARA insists on receiving reports from grantees at the conclusion of their work in the region and publishing them in the WARA Newsletter. WARC itself is strongly urged to follow suit and plans to do the same with the forthcoming USIA Fellowships and other programs involving regional scholars and graduate students. Regarding review of our programs and activities, we plan to develop evaluation forms that would be distributed to participants at the end of each program.

#### 6.0. **FOLLOW-UP.**

The best example of follow-up is that many of our former grantees and associates do remain in touch with the Center. Likewise the West African colleagues working with our participants or with us directly. WARA and WARC have been instrumental in starting new exchange programs between U.S. and Senegalese institutions that have developed and prospered. We continue to advise and help Fulbrighters, doctoral as well as post doctoral researchers, carry out their projects in the region. We also continue to see a number of these individuals returning

to the region with new grants and research projects. Likewise, the relationships between institutions and also between individuals have led to travel and post doctoral research or the pursuit of an advanced degree in a U.S. institution for the host country counterpart. The best way we have been able to gauge the lasting impact and importance of these relationships is through continued contacts of all parties with the Center in Dakar and with our WARA Secretariat in the U.S.

## **7. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.**

The key personnel for managing and implementing USIA funded programs as well as programs funded through other sources are the WARC/CROA director and his/her qualified staff including the Special Programs Coordinator and the Administrative Assistant, under the supervision and counsel of the WARA President, Treasurer and Secretary in the U.S. (cv's attached as TAB F).

### **Work schedule for USIA funded programs.**

Immediately after acceptance of submitted Budget Application to CAORC:

- Announcement of programs will be disseminated through various internet sites and newsletters.
- Deadline for submission of projects - December 15, 1999.
- Selection process by WARA/WARC Selection Committee. Completion - February 15, 2000.
- Announcement of awards - March 1, 2000.
- Outline of other WARA/WARC programs and activities: To be prepared by WARC director and staff in September-October, 1999.

It goes without saying that this outline will be flexible enough to allow for the inclusion of unanticipated but relevant and stimulating activities.

## D. BUDGET AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

	USIA	Other	Total
A. Salaries			
Director	12,000 (40%)	15,000	27,000
Special Programs			
Coordinator	-0- (50% time)	6,000	6,000
Administrative			
Assistant	-0- (30% time)	3,450	3,450
B. Fringe Benefits			
		1,000	1,000
C. Staff travel and per diem			
1. International travel	-0-	1,500	1,500
2. In-country travel overseas	-0-	1,500	1,500
3. Domestic travel (U.S.)	-0-	600	600
4. Maintenance/Per diem	-0-	2,000	2,000
D. Telephone/telefax/e-mail	250	5,000	5,250
E. Photocopying	150	300	450
F. Printing	100	300	400
G. Postage	-0-	1,700	1,700
H. Office supplies	-0-	1,500	1,500
I. Audit and legal fees	-0-	5,000	5,000
J. Other direct administrative costs	-0-	-0-	-0-
K. Indirect administrative costs	-0-	5,600	5,600
L. Electricity & Water	-0-	2,500	2,500
SUBTOTAL:			
ADMINISTRATIVE COST	\$12,500	\$52,950	\$65,450
A. Participant travel costs			
1. International travel costs	5,000	-0-	5,000
2. In-country travel overseas	1,000	-0-	1,000
3. Domestic travel in the U.S.	-0-	-0-	-0-
B. Participant per diem costs			
	21,000	-0-	21,000

C. Group ground transportation	-0-	-0-	1,200
D. Orientation			
1. Materials	1,200	-0-	1,200
2. Room/equipment rental	1,600	-0-	1,600
E. Other program costs	7,700	-0-	7,700
SUBTOTAL:			
PROGRAM COSTS	\$37,500	-0-	\$37,500
TOTAL COSTS:	\$50,000	\$52,950	\$102,950

**1.0 EXPLANATORY NOTES.**

We have included under the line item budget the total costs of running WARC indicating thus that most of the administrative costs of the USIA funded programs will be absorbed by WARC. This, we hope will help our request to use the total 25% - or almost) of the USIA grant, i.e. \$12,000 towards the salary of the new full time WARC director. This is indeed a very important preoccupation of the WARA Executive Board.

Our request to spend \$7,700 to update the computer facilities at the disposal of our researchers in residence and/or for visiting researchers is in line with our commitment to making our Center an effective research Center serving U.S., West African and regional researchers working in the region.



on long range policy matters. Rob Mortimer agreed to pursue this matter when he assumes his duties as 1998 WARC Director.

