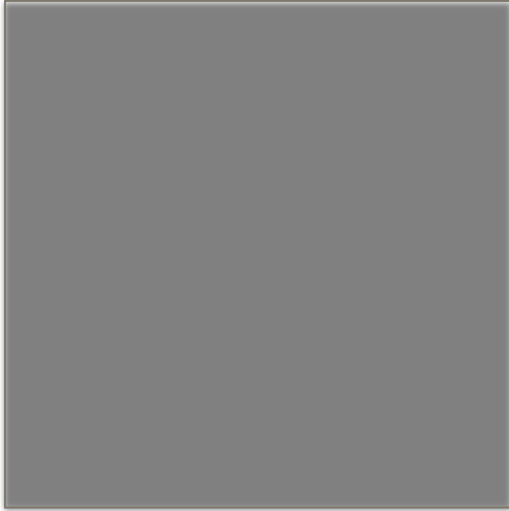


# Indian Ocean Imaginaries

Friday 16 October 2015, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM  
126 Voorhies, University of California, Davis



## "Reimagining Indian Ocean Worlds" Mellon Research Initiative Symposium

### 9.00 AM-9.15AM: Opening Remarks

**David Biale** (Director, Davis Humanities Institute)

**Smriti Srinivas & Bettina Ng'weno**

### 9.15 AM-11.15 AM: Panel I

**Chair: Bettina Ng'weno** (African American & African Studies, UCD)

**Gaurav Desai** (English and African & African Diaspora Studies, Tulane University): "Frail Skiffs Tossed on the Ocean of Life'? Gender and Romance in Nineteenth Century Zanzibar"

**Allen F Roberts** (World Arts & Cultures/Dance, UCLA): "Ever Restless, Always Recombinant: Spiritscapes of the Indian Ocean World"

**Martha Saavedra** (Center for African Studies, UCB): "Creating Space: Women's Football around the Indian Ocean"

**Responses:** May Eee Wong (Cultural Studies, UCD) & Chris Miller (Graduate Group in Religion, UCD)

### 11.15 AM-11.30 AM: Tea

### 11.30 AM-1.30PM: Panel II

**Chair: James Smith** (Anthropology, UCD)

**Jeremy Prestholdt** (History, UCSD): "Locating the Indian Ocean: Notes on the Postcolonial Reconstitution of Space"

**Nidhi Mahajan** (African Studies Center & International Institute for Asian Studies, Leiden): "The Coast is Not Kenya: Coastal Nationalism in a Moment of Danger"

**May Joseph** (Global Studies, Pratt Institute): "Archipelagic Detours"

**Responses:** Justin Haruyama (Anthropology, UCD) and Biditha Tithi (Graduate Group in Geography, UCD)

### 1.30-2.30 PM: Lunch

### 2.30-4:00 PM: Panel III

**Chair: Parama Roy** (English, UCD)

**Polly Roberts** (Worlds Arts & Cultures/Dance, UCLA): "A Saint at the Edges of Worlds: Imbrications of Identity in Indian Ocean Devotions"

**Ketaki Pant** (Bucknell University): "A Poet's Ocean"

**Responses:** Gillian Irwin (Ethnomusicology, UCD) & Tracy Sachs (Graduate Group in Religion, UCD)

### 4.00 PM-4.30 PM: Tea

### 4.30 PM-6.00 PM: Roundtable

**Facilitated by Neelima Jeychandran** (Mellon Visiting Assistant Professor in Indian Ocean Worlds, UCD)

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