



RAPORTEURSHIP ON PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT  
AND AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION/IACHR

LECTURE SERIES

**TRANSFORMING THE INVISIBLE  
INTO THE VISIBLE**

INAUGURAL LECTURE – DR. SHEILA WALKER

Ruben Dario Room  
1889 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

Tuesday, June 25 2013 | 3:00 pm



Organization of  
American States

---

Please RSVP to Hilaire Sobers – [osobers@oas.org](mailto:osobers@oas.org) or call 202 370 4611

# TRANSFORMING THE INVISIBLE INTO THE VISIBLE

## INAUGURAL LECTURE – DR. SHEILA WALKER

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 2013 – 3:00 PM  
SALON RUBEN DARIO

### PROGRAM

---

3:00 - 3:10 pm

Welcoming remarks by OAS Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Albert Ramdin

3:10 - 3:30 pm

Introductory remarks by Commissioner Rose-Marie Belle Antoine, Rapporteur on the Rights of People of African Descent and Against Racial Discrimination

3:30 - 4:20 pm

Lecture by Dr. Sheila Walker

4:20- 4:50 pm

Question and answer session

(moderated by Commissioner Rose-Marie Belle Antoine)

4:50 - 5:00 pm

Vote of thanks by Hilaire Sobers, Staff Attorney, Rapporteurship on the Rights of People of African Descent and Against Racial Discrimination

Please RSVP to Hilaire Sobers – [osobers@oas.org](mailto:osobers@oas.org) or call 202 370 4611

Designed and Printed by ASG/DCMM/DS

## BIOGRAPHY

---

### Sheila S. Walker Ph.D



Cultural anthropologist and filmmaker, Dr. Walker is Executive Director of Afrodiaspora, Inc., a non-profit organization that is developing documentary films and educational materials about the global African Diaspora. She has done fieldwork, lectured, consulted, and participated in cultural events in much of Africa and the African Diaspora, and has numerous scholarly and popular publications. Her most recent works are the documentary, *Slave Routes: A Global Vision*, produced for the UNESCO Slave Route Project, and an edited book, *Conocimiento desde adentro: Los afrosudamericanos hablan de sus pueblos y sus historias*.

*Afro-South Americans Speak of their People and their Histories*, featuring articles by Afrodescendants from all of the Spanish-speaking countries of South America. She also edited the volume *African Roots/American Cultures: Africa in the Creation of the Americas* and produced the documentary film *Scattered Africa: Faces and Voices of the African Diaspora* based on the international conference she organized with UNESCO support on “The African Diaspora and the Modern World.” Dr. Walker was Director of the Center for African and African American Studies, the Annabel Irion Worsham Centennial Professor in the College of Liberal Arts, and Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, and she was the William and Camille Cosby Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor of Anthropology, and Director of the African Diaspora and the World Program at Spelman College.

[info@afrodiaspora.net](mailto:info@afrodiaspora.net)

[www.afrodiaspora.net](http://www.afrodiaspora.net)