The question raised by Oumar Ndongo, in absentia, concerning the creation of a permanent WARC Associate Director post was raised, briefly discussed and ultimately tabled in view of the additional funding and other logistical matters involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Julien  
Secretary

Present: Mortimer, Swigart, Hale, Cham, Robinson, Makward, Julien

There was a brief explanation and discussion of the ticketing and visa problems that made it impossible for Oumar Ndongo to travel to the ASA meeting.

Thomas Hale, who is convening, the 1999 ASA meeting in Philadelphia, is interested in an interactive video hook-up in several African cities, including Dakar. Rob Mortimer will look into USIS possibilities, once he gets settled at WARC. The theme of the meeting will be, "Hearing Africa's Story, Telling Africa's Story."

Leigh Swigart announced that she had encouraged the International Literacy Institute (School of Ed at U Pennsylvania), which will be doing a program in Dakar, to use WARC to set up its base.

There seemed to be a consensus that WARA needs to obtain "affiliate" status with ASA so that it can be guaranteed two panels at annual ASA meetings. This would require that two-thirds of our members be members of ASA.

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West African Research Association  
Minutes of the General Business Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel, Columbus, OH  
November 13, 1997  
5:30 - 7:00

Present: Spear, Makward, Mortimer, Julien, ???

I. This meeting was devoted to a clarification of U Wisconsin's offer to host the secretariat of WARA.

Tom Spear stated that UW could negotiate to get the Department of Education grant transferred from Howard to UW and that the grant would be renegotiated for overhead costs. UW could provide \$35,000 for a project assistant (a part time grad student) and supplies and equipment. African Languages and Literatures could contribute a work-study student, as they did for the WARA Symposium.

UW wants to know our revenues, wants information about the handling of the grant, where the overhead has gone, how Howard has administered the grant. Tom is aware that the Dept of Ed has not liked WARA administration and accounting with respect to this grant in the past.

Tom seemed confident that UW could handle the secretariat and other needs. He referred to the American Institute of Maghreb Studies program in Milwaukee, which organizes their Moroccan exchange. He also stressed the capability of Jim Delahanti, a UW administrator who handles funds and will be on the WARA Board. Delahanti organizes the orientation for UW's St. Louis (Senegal) exchange program.

II. Other business

Edris Makward stressed the importance of setting up a functional joint Committee (Comite de Gestion) in Dakar to advise the WARC Director

Fellowships/Internships. Edris Makward announced summer

1998

Department of Education grants for students and researchers. There was unanimous agreement that the membership should be encouraged to apply individually or collaboratively for research grants that might involve WARC.

### III. Finances

The Treasurer's Report was made on behalf of Mary Ellen Lane by Edris Makward. WARA currently has \$4000 in its account. Monies from the Department of Education grant are disbursed as they are spent. They are therefore not included in that figure.

Members were urged to pay their dues in timely fashion. In 1997, WARC won a bid from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) to conduct a seminar in Dakar for West African chamber of commerce and business association executives. Our bid was successful again for 1998. Likewise, the Sylvan Corporation will rent office space at WARC to administer educational testing.

There was lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of WARC's selling books that had been donated by USIS. The consensus was that caution should be exercised in order to avoid having WARA appear as a US propaganda outlet. Edris Makward supported that call for caution and also warned that we had to be careful of getting involved in commercial ventures since WARC premises had been offered to us through negotiations between Ambassador Dane Smith and President Abdou Diouf, with the understanding that we were primarily a non-profit organization. Rob Mortimer, WARC director for 1998, encouraged members to send or carry their publications for the WARC library.

### IV. Elections

Edris Makward announced the two new institutional members of the Executive: Bernth Lindfors (U Texas- Austin) replacing Sheila Walker and Jim Delahanti (U Wisconsin- Madison) replacing David Conrad.

Leigh Swigart was nominated during the business meeting and elected to a three year term. She will serve as Treasurer.

Eileen Julien will serve as Secretary.

### V. Other Business

There were a number of suggestions concerning grants. Robert Baum noted that the Lily Foundation has an interest in black religions and gives grants to institutions. Others mentioned ethnic/area studies and media studies. West African Research Association

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Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel, Columbus, OH  
November 14, 1997  
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Hello all!

