Academic Symposia on Northern Region
Varis Lecture Hall, Granoff Music Center

1:00 PM Welcome Remarks

1:30 PM Academic Panel I - History and Society of Northern Region
Scholarly presentations followed by Q&A and discussion

Chaired by Paula Aymer, Sociology and Africana Studies (Interim Director), Tufts University

Damba: A Festival and Dance from Northern Ghana
Sampabi-Nna Abdallah Zablong Zakariah
Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana

Islam, Damba and Society in Dagbon
Abdulai Iddrisu, History Department, St. Olaf College

Impact of the Slave Trade on Northern Ghana
Ismael Montana, History Department, Northern Illinois University

The History of the North: What the Tindanas Say
Wyatt MacGaffey, Anthropology Department, Haverford College (emeritus)

3:00 PM Break for coffee and snacks – Murnane Lobby, Granoff Music Center
Information tables for browsing
Lobby Music - Turkish yayli tanbur by Beth Cohen

3:30 PM Academic Panel II - Music and Culture of Northern Region
Scholarly presentations followed by Q&A and discussion

Chaired by Professor of Africana Studies, Tufts University (TBA)

Music of the Sub-Saharan Diaspora in Tunisia
Rich Jankowsky, Music Department, Tufts University

A Comparison of Dagbamba and Ewe Drum Language Style and Practice
James Burns, Music Department, Binghamton University

Dagbamba Women's Songs: music, experience, and meaning
Katherine Stuffelbeam, Ethnomusicology Department, University of California, Los Angeles

Salisu Mahama: A Fiddler's Role in the Cultural Development of Modern Dagbon
Jacqueline Djio Djio, Ethnomusicology Department, University of California, Los Angeles

5:00-6:00 PM Happy Hour – Murnane Lobby, Granoff Music Center
Information tables for browsing
Lobby Music - Jazz Fusion for Wind and Percussion by Jerry Leake and Phil Scarff

6:00-8:00PM Dinner (see map on back page for dining options near Tufts)
Showcase Concert of Traditional Music & Dance from the Northern Region
Distler Performance Hall, Granoff Music Center

8:00 PM  Concert Program

Praise Name Drumming for Dagomba Chiefs:
Nantoo Nimdi, Naani Goo, Jenkuno
The Dagomba Drumming Ensemble of the Tufts Community Music Program;
directed by Ian Gendreau

Praise Name Drumming for Dagomba Chiefs:
Dambobugo, Suligu, Jerigu N-dari O Salima, Zambalanton
The Dagomba Section of the Agbekor Drum and Dance Society directed by David Locke
Ian Gendreau, Karl Haas, and Jerry Leake with special guests Zo-simli-naa Lan-naa Yakubu and Sampah-nyaa Zablong Zacharia

Traditional Songs
featuring Sherifatu Gunu and Friends

“Takai with Horns”
Original music by Larry Graves
Drumhand with the Agbekor Society

Baamaaya
WDF 2012 All-Stars; Mohammed Alidu, Habib Iddrisu, Mashud Niendow, Sulley Imoro

Damba Songs
featuring Zo-Simli Wulana Fati Munkaila

Music and Dance of Binaba Village, Upper East Region
The African Showboyz: Napoleon, Joseph, Moses, Isaac, and JJ Sabbah

Finale
Damba
Open to audience participation in traditional style
WDF 2012 All-Stars; Mohammed Alidu, Habib Iddrisu, Mashud Niendow, Sulley Imoro

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
Damba Day
Granoff Music Center & Tufts Arts Plaza
Tufts University

10:00 AM-12:00 PM  Somo Damba – Tufts Arts Plaza on Talbot Avenue
10:00  Arrival of Guests

10:15  Opening Greetings, Prayers, and Remarks

10:30  Ritual of Walking Around the Bull

10:45  Ritual of Picking Stones from the Rice Bowl

11:00  Communal Takai Dance

11:30  Communal Tora Dance

12:00-2:30 PM  Interlude
12:00  Lunch
Food Trucks on Talbot Avenue and Cafés at the Mayer Campus Center
Lobby Music - Busking - DRUMHAND, Agbekor Society
1:00 PM  **Workshops in Damba dance and drumming**  
Dance in Fisher Performance Room, Granoff Music Center  
(all welcome; no prior experience expected)  
Drumming in World Music Room, Granoff Music Center  
(prior experience on lunga and gung-gong drums required)

2:00 PM  **Fashion Show: Traditional and Modern**

2:30-5:00 PM  **Naa Damba – Tufts Arts Plaza on Talbot Avenue**  
2:30  **Arrival of Presiding Chiefs and Dignitaries**  
3:00  **Prayers, Greetings, and Opening Remarks**  
3:30  **Damba dancing**

5:00-6:00 PM  **Speeches**  
Speakers: Tufts President Anthony Monaco and Professor Pearl Robinson  
Keynote Speaker: His Excellency Alhaji Aliu Mahama, Former Vice President of Ghana

6:00-8:00 PM  **Dinner (see map on back page for dining options near Tufts)**  
7:00  **Lobby Music - DRUMHAND**

*Concert of Contemporary African Popular Music and Dance from Northern Ghana*  
Cohen Auditorium, Aidekman Arts Center

8:00 PM  **Concert Program**  
7 in 1 for Peace Band  
*Sirina Issah, leader*  
*Ahmed Adam - Jumai Ahmed - Mama Rams*  
Mohammed Alidu and the Bizung Family  
Sherifatu Gunu

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2012**

**Plenary Panel on Diaspora and Development**  
Varis Lecture Hall, Tufts University

9:30 AM  **Breakfast Snacks - Murnane Lobby, Granoff Music Center**

10:00 AM  **Diaspora and Development**  
Scholarly Talks followed by Q&A and discussion

11:45 AM  **Closing Remarks: The Way Forward**

12:00 PM  **Damba Bielkulsí**  
Procession out of Granoff Music Center onto Tufts Arts Plaza on Talbot Avenue