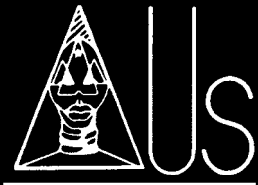


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29th Annual Seminar in
Social Theory & Practice

6246 July 23-29, 2006

Seminar Theme: "Ancient Africa as an Ethical Ideal: The Maatian Foundation and Framework"

The Kawaida Institute of Pan-African Studies (KIPAS) 29th Annual Seminar in Social Theory and Practice will provide critical analysis, discussion and strategies for addressing major issues confronting our community and the world from a Kawaida perspective. Kawaida is one of the most influential philosophies in Black intellectual history, playing a significant role in the movements of Black Power, Black Arts, Black Conventions, Black Studies, ancient Egyptian Studies, Afrocentricity, rites of passage, independent schools, Black student unions, Black theology and ethics, the Million Persons Marches and reparations. Kawaida defines itself as a communitarian African philosophy which constantly searches for and uses the best of African thought and practice (ancient and modern) in pursuit of the good and in constant exchange with the world.

Designed for current and future leaders, teachers, organizers, activists and critical thinkers, the seminar brings together people in various fields from around the country who share a common concern for African people

and the world, as well as a common commitment to progressive social change. It provides a context to learn and share ideas and strategies for leadership and struggle, and for reinforcement and recommitment to the ongoing struggles for freedom, justice, power of the masses of people over their destiny and daily lives and peace in the world.

This year's seminar will pursue the Kawaida practice of dialoguing with African culture, asking it questions and seeking from it answers to some of the fundamental questions of human life. Background reading will focus on Dr. Karenga's *Maat, The Moral Ideal in Ancient Egypt: A Study in Classical African Ethics* which poses ancient Africa as an ethical ideal from which we can draw paradigms and possibilities for addressing current moral and social issues. These include: reparations, immigration, war and peace, womanhood, manhood and male/female relationships, environmental care and justice, shared wealth and the right and responsibility of resistance in New Orleans, the Sudan, Haiti, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and everywhere.

Instructor:

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Seminar Dates: 23 – 29 July 2006

Sunday: July 23 Opening Session, 3pm

Monday-Friday: July 24-28, 6-9pm

Saturday: July 29, Closing Sessions, 9am

**For registration and information,
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