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Souleymane Bachir Diagne taught philosophy at Cheikh Anta Diop University, Dakar, Senegal, for twenty years. He is currently a Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Northwestern University, Chicago. An alumnus of the École Normale Supérieure in Paris, Professor Diagne obtained his Ph.D. in philosophy at the Sorbonne (1988). His field of research includes history of algebraic logic, history of philosophy, Islamic philosophy, and African philosophy. Among his many publications in those fields are a book on George Boole, *Boole, l'Oiseau de Nuit en Plein Jour* (Paris, Belin, 1989), a translation and presentation in French of Boole's *The Laws of Thought* (Paris, Vrin, 1992) and, in the field of Islamic philosophy, a book on poet and philosopher Muhammad Iqbal: *Islam et Société Ouverte, la Fidélité et le Mouvement dans la Pensée de Muhammad Iqbal* (Paris, Maisonneuve & Larose, 2001). Souleymane Bachir Diagne is currently working on a book on Leopold Sedar Senghor's philosophy.

Dr. Diagne's presentation at Kennesaw State University will be:

LEOPOLD SEDAR SENGHOR: THINKER, STATESMAN AND POET

Dr. Diagne will provide a biographical sketch of Senghor and discuss the intellectual process of a man who left his mark on 20th century in several ways. First, as the theoretician of a peaceful decolonization founded on the affirmation of the values of an African civilization. Next, as the statesman who for twenty years was president of a Senegal which he, before leaving office voluntarily, set on the path toward a multiparty democracy during a time when Africa was considered "forgotten by the rights of man." And, finally, he himself often said this was most important legacy for him—as one of the greatest French-language poets of the 20th century.