

# African Studies Center Michigan State University

## Weekly Bulletin

February 14, 2017

Spring #6

Welcome to the African Studies Center's Newsletter and list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities.

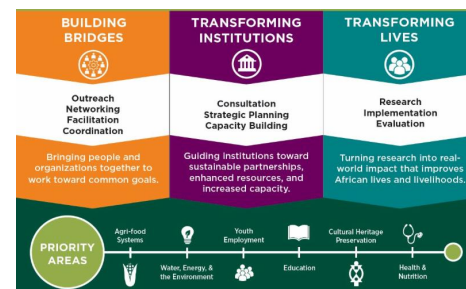
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<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

### Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,  
<http://www.aap.isp.msu.edu>

### Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,  
<http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>



## AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER PROGRAMS

### Eye on Africa

Thursday, February 23, 2017

12:00- 1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

**"Religion, Culture, the Arts and the Making of the African Nation-State."** Eye on Africa with Emmanuel Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and African American Studies and Oppenheimer Faculty Director, Center for African Studies, Harvard University.

Thursday, March 2, 2017

12:00- 1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

**"African Agency in the Making of a British Colony: A Microhistorical Analysis."** Eye on Africa with Joseph J. Bangura, Chair, African History and Director of African Studies, Kalamazoo College



[For additional information or to view past episodes.](#)

*African Tea Time- Open to Everyone  
An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand knowledge of the*

*African continent  
Learn, Share, Engage!*



*February 23 Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland*

*March 2 Ethiopia, Somalia and Tunisia*

*The full schedule can be found on our [website](#).*

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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### New Course

Summer 2017

Intercultural Communication and Business Etiquette in the Arab World  
ARB 491 sec. 730

#### Course Description

The online 3 credit course examines the Arab people's historical background, language varieties, literary traditions, and representative social institutions as it relates to political, sociolinguistic or business topics. The course will mainly cater for business and travel needs; i.e. individuals who need to be in contact with Arab people or countries for travel, study abroad or business. Intercultural business etiquettes and effective communication will be explored through particular case studies from the Arab world. The course material will be explored through lectures and videos supported by listening and viewing guides in addition to discussions based upon the assigned readings and lectures. Enjoy the convenience of summer learning wherever you are in the world.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Ayman A. Mohamed at [mohame44@msu.edu](mailto:mohame44@msu.edu).

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## The Office of International Studies in Education invites you to join in a series of Career-related Sessions for internationally-oriented students

Friday, February 17-12:30, 310 EH

Teaching and coordinating online learning programs and incorporation/accommodation of international students

Tuesday, Feb 28-12-1:30pm, 252 Erickson

Internationally-Focused Administrative Careers in U.S. Higher Education Institutions

Wed., March 1-12-1:30, 133G

Preparing for careers in international education development: Working in an international organization, NGO, foundation, and other non-university-based settings

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Upcoming events hosted by the Talsky Center for Human Rights at the MSU Law Center:

Monday, February 20, 2017

***A Former Child Soldier Speaks***

Michel Chikwanine, former child soldier, Democratic Republic of Congo

11:45 to 1:45 (lunch at 11:30)

MSU Law, Castle Board Room

Monday, March 27, 2017

**Symposium on Immigrants' Rights Under International Law**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Morten Kjaerum, Director of Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sweden; Chair, Board of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles

PANEL #1: ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE MIGRANT POPULATIONS: CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS: Sumudu Atapattu, Director, Research Centers & Coordinator, UW-Madison Human Rights Program, University of Wisconsin Law School; Michael Garcia Bochenek, Senior Counsel, Children's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch; Roberta Cohen, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Karen Musalo, Professor of Law and Director of Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, U.C. Hastings College of Law

PANEL #2: INTERNATIONAL LAW GOVERNING MIGRANT POPULATIONS: OVERARCHING PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS: Vincent Chetail, Professor of Public International Law and Director of Global Migration Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland; Juss Satvinder, Professor of Law, King's College, London, England; E. Tendayi Achiume, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law; Colin Harvey, Professor of Human Rights Law, School of Law, Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland

10:00 to 5:20

MSU Law, Castle Board Room



**Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives  
Brown Bag Series**

**“A Star with the Big Screen:  
Employment, Working Life and Status  
in Tanzanian Movie Houses”**

**Laura Fair  
Department of History  
Michigan State University**

**Friday, February 17  
12:15 - 1:30  
MSU Museum Auditorium**

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**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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# International Studies and Programs (ISP)

## Student Funding Opportunities

Deadline: March 1, 2017

In an effort to continue to internationalize the student experience, ISP takes pride in helping to support students who are interested in working on the world's greatest problems. Here are some internationally focused funding opportunities, administered by the ISP Dean's office, for undergraduate and graduate students.

