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# African Studies Center Michigan State University

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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.

Please visit our new  
website: <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://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Monday, December 5, 2016  
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. -  
Room 201 International Center

"How Dark was Africa Before Europe?: The past perfect orality, the present imperfect literacy, and the future lectro-oral." Eye on Africa with Amidu Sanni, University of Lagos.

### Watch Past Episodes

<http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/>

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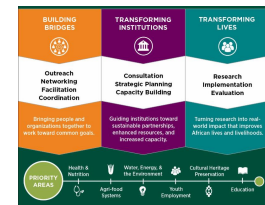
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### Alliance for African Partnership



The Alliance for African Partnership will promote innovative approaches to collaborative research and partnership with African institutions to address emerging challenges in today's world.

### African Tea Times - Open to Everyone

An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand experiences on the African Continent

Learn, Share, Engage!

(427 N Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center, East Lansing,  
MI)

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African Tea Times resume January 2017.

## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### African Studies Association Reception

Jointly sponsored by the African Studies Center and the Department of History

Saturday, December 3, 2016

6:30-8:30pm

Please join us for our annual reception during the African Studies Association's conference in Washington, DC. The event will take place on Saturday, December 3rd, from 6:30-8:30pm, at [Lebanese Taverna](#).

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## JOB POSTINGS & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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### St. Mary's College-Maryland, Early Modern Atlantic World Art History, Assistant Professor

The Department of Art and Art History at St. Mary's College of Maryland is accepting applications for a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor of Art History in the field of Early Modern Atlantic World art and/or architecture, beginning August 2017. We encourage applications from art historians specializing in the arts of the cultures bordering the Atlantic Ocean rim, from about 1500 to 1800 CE. These may include Europe, Africa, North America and South America, and we are particularly interested in work and teaching that emphasizes transcultural contact and exchange during this period. Ph.D. in the History of Art required at the time of appointment. Candidates must have an active professional record and be committed to excellence in undergraduate teaching. Teaching experience beyond graduate teaching assistant level is preferred. Six-course teaching load per year includes topics in the candidate's area of specialty at both the introductory and advanced levels as well as shared responsibility for Introduction to Art History, Critical Methods seminar, and senior capstone projects in Art History. Ability to teach courses that contribute to the college's interdisciplinary Museum Studies program desirable.

Applications are being accepted online at: [apply.interfolio.com/38414](http://apply.interfolio.com/38414). Questions may be directed to Dr. Bruce Wilson, Chair of Art and Art History, at [bmwilson@smcm.edu](mailto:bmwilson@smcm.edu).

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### Wagner College, History, Visiting Assistant Professor

The Wagner College Department of History seeks a one-year visiting Assistant Professor in the History of the Islamic World With a Specialization in Africa and the Middle East or South Asia to begin Fall 2017. Teaching requirements include introductory Global History survey course, as well as upper-level courses in the broader Islamic world of Africa and the Middle East or South Asia.

Applicants should have a Ph.D. in History by or before August 2017. Send a letter of application, C.V., transcripts, sample syllabi and 3 letters of recommendation to Dr. Rita Reynolds, History Department, Wagner College, Staten Island, NY 10301. Tel: 718-390 3491; Fax 718-420 4158; email: [rita.reynolds@wagner.edu](mailto:rita.reynolds@wagner.edu). Pending budgetary approval review of applications will start immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by

December 15, 2016. Interviews will be held at the American Historical Association's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado, January 2017.

Located in an increasingly diverse metropolitan area, Wagner College is committed to scholarship and community outreach relevant to the needs of New York City. Wagner values campus diversity (domestic and international) and in keeping with this initiative, it welcomes applications from diverse candidates and candidates who support diversity and internationalization efforts.

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## Conferences and Calls for Papers

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### Whose Lives Matter?

#### Xenophobia, Disenfranchisement, and Exclusion in Africa

Boston University's Graduate Student Conference in African Studies will be celebrating its 25th consecutive event. This year's conference will feature the work of emerging graduate scholars engaging Africa from a variety of disciplines and focusing on the themes of xenophobia, disenfranchisement, and exclusion. The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Alex de Waal, Executive Director of the World Peace Foundation.

We invite rigorous graduate student papers that examine Africa's past, present and future, exhibit methodological innovation, and/or yield fresh interpretative insights. Participation is commonly drawn from across the academic spectrum: Anthropology, Art History, Cultural Studies, Economics, Ecology and Environment, Geography, Global Health, History, International Relations, Law, Literature, Media Studies, Musicology, Policy, Political Science, Religion, and Sociology.