Here's a few points that I think the WARA board needs to consider:

!) It is well past the moment when we should think of how to identify and recruit a new director for WARC! Rob leaves in July. We all know that the loss of a firm managing hand at this point in the center's development would be tragic. We have put in too much effort into making it a reality to see it fade away for lack of appropriate input.

I spoke informally with Rob Mortimer and Edris about the candidate pool that exists in Dakar right now. A resident American academic, someone like Sylvia Washington Ba, might see this as a worthwhile part time position. I believe that Fulbrighter and anthropologist Victoria Ebin also would like to stay in Dakar after the termination of her grant. At any rate, we need someone who is "sur place" so that the small amount we have to offer is attractive. Of course, making the move toward a West African director is the other option, one that I support strongly although I know there have been some reservations because of the management of USDE funds issue.

How should we proceed? Should we write a job description and post it? Personally solicit applications? Is there even a procedure outlined in the by-laws for all this?

2) Another point - I was at the Title VI meetings last week and talked informally to some Africa center directors about WARA/WARC. There is general feeling among them that unless an American university has a Senegal program (and even one based in Dakar), the benefits of institutional membership are not evident. We need to work on our network, and choose a next director who can really mobilize our members in other countries to play facilitating roles on institutional member programs, orient their visiting faculty and student researchers, etc. Bref, we need a director who will respond immediately to requests from this side of the Atlantic and prove how essential the WARC role is, in Senegal and elsewhere.

3) Another point - the WARA web page. I have still not created it but will soon. What should be on it? I need input. There should obviously be basic info on the association, the center (with images, perhaps a floor plan), various initiatives, membership forms and info, the symposium and perhaps the papers can be on-line (?). What about membership lists? The mentor lists? Parts of past and current newsletters? Please advise.

I will be travelling to Madison from May 11-13 to talk to Edris and the Uof Wisc people about budget and treasury concerns and plans (I have as of yet not assumed my role as treasurer). I think it would be a good opportunity for discussion on other WARA issues as well. If you send me ideas-concerns-suggestions on the WARC director and other points, we can have an electronic discussion of these that will complement Edris' and my face-to-face conversations.

Please copy the whole board on any messages you send to me or Edris.

Thanks!

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Before you all leave town for the summer let's have a WARA telephone conference (tentative agenda follows). How about some time (duration: about an hour) on Wednesday, May 6 (9:00-3:00 p.m.) or Friday May 8 (9:00-12:00 or 2:30-4:30 p.m.) or Saturday May 9 (any time)? All Central Times. Please advise as to what telephone number you will be using for the telephone conference.

It would be nice if you could email us immediately your possibilities. We will get back to you promptly to confirm. Thank you.

Tentative Agenda for  
WARA Board Telephone Conference

Spring 1998

1. Minutes of November 13, 1997 meeting.
2. Fall 1998 meetings. Chicago.

Reservations made for: Thursday, October 29, 4:30-6:30  
p.m. Board  
Friday, October 30, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Membership

3. Transfer of WARA Administration to the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Details: Treasury: Leigh Swigart  
Secretariat: Eileen Julien  
Edris Makward  
Wisconsin Liaison: Jim Delehanty, African Studies

Program.

4. 1998 USED Internship and Fellowship Awards

WARA 1998 Internship Award Winners:

# Nannette Christ (Johns Hopkins University, SAIS):  
Project: #Social and Political Changes in Togo# at SORAD  
and Fedkara and Togolese National Archives and  
ORSTOM Library in Lom#  
Country: Togo.

# Maxine Downs (University of Florida, Gainesville):  
Project: #Women's Organizations in Mali# in Djenne and  
Mopti.  
Country: Mali.

# Donna Patterson (Indiana university):  
Project: #Women's Issues in Ghana# at Legon University.  
Country: Ghana.

WARA 1998 Fellowship Award Winners: # Martha  
Saavedra (University of California-Berkeley):  
Project: #Women, Sports and Development in Africa#  
Country: Senegal.

# Ekpo Okpo Eyo (University of Maryland, College Park):  
Project: #Archeological Excavations in Calabar and Cross  
River Valley#  
Country: Nigeria.

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An orientation is planned for April 11-13, 1998 in Madison for the 3 interns. Leigh Swigart, former WARC/CROA Director and WARA Treasurer-elect will be present and will participate wearing multiple hats.

