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*Fall #9, October 27th, 2020*

## **AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK**



**MSU African Studies Center Annual Report for 2019/20!**

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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### The MSU African Studies Center Annual Report for 2019/20

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In this Annual Report, the African Studies Center provides you with an overview of our work during the last academic year. Here you will find information about our mission and values, our academic work, outreach to schools and the community, education abroad in Africa, new partnerships, our just-completed Year of Global Africa and more.

Even though we are not physically in our offices currently, the MSU African Studies Center welcomes you more warmly than ever to connect with us! Get involved in our virtual community by attending events, reaching out over email and social media, and sharing your ideas and experiences with us so that we can continue to support you and the rest of our African Studies family, wherever you may be.

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**Date:** Thursday, October 29nd, 2020

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (EST)

This Week's Speaker and Topic:



### Maano Ramutsindela - 'Africa's Borderlands: a Site of Environmentalism'

Maano Ramutsindela is a Professor in the Department of Environmental Geographical Science and Dean of Science at the University of Cape Town. This talk focuses on African borders as a site of environmentalism. The concept of environmentalism is used here to denote a range of ideas and actions centered on the protection and management of the environment, and how they shape the relations between society and nature. The talk pays greater attention to three ways in which African borderlands are a fertile ground for environmentalism.

Eye on Africa is a weekly seminar series that provides scholars, policy-makers, applied practitioners, students, and the interested public with cutting-edge and highly-contextualized knowledge about the African continent.

Due to the restrictions on travel and assembly imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will meet virtually throughout the fall. Please follow this link for the fall 2020 Eye On Africa schedule and for the required one-time registration.

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**Date:** Thursday, November 5th, 2020

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EST)

Next Week's Topic:

**Tanzania and Egypt, COVID-19 and Inequalities in Education: Perspectives from the Grassroots**

African Tea Times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Every other week, the African Tea Times focus on different countries. The tea times open to everyone. They are held every other Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m (EST), and are held virtually on Zoom.

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## Congrats to Dr. Chantal Tetreault!



The African Studies Center congratulates Core Faculty member Dr Chantal Tetreault who has won the prestigious Fulbright US Scholar Program Award.

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## Congrats to Dr. Lisa Cook!



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The African Studies Center congratulates Core Faculty member Dr. Lisa Cook for being featured in Bloomberg News for her groundbreaking research.

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## Ubuntu Dialogues Seminar Program - Call for Participants

The African Studies Center at Michigan State University (MSU) is pleased to invite applications for participation in the 2021 Ubuntu Dialogues Seminar Program.

The seminars are part of the Ubuntu Dialogues, an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-funded partnership between the MSU African Studies Center and the Stellenbosch University Museum. The partnership is geared toward a) transforming the function and practice of the museum as an institution, both within Africa and around the world; b) establishing new and strengthening existing connections between universities and communities; and 3) developing a replicable framework for universities to become dynamic sites for the co-creation and dissemination of knowledge and practice. It is conceived around transnational dialogue and engagement among students, faculty, and community partners in South Africa and the United States. The partnership project comprises three main components: virtual student conversations; a student exchange program; and the seminar program.

Your CV and abstract should be sent as one PDF file over email to Upenyu Majee at [majeeupe@msu.edu](mailto:majeeupe@msu.edu) by Friday October 30, 2020.

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## Gender, Women's Suffrage, and Political Power: Past, Present, and Future Conference

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# Gender, Women's Suffrage, and Political Power

## Past, Present, and Future Conference

Exploring the diversity of women's influence and actions in electoral politics, political power, and leadership.

**November 18-21, 2020**

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## Apply Now to the FY 2021 Seminars Abroad Program!

### U.S. Department of Education: Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program

**Deadline:** Friday, December 18th, 2020

The *Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program* (SA) provides U.S. educators in the social sciences and humanities with opportunities to participate in short-term seminars abroad to improve their understanding and knowledge of the peoples and cultures of other countries. In 2021, summer seminars will be offered in Iceland, Morocco, and Mexico.

Each thematic seminar features educational lectures and interactive, cultural activities specifically designed for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educators, including visits to local schools and organizations and meetings with education administrators, government officials, policymakers, teachers, and students. Participants draw on their experiences during the program to create new or to enhance cross-cultural curricula for use in their U.S. classrooms and school systems.

Sixteen educators participate in each seminar. The SA program covers airfare, room and board, and program costs. Teacher participants are responsible for a cost-share of \$650.

*Please note that seminar dates could be postponed until the summer of 2022 due to international travel restrictions that may be enacted in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic.*

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## In Memoriam

The African Studies Center pays memorial tribute to **Frances Nambi Kaneene** who passed away on August 6, 2020 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Frances Kaneene served as a most invaluable, loved and respected undergraduate academic advisor in the Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) for more than three decades. [Read the full tribute here.](#)

The African Studies Center pays memorial tribute to **Professor Felix I. Nweke**, an MSU colleague and alumnus who served, until his time of passing, as a Visiting Professor of Agricultural Economics and African Studies at Michigan State University. He passed away on August 12, 2020 at his son's residence in Maryland. [Read the full tribute here.](#)

*In Memoriam announcements will be made early in the fall, and at the end of the spring semester each year.*

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