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## Will American Democracy Expand in Africa in the Twenty-First Century?

(Cherry Hill, NJ) - The United States has a "checkered record in terms of its policy on democratization and democracy in Africa." Although supporting self-determination for African peoples to end European colonial rule and build democratic institutions, "the United States was a major obstacle to democratization and democracy in Africa" because it provided "economic, military, and political support for some of the most repressive regimes in Kenya, Liberia, Somalia, the Sudan, and Zaire and ... 'oxygen' that kept apartheid well and alive in South Africa." What shape will U.S. Africa policy take under the Bush administration, with Colin Powell as Secretary of State? Will the outcome and controversial events of the United States' 2000 Presidential election hinder the United States' efforts to export American democracy to African countries in the new millennium? E. Lama Wonkeryor, Ella Forbes, James S. Guseh, and George Klay Kieh Jr., the co-authors of *American Democracy in Africa in the Twenty-First Century?* (December 2000), have provocative comments on these questions. Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLF) invites you to meet these four scholar-writers on Saturday, January 6, 2001 from 12 noon to 4 p.m., in the South America Room of International House, 3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Science from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and authored one additional title. Wonkeryor, Guseh, and Kieh Jr. have also served in the government of Liberia.

Brian J.L. Berry, Ph.D., Lloyd Viel Berkner Regental Professor, University of Texas at Dallas comments succinctly, "Without democratization, there can be no sustained economic progress in Africa. In this important book, the authors evaluate the progress that has been made and the alternatives that are available for the future. Thoughtful and thorough, this is essential reading for those concerned about the political modernization and future welfare of the world's most troubled continent." *American Democracy in Africa in the Twenty-First Century?*, ISBN: 0-9653308-2-6, is available in hardcover for \$50.00. AHLP will give a 25% discount to attendees of the January 6, 2001 Meet the Authors event. For additional information or to schedule interviews and appearances by the authors, call Carolyn C. Williams, Publisher, AHLP, (856) 662-9858.

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