5. WARC Directorship for 1998-99

- Lonnie Bunch III, Associate Director for Curatorial Affairs at the National Museum of American History since 1994 is interested. Prior to that appointment, he was the Associate Director for Historical Resources. He served as a curator in the Division of Political History at the National Museum of American History from 1989-1991. Formerly the Senior Curator of the History of the California Afro-American Museum in Los Angeles, Mr. Bunch has curated numerous exhibitions such as #The Black Olympians: The Afro-American in the Olympic Games# (1984) and #Land of Promise: America in the 19th Century# (Forthcoming), and #Seeing is Believing: The Photography of the Civil Rights Movement# (1994). Mr. Bunch has also published extensively on African American history and on the role of museums in American society. Mary Ellen Lane is familiar with his achievements.

- Christopher Wise, former Fulbright Fellow in Burkina Faso and now at Western Washington University is interested.

- Leigh Swigart has suggested Sylvia Washington B# and Victoria Ebin both currently in Dakar.

Funding considerations and availability are crucial. The West African option should also be discussed.

6. WARA Web page. Leigh Swigart has questions.

7. Other business.

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The Teleconference will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. Central time. You have indicated two phone numbers that you could be available at during that time. Please give me the definite number asap, so I can schedule the teleconference.

Following are the minutes of the last meeting:

West African Research Association  
Minutes of the General Business Meeting  
Hyatt Hotel, Columbus, OH  
November 14, 1997  
5:30 - 7:00

Present: Pape Sarr, Bernth Lindfors, Robert Baum, George Joseph, Cheikh Babou, Ellen Foley, Jack Parson, Salio Mbaye, Manthia Diawara, Ken Harrow, Heidi Massaro, Fatima Harrak, Mercedes Cabrera-Cuaresma, Hilary Jones, Tom Spear, Akua Sarr, Jo Ellen Fair, Leslie H. Townsend, Abdoulaye Barry, Barbara Cooper, Clifford Ham, Babacar Diop, Debra S. Boyd, Alpha Bah, Mbye Cham, Denise Miller, Laverne Page, Marieta Harper, Mohammed Mbodj, Lillian Trager, Edris Makward, Leigh Swigart, Rob Mortimer, Eileen Julien

I. Presidential Remarks.

President Edris Makward welcomed members and guests and offered a broad account of WARA activities over the last year: the very successful international symposium in Dakar (June '97); the Internet Connectivity Project; the relocation of WARC to more spacious premises in Fann; the interim directorship of WARC by AROA President, Oumar Ndongo; the move of the secretariat from Howard University to University of Wisconsin; the forthcoming newsletter.

II. Activities Report

Symposium. Leigh Swigart, former director of the Center, described the symposium in greater detail, particularly the extraordinary fellowship and intellectual stimulation. She urged we consider holding such a forum perhaps every two years, each time in a different country, if possible. Robert Baum thanked the organizers and said he found it especially satisfying to meet West African colleagues.

Internet connectivity project. David Robinson described the summer 1997 Internet connectivity project and announced that the program would also take place in 1998. In summer 1997, there were ten participants, mostly librarians, from several countries, including Senegal, Ivory Coast, Ghana, South Africa. Some equipment has now arrived at WARC. We hope to create a list-serv for a discussion group, which would allow for follow-up.





COVER SHEET

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# U. S. Department of Education GRANT PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. PR/Award No. (e.g., H185A200211-95):

P274A70012

See Block 4 on your last Notification of Grant Award

2. Recipient Name and Address:

West African Research Association  
1414 Van Hise Hall  
1220 Linden Drive  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Madison, WI 53706

Unless address has changed, repeat from Block 1 on your last Notification of Grant Award.

3. Project Title:

West African Research Association (WARA)

This should be identical to the title of the approved application.

4. Contact Person:

Name Edris Makward  
Title President  
Telephone Number: 608-263-3891  
Fax Number 608-265-4151  
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Provide the name and title of the project director or other individual who is most familiar with the content of the performance report. Also include telephone and fax numbers and E-mail address

5. Performance Reporting Period:

Current Budget Period 10/01/97-09/30/98

This is the time-frame for information requested in Parts III, IV and V on project status and supplementary information/changes. (See instructions for details)

6. Current Budget Period:

10/01/97-09/30/98

See Block 5 of your last Notification of Grant Award.

