



THE AFRICA SEMINAR GRADUATE STUDENTS' CONFERENCE  
JUNE 10-12, 2021 | VIRTUAL EVENT

CALL FOR

# AFRICANIST KNOWLEDGE THAT AGITATES

WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**DR. FRANK MUGISHA**

Executive Director, Sexual Minorities Uganda (SMUG), Robert Kennedy Human Rights  
Awardee, Thorolf Rafto Memorial Prize Awardee, Finalist Nobel Peace Prize

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Assistant Professor of African-American and African Studies at the Carter G. Woodson  
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**The Africa Seminar at Northwestern University's Program of African Studies** invites submissions that engage with critical African, African-American, Africana, and Diaspora Studies to participate in our annual graduate students' conference. This year the two-day conference will be held from **Thursday June 10 to Saturday June 12, 2021.**\*

**Papers may engage with but are not limited to the following:**

- Dis/connections between academic and activist knowledge
- Scholar activisms, organizing, collaboration, and engagement
- Decolonization, unsettling of African Studies
- Interrogations of epistemological approaches, theories, methods of disciplinary research
- Inquiry into the economic, social, historical, linguistic, genetic, geopolitical, ecological, and biomedical factors that shape and have shaped African societies
- Disciplinary and transdisciplinary research that informs questions that relate broadly to Africanist knowledge
- Art, poetry, performance which interrogates expertise on Africanist knowledge, Africanisms, or critical inquiry

**Contribution formats may include:**

- Paper presentation, reading
- Visual media (artwork, photography, fashion)
- Film
- Audio
- Performance (live or recorded)

**Submission guidelines:**

1. Abstract or a portfolio of work with an artist's statement should be no more than 250 words
2. To submit, copy this link to your browser: <https://forms.gle/Li1jEZ35VcixfYqK8>

**Submission deadline:** April 8, 2021

**Questions? Email:** [afrisem@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:afrisem@u.northwestern.edu)

\* The conference is being planned to be held online. However, if the institutional policy changes, the conference may be held hybrid, with the in-person part taking place at Northwestern University campus in Evanston, IL.