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FROM THE SECRETARIAT...

We welcome David Uru Iyam, who joined the secretariat in January as the ASA's first Associate Director. Hired as the result of a national search, Iyam will work with ASA half time and teach in Emory University's Anthropology Department half time.

David Iyam came to the US from his home in Nigeria in the early 1980s. A producer and television director for Radio Nigeria and the Nigerian Television Authority, Iyam anticipated earning only an MFA in theater arts at UCLA. Questions of film and its interpretive potential and problems moved him to the field of anthropology. After writing an MA thesis on matrifocality in Watts, he turned to a topic very close to home, a dissertation on cultural sources of underdevelopment among the Biase of southeastern Nigeria. Iyam was awarded the PhD by UCLA in June 1992 and has worked since as Assistant Director of the UCLA African Studies Center.

Iyam's move to the ASA secretariat offices can only strengthen the coast-to-coast links of the Association. His spouse, Ruby Bell-Gam, remains at UCLA as Africanist bibliographer. She has become increasingly visible in ASA activities through her work on the Africana Librarians Council and the Children's Book Award selection committee.

One of David Iyam's new responsibilities is the overall direction of the organization of ASA annual meetings. To that end, he will be coping with the problem of increasing numbers of individuals who wish to make presentations. Space at annual meetings is finite and the openness with which ASA once welcomed any and all presenters has succumbed to the need for careful selection.

Proposals for papers and panels are being accepted from now until March 15. Though proposals sent after that date may be considered, they will have greatly lessened chances of being included on the program. Persons organizing business meetings are reminded, too, that requests for space are due no later than March 15. Any requests that arrive after that date will be charged a \$50 service fee.

Much as we would like to, the Association does not offer financial assistance to any participant on the program. However, a small number of individuals, usually based in Africa, are supported through the International Visitors Program. Funding is competitive, and persons who nominate international visitors must be prepared to arrange itineraries of up to eight days for their visitors to visit universities or research institutions in the US. The ASA asks that the local costs of such visits be covered by host institutions. Please see details on p. 26.

Meanwhile, we will look forward to receiving your proposals for the 1993 annual meeting.