

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 &
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013**



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Richmond Sister Cities Commission
Virginia Friends of Mali
Richmond Peace Education Center**

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MORNING

11AM—All day

Info Tables

(James River Terrace & Second Floor Corridors outside the Richmond Salons)

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AFTERNOON

12 PM—1 PM

Registration

(First floor corridor by the Floyd Ave. entrance)

1 PM

Opening Ceremony

(Commons Theatre)

Welcoming addresses by:

- Dr. Beverly J. Warren, VCU Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Wanda Mitchell, VCU Vice President for Inclusive Excellence
- Dr. Adria Scharf, Director of Richmond Peace Education Center
- Ms. Ana Edwards, President of Virginia Friends of Mali
- Dr. Patricia Cummins, Chair of Richmond Sister Cities Commission, Professor of French and International Studies at VCU

1:30 PM

Building Peace Through Better Health and Poverty Alleviation: Sister Cities International and the Gates Foundation Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program (AUPAP)

(Commons Theatre)

Panel discussion of the Africa Urban Poverty Alleviation Program.

- **Moderator:** Dr. Patricia W. Cummins, VCU, and Chair of the Richmond Sister Cities Commission
- **Interpreter:** Brahim Koné, Instructor in the VCU School of World Studies & Board Member of Virginia Friends of Mali.
- The Honorable Dwight C. Jones, Mayor of the City of Richmond, *"Greetings to the Mayor and City Councilman from Ségou Mali and Welcome to Richmond"*.

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AUPAP (cont.)

- Monsieur le Maire Ousmane K. Simaga, Mayor of Ségou, Mali
“Reconnaissance de la riche collaboration entre Ségou et la Ville de Richmond ”.
- Dr. Cynthia Newbille, City Council Representative to the Sister Cities Commission
“Richmond Sister Cities Commission’s Role in People to People Diplomacy”.
- Ms. Mary D. Kane, President and CEO of Sister Cities International
“Description of the African Urban Poverty Alleviation Program and presentation of new publication describing AUPAP Projects Supported in This Initiative”.
- Mr. Allan Levenberg, Richmond Sister Cities Commissioner & Richmond AUPAP Coordinator, and Mr. Madani Sissoko, City Council Member & Ségou, Mali Project Director, *“Presentation of the Ségou-Richmond Gates Foundation AUPAP Project” / “Présentation du projet AUPAP de la Fondation Gates à Ségou”.*

1:30 PM—6 PM

Screenings of International Films

(Virginia Rooms A-D & Commons Theatre)

All films include English subtitles.

1:30 PM—3:50 PM

- **“La Bataille d’Alger”** 121 min. *(Virginia Room A)*
(Remarks by Prof. Salwa Sheibany to follow). * *This screening is an out-of-classroom viewing ONLY for select enrolled FREN, ARBC, ANTH, WRLD, and INTL students.* *
- **“The Manuscripts of Timbuktu”** 74 min. *(Virginia Room B)*
(Remarks by Prof. Karim Halty to follow).
- **“La Nuit de la vérité”** 100 min. *(Virginia Room C)*
(Remarks by Ms. Nasha Lewis to follow).
- **“Hijos de las nubes, la última colonia”** 82 min. *(Virginia Room D)*
(Remarks by Dr. Duanel Díaz Infante to follow).

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1:30PM—6 PM
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Screenings of International Films (cont.)

3 PM—4:15 PM

- “Pray the Devil Back to Hell” 72 min. (*Commons Theatre*)

4:15 PM—6PM

- “I Am Slave” 82 min. (*Virginia Room A*)
(Remarks by Dr. Christopher Brooks to follow). **This screening is an out-of-classroom viewing ONLY for select enrolled FREN, ARBC, ANTH, WRDL, and INTL students.**
- “The Manuscripts of Timbuktu” 74 min. (*Virginia Room B*)
- “La Nuit de la vérité” 100 min. (*Virginia Room C*)
- “Hijos de la nubes, la última colonia” 82 min. (*Virginia Room C*)

2PM—4PM

Workshops

(*Richmond Salons 1-4 & Forum Room*)

