

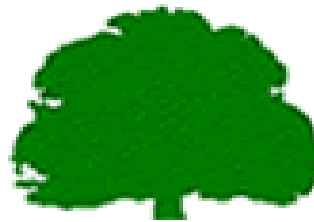
# **Toward Understanding and Interpreting the Oromo Concept of Peace**

**A**

**Workshop**

**Organized by**

**The Oromo Studies Association**



**22 March 2008**

**Blackburn Auditorium  
Howard University**

## **Schedule**

**8:30 - 9:00: Registration**

**9:00 - 9:30**

**Opening Remarks: Abebe Adugna, World Bank; President-elect, Oromo Studies Association**

**9:30 - 11:00**

**Roundtable 1: Oromo Peace: Philosophical Foundations**

**Chair: Ezekiel Gebissa, Kettering University**

*Peace and Conflict in the Horn of Africa*

Lahra Smith, Georgetown University

*Oromo Philosophy*

Charles Verharen, Howard University

*The Oromo Concept of Forgiveness and Justice*

Charles Schaefer, Valparaiso University

**Coffee Break: 11:00 – 11:30**

**Discussion: 11:30 – 12: 30**

**2: 00 – 3: 30 Lunch Break**

**Roundtable 2 Oromo Peace: Moral and Practical Dimensions**

**Chair: Abebe Adugna, World Bank**

*The Concept of Peace in the Oromo Gadaa System*

Tenna Dewo, Addis Ababa University

*The Role of Women in Peacemaking among the Oromo*

Bonnie Holcomb, The George Washington University

*Traditional Mechanisms of Reconciliation among the Oromo*

Lube Birru, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

**Coffee Break: 3:30 – 4:00**

**Discussion: 4: 00 – 5:30**