

**April 16, 2019**

**Spring #14**

**This is the Year of Global Africa!**

The Year of Global Africa explores MSU's rich history and connection with our many partners across Africa and throughout the African Diaspora through diverse scholarship, engagement, and activities. The weekly Newsletter provides a list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities related to the Year of Global Africa



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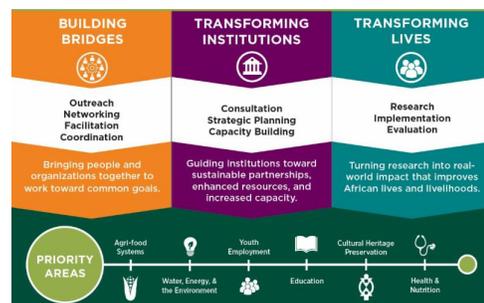
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**Eye On Africa Speaker Series**

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**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eye on Africa**

(Seminars are live-streamed at <http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>)

**Thursday, April 18, 2019**  
**12:00- 1:30pm- Room 303 International Center**

"For the Love of the Prophet: The Art of Islamic State-Making in Sudan"  
 Eye on Africa with Noah Salomon, Religion, Carleton College

**Thursday, April 25, 2019**

"Food Fraud in Africa" Panel

Eye on Africa with John Spink, Michael Rip, Douglas Moyer, MSU Food Fraud Initiative

Recent Seminars can be watched at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/)

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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Remembering the Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsi: 25 Years Later  
A series of events at the MSU Main Library



### Remembering the Rwanda Genocide Against the Tutsi 25 Years Later

— A series of events at the MSU Main Library —

**Friday, April 5, 2019 • 11 am–1 pm**  
**Together We Remember**  
South Lobby (1 West)

The MSU Libraries will be hosting a reading of names of victims of genocide. As it's the 25th year after the Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi, we will begin and end our vigil with names of people murdered there. Cosponsored by the MSU African Studies Center, MSU Asian Studies Center, Center for Gender in Global Context, Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, MSU Muslim Studies Program, Peace & Justice Studies Program, and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities.

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019 • 7–9 pm**  
**Keepers of Memory: Film Screening  
and Panel Discussion**  
Green Room (4 West)

Through eyewitness accounts and gripping footage, acclaimed director Eric Kabera takes the viewer on an emotional journey into the 1994 Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi, its survivors, and the memorials created in the victims' honor. The film focuses on the personal accounts of men and women who watch over the sacred burial sites keeping the memories alive for future generations. They tell a tale of unimaginable pain and loss that is both inspirational and thought provoking as they bravely face the future and rebuild their lives.

**Panelists:**  
Laura Apol • Ken Harrow • Christina DeJong  
Ken Waltzer • Jean Kayitsinga • Erik Ponder

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019 • 11 am–1 pm**  
**Rwandan Genocide Testimonies  
in the USC Shoah Visual History  
Archive: A Workshop**  
Beaumont West Instruction Room (2 West)

Please join us to explore testimonies from the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda using the USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive database. Learn how to search for and access the nearly 90 video interviews with Tutsi Survivors, Rescuers, and other groups. Issues related to the origin and translation of these testimonies will be discussed. Generously supported by the Brill Endowment.

*Lunch is provided. Please bring your own earbuds/headphones.*

**Presenters:** Erik Ponder • Deborah Margolis  
**RSVP required by Friday April 12. Please contact Deborah at [deborahm@lib.msu.edu](mailto:deborahm@lib.msu.edu) to register.**

**Join us for these additional campus events**

For more information on these events, contact Jean Kayitsinga at [kayitsin@msu.edu](mailto:kayitsin@msu.edu)

**Friday, April 19, 2019 • 8 am–8 pm**  
**International Symposium on Genocide: Confronting  
the Past and Understanding the Present**  
MSU Union, Ballroom

**Saturday, April 20, 2019 • 2–6 pm**  
**The 25th Commemoration of the Genocide  
against the Tutsi, Kwibuka 25**  
Kellogg Center, Big Ten A Room

 [@MSULibraries](http://lib.msu.edu)

 For parking information, please visit <http://maps.msu.edu/interactive>. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations by calling 517.884.6454 one week before an event.



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International Symposium on Genocide  
Confronting the Past and Understanding the Present  
Friday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. MSU Union Ballroom

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# International Symposium on Genocide

Confronting the Past and  
Understanding the Present

Friday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
MSU Union Ballroom

We have invited interdisciplinary and international scholars to share their knowledge on the causes and consequences of genocide, and on social transformations after genocides. The symposium will cover various topics, including the social, historical, and political contexts and detailed processes of genocide; consequences of genocide such as sexual assault/rape, trauma, and mental health; genocide remembrance, denial, ideologies, impunity, and revisionism; transitional justice; and reconciliation and forgiveness after genocide.