Authorized Representative:

Name. (Typed or printed) Edris Makward Title: President  
Signature: *Edris Makward* Date: May 4, 1998

AMERICAN OVERSEAS RESEARCH CENTER  
WARA/WARC (West Africa-Dakar)

PROGRAM PERFORMANCE REPORT

October 1, 1997 - April 30, 1998

**I. PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING WAR/WARC OBJECTIVES.**

We finally received last Summer, official notification from the Office of the President of the Republic of Senegal that a permanent site and building has now been allocated to WAR/WARC in the highly coveted Fann-Residence area, next to UCAD (Université Cheick Anta Diop), with a clear indication that we could move into these new premises without delay from our crowded temporary quarters in congested downtown Dakar-Plateau (Boulevard de la République). Thanks to the leadership and the hard work of Interim Center Director Dr. Oumar Ndongo and his very able staff, the move was diligently conducted in the early weeks of the first quarter of FY 97 (October 2 - December 31 1997). A lot has been achieved at and through the Center since. We are listing some of the salient achievements below:

- **The installation of the WARC Library and Reading Rooms** has been completed during this period with the shelving and cataloguing of the 5,000 volumes donated by USIS Dakar to which were added the books coming from individual and institutional gifts such as the donation of the personal library of the late Dr. Mamadou Moustapha Kane, the first AROA President and formerly a close associate of WARA. The Center library renders an important service to UCAD students and scholars as well as to visiting US students and scholars and also from other countries. We therefore encourage our American colleagues to donate copies of their own works as well as any surplus academic and scholarly volumes that they can afford to part

with. Some have already begun to do so. Now that the American Cultural Center has closed its library in Dakar, the WARC/CROA library is definitely filling in an important gap and serving the needs of the diverse constituencies mentioned above, i.e. local and regional users as well as visiting US and other scholars and students.

- **The Center has continued to sponsor USIS cultural activities and organized several cultural activities on behalf of USIS.**

- **Old Dominion University Teachers Institute Preparation:**

The Center under the interim directorship of Dr. Oumar Ndongo worked in November and December 1997 on the preparation of another NEH funded Old Dominion University Teachers' Institute scheduled for Summer 1999. Their Summer 1997 (July-August) first Institute which took place in Senegal in collaboration with WARA/WARC (La Francophonie- A Study of the Literature and Cultural Geography of French-Speaking West Africa with a Focus on Senegal - with Dr. Christine Drake as Program director) was apparently such a success that NEH encouraged Dr. Drake to reapply for a repeat Institute in 1999.

- **Second CIPE Training Project in Francophone Africa.** Oumar Ndongo and Edris Makward also continued work during this period to prepare for a second CIPE (Center for International Private Enterprise) Training Program in Francophone Africa, this time in Bamako, Mali and involving about 30 independent business executives from Burkina Faso, Benin and Mali. CIPE is based in Washington, D.C. and is funded primarily from NED (National Endowment for Democracy). WARA/WARC subcontracted with CIPE after winning an open bid to help plan the one week training session in Bamako. WARA used its fledgling WARC contacts in the three countries involved to recruit strong potential participants and bring them

together for a very fruitful training session run and financed entirely by CIPE. The session was successfully completed April 19-24, 1998.

- The installation of a **Sylvan Prometric Testing Center** with first-rate, sound-proof insulation and electronic equipment paid for by Sylvan Prometric, was completed at WARC during the first quarter of FY97. Dr. Oumar Ndongo serves as Coordinating Administrator of this Testing Outfit. The Program will start functioning in the coming months.

- **The MSU/WARA Electronic Connectivity Project - Further Progress:**

This Project which is funded through a USIA Citizens Exchange grant and Michigan State University, is now in its second year of implementation, involving the selection of the second contingent of participants from Ivory Coast, Ghana and Senegal who will be coming to East Lansing and Washington, D.C. next July. This time the eleven West African participants (librarians, government and university administrators, computer technicians and academics) will be joined by thirteen participants from Southern Africa (Zambia and South Africa) thanks to an additional grant from USIA. One significant component of this project is the establishment of a **Regional Electronic Database (RED)** at WARC in Dakar. Mark Kornbluh, Cheick Anta Mbacké Babou and two other colleagues from MSU will be traveling to Dakar in mid May 1998 to work on different aspects of this important project from WARC and in close collaboration with Director Rob Mortimer and AROA President Oumar Ndongo.

Under Oumar Ndongo's supervision, the installation of the electronic equipment needed for this project started in late Summer 1997 and will be completed soon.

