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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES....

COVID-19 and Girls' Education in Kenya and Beyond Reciprocal Learning in Times of Crisis

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

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Eye on Africa: Dr. Muna Ndulo

Thursday, February 11, 2021

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Dr. Kathleen Bickford Berzock, "Caravans of Gold"

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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African Tea Time: Botswana & Uganda

Thursday, February 18, 2021

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Friday, February 12, 2021

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Slavery to Freedom

An American Odyssey

February 4th, 11th, and 25th

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New Interdisciplinary Approaches to African History Deadline

Seeking Contributions

Monday, February 15, 2020

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Re-shaping US-Africa Policy and the Role of HBCU's

Symposium

Friday, February 19, 2020

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Enslaved.org: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade

MATRIX Event

Thursday, February 25, 2020

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Racism and Slavery | Lunchtime Series

Hosted by Khaled Esseissah, Georgetown University

Friday, March 5, 2020

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Lecturer in African Literary and Cultural Studies Job Opportunity

Harvard University

Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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Eye on Africa: February 11 Dr. Muna Ndulo



Giving back through mentorship: From Michigan to Kenya, Broad Spartan gives back



“I have always believed everyone has something to give. It doesn’t have to be monetary or tangible things,” Pius Mithika, a senior studying finance, said.

Mithika has been able to live by these words, giving back in his own way through the launch of the Msaidizi Initiative. He founded the program five years ago to

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empower and inspire young children to fight hardships and achieve their dreams.



In a number of African countries, the issue of the appropriate constitutional arrangements to govern a country are a topic of continuing discussion. The debates take place in the context of demands for democratic systems of governance and the need to rebuild political institutions that have been distorted by political manipulation, corruption and conflict.

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MSU Alumnus Dr. Somadoda Fikeni appointed to South Africa's Public Service Commission

Even amid a global pandemic, he's been able to make strides through the program to help his home community in Kenya.

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MSU Museum curator honored by American Folklore Society



“Dr. MacDowell’s ground-breaking work spans forty years and serves as a model for public work in folklore, traditional arts, and the humanities,” remarked Jessica Turner, Executive Director, American Folklore Society.

The American Folklore Society, the country’s professional society for folklorists, has announced that Professor Marsha MacDowell of Michigan State University is the 2020 recipient of the society’s Benjamin A. Botkin Prize for significant lifetime achievement in the field of public folklore.



South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed Dr Somadoda Fikeni as commissioner of the Public Service Commission.

The president made the announcement on Wednesday evening after parliament approved his nomination on December 2, 2020. His term of office will run for five years.

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GRANTS

PhD Fellowships from NextGen Africa

Deadline: Friday, February 12th, 2021

The Next Generation Social Sciences in Africa program, launched in 2011, responds to an emerging dilemma within higher education in the global South caused by the extraordinary emphasis on increasing undergraduate enrollment without proportionate investment in faculty development, limiting the ability of universities to produce the next generation of researchers, faculty, technocrats, and leaders.

The program currently operates to strengthen tertiary education in Africa by offering a sequence of

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FLAS Fellowships

Deadline: Friday, February 12th, 2021

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for MSU graduate and undergraduate students are available through the African Studies Center, provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. FLAS Fellowships award academic year undergraduate students with \$10,000 toward tuition and fees and a stipend of \$5,000. Academic year graduate students receive \$18,000 toward tuition and fees and \$15,000 in stipends. Summer FLAS recipients receive \$5,000 in tuition and a \$2,500 stipend.

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Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant

Deadline: Monday, March 1st, 2021

This award provides financial assistance to domestic students who intend to travel to developing countries for the purpose of providing technical assistance, participate in research, or engage in service. The intent is for students to work towards discovering and implementing solutions in response to urgent human needs (for example: food security, environmental quality, health and nutrition, education, and other areas) and, thereby, to encourage careers in international development teaching, research and practice. Grants are intended to support travel, related living expenses, and projects costs—not to be used as a tuition scholarship.

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Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship

Deadline: Monday, March 1st, 2021

This scholarship is available to MSU doctoral students with dissertation research objectives who have defended, or are in the process of defending, a dissertation proposal. The scholarship supports field research abroad in support of the student's dissertation.

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Walker Hill Scholarship

Deadline: Monday, March 1st, 2021

The Walker Hill International Award is available to MSU doctoral students to be used for pre-dissertation visits to a doctoral research site in a country outside the United States (for international students, research in one's own country does not qualify). The student must have completed adequate credits and be able to

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submit a description of your research and feasibility of pre-dissertation research objectives to be

accomplished during the period spent abroad. Financial need may be considered. Previous recipients of a

Walker Hill award or an ISP Predissertation Travel Award are not eligible.

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