

**EDITORIAL**  
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Welcome, to the Fall 2010 edition. I hope you will enjoy the six scholarly essays on: migration, health science, religion, politics of survival, technology, and education. I thank the authors for their contributions to knowledge. The Intercultural Center co-sponsored Professor Matlou's presentation at KCKCC earlier this year, and I remain grateful to the Director and her staff.

Matlotleng Matlou's "Migration" essay comes when Arizona's controversial immigration law has seriously polarized the United States. Since its enactment, there has been a 'political tsunami' raging over the issue. The 'war' is between those who favor a more humane treatment of illegal migrants, and those who advocate deportation and tougher border enforcement. "It also unlawfully and unconstitutionally interferes with federal power and authority over immigration matters," insists the NAACP. But, Matlou argues that, "Human history cannot be told without reference to migration."

Readers will gain an insider's experience on this controversial topic, since the author himself was born in South Africa during the era of massive human rights abuses under Apartheid. According to Dr. Matlou, "Due to failed economies, an estimated 300,000 highly skilled African professionals currently reside and work abroad, especially, in the United States. Of these numbers, more than 30,000 are believed to have Ph.D. degrees, especially from Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya. Africa's loss has become America's gain."

Equally polarizing is the issue of the origins of the HIV pandemic. Curtis Smith, a regular contributor to the e-journal, explores the various theories concerning this human scourge.

From *migration* and *health science* themes, Mehdi Shariati takes the reader on a journey into, yet, another polemical topic- religion in his essay, "Hegemony and Resistance in the Name of God." Simply put, Mehdi's piece reveals the contradictions of what the economics professor calls the "hegemonic class" and the belief that, "the meek shall inherit the Earth."

Next, the U.S. based *Igbo Studies Association* is gearing up for a global conference entitled, "Nkiruka," (future is greater) scheduled for April, 2011, at Howard University, Washington D.C.. Chieke Ihejirika's "Ndiigbo: A Quest for Survival and Prosperity," comes when the defeated Igbo nation (formerly known as Biafra) is re-evaluating its position within the multinational Nigerian federation. Forty-Four years after the civil war, "What went wrong? When did the rain begin to beat Igbo people?" asks professor Ihejirika, metaphorically.

Susan Ives' 3D *Simulation* has been described as "the most enjoyable article" by one of KCKCC's web designers, apparently, because of the innovative new ideas it espouses. According to Susan, "A multidisciplinary course sequence addressing the creation of 3D environmental simulations could be of benefit to all disciplines involved and [could stimulate] student interest in the subject." From migration, health science, religion, politics, and technology themes, Dagny Velazquez, shares her educational/conference experiences in instructing students from multicultural backgrounds. "The more aware I am of the unconscious assumptions I make, the more effective I am at teaching and advising my students. Just as important, the more I develop relationships with my students, the more I learn about other cultures, other ways of viewing and understanding the world, so that I broaden my horizon and gain insight into the beauty and possibilities in life." This edition is a must read. Enjoy!!

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