- **Cultural and Scholarly Activities Sponsored by WARC.** A number of such activities are planned in advance (see attached Program for 1997-98 in Appendices). In addition to this

planned program of activities, a number of relevant and stimulating activities are often added to the schedule in accordance with opportunities occurring in connection with sometimes impromptu visits of scholars and academics from the U.S. and elsewhere. For example, two cultural evenings were organized and sponsored by WARC at the Cité universitaire dining room in early January 1997 for the New York University's Martin Luther King Scholars Seminar in Senegal. This involved some sixty NYU undergraduate students in a very fruitful and stimulating cultural exchange with their Senegalese counterparts.

- Public lecture at WARC: Professor Moustapha Kasse, Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management (FASEG) gave a well attended public lecture at the Center on *Les économies africaines: forces et faiblesses*, January 7, 1998.
- Professor John Hunwich of Northwestern University spoke on *Fundamentalism, Reform and Renewal: The West African Experience*, March 25, 1998.
- WARC Roundtable on *Articulation Enseignement/Recherche à l'université*, March 15, 1998. Professor Maguèye Kasse Rectorat UCAD was the Moderator. Principal speakers included Professor Hamadi Bocoum of IFAN and Professor Cheikh Tidiane Sall, Directeur de recherches at the Ecole Normale Supérieure. A lively debate ensued highlighting the specific difficulties in balancing research and teaching in institutions with limited resources such as most West African institutions of higher learning.

Our new Director, Prof. Robert Mortimer of Haverford College took over the directorship in early January 1998 and in view of his familiarity with the country and region, his adjustment was almost immediate. While we are still aiming for longer term WARC directors, once again we are being excellently served by an imaginative, effective and resourceful director.

In collaboration with Dr. Oumar Ndongo, President of the local AROA (Association de Recherche Ouest-Africaine) and members of the AROA Executive Board, Prof. Mortimer has presided over a number of activities that go a long way towards achieving the WARA goals and objectives for Year One of our Grant Application (FY 1997-99).

Some additional highlights include:

- **Symposium Cheikh Anta Diop**, February 7, 1998. The symposium was held at UCAD in commemoration of the 12th Anniversary of the death of noted scholar and historian Cheikh Anta Diop with the co-sponsorship of WARC. The morning session was devoted to a discussion of Afrocentricism and its ramifications under the title *L'Actualité de l'Afrocentrisme* with contributions from Dr. Boubacar Diop recently returned from a Fulbright Fellowship at Hobart and William Smith College, of historian Dr. Cheikh Hamela Diop and Dr. David Nicholls, a Fulbrighter in the English Department at UCAD. Dr. Nicholls spoke on the status of Afrocentrism in the American Academy today. The afternoon session was devoted to discussions around the work of Senegalese archeologist Ibnou Diagne who passed away a few months back.
- Rob Mortimer, WARC Director and Oumar Ndongo, AROA President seized the occasion of this Symposium to inaugurate officially our new WARC Library and Reading Rooms by dedicating them formally to the late Senegalese historian, Dr. Mohamed Moustapha Kane, Ph.D., and MSU alumnus and first AROA President. A plan is also in the works to dedicate, some time in the near future, the WARC Conference Room to the late Professor Marie Perinbam of the University of Maryland, College Park, who died last year while attending our first International WARA Symposium on **West Africa and the Global Challenge**.

- **Africa Regional Literacy Forum, Dakar, March 16-20, 1998.**

This was a pan-African event convened jointly by UNESCO's Bureau Régional d'Education en Afrique (BREDA) and the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education's International Literacy Institute and co-sponsored by WARC. The Dakar forum was a follow-up of similar meetings that took place in July 1997 in Germany and in February 1998 in India. Scholars, policymakers and educators came from around the continent to discuss the theme and topic of *Innovations and Professionalization in Literacy and Non-Formal Education: New Directions for the Year 2000*. Indeed, literacy and adult education remain major policy concerns in Senegal and in the West African sub-region as a whole. M. Mamadou Ndoye, Senegalese Minister of Basic Education and National Languages was the keynote speaker at the Forum. WARC is considering some form of collaborative work with M. Ndoye in the area of National Language education. This collaboration is very much in line with Title VI Program goals regarding foreign language study as an important component of area studies.

- Throughout this reporting period, students and university professors, Fulbrighters and others from the US have contacted WARC directly or through referrals from our WARA office at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for assistance and advice regarding research clearance, affiliation, accommodation, etc. Naturally, WARC has always obliged diligently and efficiently.

