“Doing Good”: Religions and Development in Africa
Friday 6 March and Saturday 7 March, Stanford Humanities Center

All sessions will take place in the Board Room, except the Keynote Lecture (this will be in Levinthal Hall)

Friday 6 March 2020

8:30 am: Coffee
9:00 am: Opening Remarks

9:45 am – 12:00 pm Panel One: Development, Religions and Transnational Networks
(with 15-minute break half-way through)

Mayke Kaag (Leiden University)
“Trust and Trust Making in the Work of Islamic Charities from the Gulf Region in Africa”

Jennifer Upton (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
“Mission work, Development and Global Research Networks at McCord Hospital in the Wake of HIV”

Mara Leichtman (Michigan State University)
“Transnational Networks and Global Shi’i Islamic NGOs in Tanzania”

Charlotte Walker-Said (John Jay College, CUNY)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Panel Two: Accommodations between Religious and Developmental Discourses

Mohamed Yunus Rafiq (New York University Shanghai)
“I am not a shehe: I am Mwalimu’: Misrecognition of Religious Health Leaders in Public Health Programs in Tanzania”

Robyn D’Avignon (New York University)
“Conversion and Development in Southeastern Senegal, 1960s to 1970s”

Marie Nathalie Le Blanc (Universite du Quebec a Montreal)
“The ONG-ization of Spiritual Healing: The Case of Religious NGOs in Ivory Coast”

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Coffee

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm: Panel Three: Religious Practitioners Debating their Relationship with Development

Devaka Premawardhana (Emory University)
“Growing Up by Going Back: Initiation Rites and Development Debates in Mozambique”

Charles Prempeh (University of Cambridge)
“Re-envisioning Pentecostal Developmentalism in Postcolonial Ghana: The Case of the Church of Pentecost”
Stephen Offutt (Asbury Theological Seminary)  
“Contesting Spirituality and Development within Evangelicalism”  
4:30 pm – 5 pm Break  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm: Keynote Lecture  
Nimi Wariboko (Boston University): “Disruption and Promise: The Religious Powers of Development”  
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm: Drinks Reception  

Saturday 7 March  
8:30 am: Coffee  
9:00 am – 10:30 am: Panel Four: Gender, Religions and Development  
Barbara Cooper (Rutgers University)  
Aala Abdelgadir (Stanford University)  
“Women’s everyday lives and conservative Muslim preachers in Uganda”  
Devon Golaszewski (Columbia University)  
“Religious Identity and Gender-Based Development from the Union Nationale des Femmes du Mali to the Union Nationale des Femme Musulmanes du Mali, 1974 – 2000”  
10:30 am – 11:00 am: Coffee  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm: Panel Five: Choice and Competition among Religious Actors in Development  
Ann Swidler (University of California, Berkeley)  
“‘Everyone Can Choose’: Meanings of Religious Choice in Rural Malawi”  
Kabiru Haruna Isa (Bayero University, Kano)  
“Islam and Development in Northern Nigeria: Exploring the Role of Salafi Organizations in the Provision of Social Services in Kano”  
Hansjorg Dilger (Freie Universitaet Berlin)  
“Learning Values in the Haven of Peace: The Politics of Christian and Islamic Schooling in Urban Tanzania”  
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm: Lunch  
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Panel Six: Moralizing Development  
Harri Englund (University of Cambridge)  
“Development as Sacrifice: 19th Century Struggles for Epistemic and Social in Central Africa”  
Sean Hanretta (Northwestern University)  
“Rethinking Extravagance”
Gregory Mann (Columbia University)
“Between Development and Justice: Muslim Women’s Associations in Bamako”