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This edition of *The Journal of Pan African Studies* presents an exciting, culturally sensitive, and far reaching perspective on the past, present and future of African people around the world.

The United States of Africa is a concept whose time has come, and its focus must come from the heart of Africa and from people on the African continent. The honorable Dr. Molefi Kete Asante (<http://www.digitaljournal.com/article/296647>) has addressed this quest at a recent conference held in August 2010 at the Kwame Nkrumah International Conference at Kwantlen University in Canada, discussing the United States of Africa. During this time that Africa makes a decision on this union, those of us who are in the West must be aware and supportive so we can maintain supportive role, in unity with our people in Africa, and those in other parts of the world.

In this special edition, the works of Lorretta LaRue Duncan Fowler, Rudolph Lewis, Terry Moore, Claudia Eppearson, Linda Mayfield-Hayes, Brother Paradise, Jeanne Powell, Larry Ukali Johnson-Redd, Marvin West, and Itibari M. Zulu are presented. Also, please see the announcements of new books by Lorretta LaRue Duncan Fowler (*In Search of A Father's Love*), *The Slave Trade and Culture in the Bight of Biafra: An African Society in the Atlantic World* by G. Ugo Nwokeyi, and my two of books titled *Long Distance Love* and *American Challenges in the Obama Era*.

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