

UNH African Scholar Teams with UN Ambassador To Lead International Seminar

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DURHAM, N.H. -- A University of New Hampshire expert in African history and politics will lead the next lecture in the New Hampshire International Seminar Series on the UNH campus Friday, Nov. 19.

Funso Afolayan, UNH associate professor of history, will present "Building Democracy: Transitions, Illusions, Challenges and Prospects in Nigeria and South Africa," beginning at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building room 334. He will be joined by David Rubadiri, ambassador for the Republic of Malawi to the United Nations.

Afolayan received his Ph.D. from Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria, and has written numerous articles and books, including "African Democracy in the Era of Globalization" (Johannesburg, 1999). His areas of teaching and research include African religions, world history and non-Western history.

Rubadiri, an established poet and playwright, received his Ph.D. in education from Bristol University and his master's in English literature from Cambridge University. His publications include "A Book of African Verse" and "Coffee for the Road -- Alex la Guma, and Apartheid, Commitment and Liberalism."

The theme of the 1999-2000 seminar series, "Is the World Really Moving Toward Democracy?" will continue next semester with three guest lectures on the politics of Brazil, Russia and central Europe.

All lectures are free and open to the public. The series is sponsored by the UNH Center for International Education with support from the Alumni Enrichment Fund, the Class of 1957 and the Yale-Maria Fund.

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