

# Ralph J. Bunche Library Distinguished Lecture Series



**Date:** Tuesday, February 8, 2005  
**Place:** The Ralph Bunche Library  
Room 3239 HST  
**Time:** 11:00 am – 12 noon

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# Presenting

Dr. Sharon T. Freeman



Discussing her book

## ***African Leaders Reach Out To Africans in the Diaspora***

Founder/President, Lark-Horton Global Consulting & Lark-Horton Connections  
Dr. Freeman has over 25 years of experience in the field of economic development and has worked in over 100 countries, including in most African countries, on projects concerned with Private Sector Development (PSD). She serves as an appointed Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of commerce and U.S. Trade Representative on Trade Policy since 1991. She started her flagship firm, Lark-Horton Global Consulting in Hong Kong in 1985, where she worked for 12 Years. In 1998 she also established the All American Small Business Exporters Association (AASBEA) in order to help minority, immigrant, and women owned firms increase their involvement in trade and development and to foster business linkages between immigrants and their homelands. Her interest in this work began with her Ph.D. dissertation on the subject of Immigrant Economic Adaptation. Through AASBEA she has authored five books and published six, three of which concern Africa and include: *Conversations With Powerful African Leaders* (2002); *African Leaders Reach Out to Africans in the Diaspora* (2004); and *Making It in America: Conversations With Successful Ethiopian American Entrepreneurs* (Peter Hagos Gebre, Author).

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