- **Teachers’ Standards of Learning (SOL) Workshop 1: “Women, Griots, and the Lion King”**
Dr. Robin E. Poulton (VCU) and Virginia Friends of Mali lead a session for in-service and pre-service teachers, targeting the Virginia Department of Education’s Standards of Learning for elementary and secondary school students. (*Richmond Salon 1 –2*)
- **Introduction to the Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT) Workshop**
MERLOT consultants Dr. Moustapha Diack (Southern University) and Laura Franklin (Northern Virginia Community College) present the MERLOT African Network, its resources, and its opportunities for joint research and curricular initiatives focused on Africa (partially funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education). Prior online registration preferred. (*Hibbs Hall, Room 330*)
- **Richmond Peace Education Center (RPEC) Workshop**
RPEC trainers Santa Sorenson (RPEC) and Ram Bhagat (RPEC) lead a session on the Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) program, its successes in the field, and how to implement this peacemaking program in Richmond. (*Richmond Salon 3*)

4 PM—6 PM

Workshops (continued)

(*Richmond Salons & Forum Room*)

2PM-4PM workshops will be repeated in the same locations.
(**Teachers’ SOL Workshop 2: “Timbuktu’s Legacy to Virginia”.**)

EVENING

6PM—7:15PM

Cultural Reception featuring Cheick Hamala Diabaté

(Commonwealth Ballroom)

Cultural evening bringing together Liberian and Malian traditions, history, and music. Catered by Chef Mamasu Restaurant. Malian griot performance by Cheick Hamala Diabaté, Assetou Diabaté, and their musicians. Instruments include the ngoni and kora.

**Entry to this event requires prior registration.*

7:30 PM—10PM

Film Screening and Address by Abigail Disney

(Harris Hall, across the Commons Plaza)

Screening of “*Pray the Devil Back to Hell*” and formal address by producer Abigail Disney. Hosted by Prof. Brahima Koné (VCU and Virginia Friends of Mali). Introduction by Antoinette Essa (WTVR). Announcement from the Liberian Association of Virginia President, Garway Bright.

7:45 PM—9 PM

Cheick Hamala Diabaté– Encore Performance

(Commons Plaza, weather permitting)

Malian music and dancing to the beat of music played by Cheick Hamala Diabaté and his musicians.



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9:00 AM—All day

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9:00 AM– 11:30 AM

Poster Session

(Richmond Salon 4)

Undergraduate students will visually display their recent work relating to the conference theme. Poster Session Awards to be given at the Keynote Luncheon.

10:15AM—11:45 AM

Featured Sessions

(Virginia Rooms A-D, Commons Theatre, Forum Room)

Panels will explore topics in women, war, and peace, and discuss films from Friday's screenings.

Forum Room

“Roundtable Discussion on Interdisciplinary Approaches to Women’s Health Care in West Africa”

- Dr. Nancy Jallo (VCU), Nursing
- Dr. Saba Masho (VCU), Epidemiology + Medicine
- Dr. Patricia Cummins (VCU), Languages + Intercultural Communication
- Mr. Greg Mayes (VCU), Microbiology + Spanish + French
- Ms. Julia Martin (VCU), Public Health + French, Moderator

Commons Theatre

“La nuit de la vérité ”

- Dr. Janice Spleth (WVU, African Literature Association),
“*Imagining Women’s Place in the War Story*”
- Dr. Kandioura Dramé (University of Virginia)
- Dr. Kathryn Murphy-Judy (VCU), Moderator

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Featured Sessions (cont.)

