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41st Annual KIPAS

THE **KAWAIDA INSTITUTE OF PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES**

2017

Seminar in Social Theory and Practice

July 23 – 29, 2017 – Los Angeles, California

THEME:

**“REVOLTS, RESISTANCE AND BLACK POWER:
LESSONS LEARNED FROM 50 YEARS OF RIGHTEOUS STRUGGLE”**

SUBTHEME:

**“This is our duty:
to know our past and honor it;
to engage our present and improve it; and
to imagine a whole new future and forge it
in the most ethical, effective and expansive ways.”**



Seminar Aims:

The essential aim of this annual national seminar is to offer an instructive understanding and intensive discussion of current and classical conceptions of culture, ethics, society, leadership, resistance and struggle which point toward good and grounded ways forward for ourselves, society and the world. The seminar seeks to provide space for engaging critical issues confronting our community and the world from an Afrocentric perspective rooted in Kawaïda philosophy and thus, *culturally-grounded, people-focused, society-inclusive, and world-encompassing.*

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 wage righteous and relentless struggle to achieve progressive and radical 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 righteous struggles for freedom, justice, power of the masses of people over their destiny and daily lives, and peace in the world.



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SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Sunday	23 July	Opening Session	3:00pm
Monday-Friday	24—28 July	Seminar	6:00—9:00pm
Saturday	29 July	Closing Session	9:00am—12:00pm



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Instructor: *Dr. Maulana Karenga*



- ◆ Professor and chair, Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Long Beach
- ◆ Chair, The Organization Us and the National Association of Kawaida Organizations (NAKO)
- ◆ Creator of *Kwanzaa* and *Nguzo Saba*
- ◆ Author of: *Kawaida and Questions of Life and Struggle*, *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*, and *Essays on Struggle: Position and Analysis*



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GENERAL INFORMATION

- What?** A week-long seminar providing critical analysis, discussion and strategies for addressing major issues confronting African people throughout the world.
- When?** Seminar begins Sunday, July 23, 3:00pm and runs through Saturday, July 29.
- Where?** African American Cultural Center (Us)
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Information: info@AfricanAmericanCulturalCenter-LA.org
- www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org | www.Us-Organization.org
- How?** Registration—\$150 (mail, fax, email)