



African Studies Center

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY facilitates an exploration of Global Africa, Unity in Diversity, and Partnership.

December 4, 2018

Fall #14

Greetings!

We hope you have had a successful semester, and wish you happy holidays. This is our last newsletter of the year. We will be back on January 8th, 2019.



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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



To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>
For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

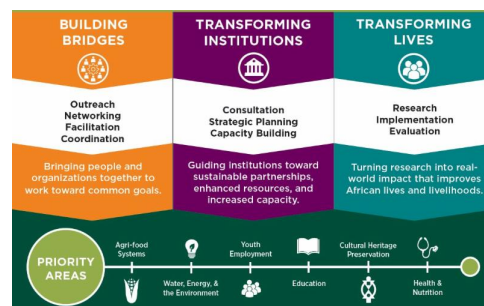
**Alliance for African
Partnership**

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, December 6, 2018
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Diaspora Identity, the unhomely and the politics of belonging in Indian East African novels"

Eye on Africa with James Ocita, Literature, Makerere University

Recent Seminars can be watched at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Application Deadline: January 31, 2018

The African Studies Center Invites Applicants for the FLAS Fellowship for the Study of African Languages: Intensive African Language Summer 2018 and Academic Year 2019-2020

* FLAS Fellowships come with tuition and a stipend

- Academic Year Undergraduate 2019-2020: \$10,000/year in tuition and \$5,000 in stipends
- Academic Year Graduate 2019-2020: \$18,000/year in tuition and \$15,000 in stipends
- Intensive African Language Summer 2019: \$5000 for tuition and \$2,500 for stipends

Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply

Fellowships are awarded to qualified students in programs that combine the study of foreign languages with advanced training and research in an African focused academic or professional area

The FLAS fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program for the study of African languages and non-language courses on Africa.

For additional information: <http://africa.isp.msu.edu/undergraduatestudies/african-languages/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas/>

AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER FLAS FELLOWSHIPS



LANGUAGES OFFERED:
Amharic
Arabic, Modern
Standard
Arabic, Sudanese
Bambara
Bambara
Chewa
Fulfulde/Pulaar
Hausa
Igbo
Malagasy
Mende
Shona
Somali
Swahili
Twi
Venda
Wolof
Xhosa
Yoruba
Zulu
Portuguese*
French*

*For advanced undergraduate students

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MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program Leader for the Tanzania Partnership Program 2019 Study Abroad Program

The Tanzania Partnership Program (TPP) study abroad program is seeking a program leader for a summer 2019 six-week program in Tanzania. The tentative dates for the program are July 8 through August 18, 2019. The program leader is responsible for administering the study abroad program, including pre-departure preparations, in-country implementation, and post-trip responsibilities. This position will work in close consultation and communication with the TPP program director and the in-country study abroad co-leader. The position reports to TPP Program Director, John Bonnell. To be considered for this role, please send a letter of interest and CV to John Bonnell at atbonnell3@msu.edu. Information on TPP and the study abroad program can be found on the TPP website at <https://pscd.isp.msu.edu/>. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a program leader is identified.

SPRING COURSES

HISTORY 364: South Africa-From Shaka Zulu to Nelson Mandela M W 3-4:20pm | 319 Berkey Hall

Through biographies of great South African leaders and ordinary men and women, this course explores how and why cultural values, economic interests, and power relationships shaped South African history since 1800. The course is divided into four parts: Precolonial societies; Diamonds, Gold, and Imperialism; Apartheid and Resistance; Building Democracy in a Global World. Special attention will be paid to race, gender, class and age as drivers of historical change. The course will deepen your knowledge of southern African people's complex past and strengthen skills in critical analysis, writing, and digital humanities.

