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Ama Boakyewa, one of the candidates for the new position in African Traditional Religions, will present her research, “Identity and Social Transition in the Process of Priest-Making,” on Tuesday, February 17, from 3:30–5:00 p.m. in McElhaney Hall, room 103.



Her talk will focus on religions in Ghana, specifically how ordinary citizens establish their identities as priests and priestesses at the Akonnedi Shrine of Larteh in Ghana. In this process, the first step is to heed the “call” of their respective divinities. Next, they become initiated into the priesthood and submit to total immersion during the instructive period. When they have concluded their three-year immersion, an elaborate graduation marks the transition into working priesthood. They are then prepared to serve their specific communities as ethno-medical practitioners, social mediators, and active conduits of fresh epistemologies.

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