

# **SUDANS STUDIES ASSOCIATION Of North America (SSA)**

**38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



**38<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference**

**June 7 – 9, 2019**

**Arizona State University, Tempe AZ**

## ***Conference Themes:***

***1. "Relations and Economic Development  
between the Two Sudans"***

***2. "The Sudans and their Diasporas"***

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***We reserve our special thanks and appreciation for our Sponsors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and SILC Leadership including:***



# Dean Patrick Kenney



Dr. Patrick J. Kenney is the dean of The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and a Foundation Professor in the School of Politics and Global Studies at Arizona State University. Kenney came to ASU in 1986 and received his bachelor's, master's and doctorate from the University of Iowa. Professor Kenney has authored and co-authored articles in the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, the Journal of Politics and several other journals. He has co-authored three books with Kim Fridkin, "The Spectacle of U.S. Senate Campaigns" (Princeton Press, 1999), "No-Holds Barred: Negativity in the US Senate Campaigns" (Prentice Halls, 2004), "The Changing Face of Representation" (University of Michigan Press, 2014) and "Talking Aim at Attack Advertising" (Oxford University Press, 2019). He has received funding from the National Science Foundation.

# Dean Jeffrey Cohen



Dr. Jeffrey Cohen is the dean of humanities in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Arizona State University. His research examines strange and beautiful things that challenge the imagination, phenomena that seem alien and intimate at once. He is especially interested in what monsters, foreigners, misfits, inhuman forces, objects and matter that won't stay put reveal about the cultures that dream, fear and desire them. He is widely published in the fields of medieval studies, monster theory, posthumanism and ecocriticism. His book, "Stone: An Ecology of the Inhuman", received the 2017 Rene Wellek Prize for best book in comparative literature from the American Comparative Literature Association. In collaboration with ASU Professor Lindy Elkins – Tanton, he recently co-wrote the book "Earth", a reexamination of Earth from the perspectives of a planetary scientist and a literary humanist. Currently, he's co-writing a book titled "Noah's Arkive: Towards an Ecology of Refuge".

# Director Nina Berman



Dr. Nina Berman is the Director of and a Professor in the School of International Letters and Cultures at Arizona State University. Her research areas include globalization studies, humanitarianism, tourism, German orientalism and colonialism, Germans in Africa, and intercultural hermeneutics. She has published books and articles on various questions related to German colonialism and orientalism, minority literature, disability, translation and intercultural contact, including *German Literature on the Middle East: Discourses and Practices, 1000 – 1989* (2011, Outstanding Academic Title 2012, Choice) and *Impossible Missions? German Economic, Military, and Humanitarian Efforts in Africa* (2004). Dr. Berman is presently co-editing, with Kimani Njogu and Michael M. Ndurumo, an anthology on *Disability and Social Justice in Kenya*. She is fluent in German, Arabic, French and Kiswahili.



# ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY (TEMPE, AZ)

## CAMPUS MAP



**Black Star:** Language & Literature building (LL)

**Purple Star:** Old Main building (MAIN) – Carlson Room is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**Blue Star:** Memorial Union building (MU) – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Red Star:** Business Administration building (BA) – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

# Friday, June 7, 2019

**12:00-3:00PM**

**Lunch / Board Meeting**

**Location:** LL 165

Chair: Souad T. Ali, SSA President

# Saturday June 8, 2019

**8:30 AM**

**Light Breakfast / Registration**

**Location:** (BA) Lobby (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**9:00 – 9:30 AM**

**Location:** BA 265

## Welcoming Remarks:

Dr. Souad T. Ali, SSA President. Arizona State University (ASU)

Dean Jeffrey Cohen, ASU Dean of Humanities

**9:30 – 11:00 AM**

**Plenary Session (1)**

**Location:** BA 265

## Searching for Sustainable Development in the Sudans

Chair: Benaiah Yongo-Bure, *Kettering University*

### Panelists:

Bakry Elmedni, *Long Island University*

Manufacturing of Consent and Manufacturing of Failure: The Retreat of Democracy in the Global south. A look at the two Sudans

Ghada Kadoda, *Sudanese Knowledge Society*

Decolonial Thinking: An Approach for Reconciliation of Development of the Two Sudans

Kon Madut, *University of Ottawa*

The Legacy of Militarism and Political Conformism in Sudan and South Sudan.

