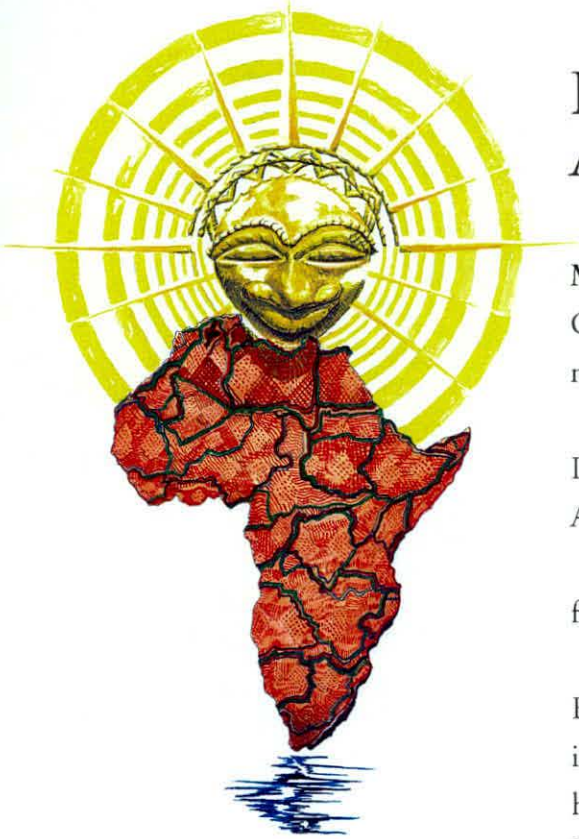




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International Scholar Directs FIU's African-New World Studies Program

MIAMI, FL (1998) -- Through the years renowned scholar and author Carole Boyce Davies has studied and written literature that has removed the minority consciousness toward people of African descent.

As the new director of the African-New World Studies Program at Florida International University, Boyce Davies expects to broaden the boundaries of Africana studies.

"I see a great potential for the program's growth at a university that plans for the future with high energy," said Boyce Davies.

Originally from Trinidad, Boyce Davies earning her bachelor's degree in English at the University of Maryland in 1971. In 1974 she got her masters in African Studies from Howard University and three years later she earned her Ph.D. in African/Caribbean literature from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. She is the author of numerous articles, chapters and five books.

Through a distinguished career that has taken her to Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe, Boyce Davies has developed an international perspective on many issues.

"Dr. Boyce Davies is an example of a professional that is helping to make FIU a truly great university," said FIU President Modesto A. Maidique. "Her contributions will enrich our established multicultural environment."

Boyce Davies would like to help the FIU African-New World Studies Program develop into a unique program that looks at African descent communities not only in the United States but throughout the Americas and internationally.

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