### [Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant \(doc\)](#)

This award provides financial assistance to domestic students who intend to travel to developing countries for the purpose of providing technical assistance, participate in research, or engage in service. The intent is for students to work towards discovering and implementing solutions in response to urgent human needs (for example: food security, environmental quality, health and nutrition, education, and other areas) and, thereby, to encourage careers in international development teaching, research and practice. Grants are intended to support travel, related living expenses, and projects costs, not to be used as a tuition scholarship.

### [David D. Horner International Student Scholarship Fund](#)

A scholarship fund reserved for international students in financial distress due to circumstances beyond their control, which may jeopardize students' ability to remain at MSU.

### [Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship](#)

This scholarship is available to MSU doctoral students with dissertation research objectives who have defended, or are in the process of defending, a dissertation proposal. The scholarship supports field research abroad in support of the student's dissertation.

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## Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies

### Discretionary Funding Initiative (DFI)

Deadline: March 2, 2017

The Discretionary Funding Initiative (DFI), funded by the Michigan State University Foundation, provides bridge funds for tenure stream faculty for additional studies needed for resubmission of an unsuccessful, but nearly fundable, grant application to the same funding agency. To request funding from this program, faculty should submit a request to the research associate dean of their college (lead college, if appointed in multiple colleges) using the DFI information form attached to this email. Applicants will be expected to provide copies of their previous external reviews, if applicable, and describe the work that will be completed to address the comments provided in these documents.

Requests for support approved by the research associate deans will be forwarded to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies in a prioritized list. The maximum award from the OVPRGS will be \$25K and will require a 100% (up to \$25K) match from units or colleges. The PIs of the recommended projects will be required to submit an electronic transmittal. Funds will be available for 18 months, and an activity report will be required at the end of the granting period.

#### Timeline

February 9, 2017	RFA
March 2, 2017	Deadline for applicants to submit applications to their college.
March 30, 2017	Deadline for Research Associate Deans to submit applications to the OVPRGS. Applications must be sent to <a href="mailto:proposal@msu.edu">proposal@msu.edu</a> no later than 5pm.
April 6, 2017	E-transmittal must be finalized for applications that were sent to the OVPRGS for consideration.
May 4, 2017	Funding announcements will be made.
May 30, 2017	Project Start Date

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## Research Grant Deadline: March 31, 2017

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is offering the following Grant Opportunities in conjunction with the Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference on October 19 - 21, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

### Research Grants

ASMEA is offering research grants of up to \$2500 to qualified professors and students engaged in the study of the Middle East and Africa. Applications must be accompanied by a paper proposal that represents new and unpublished research and is relevant to the qualifying research areas designated by ASMEA. Successful research grant applicants are required to present their research at the Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference and provide ASMEA the right of first refusal for potential publication in our peer-reviewed Journal of the Middle East and Africa.

To stimulate new and diverse lines of discourse about the Middle East and Africa, ASMEA's Research Grants Program seeks to support research on topics that deserve greater attention. The topic areas and sub-topics listed below are intended as a guide for potential participants in the program and constitute the types of subjects that ASMEA intends to support. An applicant may submit a proposal on any topic as long as it is directly relevant to the five broad areas outlined and constitutes new and original research: Status of Minorities and Women, Modern Military History, Governance and Economy, Belief, and Personal Status.

### Travel Grants

ASMEA is offering travel grants to qualified scholars and students whose paper proposals are accepted for presentation at the Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference. Grants of up to \$750 are available for international applicants while U.S. applicants may receive grants of up to \$500.

Applicants with questions about the topic areas or about the program in general may contact ASMEA at [info@asmeascholars.org](mailto:info@asmeascholars.org).

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## Center for Advanced Study of International Development International Strategic Partnership Funding Deadline: March 1, 2017

The Provost and Associate Provost and Dean of ISP have made funding available to develop international strategic partnerships with universities and institutions of higher education and research abroad. The funding is focused on the international themes of food and agriculture, environment, health and nutrition, and education. These partnerships should involve MSU faculty from multiple disciplines and fields of study. Collaborations focused on these international themes that involve faculty from Arts and Letters or Social Science are encouraged. Partnerships should center on collaborative research, including proposal development and preliminary research activities that build institutional capacity and strengthen the institutional partnership.

Strategic partnerships should ultimately lead to potential long-term research and other collaborations between MSU and the partner institution. Grant development can be facilitated by CASID staff in collaboration with involved units. Funding may be granted for continued support to develop these partnerships, depending on the outcomes of the initial grant.

