



BAKER-NORD CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES

The Baker-Nord Center is pleased to announce a new research working group program for 2008-2009. The subject of this first working group series is, *The Subaltern and the Poetics of War in Africa*, a seminar facilitated by Gilbert Doho of the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures at Case Western Reserve University.

The Fall 2008 Baker-Nord Research Working Group, *The Subaltern and the Poetics of War in Africa*, examines the role of women and child soldiers in war in Africa and the Middle East. The speakers will explore the poetic exploitation of violence on and by women and children in contemporary society, and will assess the effects of post-war trauma using literary works, films, and living testimonies.

All lectures are free and open to the public.

<p>September 4 <i>From Sozaboy to Beasts of No Nation: The Poetics of War in Nigeria</i></p> <p>Gilbert Doho</p> <p>Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, and Director of Ethnic Studies, Case Western Reserve University.</p>	<p>September 25 <i>War and Children: Adolescents in Postcolonial Badjoko, Dongola, Kourouma, and Monénembo Novels</i></p> <p>Koffi Aniyefa</p> <p>Professor of French and Francophone Studies, Haverford College.</p>	<p>October 7 <i>The Production of Meaning in the Narratives of Child Soldiers</i></p> <p>Cilas Kemedjio</p> <p>Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies, University of Rochester.</p>
<p>October 16 <i>Somewhere between Chad and Congo: Lost Childhood in the Central African Republic</i></p> <p>Cheryl Toman</p> <p>Associate Professor of French and Francophone Studies, Department of Modern Languages and Literatures, Case Western Reserve University.</p>	<p>November 4 <i>Exploding Bodies: Palestinian Weapons of Destruction</i></p> <p>Alice Bach</p> <p>Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan Professor of Catholic Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Case Western Reserve University.</p>	<p>The free public lectures will be held:</p> <p>2:45 — 4:00 p.m. Clark Hall, Room 206 11130 Bellflower Rd</p> <p>Visitor Parking: -Metered lot (Ford & Euclid) -Severance Hall garage</p>