

FOREWORD

In order to provide an international structure for the humane and scientific study of Third World peoples, problems and issues, with the ultimate goal of improving quality of life, Dr. Harold Isaacs, Professor Emeritus of History at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, GA, founded the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), Inc., in 1983.

ATWS is now the largest professional Third World Studies organization in the world with a global membership and chapters in South Asia and Africa. Membership includes academics, practitioners in the area of Third World development, employees of government agencies, and diplomats.

ATWS began its history as an institution in 1991 when, under the newly ratified ATWS Constitution, elected officials assumed responsibility for the management of the organization. Since 1992 the Executive Headquarters have been located at Georgia Southern University (1992-2003), Mississippi State University (2003-2006), and Louisiana State University-Shreveport (2006-). Due to the dedicated and energetic leadership of Zia H. Hashmi and Paul Rodell at Georgia Southern, Shu-hui Wu at Mississippi State and, presently, William Pederson at LSUS, ATWS has made great progress as a global professional organization.

In 1995 the United Nations recognized the success of ATWS by granting it UN "consultative status," thus enabling the Association to increase its direct impact on Third World development.

ATWS appreciates greatly the financial support that Georgia Southwestern State University provides for the publication costs of JTWS.

ATWS' first annual meeting was held on October 21, 1983 at Georgia Southwestern College. The theme of this meeting was "Activities of U.S. Citizens in the Third World," a subject explored in the 35 pages of conference proceedings contained in the first issue of ATWS' scholarly periodical, *Journal of Third World Studies* (JTWS), published in the Fall of 1984. From this modest beginning JTWS has become a bi-annual multidisciplinary publication averaging, per issue, over 300 pages of articles, book reviews, book review essays, and conference and exhibit review essays, refereed and approved for publication by the JTWS Board of Editors which is comprised of scholars who are nationally and internationally-recognized experts in their respective academic fields.

Membership in ATWS is open to any person interested in Third World Studies. Yearly membership dues are \$60.00, which includes an annual subscription to JTWS. The yearly subscription rate is \$60.00, and single copies are \$30.00. Membership and subscription forms, as well as copies of JTWS, may be obtained by writing to the Association of Third World Studies, Inc., P.O. Box 1232, Americus, GA 31709-1232. Individuals interested in submitting articles and book reviews to be considered, or refereed, for publication by the

JTWS Board of Editors, should write to the Editor, Dr. Harold Isaacs, at the above address.

ATWS has an established website on the internet. The website was created in 1995 by Dr. M. Bazlul Karim, and is currently maintained by Svetlana Peltsverger. The address for the ATWS website is:

<http://apps.gsw.edu/~atws/>

The Thirty-Second Annual Meeting of ATWS, held at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, India, December 28-30, 2013, focused on the theme, “Prioritizing the Future: Continuity and Change in the Global South in the 21st Century.” The conference was co-sponsored by ATWS, Metropolita State University of Denver, Georgia Southwestern State University, and Louisiana State University Shreveport. Dr. Proviser, then Vice-President /President-Elect and program Chair, is to be congratulated and commended for the superlative meeting they conceived, organized and implemented. A detailed account of the conference appears in this issue.

The contents of this issue include both papers presented at the annual meeting as well as other manuscripts and book reviews approved for publication by the JTWS Board of Editors.

On behalf of all ATWS members and JTWS subscribers worldwide, the editor would like to express his gratitude to the associate editors of the Journal. Without the dedication and superlative scholarship skills and abilities of Yi Sun (Asia), Peter A. Dumbuya (Africa), and Chaitram Singh (Latin America), JTWS would not possess its present scope and quality.

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