If you have questions about the application requirements and/or process please contact Jennifer Brewer, International Program Coordinator, Center for Advanced Study of International Development at: [brewer13@isp.msu.edu](mailto:brewer13@isp.msu.edu).

Proposals received by March 1, 2017, will be reviewed this cycle. Applications received after March 1, 2017 will be reviewed based on the availability of funds. Please submit applications to Jennifer Brewer at: [brewer13@isp.msu.edu](mailto:brewer13@isp.msu.edu).

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# CONFERENCES

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## "From Theory to Practice: Exploring sustainable solutions to Africa's developmental challenges"

African Graduate Student Association

2nd Annual Research Conference

March 25, 2017

### Call for Abstracts

Research is fundamental to the development process of Africa. It plays a key role in informing development interventions in every sector. Yet, the relationship between researchers and decision makers is not without tension and has been a subject of considerable debate, with a focus on how research can better influence policy makers and how policy makers can use good research to inform development interventions. We recognize the real potential of research to promote emergence of new ideas and skills for their dissemination to inform formulation of effective policies for development. It is in this light that this second AGSA Annual Research Conference seeks to provide a platform for creating new ideas to the larger thematic orientation and promotes proactive dialogue among researchers, decision makers and civil society stakeholders. The main purpose is to share ideas arising from research conducted by graduate students working on African issues, and deliberate on ways to create and strengthen networks among researchers, decision makers and civil society.

Therefore, the AGSA is calling for abstracts from all African MSU students and Africanists, from different disciplines, conducting research in Africa.

Submission guidelines - Abstracts are invited from completed studies, works in progress, and social ventures. You are required to show how your research aligns to the theme. As this will be a multidisciplinary conference, presenters are urged to put emphasis on the significance and impact of their research in their respective study areas and addressing the problem(s) of focus. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words and should include the broader problem in which the research is situated. Also indicate whether you are submitting for an oral or poster presentation, both of which are given equal recognition.

Deadlines for Submission of Abstracts: February 6th 2017 using the google form [here](#) or email [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu)

All submitted abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process and authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by March 2, 2017.

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## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association

Institutions: Creativity and Resilience in Africa

November 16-18, 2017

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: March 15, 2017

### ABOUT THE MEETING

We are soliciting proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, Author Meets Critic, and flash sessions. Presentations may focus on the theme of "Institutions: Creativity and Resilience in Africa" or on broader social science, humanities, and applied themes relating to Africa. We strongly encourage the submission of formed panels. You can find more information about the theme and the call for proposals on the [ASA website](#).

### HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Instructions for submitting proposals can be found online on the [ASA website](#).

### SUBMIT A CALL FOR PANELISTS

The ASA encourages individuals to post calls for panelists on the ASA website before the March 15 deadline, so that participants may utilize the ASA network to find potential panelists. Calls for Panelists may be submitted through the form on the ASA website. A list of proposed panels, along with contact information for their chairs, will be made available on a rolling basis on the ASA website. Please note that panel organizers must finalize their panel participants and submit an organized panel proposal by March 15, 2017.

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# OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Submit nominations for our 2017 awards today!

The African Studies Association is pleased to announce that we are accepting nominations for the following awards and prizes in 2017:

The [ASA Presidential Fellows Program](#) provides opportunities for academics and practitioners with a scholarly interest in Africa to travel to the U.S. to attend the ASA Annual Meeting, visit institutions of higher learning in the United States, engage with academics working on Africa-related issues, and more. Deadline for nominations: March 20.

The [Melville J. Herskovits Prize](#) is awarded to the author of the most important scholarly work in African studies published in English during the preceding year. Deadline for nominations: April 30. Please note - Nomination letters must be received by the Secretariat by April 30 and all review copies of the publications need to be post-marked by the same date.

The [Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize](#) is awarded to the author of the best book on East African Studies published in the previous calendar year. Deadline for nominations: April 30. Please note - Nomination letters must be received by the Secretariat by April 30 and all review copies of the publications need to be post-marked by the same date.

The [Distinguished Africanist Award](#) recognizes a lifetime of distinguished contributions to African studies. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Graduate Student Paper Prize](#) is awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the previous year's Annual Meeting. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Paul Hair Prize](#) recognizes the best critical edition or translation into English of primary source materials on Africa published during the preceding two years. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Gretchen Walsh Book Donation Award](#) offers an annual grant program to assist book donation projects with shipping costs to send books to African libraries and schools. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Royal Air Maroc-ASA Student Travel Award](#) is granted to students to facilitate and increase the movement of students and the exchange of ideas, between students of African Studies in Africa and the United States. The overarching aim of the award is to acknowledge outstanding scholarship by future African Studies scholars. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

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