

Introduction

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We are most pleased to present the second volume of *Global Africana Review* (GAR), our undergraduate research journal in which we showcase some of the best scholarship produced by students in our department. In addition to their academic acumen, the five articles in this issue demonstrate the multidisciplinary range of perspectives and the global focus of our department. In the first article, Emily C. Sheffield examines the work of three black woman scholars whose important contributions to the Négritude movement, and to the spread of black consciousness throughout the African Diaspora, have been overlooked by many scholars and minimized in relation to male scholars' involvement in this movement.

The next article by Anna McQuillin utilizes a case study of Madonna's adoptions from Malawi and Martha Nussbaum's capabilities approach to demonstrate the complexities faced by African states amid heightened global pressure to export the care of vulnerable children to international families through adoption. Next, Bryant Lee Chappell examines issues surrounding the enduring effects of the state of North Carolina's involuntary sterilization program from a framework of reproductive justice, and considers possibilities and limitations around attempts to seek justice for victims and their families. The following article, by Destinie Pittman, focuses on Mound Bayou, Mississippi, while tracing the changes in healthcare and civil rights activism over more than seven decades, before, during, and after Jim Crow.

In the last article, Emily Venturi looks at multiple approaches among African states in relation to the United Nations' adoption of the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families* (ICMWR). Noting significant variation in ratification rates within the African continent, the author examines the ratification failures and the opportunities that the ICMWR poses for nation states and their interests, and for migration management within the African continent. Two book reviews provide the finishing touches for this 2018 volume of our journal. The first, by Anna McQuillan, reviews Hillary Matfess' *Women and the War on Boko Haram: Wives, Weapons, Witnesses* (Zed Books, 2017), which examines the role of women in Boko Haram and the communities it affects. The second review, by Alexander Peebles, looks at the work by historian Paul Bjerck entitled *Julius Nyerere* (Ohio University Press, 2017), which explores the life and the complex legacy of the Tanzanian leader.

It has been a great honor to read these articles and I extend many thanks to the students who contributed to this volume of the GAR.

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