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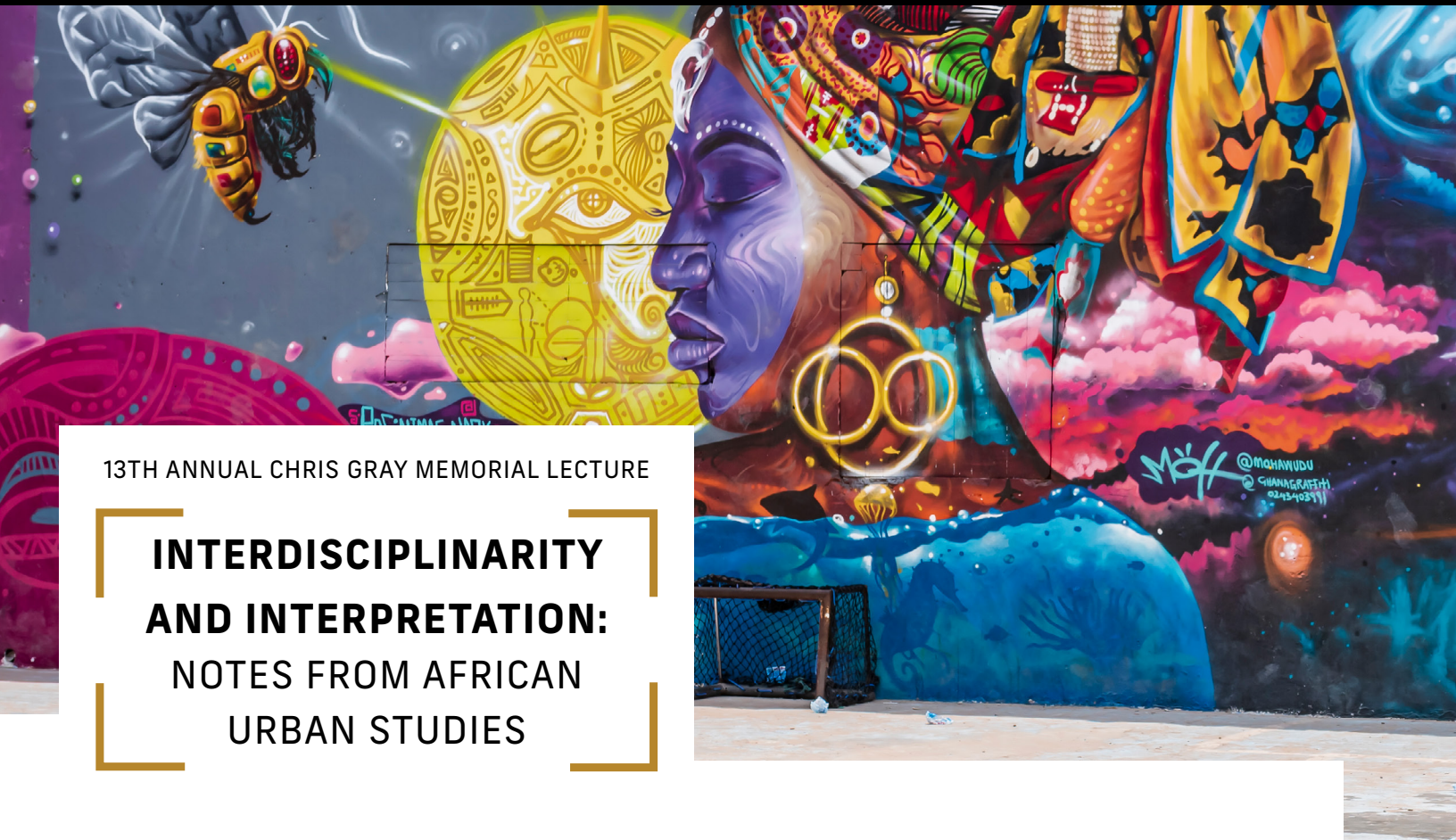
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13TH ANNUAL CHRIS GRAY MEMORIAL LECTURE

INTERDISCIPLINARITY AND INTERPRETATION: NOTES FROM AFRICAN URBAN STUDIES

Friday, April 23, 2021 | 4:00 p.m. | Free Live Webinar

Without a doubt, significant contemporary global and societal issues are forcing universities to re-examine their curricula to ensure students are prepared to meet the challenges of today's world. But in these novel configurations of interdisciplinarity, what role does humanistic inquiry play? Join us for a conversation with author and scholar Ato Quayson, who will share his innovative vision of interdisciplinarity in higher education and how this has shaped his teaching and research in African urban studies. Dr. Quayson's re-thinking of interdisciplinarity from a humanistic and interpretive perspective offers a unique approach to building a truly inclusive and holistic university curriculum for the 21st century.



Lecture by Ato Quayson, Stanford University

Ato Quayson is Jean G. and Morris M. Doyle Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professor of English at Stanford University. He is an elected Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Royal Society of Canada, and of the British Academy. Dr. Quayson has published 6 monographs and 8 edited volumes. *Oxford Street, Accra: City Life and the Itineraries of Transnationalism* (Duke University Press, 2014) was co-winner of the Urban History Association's 2015 Best Book Prize (non-North America) and was named in *The Guardian* as one of the 10 Best Books on Cities in 2014. His most recent book is *Tragedy and Postcolonial Literature* (Cambridge University Press, 2021). He is the immediate Past President of the African Studies Association (2019-2020) and is also general editor of *The Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry*.