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Signs of Rebirth in The Cradle of Humanity – Sub-Saharan Africa

Presented by: Bob Macy

Wed., January 4th, 11th, and 18th, 2012

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Goleta Public Library

500 N. Fairview Ave.



Sub-Saharan Africa is the cradle of mankind. For hundreds of years, it was the most advanced continent in terms of technology, art, language, agriculture etc. And yet, except for those who

live there, it is the continent we know the least about. There are only a handful of universities that carry African Studies programs and almost no courses in our high schools. The three sessions will cover:

1. Why was Sub-Saharan Africa so important to the development of ancient civilization?
2. How and why did its leadership position collapse?
3. Will there be—or is there—a resurgence in Sub-Saharan Africa’s position in international economic and social affairs?

Bob Macy lived in the Ivory Coast for several years with responsibility for West and Central Africa mineral trading. He subsequently worked on projects with private and international organizations in many countries in the area, especially in the field of agriculture. Bob worked or travelled in 40 of Africa’s 54 countries. Two of his children were in the Peace Corps in West Africa.

Bob has arranged for Mr. Bob Rotberg, Professor at the Harvard Kennedy School, author and expert on Southern Africa and Leslie Clark, founder of the Nomadic Foundation which helps small enterprises in West Africa to come and participate in some of the discussion.

Two books are recommended for reading prior to the course:

African Perspectives on Colonialism, 1989, by ADU Boahen (122pp)

Africa Since 1940, 2009, by Frederick Cooper (20 4pp).

Both are available in paperback at Amazon.com.

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VISTAS Fall/Winter 2011-2012 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Documentary Club	Thurs, Dec 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Pirates! Treasure Island to Somalia	Wed, Jan 24, 31 and Feb 7	9:30am	Goleta Library
Why Democracy, Capitalism, the West	Mon, Feb 6	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
Documentary Club	Thurs, Feb 16	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Health Care Ethics	Mon, Feb 27	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
Marriage of Figaro	Mon., Mar 5	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm
The Balcony Empire	Mon, Mar 12, 19, 26	9:30-12:30	Valle Verde Social Rm



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