#### To Apply

Submit a 250-word abstract to [africanstudiesconference2017@gmail.com](mailto:africanstudiesconference2017@gmail.com) by January 15, 2017. Please also include your name, address, telephone number, email address, and institutional affiliation in the email. Notifications of successful proposals will be sent out on February 1, 2017. For more information, please email the address listed above or go to: <http://www.bu.edu/africa/forstudents/graduate/annual-graduate-conference/>.

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### "Power, Place and People: The Local and the Global" Northeastern University Graduate History Conference March 18th-19th 2017

The Northeastern History Graduate Student Association invites proposal submissions for its 9th annual graduate student conference to be held on March 18th-19th at Northeastern University, Boston Massachusetts.

The many layers of world history, ranging from the most local to the global, have never functioned independently from one another. As tempting as it is for historians to address their histories in isolated microcosms, it always remains true that every historical event has ramifications much wider than its immediate context, and it is this issue that our conference hopes to address. The conference hopes to explore a wide range of themes and topics in world history, addressing the many links and interactions between the global and local scales, and everything in between. The conference will ask how the currents of the world history narrative are noticeably affected by even the most local happenings, and how in return the local narrative can be so heavily influenced by global events.

Submissions may engage directly with a variety of themes including: Migration and Mobility, Class and Conflict, Urbanization, Space, Gender, Borders and Boundaries, Race, the Environment, Hegemony and Society, Theory and Practice and many more.

We invite graduate students in degree programs in history and other cognate disciplines to present work on any of these topics and more. We welcome presentations on digital and public history projects, as well as presentations that engage these themes in interdisciplinary ways.

We particularly welcome pre-organized panel proposals. Faculty are invited to volunteer as chair/commentators in their research areas.

To be considered, the following documents should be sent to the program committee at [nugradconf@gmail.com](mailto:nugradconf@gmail.com) by Friday December 16th:

Individual Panelists:

- \* 200-word abstract describing paper or work to be presented
- \* Brief curriculum vitae
- \* List of audio/visual needs, if applicable

Panels:

- \* List of all panel members (3 per panel) with designated chairperson, if applicable
- \* 200-word abstract that discusses the theme of the panel
- \* 200-word abstract for each paper or work to be presented
- \* Brief curriculum vitae for each panelist and chairperson
- \* List of audio/visual needs, if applicable

Accepted panelists will be required to submit their papers by Friday March 1st.

For more information about our past conferences, please visit our website at: <http://nuhistorygrads.wordpress.com/conference/>.

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## Other Announcements



Seminar by Visiting Scholar of the Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project  
Climate Change-Food Security-Governance Nexus: What Options for Smallholder Farmers in Nigeria?  
Tuesday, November 29, 3 p.m. **TODAY**  
Natural Resources Room 130

Nigeria is experiencing extreme weather events such as unusually high temperature and heavy rainfall. In order to adapt to the situation and ensure their own food security, smallholder farmers implement several strategies. The effect of these strategies are more often than not counter-productive. Also, farmers appear not to have the policy support which could enhance effective adaptation despite the existence of a Nigerian national adaptation strategy-action plan. This seminar presents a review of research on climate change in Nigeria. It examines the complexity of climate change, food security and the governance nexus. A critical assessment of the successes and gaps in research and policy within the last 10-15 years will be given. The implications of these on the availability or absence of alternative pathways and options for smallholder farmers will be discussed. Plausible suggestions for

the way forward and opportunities for the future will be addressed.

Dr. Adeola O. Olajide is an Agricultural Economist, with specialization in Farming and Rural Systems Economics. She has over 15 years of experience in social science research with particular focus on food security, agribusiness enterprise development and climate change using gender as a cross cutting theme. She has made significant contributions to agricultural development in Africa through quality research on social and economic issues of concern across the continent.

Dr. Olajide's visit to MSU is sponsored by a USAID funded "Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project".

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## EDITOR'S NOTE



**We want to feature you on our new website.**

The African Studies Center's new website will regularly feature the scholarship of MSU's Africanist community (Faculty, Alumni and Students). Please share news of your publications, research, and awards with us so that we may keep the larger MSU community abreast of your achievements. Please forward the details to Tara Mock at [mocktara@isp.msu.edu](mailto:mocktara@isp.msu.edu).