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

**Zachary D. Kaufman, J.D., Ph.D.**  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Reshaping the Euphemism of "Never Again": Recent Approaches  
to Preventing Genocide



Zachary D. Kaufman is a Senior Fellow at Harvard while teaching at Stanford. He is the author or editor of three books (including *After Genocide: Transitional Justice, Post-Conflict Reconstruction, and Reconciliation in Rwanda and Beyond*; Oxford University Press, 2009) and author of over 40 articles and book chapters. He has served in all three branches of the U.S. government and at three international criminal tribunals (for Rwanda and for the former Yugoslavia as well as the International Criminal Court).

He currently serves on the advisory board of Indego Africa, a social enterprise that partners with cooperatives of artisan women in Rwanda and Ghana to bring their products to Western markets. From 2001-2015, he was the founder, president, and chair of the board of the American Friends of the Kigali Public Library, which partnered with the Rotary Club of Kigali-Virunga to build Rwanda's first-ever public library, the Kigali Public Library (also known as Rwanda Library Services). Dr. Kaufman received his Ph.D. in international relations from Oxford, his J.D. from Yale Law School, and his B.A. in political science from Yale.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: [globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/rwanda](http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/rwanda)

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25th Commemoration of Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda  
Saturday, April 20, 2:00 p. m. - 6:00 p. m. Kellogg Center, Big Ten A

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## 25th Commemoration of Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda

**Saturday, April 20, 2:00 p. m. – 6:00 p. m.**  
**Kellogg Center, Big Ten A**



We remember and honor loved ones who perished in the Genocide Against the Tutsi in 1994, support survivors, and look toward a future of healing and hope. We will do so by increasing awareness and understanding of the root causes and effects of the Genocide.

The afternoon starts with a Walk to Remember, followed by a short film, songs to remember, testimonials from survivors, a keynote address from the ambassador of Rwanda to the United States, and messages of hope.

GATHER FOR **The Walk to Remember** | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. | Kellogg Center (meet at main entrance)

### GUEST OF HONOR

#### **H.E. Ambassador Mathilde Mukantabana**

Saturday, April 20, 2019  
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.



Professor Mathilde Mukantabana is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to the United States of America and non-resident Ambassador to Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina.

Prior to her appointment, Ambassador Mukantabana was a tenured professor of history at Cosumnes River College (CRC) in Sacramento, California, from 1994 to 2013. She is also co-founder and president of the Friends of Rwanda Association, a nonprofit American relief association created in the wake of the 1994 Genocide against Tutsi in Rwanda.

#### Partners:



FOR MORE INFORMATION: [globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/rwanda](http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/rwanda)

## Call for Abstracts

**FROM THE GROUND UP: Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership**  
**APRIL 19TH, 2019: Room 303 International Center**

This symposium aims to share the most current research by MSU faculty and students on soil health. The two major goals of the symposium are to share the research work with the general public; and bring collaboration opportunities for faculty and students from different scientific disciplines. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series and composed of a keynote, oral and poster presentations.

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium [here](#).  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [tuxinyi1@msu.edu](mailto:tuxinyi1@msu.edu)

**FROM THE GROUND UP:  
Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership**

**DATE: APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

**LOCATION: Room 303 International Center, 427 N Shaw Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824**

**AGENDA**  
08:30 - 09:00 Registration and Welcome  
09:00 - 09:30 Opening Keynote  
09:30 - 10:50 Panel Discussion  
"Frontiers in Soil Health"  
11:00 - 12:00 Talks and Student Oral  
Presentation Competition  
12:00- 13:30 Lunch/ Poster Presentations  
(including Student Competition)  
13:30 - 14:30 Panel Discussion  
"Soil Health Partnerships"  
14:30- 15:00 Closing Keynote

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium at  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8Kc-FZASiHwaC0bT10kOHZDgXu8PjddpPAUSn\\_cCl\\_Zzg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8Kc-FZASiHwaC0bT10kOHZDgXu8PjddpPAUSn_cCl_Zzg/viewform)  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [tariyat1@msu.edu](mailto:tariyat1@msu.edu)



**OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Saweda Liverpool-Tasie**  
Associate professor  
Department of Agricultural, Food, and  
Resource Economics

