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The 28th Annual Conference of the Oromo Studies Association
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Venue: Howard University College of Medicine
520 W ST NW, Washington, DC
3rd Floor, Room # 3019

Theme: “Gada and Oromo Democracy: Celebrating 40 Years of Research and Oromo Renaissance”

Preliminary Daily Conference Schedule

Day 1: Saturday, August 2, 2014

Time	Activity/Theme of Panel	Facilitator	Presenters
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration	Yeshe Tolessa	Local Hospitality and Registration Group
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Welcoming Ceremony for Gada Leaders & Distinguished Guests OSA President’s Opening Address		Blessing Abba Gada Aaga Xanxano Dr. Ibrahim Elemo, OSA President
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Featured Speakers: Gada: Research and Revival in Four Decades	Dr. Mohammed Hassen	On Research: Professor Asmarom Legesse On Revival: Abba Gada Aaga Xanxanno

10:30 – 11:15PM	Panel I. Gada System and The Oromo People	Professor Mekuria Bulcha	Panelists Obbo Dirribi Demissie Bokku, Rundassa Eshete, Lagassa Gebreselassie Dhaba
11:15 AM - 12:15	Panel II Gada Leadership and Governance Challenges in 21 st Century	Dr. Ezekiel Gebissa	Round Table Jemjem Udessa Aaya Adi Wariyo Wodessa Yachisi Mona Godana
12:15– 1:15 PM	Lunch – First Floor 1008 Lobby/Lounge		
1:15 – 2:45 PM	Panel III. Historical Oromo Narratives: Past and Present Injustices against Oromo and Other People	Bonnie Holcomb	Panelists: Dr. Getahun Benti, Dr. Guluma Gameda, Dr. Abbas Haji Gnamo, Dr. Ezekiel Gebissa Professor Beyene Petros
2:45 – 4:15 PM	Panel IV Historical Injustice: Exploring Pathways to Justice	Jawar Mohammed	Panelists: Henok Gabissa, Israel Fayissa Habtamu Dugo Ayele Zewge
4:15 – 4:30 PM	Coffee Break - Lobby		
4:30 – 5:45 PM	Panel V Conflict and Peacemaking in Pre-Colonial Oromo Country: Learning from History	Dr.Mosisa Aga	Panelists: Professor Mekuria Bulcha, Dr. Asebe Regassa, Dr. Bedassa Tadesse, Professor Bichaka Fayissa
5:45 – 6:15 PM	Featured Speaker	Dr. Mohammed Hassen	Tesfaye Gebreab, Author of the “Ye Burka Zimita,” “Yegazetegnaw Mastawesha,” and “Chaltu endee Helen”

6:15-7:15 PM	Dinner Break		
7:15 – 9:00 PM	OSA Business Meeting		General Assembly Meeting: OSA members in Good Standing, Reports, Elections, 2014-2015 Proposal by President-Elect Jawar Mohammed
Day 2: Sunday, August 3, 2013			
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Oromo Blessing		Blessing from Oromo Elders
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Tribute to the late Professor Paul TW Baxter		Presentation by Dr. Mohammed Hassen, OSA Board Chair
10:00– 10:30 AM	Keynote Address	Dr. Ibrahim Elemo	Dr. Gudata Sado Hinika
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Awards Ceremony and Recognition of Guests and Sponsors		Dr. Ibrahim Elemo, OSA President Dr. Mohammed Hassen, OSA Board Chair
11:00– 12:30 PM	Panel VI Bridging Healthcare Gaps: The Momentum toward Achieving Universal Healthcare	Dr. Mesfin Abdissa	Panelists: Dr. Gudata Hinika, Farnoosh Nooryani Katreena Salgado Dr. Begna Dhugassa Dr. Ibrahim Elemo
12:30 – 1:30 PM	Lunch – Ground Floor Lobby and Patio		
1:30M– 2:00 PM	Panel VII: Human Rights Violations and State Sponsored Terrorism in Ethiopia	Habtamu Dugo	Panelists: Tesfaye Kumsa Garoma Wakessa

2:00 – 3:00 PM	Panel VIII: The Saga of Disempowerment in Ethiopia: Land to Investors, Dissenters to Prison!	Dr. Guluma Gemeda	Panelists; Dr. Girma Gebresenbet, Gololcha Balli, Daniel Areri, Jimma D Tufa
3:00 – 4:15 PM	Panel IX. Oromo Youth Activism Today: Institution- Building in the Diaspora and the Use of Social Media	Arfasse Gemeda	Panelists Dr. Zakia Posey Ayyantuu Tibeso Mohammed Ademo Amane Badhasso
4:15– 5:15	Panel X. Resistance & Empowerment; Current and Future Directions of Oromo Advocacy	Dr. Asfaw Beyene	Panelists: Leila Qashu Fayera Soboksa Jawar Mohammed
5:15 – 5:30 PM	Coffee Break – Lobby		
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Panel XI. Oromo Political Discourse The Future of the Oromo Struggle	Kadiro Elemo	Panelists: Professor Mekuria Bulcha (OLF Re- United), Dr. Beyan Asoba (ODF), Dr. Nuro Dedefo (OLF- Under General Kamal Galchu), Dr. Merera Gudina (OFC- Medrek)
7:00 – 8:00 PM	Discussion The Next 40 Years of Research & Renaissance?	Yeshi Tolessa	Moderated Exchange Members and guests invited to speak to future research and direction