

African Studies Center International Studies and Programs MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK

February 25, 2020

Spring #8

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Africa Week Celebration

Featuring Africa-Related Activities & Programs

March 23rd-27th, 2020

African Studies Center

More information coming soon

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Eye on Africa

February 27, 2020 -CANCELLED

March 5, 2020 - Spring Break -No Eye on Africa

The next Eye on Africa will be on March 12, 2020: Speaker: Kathleen Bickford Berzock Topic: Caravans of Gold: An Inside Look Time: 12:00 - 1:30pm Place: Room 201 International Center

View the Spring 2020 Eye on Africa Schedule (PDF)

African Tea Time is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. The tea times are open to everyone!

This Thursday: Mali and Togo February 27th 4:00-6:00p International Center, Room 303

View the full schedule (PDF)



GLOBAL DIGITAL HUMANITIES SYMPOSIUM

Registration is now open! Deadline for registration is March 13.

Join us for an exciting program addressing how the interdisciplinary practices of digital humanities can relate to global, indigenous, and/or underrepresented groups and topics.

Everyone is welcome, regardless of discipline, including students!

All sessions will take place in the MSU Main Library. Meals are included with registration.



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Book Drive for Lakeland Correctional Facility

The African Studies Center has begun a new outreach program at Lakeland Correctional Facility in Coldwater, Michigan. As part of our programming there for Black History Month, the African Studies Center is collecting books to be donated to their library.

If you have duplicates or unused copies of books on African History, African-American History, African Diaspora History and African languages, please bring them to the African Studies Center or contact us for pickup at chotid@msu.edu.

Navigating the Challenges of Your 《《 Next Step



A kosua Boadi-A g y e m a n g March 27th, 2020 4:30 - 6:00 PM Erickson Kiva, Room 103 Commonly known on the LinkedIn platform as "The Bold Journey girl" and for sharing her stories on going from rejection to working fulltime for Microsoft, Akosua Boadi-Agyemang boldly radiates her light as a Program Manager for Microsoft's Business and Sales Operations. Akosua was born and raised in Francistown, Botswana to two Ghanaian parents. She moved to Oxford, Ohio to seek higher education at Miami University. Upon arriving in the US in 2015, Akosua started an

initiative called "Re-Envision Africa" to highlight the whole story of Africa and not just the usually told single narrative of poverty, war and famine. Akosua hopes that through Re-Envision Africa, more people will come to understand that there is education, wealth, innovation and beauty etc. that comes from the Continent.

March 27th, 2020 4:30-6:00pm Erickson Kiva, Room 103

Academic Ethics Across Cultures Workshop

Date: Friday, February 28th Time: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm Location: International Center Room 201

Presenters:

- Opal Leeman Bartzis, Executive Director of Education Abroad at Michigan State University
- Anne Hayner, Associate Director for Alumni Relations, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame

Description:

Learn how culture influences understandings of academic ethics, and how to train international and education abroad students, faculty, and staff to prevent crises.

This session examines issues of academic integrity in cross-cultural contexts. Students traveling across cultures may encounter different cultural definitions of cheating and plagiarism -- what is considered "sharing" in a collectivist culture may be considered "cheating" in an individualist culture. International students may find themselves grappling not only with new educational systems but also differing perspectives on nuanced issues of academic ethics which often include more grey areas and cultural assumptions than commonly acknowledged. Similar challenges are often encountered by US students who study abroad, and students traveling in both directions can find themselves unwittingly breaching academic ethics.

Registration for the workshop is required at https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bvbKNHxZTfmK5qR

The Lilly Fellows Program Applications

The program is intended to advance the University's continuing efforts to support excellence in teaching and learning. The program supports a cohort of six faculty or academic specialists at all ranks with at least five years of service to the institution. The Program also provides an opportunity for Fellows to expand relationships and collaborative engagement with peers and colleagues within their own colleges and across the University. The program is supported by matching grants from AAN and the Fellows' departments and/or colleges.

The project should have a work plan that can be reasonably addressed within an academic year, although the implementation and impact of the project is expected to continue beyond the year. We encourage creative and innovative ideas. Using the proposed project as a foundation, participants will also learn leadership concepts and models, build specific skills, learn more about how the University works, and practice what they learn through the activities of their project and small group mentoring and coaching.

Former Lilly Fellows are eligible for this new version of the program.

Submit an application through https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2sL2Le3vdBaGfWJ by April 1st, 2020

If you have questions, or want to share ideas, contactJeff Grabill at grabill@msu.edu

Call for Proposals: Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Program Innovation Fund

Proposals should be emailed to the Assistant to the Executive Director of Education Abroad and clearly indicate that the application is for the Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Program Innovation Fund initiative. Submit:

- A narrative description of the proposed or revised program, with a focus on aspects that make the program unique and support students' personal, professional and intercultural learning and development (maximum 500 words)
- A budget for the intended activity (site visit, conference attendance, technology, etc.)
- A brief description of how each item requested in the budget will facilitate program development
- Letters of support from the sponsoring department's chair and the college's lead representative on the MSU Advisory Council on Education Abroad

Education Abroad will provide funding up to a maximum of \$5,000 per approved proposal. **Applications will be accepted until August 1, 2020.** A maximum of five (5) program development grants will be awarded annually.

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