(Virginia Rooms A-D, Commons Theatre, Forum Room)

Virginia Room A

“Hijos de las nubes: la última colonia”

- Dr. David Fernández Díaz (University of Virginia at Wise), “España: origen y solución en el conflicto del Sahara Occidental.”
- Dr. Monika Ciesielkiewicz (Centro Universitario Villanueva, Complutense, University of Madrid), “*Saharawi Women - Educators and Promoters of Peace*”.
- Dr. Mar Góngora (VCU), Moderator

Virginia Room B

Cultural Contexts for the “The Manuscripts of Timbuktu”

- Dr. Bernardo Piciché (VCU), “*Leo Africanus, the Mediterranean, and the Women of Timbuktu*”.
- Dr. Bruce Hall (Duke University), “*The Politics of Old Paper: Narratives of Rescue or Cashing in on the Arabic Manuscripts of Timbuktu?*”
- Dr. Ibrahim ag Youssouf (Interpeace)
- Dr. Babatunde Lawal (VCU), Moderator

Virginia Room C & D

“This is Our Story” Roundtable Discussion and comments by the Liberian Association of Virginia (LAVA)

- Ms. Antoinette Essa (WTVR), Moderator
- Mr. Garway Bright (LAVA), “*The Liberian Civil War and the role of ‘ordinary’ women...a brief recap*”.
- Dr. Sophie Williams (Goodwill Industries)
- Levi R. Johnson (National Counseling Group, Inc.)
- Yeatoe G. McIntosh (Chickahominy Health District)

AFTERNOON

11:45 AM—1 PM

Keynote Luncheon

*(Commonwealth Ballroom) *Entry to this event requires prior registration.*

A celebration of Mali’s National Day (September 22) and ceremony honoring special guests, catered by Gorée Catering, hosted by Dr. Robin Poulton (VCU, *Virginia Friends of Mali*).

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Keynote Luncheon (cont.)

- Keynote Address: Son Excellence Monsieur Al Maamoun Baba Lamine Keita, Ambassador of Mali, "*Considering the Chances of War and Peace in the Sahara*"
- Special Recognitions.
- Awarding of UN Service Medals to two of Mali's most respected peace makers, Dr. Ibrahim ag Youssof and former Malian Minister of Arts, Trade, and Tourism, Mme Zakiatou oualett Haletine, for their roles in the conflict resolution and peace reconciliation after the Tuareg Rebellion of the 1990s.

1:15 PM—2:15 PM

Plenary Session: What Happened to Peace in Timbuktu?

(Commons Theatre)

A discussion of Malian conflict, past and present, and ways to end ethnic strife under the newly elected Malian president.

- Dr. Robin E. Poulton (VCU and United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research)
- Dr. Ibrahim ag Youssof (Interpeace)
- Dr. Bernard Moitt (VCU), Moderator

2 PM—5 PM

Academic, Professional, and Community Panels

(Virginia Rooms A-D, Richmond Salons 1-4, Forum Room)

2 PM—3:20 PM

"The Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) Summer Peacebuilding Institute" *(Forum Room)*

- Dr. Jayne Docherty, (EMU)
- Mr. Thomas Garnett (EMU), Liberia
- Charles Kwuelum (EMU) Nigeria
- Jean Claude Nkundwa (EMU) Burundi

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Panels (cont.)

(Virginia Rooms A-D, Richmond Salons 1-4, Forum Room)

2 PM—3:20 PM (cont.)

“War and Peace and the Health of Women” *(Virginia Rooms A & B)*

- Dr. Nancy Jallo (VCU and Physicians for Peace)
- Dr. Saba Masho (VCU)
- Prof. Kalifa Touré (Cri de Coeur du Nord Mali and Université des Sciences Sociales et de Gestion de Bamako)
- Dr. Joseph Windham (Northern Virginia Community College), Moderator

“Girls as Survivors Following Child Soldiering” *(Virginia Rooms C & D)*

- Dr. Michael Wessells (Columbia University), “*Girl Soldiers in West Africa: Myths, Realities, and Priorities for Reintegration*”
- Ms. Beth Maclin (Harvard Humanitarian Initiative), “*Comparing the Ways in Which Boys and Girls Experienced Child Soldiering in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo*”
- Dr. Patricia Maulden (George Mason University), “*Conceptualizing Gender in War and Peace: Girl Soldiers in Sierra Leone and Liberia*”
- Dr. Jennifer Garvin-Sanchez (VCU, Richmond Peace Education Center), Moderator

“Research Issues in Conflict and Peacebuilding” *(Richmond Salon 1)*

- Dr. Abu Bakarr Bah (Northern Illinois University), “*African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review: Issues from the First Four WARA Conferences*”
- Dr. Macki Samaké (Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako), “*Mali and Francophone Africa*”
- Dr. Hyojin Im (VCU), “*Peace Education Programs for Refugees in Kenya*”
- Dr. Janice Spleth (WVU), Moderator

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Panels (cont.)

