

African Studies Center Michigan State University

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

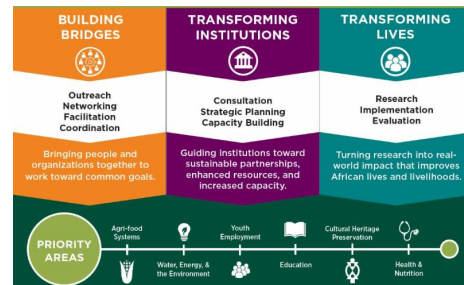
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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

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AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER PROGRAMS

Upcoming Eye on Africa Speakers

Wednesday, January 18, 2017
5:00-7:00pm- Room 303 International Center

"Film Production in Tanzania after Independence." Documentary Presentation with Aylin Basaran, PhD Student, Department of Contemporary History, Vienna University.

Thursday, January 19, 2017
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

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Thursday, January 26, 2017 (Special Eye on Africa)
11:00-12:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Participatory mapping of environmental resources: A comparison of a Tanzanian pastoral community over time." Eye on Africa with Amber Pearson and Amanda Rzotkiewicz, Department of Geography, Michigan State University.



[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!



January 26 Botswana and Namibia

February 9 Liberia and Sierra Leone

February 23 Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland

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

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Race, Religion, and Immigration in America Today," Friday, January 27, 12:00-1:00pm, International Center, Room 303.

A poster for an event titled "RACE, RELIGION, AND IMMIGRATION IN AMERICA TODAY". The poster lists several speakers and their topics: Sheila Contreras on Immigration, Michael Wilson on Black Lives Matter, Amy Simon on Anti-Semitism, Salah Hassan on Islamophobia, Erin Graham on Gender and Sexuality, and Farha Abbasi on Mental Health. The event is moderated by Najib Hourani. The date and time are Friday, January 27th, Noon to 1:30pm, at 330 International Center. The poster also lists numerous sponsors, including the MSU Muslim Studies Program, Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives, African American & African Studies, African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, Center for Gender in Global Context, Center for Latin America & Caribbean Studies, Chicano/Latino Studies Program, College of Arts & Letters, College of Social Science, Dept. of English, Dept. of History, Dept. of Linguistics & Languages, Dept. of Philosophy, Dept. of Psychiatry, Global Studies in the Arts & Humanities, Honors College, International Studies & Programs, James Madison College, Jewish Studies Program, Lyman Briggs College, Office of Study Abroad, Office for International Students & Scholars, Peace & Justice Studies, and Residential College. The Michigan State University logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Friday, January 27th
Noon to 1:30pm
330 International Center

Sponsored by the MSU Muslim Studies Program; Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives; African American & African Studies; African Studies Center; Asian Studies Center; Center for Gender in Global Context; Center for Latin America & Caribbean Studies; Chicano/Latino Studies Program; College of Arts & Letters; College of Social Science; Dept. of English; Dept. of History; Dept. of Linguistics & Languages; Dept. of Philosophy; Dept. of Psychiatry; Global Studies in the Arts & Humanities; Honors College; International Studies & Programs; James Madison College; Jewish Studies Program; Lyman Briggs College; Office of Study Abroad; Office for International Students & Scholars; Peace & Justice Studies; Residential College

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Research and Action in the New South Africa: Study Abroad in South Africa this summer with the African American and African Studies Program.

African and African American Studies is offering Research and Action in the New South Africa Summer 2017. This course will be offered as AAAS 893c, 890, 490, & 390. The program will run from May 19 to June 23, 2017.

This program will provide a unique international internship/service-learning and field research development course experience in South Africa. Students will be immersed in real life contexts where they will directly examine, explore and engage the African World lived-experience in practice. The country provides a dynamic site for examining the intersections of race, identity and historical legacies that inform the country's current rapidly transformational political, cultural and economic structures.

Graduate and advanced Undergraduate students will engage in internship/service-learning activities with non-governmental and secondary educational partners. Partnering with the University of South Africa (UNISA) and other institutions, students will have the opportunity to conduct advanced field research (undergrads and grads) or pre-dissertation research (grads). Students will have the opportunity to work with South African communities in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Soweto, and Venda and engage in important cultural, economic development and social justice initiatives.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Joy Coates at jcoates@msu.edu or 517/432-0869.

Spring 2017 "Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives" Brown Bag Series

The lecture series is a cooperative project that focuses on the cultural traditions of workers, workplaces as contexts for the expression of workers' culture, and the diversity of historical and artistic presentation of workers' lives.

Monday, January 23, 12:15-1:30pm (MSU Museum Auditorium)-

"Putting two Continents on Track: African and Chinese Railroad Builders during the Cold War," presented by Jamie Monson, African Studies Center and Department of History.

Bioethics Brownbag and Webinar Series

"Covert Costs of Racial and Ethnic Concordance in the Medical Workforce," January 18, 12:00-1:00pm, East Fee Hall, C102 Patenge Room.

Over the past century US medical workforce demographics have shifted. Moving away from a white male dominated profession, there is a welcomed push towards increasing gender, ethnic, racial, and linguistic representation. That shift is accompanied by policy initiatives and rhetoric shaping the professional futures of underrepresented minority (URM) physicians. Do these policy initiatives carry social costs that inadvertently influence URM's futures in the medical workforce?

