

Course -- Fall 1987

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



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CENTER FOR AFROAMERICAN AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Announcing a

NEW COURSE FOR FALL '87

FOOD, FAMINE, AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

3 credits

AAS 424/ANT 513

MWF 11:00 - 12:00

Location: To be Announced

Instructor: Dr. Gracia Clark
New CAAS Anthropologist

Agricultural production plays a key role in determining the speed and direction development will take in African countries. Food security is essential to a broad range of development goals, including improved productivity, living standards, equity, and financial stability. Famines and food shortages in Africa can be relieved, but only with changes in the existing food production and distribution system.

The course will examine Africa's ecological and social conditions, considering the impact of climate, population levels, family roles, political relations, local marketing systems, food imports, colonial and independent government policies, and foreign aid. All of these contribute as causes and as part of the potential solution to Africa's food problems. Also, specific development programs for their success or failure will be analyzed in order to address these issues.