

# ***AFRICAN & AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES (AAS) ARCHAEOLOGY TECHNOLOGY & HISTORICAL STRUCTURES (ATHS)***

**ATH 211/AAS 204/  
AH 276/ANT 269/  
CLA 205/HIS 216**

## **EARLY CIVILIZATIONS OF AFRICA**

**Instructor: Dr. Samuel Nkumba  
TR 16:50 - 18:05, Bausch & Lomb 315**

The course will examine the environmental, social and cultural dynamics that led to urbanism and other aspects of cultural transformation in Africa before the advent of European colonialism. Topics include concepts of civilization, civilization of Africa, including those of the Nile Valley, the Horn of Africa, the Western Sudan, Zimbabwe, the Inland Niger Delta and the West African Rainforest. The role of the peripheries in the development of these centres will be looked at.



**ATH 311/AAS 302/  
AH 302/ANT 273/  
CLA 302/HIS 215**

## **ARCHAEOLOGY OF WEST AFRICA**

**Instructor: Dr. Samuel Nkumba  
TR 14:00 - 15:15, LeChase 181**



The course will enable the student to understand the inception of present-day complex societies of West Africa and how they evolved, and their vicissitudes in the period 500 B.C. to A.D. 1950. Themes include general characteristics of West African societies in the Iron Age, origins of copper and iron technology and their effects on local societies, megalith and tumuli sites of the Western Sudan, urbanism, and trade networks and contacts in West Africa.