

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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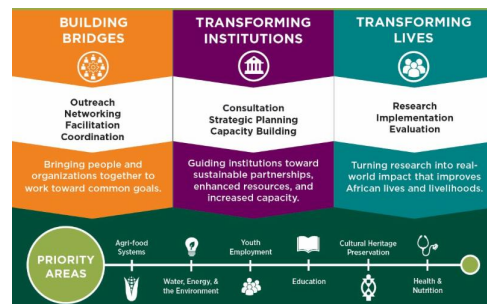
Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership, aap.isp.msu.edu

Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa, <http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at <http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>



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/

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 to register.


Join us for these additional campus events

For more information on these events, contact Jean Kayitsinga at 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.



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

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

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

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

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

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

DATE: APRIL 19TH, 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
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: 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

Funding for this project was made possible in part through a mini-grant provided by the Year of Global Africa at Michigan State University. For more information please visit 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

Questions? Please contact whites25@msu.edu

Worlds collide on the
frontline of climate change
THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN
A FILM BY JULIA BARR AND KIBLU MUOYA

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Jobs & Assistantships

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>

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>

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.](#)

Conferences

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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