ISS 330A: Africa--Social Science Perspectives M W 12:40pm-2pm | 319 Berkey Hall

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ANP 417: Islam in Africa

Wednesdays 3 - 5:50 pm

C302 Snyder Hall

Professor: Mara Leichtman

This course aims to provide an overview of "African Islam" through examining the work of scholars from Anthropology, History, Islamic Studies and other related disciplines. We will begin with an overview of the fundamentals of Islam before turning to the diverse accounts of the historical spread of Islam to Africa, the religious implications of the African slave trade and European colonialism, the making of an Islamic state in Africa, and Islamic education in various African countries and contexts. Themes of religious conversion, gendered dynamics, migration, urbanization, ethno-religious tensions, and the relationship of Islam to human rights will also be explored. Case studies will focus on Senegal, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Sudan and the Americas. A further goal of this course is to provide students with the conceptual tools necessary to evaluate reports and news about the region, and to understand the subjectivity and bias that often permeates these reports. We will visit the Islamic Center of East Lansing, watch films, and hear alternative accounts of Islam in Africa from guest speakers. Seminar participants will post weekly reactions to readings and activities to a listserv, and create, through research and class presentations, their own accounts of African Islamic worlds. This course is open to advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

Please contact Professor Mara Leichtman, maral@msu.edu, for further information or for assistance with an override if needed.

Other Announcements

Spring 2019 Volunteering Options

Refugee Development Center

If you are looking to serve in the Lansing community this spring, consider the following opportunities with the Refugee Development Center.

Tutor adult students participating in English classes .

- Monday OR Tuesdays OR Wednesdays OR Thursdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Unitarian Universalist Church Of Greater Lansing
- Tuesdays OR Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30am @ Summerplace Townhomes

Child Care for Adult ESL Programs (ages 6 months to 10 years):

Providing childcare for the children of parents who are attending our Adult ESL classes.

- Monday OR Tuesdays OR Wednesdays OR Thursdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Unitarian Universalist Church Of Greater Lansing

Child Care for Sewing Circle Program :

Providing childcare for the children of parents who are attending our Women's Sewing Circle. (Must be female)

- Thursdays, 10:00am- 1:00pm @ Unitarian Universalist Church Of Greater Lansing

After School Programs:

Tutor school-aged children in afterschool programs focusing on learning English, academic achievement, and social topics.

- Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm @ Gardner International Magnet Academy (grades 6-8)
- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 2:45pm - 4:45pm @ Eastern High School (grades 7-12)
- Mondays/Wednesdays, 2:45pm - 4:45pm @ Sexton High School (grades 7-12)
- Mondays/Wednesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm @ Cumberland Elementary (grades K-3)*
- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 3:00pm - 4:30pm @ Everett High School (grades 7-12)*

- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 4:30pm - 6:00pm @ Sheridan Road STEM (grades 4-6)*

*Programs marked with an asterisk are supervised by Lansing School District employees.

For more information, email the center at info@rdclansing.org. You can also visit their website at www.refugeedevelopmentcenter.org

Fellowships & Scholarships

GenCen Call for Papers: Extended Deadlines

New Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2018

The Center for Gender in a Global Context (GenCen) has extended the deadline for all four of our paper competitions to Friday, December 14, 2018. We encourage you to apply if eligible, and encourage others to apply!

The **Gallin Paper Award** is open to MSU graduate students in honor of Rita S. Gallin for her 13 years as director of the WID Program. Submissions should be made to tinyurl.com/gallin-paper.

The **Dobson Activism Award** is open to MSU undergraduates and named to honor Tracy Dobson's tireless efforts to bring gender equity to MSU. Please submit papers to tinyurl.com/dobson-award.

The **Anderson Paper Award** is open to MSU undergraduates in honor of former women's rights activist and MSU Women's Studies scholar Dr. Mary Anderson. Submissions should be made to tinyurl.com/anderson-undergrad.