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2017 Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize

The Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize seeks to identify the most outstanding graduating senior, based on the criteria below, and to grant an award to be used for "future growth and development, travel, graduate study, or meditation," to quote one of the Prize founders, Gerald Faverman. In 2017, the amount awarded will be \$4,000.

Selection Criteria

1. The award recipient must be a Michigan State University senior, majoring in any discipline, who is expected to graduate during 2017 (Spring, Summer, or Fall).
2. The award recipient will exhibit an open, curious, creative approach to education and ideas, and intellectual ingenuity will be evident. More weight will be given to intellectual curiosity and innovation than to grades

attained, although a cumulative GPA above 3.0 is preferred.

3. The award recipient will have demonstrated exceptional character and leadership in furthering her/his own progress and in enriching the lives of others, especially in intellectual and international dimensions. She/he will have utilized innovative approaches in these efforts. A commitment to community service and to lifelong learning should be evident.

Nomination Procedure

There is no formal nomination or application form. Each nomination packet should include:

* One letter of nomination from a Michigan State University faculty or academic staff member and up to two additional letters in support of the nomination from Michigan State University faculty or academic staff members (includes advisors). Letters should be addressed to the Featherstone Nomination Committee, 312 Administration Building.

* An essay or letter of not more than 1,000 words written by the student. The student's name, MSU Net ID, address, and telephone number must be included on the student's submission.

* Student's resume (not to exceed 2 pages)

Nomination packets, including the student's essay and resume, should be emailed in PDF format to lfrechen@msu.edu no later than Friday, February 3, 2017 at 5 pm. For further information, contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at (517) 353-5380 (e-mail: lfrechen@msu.edu) or the Featherstone Society representative, Dr. Jackie Taylor (jdiane@comcast.net).

Nelson Mandela Museum/MSU Museum Curatorial Fellowship MSU Museum and The Graduate School Summer/Fall 2017

The Nelson Mandela Museum/Michigan State University Museum Curatorial Fellowship Program is one of many MSU programs that help meet post-apartheid South Africa's challenge to document, preserve, and interpret history and expressive culture. The NMMMSUMCFPs springs from a history of two museums (Michigan State University Museum and the Nelson Mandela Museum) working together and independently on similar activities and the desire of both institutions to work on new projects that further their respective missions.

Curatorial fellowship projects will be conducted during the summer and fall semesters. Ten weeks of the summer semester will be spent in South Africa (with at least eight weeks working full-time at the Mandela Museum based in Mthatha) and the following fall semester will be spent working part-time at the MSU Museum. Curatorial fellows will be expected to plan and complete projects in collaboration with and mentored by MSU faculty and professional museum staff at each institution. Projects must reflect the educational and research missions of the two museums, address identified needs of the museums, ideally incorporate technology, and be in compliance with international standards of museum practice. Special emphasis is given to projects that demonstrate the spirit of ubuntu, the traditional South African humanist philosophy focusing on people's allegiances and relations with each other.

Each fellow will receive \$16,000. Up to an additional \$500 will be available to attend a cultural heritage conference in South Africa and up to an additional \$1000 will be available to cover travel and conference registration costs to present the results of fellowship experience or work to a professional or academic meeting in the U.S.

Applicants should be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a terminal degree that is normally understood as a prerequisite for academic jobs (usually a Ph.D.), be in good academic standing, and making progress on their degrees. Applicants must have taken, minimally, the Foundations of Museum Studies course at MSU (or completed a comparable course or had curatorial experience at a museum).

Applicants should submit the attached application form; a C.V.; and a brief essay that describes their career goals, why they are interested in NMMMSUMGC, and how they anticipate that participation in NMMMSUMGC will enhance their professional development. Applications must be submitted on or before Friday, February 27, 2017. Announcements of the fellowship recipient will be made by March 31, 2017.

For further information or questions regarding the program, please contact the program coordinators Dr. C. Kurt Dewhurst (517-355-2370 or dewhurst@msu.edu) or Dr. Marsha MacDowell (517-355-2370 or

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship African Studies

The African Studies Center invites applicants for the FLAS fellowship for the study of African languages. Applicants may apply for the Intensive African Language Summer 2017 program and/or the Academic Year 2017-2018 program.

- FLAS Fellowships come with tuition and a stipend.
- Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply.
- Fellowships are awarded to qualified students in programs that combine the study of foreign languages with advanced training and research in an African focused academic or professional area.
- The FLAS fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program for the study of African languages and non-language courses on Africa.

For additional information or to apply please visit the African Studies Center [website](#).

College of Education Scholarships for Study Abroad

Applications are being accepted for the Dean's Scholarship for Undergraduate Study Abroad and the Ian J. Render Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad to South Africa. The scholarships are designed to help students cover expenses that exceed on-campus costs related to their College of Education study abroad program. The deadline in January 31, 2017.

Eligibility

- Undergraduates enrolled in College of Education **credit-bearing** study abroad programs during the summer of 2017, fall 2017, or spring 2018.
- International students are eligible for these scholarships.

To download scholarship information and the application please visit the College of Education [website](#).

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