YOU ARE INVITED!

October 14 from 4:00-6:00pm
A panel presentation, discussion and food....at the
School of Anthropology, 129 Haury Building

Crisis in West African Migration to Europe

The roles of Grassroots NGOs, the Diaspora, and Academia

The journey from West Africa to Europe has become significantly more dangerous in recent decades as economic migrants risk death, torture, imprisonment, and kidnapping-for-ransom while trying to reach Europe. Securitization policies much like those along the Mexico-U.S. border have accelerated the problem into one of the most intractable, wicked systems of our time.

Our panelists will explain why West Africans risk their lives to get to Europe even though—if successful—they often end up living on the streets. How can grassroots activists, the African Diaspora, and Academics work together to resolve underlying issues?

On the Panel:

Rashid Iddrisu (Wari) Economic migrant/grassroots NGO founder in Barcelona & Sawla, Ghana
Tim Frankenberger President, TANGO International
Mamadou Baro Associate Professor of Anthropology/President of worldwide Mauritanian Diaspora
Mette Brogden Assistant Professor of Practice in SBS/Online Graduate Programs in Human Rights Practice
Felix Ampadu Graduate Research Associate in BARA, from Accra, Ghana

Please join us for a lively discussion and food!

Before the event: The story of Rashid’s journey from rural Ghana to the streets of Barcelona is published as Chapter 10 in Understanding Migrant Decisions (Gebrewald and Bloom editors, Routledge, 2016) and available for download from UA library. A film of his work among West African migrants in Barcelona, NEW ROOTS: The Journey of Planting Hope, can be seen at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZQZmUqDQXE