

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2013**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/01/13, and ending 09/30/14**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION</b> Doing Business As Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD</b> <b>232 BAY STATE ROAD</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>BOSTON MA 02215</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>52-1690509</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>061-735-3890</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>560,327</b>
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<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>JENNIFER YANCO</b> <b>232 BAY STATE ROAD</b> <b>BOSTON MA 02215</b>	<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
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<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) <b>t</b> (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.BU.EDU/WARA</b>	<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number <b>u</b>
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>u</b>	<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1989</b>	<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>DC</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>SEE SCHEDULE O</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>963,489</b>	<b>536,155</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>8,823</b>	<b>24,172</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>972,312</b>	<b>560,327</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>275,000</b>
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		<b>110,662</b>	<b>108,491</b>
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>u</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		<b>653,427</b>	<b>253,291</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>1,039,089</b>	<b>563,499</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>-66,777</b>	<b>-3,172</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>161,990</b>	<b>158,818</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
		<b>161,990</b>	<b>158,818</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD</b>	Date _____
	Type or print name and title <b>U.S. DIRECTOR</b>	

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>GARY F. YEE</b>	Preparer's signature _____	Date <b>01/20/15</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN <b>P00956493</b>
	Firm's name } <b>LEE, YEE &amp; COMPANY, PC</b> <b>195 WORCESTER ST STE 201</b> Firm's address } <b>WELLESLEY HILLS, MA 02481</b>	Firm's EIN } <b>04-3035636</b> Phone no. } <b>781-237-2525</b>			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

**SEE SCHEDULE O**

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **130,321** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**OVERSEAS CENTER. WARAS MOST SIGNIFICANT AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOLARS IN THE REGION IS THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH CENTER (WARC), A 19-ROOM CENTER LOCATED IN DAKAR, SENEGAL. THE CENTER PROVIDES A RANGE OF SERVICES FOR US AND WEST AFRICAN SCHOLARS, INCLUDING A RESEARCH LIBRARY, INTERNET ACCESS, AND FULLY EQUIPPED SEMINAR ROOMS. WARC HOSTS A REGULAR SERIES OF LECTURES, SEMINARS, AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING RESEARCHERS WITH PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS, ASSISTANCE IN SECURING RESEARCH CLEARANCE, HELP WITH HOUSING, ETC.**

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **255,560** including grants of \$ **201,717** ) (Revenue \$ )

**LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEST AFRICAN ACQUISITIONS PROJECT. IT COVERS THE COST OF ACQUIRING MATERIALS FROM 11 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.**

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **92,689** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**FELLOWSHIP AWARDS TO RESEARCHERS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH IN WEST AFRICA ON A RANGE OF TOPICS**

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses **u 478,570**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?		X
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI		X
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	X	
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <b>u</b> See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
<b>13b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
<b>14b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
<b>2</b>	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		<b>X</b>
<b>3</b>	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>X</b>	
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>8</b>	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
<b>a</b>	The governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b>	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>X</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b>	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
<b>a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	<b>X</b>	
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **u MA**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website  Another's website  Upon request  Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **u JENNIFER YANCO** **232 BAY STATE ROAD, NO. 408**  
**BOSTON MA 02215 617-353-8902**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
  - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
  - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
  - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JENNIFER YANCO	30.00									
U.S. DIRECTOR	0.00	X						62,500	0	0
(2) MBYE CHAM	1.00									
PAST PRESID & DIRECT	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) SCOTT YOUNGSTEDT	3.00									
PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) WENDY WILSON FALL	3.00									
VICE PRES & DIRECTOR	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) JEMADARI KAMARA	3.00									
TREASURER AND DIRECT	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) ISMAIL RASHID	3.00									
SECRETARY	0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(7) IBRA SENE	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) HILARY JONES	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) PEARL ROBINSON	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) MARY ELLEN LANE	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) LOUISE BADIANE	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)**

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) <b>MATTHEW CHRISTENSEN</b>	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	
(13) <b>MBARE NGOM</b>	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	
(14) <b>ISMAEL MONTANA</b>	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	
(15) <b>REBECCA GOLDEN TIMSAR</b>	1.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
<b>1b Sub-total</b>								<b>62,500</b>		
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								<b>62,500</b>		

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **u 0**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		<b>X</b>

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **u 0**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b> 14,458				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 517,153				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 4,544				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f	<b>u</b> 536,155				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> PROGRAM FEES	<b>Busn. Code</b>	24,172	24,172	
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b>						
<b>e</b>						
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f		<b>u</b> 24,172				
<b>Other Revenue</b>		<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	<b>u</b>			
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	<b>u</b>				
	<b>5</b> Royalties	<b>u</b>				
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)	<b>u</b>				
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)	<b>u</b>				
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>				
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>			
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	<b>u</b>			
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>				
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		<b>u</b>				
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	<b>u</b>				
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
<b>11a</b>						
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d	<b>u</b>					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.	<b>u</b>	560,327	24,172	0	0	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	<b>201,717</b>	<b>201,717</b>		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	<b>94,358</b>	<b>67,560</b>	<b>26,798</b>	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	<b>5,846</b>	<b>4,983</b>	<b>863</b>	
10 Payroll taxes	<b>8,287</b>		<b>8,287</b>	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	<b>10,800</b>		<b>10,800</b>	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	<b>3,146</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>2,009</b>	
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	<b>10,169</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>7,768</b>	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	<b>13,191</b>	<b>8,971</b>	<b>4,220</b>	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	<b>10,535</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>244</b>	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>OVERSEAS OPERATIONS</b>	<b>118,473</b>	<b>101,752</b>	<b>16,721</b>	
b <b>FELLOWSHIPS</b>	<b>70,736</b>	<b>70,678</b>	<b>58</b>	
c <b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>4,837</b>	
d <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>3,699</b>		
e All other expenses	<b>6,912</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>2,324</b>	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>563,499</b>	<b>478,570</b>	<b>84,929</b>	<b>0</b>
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest bearing	<b>129,490</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>131,409</b>
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net	<b>2,500</b>	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net	<b>30,000</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>25,030</b>
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		<b>9</b>	<b>2,379</b>
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		<b>161,990</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>158,818</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses		<b>17</b>	
	<b>18</b> Grants payable		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25		<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets	<b>161,990</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>158,818</b>
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets		<b>28</b>	
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances	<b>161,990</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>158,818</b>	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	<b>161,990</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>158,818</b>	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	<b>560,327</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>563,499</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>-3,172</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>161,990</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	<b>158,818</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<b>X</b>
<b>2b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	<b>X</b>	
<b>2c</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		<b>X</b>
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**  
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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u Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

**WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD**

Employer identification number

**52-1690509**

**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: .....
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.  
  - a  Type I
  - b  Type II
  - c  Type III—Functionally integrated
  - d  Type III—Non-functionally integrated
- e  By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
  - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? .....
  - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? .....
  - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? .....

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
<b>Total</b>									

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,029,303	885,029	884,154	963,489	536,155	4,298,130
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	1,029,303	885,029	884,154	963,489	536,155	4,298,130
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						4,298,130

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	1,029,303	885,029	884,154	963,489	536,155	4,298,130
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	10					10
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						4,298,140

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 24,172

**13 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	100.00 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	99.85 %

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) <b>u</b>	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

**PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL**

\$ 10



SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. u Attach to Form 990.

u Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD

Employer identification number

52-1690509

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors...?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...?

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution..., 3 Number of conservation easements modified..., 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located..., 5 Does the organization have a written policy..., 6 Staff and volunteer hours..., 7 Amount of expenses..., 8 Does each conservation easement..., 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports...

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report..., 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report..., 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain...

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other .....
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance .....             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year .....     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year ..... | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance .....                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....					
<b>b</b> Contributions .....					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> End of year balance .....					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** .....
  - b** Permanent endowment **u** .....
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **u** .....
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |  | Yes           | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations ..... | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations .....  | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
- b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....				
<b>e</b> Other .....				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) **u**

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include (1) Financial derivatives, (2) Closely-held equity interests, (3) Other (A-H), and a Total row.

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows numbered (1) through (9) and a Total row.

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows numbered (1) through (9) and a Total row.

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1 includes (1) Federal income taxes and rows (2) through (9). Total row at the bottom.

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	<b>639,547</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>	<b>79,220</b>
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	<b>79,220</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>560,327</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	<b>5</b>	<b>560,327</b>

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	<b>1</b>	<b>642,719</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>	<b>79,220</b>
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>	
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>	<b>2e</b>	<b>79,220</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>563,499</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>	<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	<b>5</b>	<b>563,499</b>

**Part XIII Supplemental Information**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

**PART X - FIN 48 FOOTNOTE**

WARA EVALUATES TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN ITS TAX RETURNS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TAX POSITIONS ARE MORE-LIKELY-THAN NOT OF BEING SUSTAINED BY THE APPLICABLE TAX AUTHORITY. TAX POSITIONS NOT DEEMED TO MEET THE MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT THRESHOLD, ALONG WITH ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTY THEREON WOULD BE RECORDED AS AN EXPENSE IN THE CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AND 2013, THE ORGANIZATION BELIEVES THAT IT HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS WITHIN ANY OF ITS OPEN TAX YEARS.



**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

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u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.  
u Attach to Form 990. u See separate instructions.  
u Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD**

Employer identification number  
**52-1690509**

**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

**1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No

**2 For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

**3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
<b>3a</b> Sub-total .....					
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I .....					
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b)					

**Part III** **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
<b>(1) TRAVEL AND RES. STIPENDS</b>	<b>SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>201,717</b>	<b>WIRE TRANSFER A</b>			<b>CASH</b>
(2)							
(3)							
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(18)							

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926) .....  Yes  No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A) .....  Yes  No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471) .....  Yes  No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621) .....  Yes  No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865) .....  Yes  No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713) .....  Yes  No





**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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u Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization

**WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION  
C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD**

Employer identification number

**52-1690509**

**FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION**

THE WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION INC. (WARA) WAS FOUNDED IN 1989 TO ENHANCE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE BETWEEN U.S. AND WEST AFRICAN SCHOLARS, EDUCATORS, AND INSTITUTIONS AND TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT AND INTEREST IN AFRICA IN THE U.S.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 6 - CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS**

ORGANIZATION HAS DOMESTIC MEMBERS.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7A - ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS**

ORGANIZATION MEMBERS DO ELECT MEMBERS FOR GOVERNING BOARD.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 7B - DECISIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS**

MAJOR DECISIONS ARE DECIDED BY GOVERNING BOARD.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990**

FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY ADMIN PERSONNEL BEFORE FILING.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY**

ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE DISCLOSED UPON TAKING OFFICE. EACH DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE UPON TAKING OFFICE.

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL**

COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

Name of the organization

**WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

Employer identification number

**52-1690509**

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS

COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION

GOVERNING DOCS AND RETURNS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

Form <b>990</b>	<b>Two Year Comparison Report</b>	<b>2012 &amp; 2013</b>
For calendar year 2013, or tax year beginning <b>10/01/13</b> , ending <b>09/30/14</b>		

Name <b>WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD</b>	Taxpayer Identification Number <b>52-1690509</b>
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			2012	2013	Differences	
<b>R</b> <b>e</b> <b>v</b> <b>e</b> <b>n</b> <b>u</b> <b>e</b>	1. Contributions, gifts, grants .....	1.	1,443	4,544	3,101	
	2. Membership dues and assessments .....	2.	24,025	14,458	-9,567	
	3. Government contributions and grants .....	3.	938,021	517,153	-420,868	
	4. Program service revenue .....	4.	8,823	24,172	15,349	
	5. Investment income .....	5.				
	6. Proceeds from tax exempt bonds .....	6.				
	7. Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory .....	7.				
	8. Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....	8.				
	9. Net income or (loss) from gaming .....	9.				
	10. Net gain or (loss) on sales of inventory .....	10.				
	11. Other revenue .....	11.				
	<b>12. Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	<b>12.</b>		<b>972,312</b>	<b>560,327</b>	<b>-411,985</b>
<b>E</b> <b>x</b> <b>p</b> <b>e</b> <b>n</b> <b>s</b> <b>e</b> <b>s</b>	13. Grants and similar amounts paid .....	13.	275,000	201,717	-73,283	
	14. Benefits paid to or for members .....	14.				
	15. Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc. ....	15.				
	16. Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits .....	16.	110,662	108,491	-2,171	
	17. Professional fundraising fees .....	17.				
	18. Other professional fees .....	18.	20,890	13,946	-6,944	
	19. Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance .....	19.				
	20. Depreciation and Depletion .....	20.				
	21. Other expenses .....	21.	632,537	239,345	-393,192	
	<b>22. Total expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 21	<b>22.</b>		<b>1,039,089</b>	<b>563,499</b>	<b>-475,590</b>
	<b>23. Excess or (Deficit).</b> Subtract line 22 from line 12	<b>23.</b>		<b>-66,777</b>	<b>-3,172</b>	<b>63,605</b>
<b>O</b> <b>t</b> <b>h</b> <b>e</b> <b>r</b> <b>I</b> <b>n</b> <b>f</b> <b>o</b> <b>r</b> <b>m</b> <b>a</b> <b>t</b> <b>i</b> <b>o</b> <b>n</b>	24. Total exempt revenue .....	24.	972,312	560,327	-411,985	
	25. Total unrelated revenue .....	25.				
	26. Total excludable revenue .....	26.	972,312	560,327	-411,985	
	27. Total assets .....	27.	161,990	158,818	-3,172	
	28. Total liabilities .....	28.				
	29. Retained earnings .....	29.	161,990	158,818	-3,172	
	30. Number of voting members of governing body .....	30.	15	15		
	31. Number of independent voting members of governing body .....	31.	15	15		
	32. Number of employees .....	32.	2	2		
	33. Number of volunteers .....	33.				

Form <b>990T</b>	<b>Two Year Comparison Report</b>	<b>2012 &amp; 2013</b>
For calendar year 2013, or tax year beginning <b>10/01/13</b> , ending <b>09/30/14</b>		

Name **WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION** Taxpayer Identification Number **52-1690509**  
**C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD**

		2012	2013	Differences
<b>Revenue</b>	1. Gross profit/loss on business activities	1.		
	2. Capital gains/losses	2.		
	3. Income/loss from partnerships and S corporations	3.		
	4. Rental income (net of expense)	4.		
	5. Unrelated debt-financed income (net of expense)	5.		
	6. Interest, and other income from controlled organizations (net of expense)	6.		
	7. Investment income of specific organizations (net of expense)	7.		
	8. Exploited exempt activity income (net of expense)	8.		
	9. Advertising income (net of expense)	9.		
	10. Other income	10.		
	<b>11. Total trade or business income.</b> Combine lines 1 through 10	<b>11.</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>	12. Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees	12.		
	13. Other salaries and wages	13.		
	14. Repairs and maintenance	14.		
	15. Bad debts	15.		
	16. Interest	16.		
	17. Taxes and licenses	17.		
	18. Charitable contributions	18.		
	19. Depreciation and Depletion	19.		
	20. Contributions to deferred compensation plans	20.		
	21. Employee benefit programs	21.		
	22. Other deductions	22.		
	<b>23. Total deductions.</b> Add lines 12 through 22	<b>23.</b>		
	<b>24. Taxable income before NOL.</b> Subtract line 23 from 11	<b>24.</b>		
	25. Net operating loss deduction	25.		
	26. Specific deduction	26.		
	<b>27. Unrelated business taxable income.</b>	<b>27.</b>		
	<b>Tax &amp; Credits</b>	28. Income tax (corporate or trust)	28.	
29. Proxy tax		29.		
30. Alternative minimum tax		30.		
<b>31. Total taxes</b>		<b>31.</b>		
32. Other credits		32.		
33. General business credit		33.		
34. Credit for prior year minimum tax		34.		
<b>35. Total credits</b>		<b>35.</b>		
<b>36. Net tax after credits</b>		<b>36.</b>		
37. Recapture taxes		37.		
<b>38. Total Taxes</b>		<b>38.</b>		
<b>Due/Refund</b>	39. Prior year overpayment and estimated tax payments	39.		
	40. Payment made with extension	40.		
	41. Backup withholding and foreign withholding	41.		
	42. Other payments	42.		
	<b>43. Total payments</b>	<b>43.</b>		
	<b>44. Balance due/(Overpayment)</b>	<b>44.</b>		
	45. Overpayment applied to next year	45.		
	<b>46. Penalties</b>	<b>46.</b>		
<b>47. Total due/(Refund)</b>	<b>47.</b>			

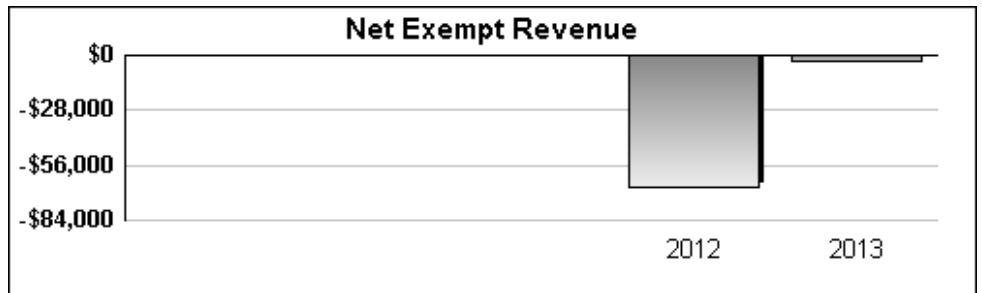
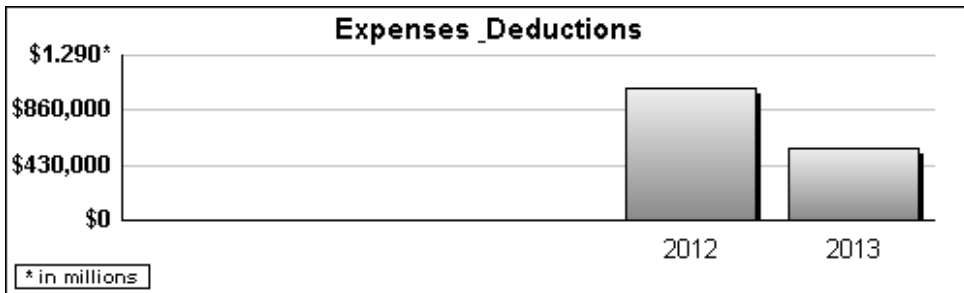
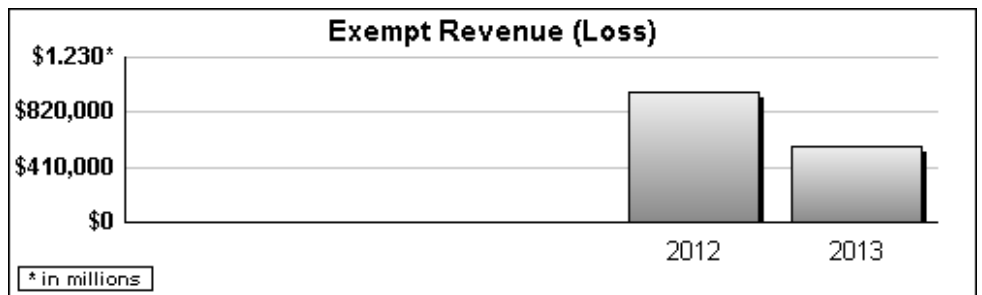
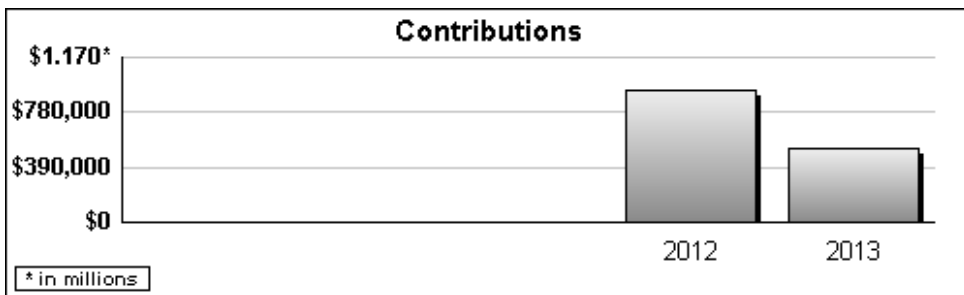
Form <b>990</b>	<b>Tax Return History</b>	<b>2013</b>
Name <b>WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD</b>		Employer Identification Number <b>52-1690509</b>

