

Zambezia Province, Mozambique at the time of his death. He and his family were active, joyous participants in various communities in Maputo and they will be greatly missed.

Scott was born in Minnesota in 1965 and received his B.A. from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota in 1987. After two years with the Peace Corps in Lesotho where he met his wife, Barbara, Scott obtained a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1993. Awarded Fulbright and MacArthur scholarships for doctoral research, Scott and his family then traveled to Mozambique so that he could undertake fieldwork in Zambezia province for his dissertation. The ease with which he fit into Mozambican society and his considerable intellectual ability caught the attention of the Land Tenure Center at Wisconsin-Madison. Before he even finished his thesis, he was appointed their Project Director for Mozambique, a position he occupied for the past two years. He was due to return to the United States in January 2000 to complete his dissertation in Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

As Resident Project Director for the Land Tenure Center, Scott was responsible for coordinating a number of research projects on land use and development, and he participated also in official policy debates on the land question. His real gift was that he championed the rights of local communities to participate in decisions affecting the use of land and tree tenure but without underestimating the complexities of defining what a local community was, who belonged to it, and how it could be addressed in legislation. He wrestled constantly and thoughtfully with the issues affecting the use of resources in Mozambique as evidenced by his series of policy statements and position papers addressing forest resources, tree tenure, and land law.

His sensitivity to the various concerns of diverse actors in the land debate is evidenced by the broad spectrum of people who spoke at a memorial service for him held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in Mozambique. He was mourned not only by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries who noted how well Scott understood Mozambique's agrarian challenges but also by the National Union of Peasants' Associations who praised his sincere identification with the issues that most affected rural peoples. As David Tschirley of Michigan State University noted, "When people talk about Scott in Portuguese, they frequently use the term 'simpatia'. It translates into English as 'regard', but it implies a deeper level of emotional identification than that. Even in his professional work, Scott affected people in Mozambique on an emotional level. He combined intelligence, real competence, kindness and concern, a wonderful sense of humor,

and lack of self importance in a way that lead people to develop a great regard for him. Not many people in life bring all those qualities to what they do and what they are."

At the Universidade Eduardo Mondlane where the Land Tenure Center was based, Scott also collaborated with his Mozambican counterpart, the Nucleus of Land Studies, to train Mozambican students and scholars in the study, research, and promotion of land-related issues in the country. With the aid of Mozambicans, he expanded and made accessible to both nationals and foreigners an extremely well-organized library that really ought to bear his name in perpetuity. He was completely unselfish about sharing research ideas and references and he encouraged others to do the same.

Anyone who met Scott was impressed with his extensive knowledge of Mozambique, his genuine passion for ideas, and his innate sense of fairness. Although he displayed a solid grasp of development theory, he eschewed abstract models in favor of an eclectic and innovative blending of detailed fieldwork combined with relevant theoretical contributions from political science, anthropology, and history. Doing fieldwork with him in Zambezia Province, northern Mozambique in 1998, I marveled at how patiently and carefully he conducted interviews with small holders, slowly eliciting from them their life stories without any sense of wanting to rush onto the next family. He appreciated and positively valued qualitative approaches and didn't hesitate to spend hours or days with one family, or to stray from his questionnaire if he thought he would learn something new. If he had to walk through stagnant water or drink the local brew in order to pay his respects to a village notable, then he would do it, with a great deal of humor and grace. All of these things made him a dedicated researcher, an engaging intellectual, a gifted conversationalist, and a promising scholar.

In every sense Scott was a whole person. He balanced his professional life with a totally full family life. No one who ever visited the Kloock-Jensons at their home in Maputo will forget the pictures of Scott and Barbara's wedding, or the dozens of photos in every room chronicling the big and small occasions in the children's lives, from Zoe reading one of her favorite books to Noah taking a bath. The kids, ages 5 and 2, spent most of their lives in Mozambique and were as much Mozambican as they were American. Relatives of the Kloock-Jensons, friends of the family in Mozambique and the US, and Scott's colleagues all feel greatly their loss. But we shall draw inspiration from their graciousness and the dignified way they treated people. We hope to remember them through Scott's writings and the creation of several scholarship funds in their names.