**Panel Discussion "Frontiers in Soil Health"**



**Dr. Cynthia Donovan**  
Associate professor  
Department of Agricultural,  
Food and Resource  
Economics



**Dr. Lisa Tiemann**  
Assistant professor  
Department of Plant,  
Soil, and Microbial  
Sciences



**Dr. Joseph P. Messina**  
Professor  
Department of Geography,  
Environment, and Spatial  
Sciences



**Dr. Timothy Harrigan**  
Associate professor  
Department of Biosystem  
and Agricultural  
Engineering

**Panel Discussion "Soil Health Partnerships"**



**Dr. Wenda Bauchspies**  
Associate professor  
Department of Community  
Sustainability



**Dr. Leo Zulu**  
Associate professor  
Department of  
Community Sustainability



**Dr. Nicole Mason-  
Wardell**  
Assistant professor  
Department of  
Agricultural, Food and  
Resource Economics

**CLOSING KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER**

**Dr. Sieglinde Snapp**  
Professor  
Department of PSMS,  
Center for Global Change  
and Earth Observations

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a mini-grant provided by the Year of Global Africa at  
Michigan State University. For more information please  
visit [globalafrica.msu.edu](http://globalafrica.msu.edu)  
The two panel discussions will be part of the ESPP  
Research Colloquium Series.  
The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect  
series.



# Earth Week Film Screening

& Panel Discussion Fundraiser To support Cyclone Idai relief efforts

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6-9pm

Studio C, Meridian Mall, Okemos

Free admission

A film documenting climate change through the eyes of Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer.

Learn more at [thankyoufortherain.com](http://thankyoufortherain.com)

Questions? Please contact [whites25@msu.edu](mailto:whites25@msu.edu)

Worlds collide on the  
frontline of climate change

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# Jobs & Assistantships

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## Specialist-Outreach, Program Manager

African Studies Center (MSU)

Deadline: Open Until Filled

International Studies and Programs' African Studies Center is searching for a Specialist-Outreach, Program Manager, to provide support and management for the activities and programs of the Ubuntu Dialogues project.

The Ubuntu Dialogues: Museums and Communities Connect is a partnership project between the MSU African Studies Center and the Stellenbosch University Museum in South Africa. This 3-year Mellon Foundation funded project will consist of online student dialogues (Ubuntu Conversations); graduate student internship exchanges; and seminars involving academic leaders and heritage professionals (Ubuntu Seminars). The key aims of the Ubuntu Dialogues project are to build bridges among students, faculty and heritage professionals in South Africa and the USA; to transform institutions through collaborative engagement; to transform lives through engaged learning; and to bridge the digital divide between the global north and south.

For more information, and to apply, visit <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/501173/specialist-outreachfixed-term>

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## Assistant Director of Outreach

African Studies Center (MSU)

Deadline: Open Until Filled

The MSU African Studies Center (ASC) is one of a suite of highly respected international studies programs at MSU, whose purpose is to offer a global education while engaging in cutting edge research on the world's most pressing challenges. A longtime recipient of U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS), the center has over 200 affiliated faculty who teach and conduct research in diverse fields across the continent. The Assistant Director for Outreach works closely with the Center Director to provide strong support and leadership for Center outreach on campus, in the broader community and through online digital initiatives.

For more information, and to apply, please visit <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/501176/specialist-outreachfixed-term>

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## Lattice Graduate Assistantship

Deadline: April 19

You are invited to apply for a quarter-time LATTICE graduate assistantship for the 2019-2020 academic year. This assistantship is contingent upon the availability of funding which will be made available in August 2019. The LATTICE graduate assistant will work with the LATTICE Session Director as an integral member of the LATTICE administrative team.

The LATTICE administrative team will be responsible for continuing LATTICE according to the LATTICE mission and accomplishing the followings list of tasks.

For more information, and to apply, [download the application form here.](#)

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## Conferences

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### Call for Proposals

"Decolonizing the Classroom"

Africa Network's Biennial Conference

Smith College, Northampton Massachusetts- September 27-29, 2019

Submission Deadline: May 31, 2019

From introductory surveys to individual mentorship of student research, how do we challenge students and the broader system of higher education to prioritize African voices and African issues within the undergraduate curriculum? We seek proposals which address the broad themes of decolonization and expanding attention to African issues and voices within undergraduate teaching. "Decolonizing the Classroom" is a part of Africa Network's broader mission is to promote the study of Africa within the liberal arts curriculum. Our conferences are designed to bring together an interdisciplinary group of teachers/scholars to share best practices in a collaborative environment.

We welcome proposals from all disciplinary backgrounds and particularly encourage current graduate students to attend. Undergraduate submissions must be co-authored with a faculty mentor.

For more information, and to apply, [download the application form here.](#)

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