Ahmed Kodouda, *George Washington University*

Diaspora Support to Rebels in Post-colonial Civil Wars

Mohammed A. El-Rayah, *Council for Conservation of Wildlife and Parks*

The Need for a Protocol between the Sudan and South Sudan for the Protection of Wildlife and Biodiversity



**11:00 – 12:30 AM**

**Plenary Session (2)**

**Location:** BA 265

**Migration, Gender, and Health in the Sudan**

Chair: Souad T. Ali, *Arizona State University*

Panelists:

Abdelrahman Fakri, *San Diego School System*

Fistula as a reflection of health inequities

Amir El Sheikh, *Independent Scholar*

Managing health services for displaced populations and migrants in Blue Nile State

Samia Abdallah Mohammed Ali, *University of Gedaref*

Trafficking of women in Eastern Sudan

Pamela DeLargy, *Arizona State University*

Migration in, to, and through Sudan: Implications of the Khartoum Process

**12:30 – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch on your own**

**1:30 – 3:00 PM**

**Plenary Session (3)**

**Location:** BA 265

**Poetics and Economic and Political Crises in the Sudans**

Chair: Bakry Elmedni, *Long Island University*

Panelists:

Sondra Hale, *University of California – Los Angeles*

Unfinished Business: Sudan's 2013 and 2018/19 Uprisings

Hamid Osman Ahmed, *University of Khartoum*

Journalists' Stand on Economic Relations between the Two Sudans

Neil McHugh, *Independent Scholar*

Sudanese Historical Identity in Sufi Literature

Ahmed Gummaa Siddick, *Shaqra University*

Poems for Arizona

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Plenary Session (4)**

**Location: BA 265**

**History and Crisis in South Sudan**

Chair: Carolyn Fluehr – Lobban, *Rhode Island College*

Panelists:

Kim Searcy, *Loyola University of Chicago*

The Mahdiyya and Southern Sudanese Peoples: A Charismatic Community

Crystal Murphy, *Chapman University*

Questioning Efficacy: a look inside cash-based relief in Mingkaman, South Sudan

Francis Limbe, *Independent Scholar*

Land Grabs and the Current Conflicts in South Sudan

Benaiah Yongo-Bure, *Kettering University*

South Sudan in the Emerging Regional Trade of Eastern Africa

**3:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Additional Session**

**Location: BA 253**

**Arizona Sudanese-American Youth Activities**

Panelists:

Tabarak Bashir Abdelhabib, *Arizona State University*

Mohamad Jalal Yousif, *Arizona State University*

Amr Eljack, *Arizona State University*



**4:30 – 6:00 PM**

**Plenary Session (5)**

**Location: BA 265**

**The Khartoum Trial of Rolf Steiner: A Mercenary in the Sudan**

Chair: Lako Tongun, *Pitzer College, Claremont University Consortium*

Panelists:

Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, *Rhode Island College*  
Monitoring the Steiner Trial

Richard Lobban, *Rhode Island College*  
War and Politics in the Southern Sudan: Insurgency and counter-Insurgency

Scopas Poggo, *Ohio State University* (Read by Souad T. Ali)  
Southern Sudanese/ Anya Nya during the time of Steiner

Khalid Kodi, *Boston College*  
Flags and Banners as Voices: Participatory art out of war zones

**9:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Location: BA 258**

**Please have a moment to stop by the book display for books on Sudan and South Sudan**



6:30 – 9:30 PM

Banquet

Location: Old Main: Carlson Room

7:30 PM

## **Keynote Address (1)**

### **Dr. Pamela DeLargy, *Arizona State University***

**Professor of Practice in the School of Politics and Global Studies  
Adviser on International Development Initiatives in the Office of the  
President**

Introduction by Dr. Nina Berman, *Arizona State University*

Moderated by Dr. Souad T. Ali, SSA President. *Arizona State University*



***“Ana Sudani (I am Sudanese):***

### **Will the Sudanese Youth be Able to Resolve the Sudan's Age Afro-Arab Identity Issues and Create a New Nation?”**

Dr. Pamela DeLargy is a public health and population specialist who is rejoining academia after a twenty years career in international development and humanitarian response where she worked in the areas of population and development, migration, gender and development (including reproductive health). Professor DeLargy also served for a number of years in Eritria, Sudan, and Ethiopia and is a specialist on the Horn Africa, where she also did her dissertation research. Prior to joining ASU, she was Senior Advisor to the U.N. Special Representative for Migration (London) and a Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Global Affairs of the London School of Economics. Her recent research and writing is on the cross – Mediterranean migration crisis. Ms. DeLargy works closely with ASU's Education for Humanity initiative, which seeks to bring access to higher education to camp – based and urban refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Uganda, and Ethiopia.



