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## African Studies Center

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

*Fall #5, September 29th, 2020*

### AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK



### Eye on Africa

**Date:** Thursday, October 1st, 2020

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

This Week's Speaker and Topic:

**Ann Bierstecker: 'Toward a History of Writing in Coastal East Africa'**

Welcome to the MSU African Studies Center's Eye On Africa speaker series. 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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## African Tea Time

**Date:** Thursday, October 8th, 2020

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

Next Week's Speaker and Topic:

**Ghana & USA, *A Focus on Global Africa: Year of Return, Ghana 2019***

African Tea Times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. 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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## Schlumberger Fellowships for Women PhD Students and Researchers from Emerging Countries

**The Schlumberger Foundation is accepting new applications for the 2021-2022 Faculty for the Future Fellowships from September 9th to November 9th, 2020.**

The Faculty for the Future program, launched in 2004, awards fellowships to women from developing and emerging countries to pursue PhD or Post-doctoral research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields at leading universities worldwide. The program's long-term goal is to accelerate gender equality in STEM by generating conditions that result in more women pursuing scientific careers through alleviating some of the barriers they encounter when enrolling in STEM disciplines. The program is committed to gender parity in science and recognizes that full access to and participation in a STEM curriculum is essential for the empowerment of women and girls. By accelerating gender equality in STEM, the talent and capacities of these women can be developed for the benefit of their local communities, regions and nations.

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## American Library Association (ALA)

**Date:** Wednesday, September 30th, 2020

Come learn from our two panelists, experts in juvenile literature from Africa. Africa is a diverse continent of many nations, rich in culture and oral traditions. Our speakers will discuss the impact of African children's literature and how educators, librarians, authors, illustrators, and publishers are working together to provide a positive learning environment for students, both in the US and in Africa. The panelists will present two different online resources that will serve as guides to locating and utilizing African children's literature. Please join us on September 30, 2020 for an enlightening presentation on African children's literature, with time for a Q&A session, on this important and timely topic.

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## Symposium on African Digital Storytelling

Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities, University of Kansas

**Date:** October 8th, 2020 & October 9th, 2020

**Time:** 10:00 AM (CT) / 11:00 AM (ET)

The importance of storytelling in African societies dates back to different forms of oral tradition that make knowledge, history, and experiences transferable across time, cultures, and groups. The symposium on digital storytelling in Africa will center the ways in which digital media hardware and software expand the forums and techniques available to Africans to tell stories about different aspects of life on the continent. We bring together participants from different parts of the world, including African locations, to think together about digital storytelling and what it might mean in the context of African digital cultures.

The conversation will appeal to anyone interested in storytelling and the digital humanities more generally.

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## "Student Perspectives: Conversations in African/Black Identity" Virtual Event

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation & University of Maryland African American Studies Department Undergraduate Student Forum

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With support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the University of Maryland's African American Studies Department, the 2020-21 research initiative, "Race/Ethnicity and Gender Identity in a Shifting Cultural and Racial Climate: African/Black Diaspora Academic and Public Discourse" presents a virtual event, "Student Perspectives: Conversations in African/Black Identity." Featured panelists include Alyssa Hawkins (St. Mary's College of Maryland), Bishop Lawton (Howard University), and Fehintola Elizabeth Bright-Awonuga (University of Maryland, Baltimore County). The undergraduate panelists are a select multi-disciplinary cohort of students from a DMV college and universities with personal and academic interests in the research seminar's central question:

*How are nationality and the specifics of distinctly diverse ethnicities and gender formations reshaping the framing of identity among first- and second-generation African immigrants and in their relationships with native-born U.S. African American populations in the 21st century?*

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