#### EDITORIAL NOTE:

The deadline for submissions to the October/December 1999 issue of *ASA NEWS* has been extended to October 1, 1999. Please send items for publication via email to: [callasa@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:callasa@rci.rutgers.edu). The editorial team is grateful to the Michigan State University *Tuesday Bulletin* for its contributions to this issue.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### New Website

AfricaBib is pleased to announce the opening of its new website. It was created as a way to freely disseminate information from two African studies databases as well as information on Africa from other sources. The site presently contains the *Africana Periodical Literature Bibliographic database*. This work was originally started in 1974 as an effort to index all the issues of each periodical/journal title and collect them in one source. The website also includes the *Africana Women's Database* which indexes materials published in English about African Women. If you know of any materials that are not in the index and deserve to be included, or have questions or comments, please contact: Davis Bullwinkle, Telephone: (501) 569-8521; Email: [dabullwinkle@ualr.edu](mailto:dabullwinkle@ualr.edu).

#### Membership Invitation

The National Coalition of Independent Scholars (NCIS), an affiliate of the American Council of Learned Societies, invites members to become a part of a supportive international network of colleagues committed to independent scholarship. Members receive a subscription to the *Independent Scholar*, participate in national and regional conferences for independent scholars, and join discussions on the H-Scholar listserv. For more information, contact: NCIS, P.O. Box 5743, Berkeley, CA 94705; Telephone: (510) 540-8415; Website: [www.ncis.org](http://www.ncis.org).

#### SSRC Chooses New President

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) announces that Craig Calhoun, Professor of Sociology and History and Chair of the Sociology Department at New York University, will be its new president. The

SSRC was founded more than 75 years ago to improve interdisciplinary research in the social sciences. Working in partnership with national and international funders including the Ford, MacArthur, Mellon, and Rockefeller Foundations, it focuses research on key public issues, supports advanced education of younger scientists in areas of high need, and organizes networks of leading scholars to develop fields of emerging importance.

#### African Headwear Exhibit

A display of traditional African hats from a resplendent red colored feather headdress from Cameroon to a delicately embroidered hat from Kenya is open at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African Art, 950 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC. "Hats Off! A Salute to African Headwear" continues in the museum's Point of View gallery through December 26, 1999.

#### Indiana Humanities Council Announces New President

The Board of Directors of the Indiana Humanities Council is announcing the appointment of Dr. Scott T. Massey as the Council's President and Chief Executive Officer. The Indiana Humanities Council is an independent, educational, grant-making, and program organization dedicated to advancing the humanities. The council maintains a close

relationship with the National Endowment for the Humanities and is one of 56 councils representing every state and territory in the United States.

#### Study Abroad

Michigan State University (MSU) announces "Agricultural, Environmental, and Land Use Systems," a semester program designed for students in the agriculture, natural resources, and related areas who have a desire to learn more about Africa. Prior study of Africa is not required. Participating students take courses at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ) and transfer those credits to their degree program at their home institution. Dr. Eunice Foster, coordinator of the program, will work closely with each student and the student's home institution to select courses at UZ that will meet requirements in the student's academic program. Program cost for tuition, room, board, and air travel is less than \$6500 for MSU students. MSU students may apply for scholarships offered through the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and the office of Overseas Study at MSU. You do not need to be an MSU student to participate in the program; although tuition will be slightly higher for non-MSU students. To discuss the program please contact: Dr. Eunice Foster, Telephone: (517) 353-1784; Email: fosteref@pilot.msu.edu.

#### Visiting Scholar

The African Studies Center of Michigan State University (MSU) is honored to welcome Prof. James Reddy as a Visiting Fulbright Senior Scholar. Prof. Reddy has held a number of academic positions in South Africa and is the author of a number of publications including *Regional Consortia, Partnerships, Mergers, and Their Implications for the Transformation of the South African Higher Education System*. He will be in residence at MSU through October 1999, and is being hosted by the Department of Education Administration and the African Studies Center. Prof. Reddy can be contacted at: Email: jairamreddy@hotmail.com.

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

#### September 15, 1999—United States Institute of Peace

The United States Institute of Peace invites applications for the 2000-2001 Senior Fellowship competition in the Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace. Fellowships are awarded annually to scholars and practitioners from a variety of professions, including college and university faculty, journalists, diplomats, writers, educators, military officers, international



## Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

### AFRICANIST SEARCH

The African Studies Program of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University seeks applications for a tenure-line position in the field of African politics at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor to begin Fall 2000. The position is for a political scientist with expertise in the government and politics of Sub-Saharan Africa. The position is open with respect to sub-regional specializations and methodological approaches. A strong field-based research and teaching record is required. Deadline for applications is *November 15, 1999* or until the position is filled. Interviews will be conducted at the African Studies Association Convention in November, so early application is advantageous. Applications, including a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of at least three (3) references, should be sent to:

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