Symposium in Honor of the Retirement of Professor Filomina C. Steady
Chair of Africana Studies, Wellesley College
Friday, April 26th, 9.30am to 5.00pm
Collins Cinema

'African(a) Feminism and Women's Leadership in Global Context:
Honoring the Work of Professor Filomina Steady.'

9.30am

Welcome and Introduction
- Welcome – Professor Layli Maparyan, Executive Director, Wellesley Centers for Women and Professor of Africana Studies
- Greetings – President Paula Johnson, M.D., Wellesley College
- Thanks to Sponsors – Geofred Osoro, Lecturer, Africana Studies
- Introduction of Professor Filomina Steady – Dr. Liseli Fitzpatrick, Visiting Lecturer, Africana Studies
- Remarks by Professor Filomina Steady

10.00am - 11.00am

Keynote Address
- Introduction of the keynote speaker – Prof. Kellie Carter-Jackson, Africana Studies, Wellesley College
- Keynote Address: ‘Expanding Feminist Visions’ Chancellor’s Professor Obioma Nnaemeka, University of Indiana – Indianapolis

11.00am - 12.30pm

Faculty Panel
- Professor Stanlie James, Vice Provost and Professor, Arizona State University.
  ‘The Impact of Filomina Steady and her work on international human rights.’
- Professor Oyeronke Oyewumi, Professor of Sociology, Stony Brook University, New York
  ‘Motherhood as the Practice of Leadership: Appreciating Filomina Steady’s Research Insights on the Pioneers called African Women’
- Professor Asoka Bandarage, Visiting Professor, Colorado College and Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
  ‘Women’s Leadership in a Changing World.’
- Professor Lidwien Kapteijns, Professor of History, Wellesley College
- Chair: Professor Layli Maparyan, Executive Director, Wellesley Centers for Women, Wellesley College and Professor of Africana Studies. Leading Scholar and Author on ‘Womanism’

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Lunch
Jewett Sculpture Court
1.30pm - 2.50pm  
**Alumnae Panel**

- Susan Hall, class of 2009.

  Video messages and accolades from Wellesley Alumnae

  "Feminism and Women’s Leadership: Reflections of my work in five African Countries"
- Katherine Jenkins, class of 2003. Educator, Mather Elementary School, Boston Public Schools
  "Reflections on the personal & professional impact of Afrocentric feminism from a ‘White’ Alumna."
- Rhobi Matinyi, class of 2007. Associate Partner at Dalberg Advisors, a South African-based strategy consulting firm that focuses on emerging and developing markets.
  "Can Women’s Participation in Leadership Change the Trajectory of the Continent of Africa?"
- Lilly Marcelin, class of 2012. Community activist, organizer and founder of Resilient Sisterhood, an NGO focusing on underserved women and reproductive health.
  "A Racial Prism and Analysis on the Impacts of Infertility in Black Women"
- Fiona Almeda, Class of 2015. Chair. Fiona is a teacher, researcher and project designer, working both in the US and internationally, especially in India and South Africa, her home country.

2.50pm to 3.00pm  
**BREAK**

3.00pm – 4.10pm  
**Students Roundtable**

Topics on ‘Reimagining Feminism; African(a) Feminism and Women’s Leadership’ in honor of Professor Filomina Steady by Wellesley’s students.

- Chair: Professor Craig Murphy, Political Science.
- Dominique Copeland – Major - Economics - 2019
- Sandra Amponsah Ohemeng – Major - Economics - 2020
- Kennedy Austin – Major- Africana Studies & Sociology - 2019
- Hawah Kallon – Major - Africana Studies & Psychology - 2019
- Penny Hawthorne - Undeclared major- 2021

4.10pm  
**Closing Remarks**

Professor Steady and Professor Maparyan.

4.20pm – 5.00pm  
**Reception**

*Collins Cafe*

**POSTSCRIPT**

Professor Filomina Steady’s Youtube talk on ‘African Women’s Leadership Through the Ages’ at Wellesley College, March 8th 2018. Click:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vt7EkRgHLCw&t=16s

*Books by Professor Filomina Steady will be available at the bookstore (Wang Campus Center, 4th. floor) and for display at Collins Cafe.*