MSU African Studies Center
February 16, 2021
Spring #6

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES....

U-M Africa Week
February 15th-19th, 2021
Register Here

Dr. Kathleen Bickford Berzock, "Caravans of Gold"
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Register Here

Eye on Africa: Prof. Tamsin Bradley
Thursday, February 18, 2021
Register Here

African Tea Time: Botswana & Uganda
Thursday, February 18, 2021
Register Here

Re-shaping US-Africa Policy and the Role of HBCU's
Symposium
Enslaved.org: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade
MATRIX Event
Thursday, February 25, 2020
More Info

Slavery to Freedom
An American Odyssey
Thursday, February 25th, 2021
More Info

Student Perspectives: Conversations in African/Black Identity
University of Maryland and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Thursday, February 25th, 2021
More Info

Rooted: Black Women, Southern Memory, and Womanist Cartographies
University of Maryland and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Friday, February 26th, 2021
More Info

Racism and Slavery | Lunchtime Series
Hosted by Khaled Esseissah, Georgetown University
Friday, March 5, 2020
More Info

Lecturer in African Literary and Cultural Studies Job Opportunity
Harvard University
Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021
More Info
Comparative Education Review: Call for Papers
Black Lives Matter and Global Struggles for Racial Justice in Education
Inquiry Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021
More Info

Eye on Africa: February 18
Prof. Tamsin Bradley

African Tea Time: February 18
Botswana & Uganda

Botswana & Uganda; A look into Health-Related Conditions in Africa: Associated Challenges and
The talk will draw on examples of how downstream partners attempt to interpret the technocratic demands of donor programming into local contexts. The reality of this process often leads to challenging activities that seem to endorse rather than transform inequalities. Using these examples, this talk claims there is a desperate need to do things differently beginning and not ending with the local context. The talk argues that a culturally sensitive lens has the potential to generate different and innovative ways of generating positive change.

African Tea Times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Every other week, the African Tea Times focus on different countries. 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.

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

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
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.

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.

**GRANTS**

**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
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.

More Information and Application Form

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 submit a description, appropriateness 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.

More Information and Application Form

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