**9:00 – 6:00 PM**

**Location: BA 257**

## **Art Gallery**



**Khalid Kodi, Adjunct Professor, Boston College**

Khalid Kodi is an international artist of Sudanese origin. He uses contemporary themes and methods along two lines of work. Conceptual, Political Work and Aesthetic Paintings and Installations. He is a pioneer on participatory Art and using art to address issues of identity, coexistence and PTSD art therapy. Khalid Kodi is an Adjunct Professor at Boston College, Visiting Faculty at Northeastern University and Massachusetts College of Art and Design.



## Sunday June 9, 2019

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**Plenary Session 6**

**Location:** MU 207 Gold Room

**Round Table: The Third Sudanese Civil Revolution**

**Organized by Dr. Souad T. Ali**

Chair: Richard Lobban, *Rhode Island College*

Panelists:

Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, *Rhode Island College*

Ahmed Kodouda, *George Washington University*

Souad T. Ali, *Arizona State University*

Abdullahi Gallab, *Arizona State University*

**11:00 – 12:00 PM**

**Plenary Session 7**

**Location:** MU 207 Gold Room

**Roundtable: The Ties That Bind, Current Crises, and the Futures of the Sudans**

Chair: Abdullahi Gallab, *Arizona State University*

Panelists:

Bakry Elmedni, *Long Island University*

Benaiah Yongo-Bure, *Kettering University*

Lako Tongun, *Pitzer College, Claremont University Consortium.*



**12:30 – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch / Keynote Address**

**Location:** Memorial Union (MU)  
241A Ventana A

## **Keynote Address (2)**

**Dr. Suliman Baldo**

***U.N. Independent Expert on Human Rights  
Senior Policy Advisor for the Enough Project***

**Moderator: Dr. Souad T. Ali, SSA President. Arizona State University**



### **“The Economic Underpinnings of Sudan’s Militia State”**

Dr. Suliman Baldo serves as Senior Policy Advisor for the Enough Project. Previously, Dr. Baldo directed Sudan Democracy First Group, a Sudan – focused think tank aiming to help bring about faster democratization and peace to the war torn country. Dr. Baldo held the mandate of the UN Independent Expert on the Human Rights Situation in Mali between 2013 – 2018. In 2010 and 2011, he provided expert advice to joint UN and African Union mediation teams on justice for victims of the conflict in Darfur and worked as an independent commissioner in the UN Independent Commission of Investigations into post-election violence in Cote d’Ivoire. Between 2006 and early 2013, Dr. Baldo served as director of the Africa Program at the International Center for Transitional Justice, where he oversaw six country programs that supported post-conflict transitions in Africa through justice and other institutional reforms. He served as Africa Director at the International Crisis Group from 2004 to 2006, and worked between 1995 to 2002 at Human Rights Watch as senior researcher for the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Horn of Africa. He has lectured at the University of Khartoum and worked in the humanitarian sector, first as a volunteer and later professionally, serving as director for Sudan and the Horn of Africa for Oxfam America (1988 – 1992). Dr. Baldo holds a PhD in Comparative Literature from the University of Dijon in France and undergraduate degrees from the University of Khartoum.

## **SSA Business Meeting**

**1:30 – 2:30 PM**

**Location:** Memorial Union (MU)  
241A Ventana A

**Dr. Souad T. Ali and Dr. Lako Tongun Presiding**

**2:30 – 3:00 PM.**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Location:** Memorial Union (MU)  
241A Ventana A

**Dr. Souad T. Ali**

**Dr. Lako Tongun**

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**6:00 PM Dinner at the Sudanese-American Center, Mesa, Arizona**

**You are all cordially invited for Sudanese Cuisine Dinner and Music at the Sudanese-American Center, Mesa Arizona. At 6:00 PM.**



Address: 546 N Vineyard, Mesa, AZ 85201

**Please see next page for the location of next year's program**



**We look forward to seeing you next year at  
Pitzer College (Claremont, CA) for the  
39th SSA Annual Conference,  
June 2020**

