A Symposium on the Future of Multi-Party Democracy in East Africa

University Capitol Centre 1117, International Commons

April 1-2 2011

Friday, April 1, 2011

9:00-9:30  Coffee and refreshments

9:30-10:00  Welcome:

  Downing A. Thomas (Associate Provost and Dean of International Programs) and James Giblin (Department of History and Co-Director, African Studies Program, University of Iowa)

10:00-12:30  The Historical and Social Background in Tanzania

  Chair: Elke Stockreiter (Department of History, University of Iowa)

  James Brennan (Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign): “The Early History of Multiparty Politics in Postcolonial Tanzania”


  Mohamed Said Salum (Independent Scholar, Tanzania), “Recent Developments in Muslim Politics in Tanzania”

12:45-2:15  Lunch for invited guest speakers at One Twenty Six (126 E. Washington Street)
Saturday, April 2, 2011

8:30-9:00 Coffee and refreshments

9:00-11:00 Media Freedom and the Role of the Media in Tanzanian Politics

Chair: Leo Eko (School of Journalism and Mass Communication and Co-Director, African Studies Program, University of Iowa)

Bernard Mapalala (Journalist, Dar es Salaam), “The Media and Tanzania's March towards Effective Multiparty Democracy”

11:30-12:45 Lunch for participants (catered by Masala)

1:00-3:00 The Future of Democracy in Uganda

Chair: Edward Miner (International Studies Bibliographer, University of Iowa)

Joshua Rubongoya (Department of Public Affairs, Roanoke College), “The Future of Multi-Party Democracy/Politics in Uganda”

Joel Barkan (Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies), “Can Uganda Become a Modern Neo-Patrimonial State?”

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-5:30 Comparisons across East Africa

Chair: Marie Kruger (Department of English, University of Iowa)

Joel Barkan (Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies), “Disaggregating African Governance”

Aili Mari Tripp (Department of Political Science and Gender Women’s Studies), University of Wisconsin-Madison), “Trends in African Democratization”

These presentations will be followed by a round table discussion.

6:00pm Reception in UCC 1117 (catered by Oasis)