We believe positively that the activities described above demonstrate convincingly that WARC is on track in achieving its objectives as stated in the FY97-99 USED grant application.

## II. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT IN MEETING THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.

- WARC in its new and spacious premises near the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar has now at the disposal of US graduate students and scholars, Fulbrighters as well as non-Fulbrighters, a library, two well equipped offices with computers, email facilities, telephone. These researchers have been making use of these facilities in the last several months. WARC has now a much more visible profile among US scholars and students - mostly graduates. Undergraduates from various Exchange Programs do come to the Center for help. We never turn them away. These individuals come to WARC for both academic and practical advice and referrals.

Several Doctoral Dissertators holding Fulbright-Hays Fellowships have come to WARC for help with African language instruction. The Center has always been able to refer these individuals to the Baobab Language Center in Dakar or even found them suitable and qualified private instructors and/or informants. Naturally, the Center also helps with the use of equipment when needed, i.e. tape recorders, computers, email access, etc.

As our financial report for the period will show (See appendices), it is through our Title VI grant that we pay for a good part of the overseas center salaries and utilities expenses such as electricity, telephone, postage, etc. The Center in turn, provides the services that allow us to make the necessary contacts for the development of postgraduate research, exchanges and the further development of area studies.



## II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROJECT ON PARTICIPANTS.

As has been already reported above under heading I, the Center has been able through this reporting period, to process successfully long term visas and research permits as well as help establish fruitful contacts and relationships with faculty and institutions for US graduate students and scholars in Senegal and in the region. The Center has also helped many students and scholars find suitable lodgings and advice on local travel as well. Because of our official status, recognition and support by the Senegalese government, we have been able to refer US researchers to libraries and archives or help them make appointments with relevant officials and helpful personalities. While the Center has unfortunately not kept track of exact numbers and information on the exact fields of study, we can say that we have helped at different levels throughout the reporting period about say 50 to 60 individuals, possibly more.

- **WARA Fellowship and Internship Programs.**

Three Internships have been awarded for Summer 1998 and a three-day Orientation Program will take place at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 10-13 for the benefit of the three interns (See Appendices for a copy of the Program).

- Donna Patterson, Indiana University.

*Economic Strategy Among Ghanaian Business Women.*

- Nannette Christ, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS.

*Land Redistribution in Togo.*

- Maxine Downs, University of Florida-Gainesville.

*Literacy and Adult Education Programs for Market Women in Djenne, Mali.*

Two Fellowship have been awarded to:

- Dr. Ekpo Eyo, Art History and Archeology, University of Maryland, College Park.

*Archeological Excavations in Calabar, Cross River Valley, Nigeria.*

- Dr. Martha Saavedra, University of California, Berkeley.

*Women, Sports and Development in Africa - Senegal.*

WARC in Dakar will be involved in ascertaining appropriate posting for the three interns as well as in helping with accommodations and transfers. WARC will also be a the disposal of Fellows regarding research clearance, affiliations, accommodations, etc. These Programs are funded entirely through our Title VI AORC Program grant (See our Financial Report for the Period attached as an Appendix).

## CONCLUSION.

The Title VI AORC grant has definitely contributed to the Center's capacity to fulfil its primary objectives i.e. to enhance effective cooperation between US and West African scholars and institutions. The grant has allowed us to increase fruitful intellectual contacts between scholars and students from either side of the Atlantic. Our June 1997 **First WARA International Symposium** which brought together over 200 scholars and researchers from North America and from the West African sub-region was a definite success and has apparently shown scholars from the sub-region as well as a number of foreign scholars working in the region that WARC has the potential of becoming a major Research Center in the region serving not only American researchers but foreign scholars and students as well.

Lastly, our WARA Newsletter which comes out in the Spring and Fall is now becoming an important vehicle for relevant news regarding research opportunities and developments in the region. The Center in Dakar also publishes periodically a local WARC Newsletter. Our RED

project described in Section I of this report will no doubt go a long way in enhancing further communication and collaboration among scholars from the region and their US counterparts.

## Appendices

1. Financial Report: October 1, 1997 - April 30, 1998.
2. USED Budget 1997-99 and WARC Budget 1997.
3. WARC Program Activities, 1997-98.
4. Spring '98 WARA Newsletter.
5. WARC Floor Plan and Location Map.
6. 1998 WARA Interns Orientation Program.