



Plenary Presentation At KNIC4 by Toyin Falola - Famed Pan-Africanist Author and Scholar

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Presentation Topic:

African Archives and Pluriversal Epistemologies

Toyin Falola, Ph.D., is the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities and University Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Texas at Austin, and the Kluge Chair of the Countries and Culture of the South, Library of Congress. He is a celebrated author, editor, writer, poet, academic leader, organizer, teacher, Pan-Africanist, and a visionary of extraordinary grace, talent, and accomplishments. An author and editor of over one hundred and twenty books on Africa and the African Diaspora, he has been invited to speak in all continents, and in over sixty countries, and widely proclaimed as Africa's preeminent historian and one of the major intellectuals of our time. Many of his books have received awards, defined various fields, and inspired the writings of various critical works. He manages five distinguished scholarly monograph series and serves on the board of over twenty journals.

For his contribution to the study of Africa, his students and colleagues have presented him with a set of five Festschriften, two edited by Adebayo Oyejide, *The Transformation of Nigeria: Essays in Honor of Toyin Falola* and *The Foundations of Nigeria: Essays in Honor of Toyin Falola*, one by Akin Ogundiran, *Precolonial Nigeria: Essays in Honor of Toyin Falola*, and yet another by Nana Amposah, *Beyond the Boundaries: Toyin Falola and the Art of Genre-Bending*. *Toyin Falola: The Man, Mask and Muse* presents bio-critical studies of his works in over a thousand pages. Abdul Bangura examines his contributions to pedagogy in the major book: *Toyin Falola and African Epistemologies*.

He has received various awards and honors in various parts of the world. At the University of Texas at Austin, he received the Jean Holloway Award for Teaching Excellence, The Texas Exes Teaching Award, the Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, and the Career Research Excellence Award. His lifetime career awards are over two dozens, including three Yoruba chieftaincy titles, most notably the Bobapitan of Ibadanland.

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