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Contributions, gifts, grants .....				939,464	521,697	
Membership dues .....				24,025	14,458	
Program service revenue .....				8,823	24,172	
Capital gain or loss .....						
Investment income .....						
Fundraising revenue (income/loss) .....						
Gaming revenue (income/loss) .....						
Other revenue .....						
<b>Total revenue</b> .....				<b>972,312</b>	<b>560,327</b>	
Grants and similar amounts paid .....				275,000	201,717	
Benefits paid to or for members .....						
Compensation of officers, etc. ....						
Other compensation .....				110,662	108,491	
Professional fees .....					13,946	
Occupancy costs .....						
Depreciation and depletion .....						
Other expenses .....				653,427	239,345	
<b>Total expenses</b> .....				<b>1,039,089</b>	<b>563,499</b>	
<b>Excess or (Deficit)</b> .....				<b>-66,777</b>	<b>-3,172</b>	
Total exempt revenue .....				972,312	560,327	
Total unrelated revenue .....						
Total excludable revenue .....				972,312	560,327	
Total Assets .....				161,990	158,818	
Total Liabilities .....						
Net Fund Balances .....				161,990	158,818	

Form <b>990T</b>	<b>Tax Return History</b>	<b>2013</b>
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Name <b>WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD</b>	Employer Identification Number <b>52-1690509</b>
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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Business activity profit/loss .....						
Capital gains/losses .....						
Partner and S Corp gain/loss .....						
Rental income* .....						
Debt-financed income* .....						
Controlled organizations income/interest* .....						
Investment income, specific organizations* .....						
Exploited exempt activity income* .....						
Other income .....						
<b>Total trade or business income.</b> .....						
Compensation of officers, ect. ....						
Other salaries and wages .....						
Repairs and maintenance .....						
Bad debts .....						
Interest .....						
Taxes and licenses .....						
Charitable contributions .....						
Depreciation and Depletion .....						
Deferred compensation plans .....						
Employee benefit programs .....						