The **RCGV Paper Award** is cosponsored by the Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence. Please submit papers to tinyurl.com/RCGV-paper

Conferences

Call for Proposals

21st Annual Africana Studies Student Research Conference:
Friday, February 8, 2019; Deadline: December 7, 2018
Bowling Green State University

The Africana Studies Program at BGSU is proud to announce the 21st Annual Africana Studies Student Research Conference:

"Emerging Perspectives in Africana Studies"
Friday, February 8, 2019

We encourage undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines to participate. And we are asking faculty to help us identify students whose work is appropriate for submission/presentation. Panels will be held in the morning and afternoon, punctuated by a keynote luncheon.

Proposal Deadline: December 7, 2018

All proposals should include: name, institutional affiliation, paper title, abstract (300 words max), Faculty sponsor (for undergraduate students), and email address, and will be submitted to: http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/africana_studies_conf/.

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“Emerging Perspectives in Africana Studies,” encompasses a wide range of topics spanning time and place, from current and historic political events, to artistic and cultural developments, and environmental change. We welcome papers on broad issues affecting Africana people in a global context, including but not limited to: language, religion, gender, culture; ethnicity; the arts/media; politics, leadership, economics, commerce; education; social justice; law; medicine & public health practices; war & terrorism; peace, conflict resolution, & security; youth, crime, & vigilante justice; changing values & norms; environment, development; rural-urban changes; immigration/migration; slavery; Post-Colonial issues; the civil war; political-economic empowerment & leadership; national reconciliation; property rights; census; etc.

We encourage **undergraduate and graduate students** from all disciplines to participate. Moreover, we request faculty to help us identify student papers that are worthy of submission/presentation and when possible, to assist their students in attending the conference.

Proposal Deadline: December 7, 2018
All proposals should include: *name, institutional affiliation, paper title, abstract* (300 words max), *Faculty sponsor* (for undergraduate students), and *email address*. Please submit this information to: http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/africana_studies_conf/2018. Click on the *Submit Proposal* tab in the left hand column to start the submission process. You will be notified of acceptance and other program details via email. Conference proceedings and papers can be published online at BGSU's digital publication, scholarworks@BGSU. Please contact Dr. Rebecca L. Skinner Green at rlgreen@bgsu.edu or Tracy Susko at tsusko@bgsu.edu with any questions.

Paper Deadline: February 1, 2019
All completed papers *must* be received by this date. Presenters whose papers are selected will be awarded a certificate. While there is no conference registration fee, participants are responsible for all costs associated with their participation in the conference.

Deadline for submission of paper proposals: December 7, 2018.

The Africana Studies Program is grateful for generous support from:

Call for Papers

Afrisem Annual Graduate Conference

Northwestern University, April 4-6, 2019; Deadline: January 31, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robtel Pailey, Oxford University

The Program of African Studies graduate student seminar (AfrSem) invites graduate student papers in the study of Africa and its communities engaging with the theme: **African Studies Now: Decolonizing the Field**. Interested participants should submit abstracts of 250 words maximum to afriemconference@gmail.com by January 31, 2019. Please include your name, affiliation, contact details in the submission, and include "Abstract submission" in the subject line. There are a limited number of small travel grants available.

As indicated by such movements as #RhodesMustFall, the manner of organizing and disseminating knowledge about Africa remains fairly hegemonic. Scholarship about Africa relies on specific cultural viewpoints and political interests, and, lamentably, fails to take into consideration knowledge production occurring on the continent outside the confines of privileged spaces of academic instruction. This predicament provoked the Liberian scholar, Robtel Pailey, to ask, "where is the 'African' in African Studies?"

Presentations are welcome from a diverse range of disciplines in the social sciences, arts, and humanities. We are also interested in papers that engage with art, society, governance, and education. The conference is primarily a forum for graduate students to present their research to a cross-disciplinary audience. All presenters will be notified of acceptance by February 8th, 2019. Accepted presentations will be considered for publication in the Pan-Africanist journal.

Please contact the organizers on afriemconference@gmail.com with questions and inquiries

Contact

africa@campusad.msu.edu

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(students, faculty, alumni)
on our website and across*

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