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## **“EU-Africa relations”**

by

**Dr. Edmund Abaka**  
Professor, Department of History

*When:* Tuesday, March 25, 2019, 9.30 am

*Where:* Dooley Memorial Building 104, University of Miami. Coral Gables

A graduate of the University of Cape Coast in Ghana, West Africa, Dr. Abaka earned his PhD in African History from York University and his Master of Arts in European History from the University of Guelph in Canada. While he teaches the general African history survey classes (History of Africa to 1800 and Africa Since 1800), he also offers specialized courses on Southern Africa (up to Nelson Mandela), Egypt and the Nile Valley (Egypt, Sudan and Ethiopia), West Africa Since 1800, and Pan-Africanism. His graduate classes include Africa and the African Diaspora, Slavery and Emancipation, European Expansion in Africa: Colonialism and Imperialism, and African Historiography.

Dr. Abaka's research interests cover commodities and trade in pre-colonial West Africa, Slavery and Emancipation, and the African diaspora. He has published a number of articles and book chapters on kola (one of the original ingredients for Coca-Cola), the colonial period in African history, and African youth. His book “Kola is God's Gift”: Agricultural Production, Export Initiatives and the Kola Industry of Asante and the Gold Coast, c. 1820-1950, is forthcoming in 2005. He is currently working on a number of projects: The Hausa Diaspora in Asante and the Gold Coast 1800-1950, “The Land of Ras Tafari Makonnen”: A Socio-Cultural History of Ethiopia, The Gold Coast Forts and Castles as Frontiers of the Euro-African Encounter, and The Return Migration of African-Americans to Africa in the 20th century. Dr. Abaka is currently at the University of Cape Coast working on a project with the Fulbright Scholar Program titled Merchants, Soldiers, Carriers and Educators: The Hausa Diaspora in Ghana (Gold Coast and Asante) in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.

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