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2 PM—3:20 PM (cont.)

“Project C.U.R.E. in Ségou, Mali ” (Richmond Salon 2)

- Mayor Ousmane K. Simaga (Ségou, Mali)
- Councilman Madani Sissoko (Conseiller Municipal of Ségou)
- Mr. Joe Miklosi, (Project C.U.R.E., Colorado State Representative)
- Ms. Laura Gwathmey (Physicians for Peace), *“Physicians for Peace: Efforts in Mali”*
- Dr. Patricia Cummins (VCU, Richmond Sister Cities Commission), Interpreter
- Mr. Allan Levenberg (Richmond Sister Cities Commission), Moderator

“Economic Impact of War on Women and Families” (Richmond Salon 3)

- Ms. Zakiatou oualett Haletine (Former Malian Minister of Arts, Trade, and Tourism), *“War on Tuareg Women and Families in Timbuktu”*
- Lloyd McCormick (ChildFund International), *“Livelihoods and Economic Recovery in War-Affected Environments – Lessons Learned from Sierra Leone, Northern Uganda, and Liberia”*
- Mr. Brahim Koné (VCU), Moderator

3:30 PM—4:50 PM

“The Intersection of Gender and Conflict” (Virginia Rooms A & B)

- Dr. Carolyn Stauffer (Eastern Mennonite University), *“Gender Mainstreaming in War and Peace: Panacea, Band-Aid or First Step?”*
- Mr. Patrick Hakizimana (George Mason University), *“Critiquing Approaches to Women’s Empowerment and Protection: Implication for Intervention in Conflict and Post-conflict Settings –1”*
- Ms. Doris M. Saydee (George Mason University), *“Critiquing Approaches to Women’s Empowerment and Protection: Implication for Intervention in Conflict and Post-conflict Settings –2 ”*
- Mr. Bernard R. Londoni (George Mason University), *“Critiquing Approaches to Women’s Empowerment and Protection: Implication for Intervention in Conflict and Post-conflict Settings –3”*
- Dr. Cynthia Irmer (US Department of State), *“The State Department’s Prevention Pillar of the U.S. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security.”*, Moderator

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“2013 Malian Elections ” *(Virginia Rooms C & D)*

- Dr. Macki Samaké (Université des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de Bamako), “*Great Expectations from Mali! From Triumph to Tragedy*”
- Ms. Adam Ouologuem (Journalist)
- Ambassador Robert Pringle, Moderator

“Non-Profit Projects Promoting Peace in Sub-Saharan Africa” *(Richmond Salon 2)*

- Dr. Ibrahim ag Yousseuf (Interpeace)
- Prof. Kalifa Touré (Cri de Cœur du Nord Mali, Université des Sciences Sociales et de Gestion de Bamako)
- Lloyd McCormick (ChildFund International)
- Ms. Karin Taylor (Ten Thousand Villages), Moderator

“Women Seeking Non-Military Strategies to Peace” *(Richmond Salon 3)*

- Dr. Abu Bakarr Bah (Northern Illinois University), “*Women Civil Non-State Actors in Peacebuilding*”
- Dr. Adria Scharf (Richmond Peace Education Center)
- Dr. Robin E. Poulton (VCU and United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research)
- Lydie Alapini, Esq. (Virginia Friends of Mali)
- Ms. Ana Edwards (Virginia Friends of Mali), Moderator

5 PM

Malian Closing Tea Ceremony

(Commonwealth Ballroom)

A symbolic social ceremony to conclude conference events. Hosted by Virginia Friends of Mali.



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Good luck to the citizens of Mali and their new President, Ibrahim Boubacar Keita.



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