

# **UFAHAMU**

**A Journal of African Studies**

**Founded by the African Activist Association**

**Volume XXXVIII  
Number 2  
Winter 2015**

**UFAHAMU**  
**A JOURNAL OF AFRICAN STUDIES**  
**James S. Coleman African Studies Center**  
**10244 Bunche Hall**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90095-1310**  
**U.S.A.**  
**Telephone: (310) 825-3686 • (310) 825-3686**  
**Fax: (310) 206-2250**  
**email: ufahamu@gmail.com**

### **2014-2015 Editorial Board**

#### **Editors-in-Chief:**

Nana Osei-Opare & Jeremy Jacob Peretz

#### **Senior Editors:**

Erica Anjum (Book Review Editor) & Emily Milstein

#### **Editors:**

Natalie Dawn Dickson

Amanda Domingues

Janice Levi

Elaine Ericksen Sullivan (Arts Editor)

Amber Withers

#### **Emeritus & Contributing Editor:**

Sanyu R.K. Mulira

#### **Copyeditors:**

Michelle Gaston

Nancy L. Sayre

#### **Layout Editor:**

William Morosi

#### **Cover Photo Artwork:**

Uche Okeke

***ufahamu-n.* [Swahili] understanding**

*Ufahamu*, UCLA's multidisciplinary Africanist student journal, seeks contributions that challenge broadly accepted conceptualizations of African studies. Since 1970, *Ufahamu* has maintained its original vision of creating a forum for protest against the increasingly western-dominated and exclusionary African Studies establishment. The journal continues to publish the work of those marginalized by the academic press—Africans, people of African descent, students, and non-academics. Together with our readers and contributors, we reaffirm our commitment to create intellectual linkages and feature current critical views.

*Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies* is published by graduate students at UCLA. Views expressed in *Ufahamu* are not necessarily those of the Editors, the African Studies Center, or the Regents of the University of California.

Please visit [http://escholarship.org/uc/international\\_asc\\_ufahamu](http://escholarship.org/uc/international_asc_ufahamu) for back issues and <http://www.international.ucla.edu/africa/ufahamu/> for submissions and updated calls-for-papers.

Print copies of this issue, Volume 38: Issue 2, may be purchased through Lulu.com by clicking on the volume “Buy” link on eScholarship.

Please direct inquiries regarding orders, subscriptions, submissions, and advertising information to:

*Ufahamu*  
James S. Coleman African Studies Center  
10244 Bunche Hall  
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1310  
U.S.A.  
Telephone: (310) 825-3686; (310) 825-3686  
Fax: (310) 206-2250  
[ufahamu@gmail.com](mailto:ufahamu@gmail.com)

ISSN: 0041-5715  
ISBN: 978-0-9863286-4-0

*Ufahamu* is funded in part by  
UCLA Graduate Students Association Publications



Cover photo:

Uche Okeke, Sketches for Tales of Life and Death IV, 1970, 9.5 × 7 inches  
Courtesy of the artist and Skoto Gallery

*Ufahamu: A Journal of African Studies* is a copyrighted compilation. © 2015 Ufahamu. All Rights Reserved. Permissions requests regarding full issues should be sent to [ufahamu@gmail.com](mailto:ufahamu@gmail.com). Creators of cover art and articles retain the copyright to their individual works. Permissions requests regarding individuals works should be sent to their creators.