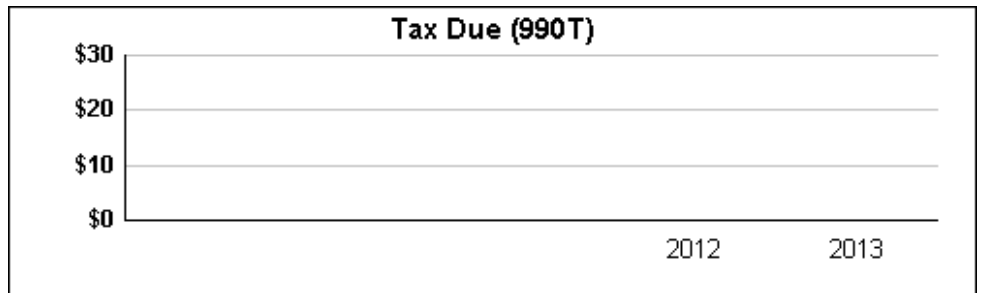
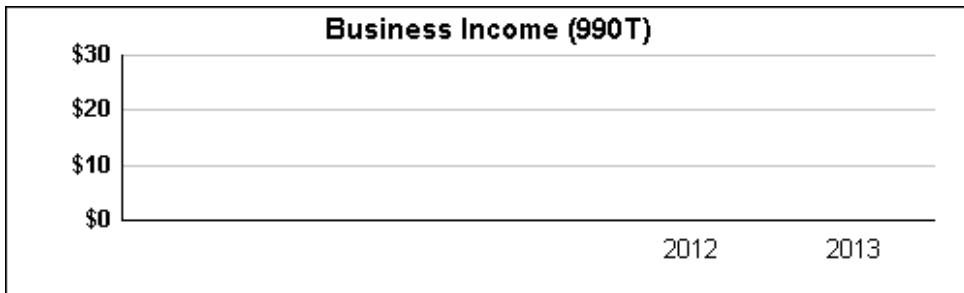
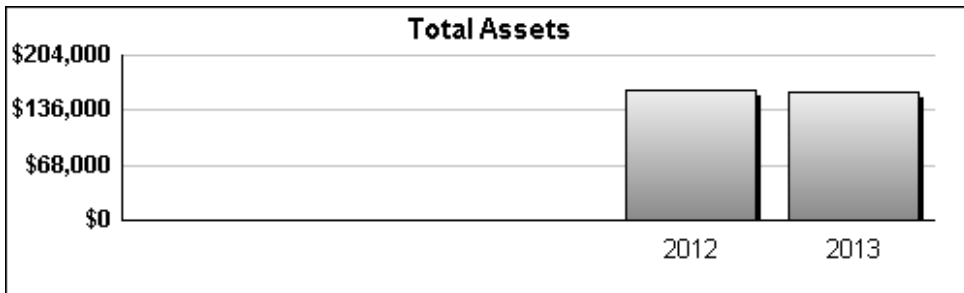


Form <b>990T</b>	<b>Tax Return History</b>	<b>2013</b>
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Name <b>WEST AFRICAN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION C/O JENNIFER J. YANCO, PHD</b>	Employer Identification Number <b>52-1690509</b>
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	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Other deductions .....						
Net operating loss deduction .....						
Specific deduction .....						
Income after expense and deductions .....						
Income tax (corporate or trust) .....						
Other taxes .....						
<b>Total taxes</b> .....						
General business credit .....						
Other credits .....						
<b>Net tax after credits</b> .....						
Estimated tax payments .....						
Other payments .....						
<b>Balance due/Overpayment</b> .....						

\* Income shown net of expenses





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**Federal Statements**

FYE: 9/30/2014

**Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Service (Non-employee)**

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
OTHER FEES	\$ 3,146	\$ 1,137	\$ 2,009	\$
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,146</u>	<u>\$ 1,137</u>	<u>\$ 2,009</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

**Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - All Other Expenses**

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS	\$ 3,523	\$ 3,523	\$	\$
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,508	483	1,025	\$
FINANCIAL SERVICES	745	417	328	\$
HONORARIA	665	165	500	\$
PROGRAM EXPENSES	471	471	471	\$
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,912</u>	<u>\$ 4,588</u>	<u>\$ 2,324</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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**Schedule A, Part II, Line 1(e)**

Description	Amount
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 14,458
GOVT GRANTS OR CONTRIBS	517,153
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	4,544
TOTAL	\$ <u>536,155</u>

**Schedule A, Part II, Line 12**

Description	Amount
PROGRAM FEES	\$ 24,172
TOTAL	\$ <u>24,172</u>