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## MSU African Studies Center February 16, 2021 Spring #6

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES....

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#### U-M Africa Week

February 15th-19th, 2021

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#### Dr. Kathleen Bickford Berzock, "Caravans of Gold"

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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#### Eye on Africa: Prof. Tamsin Bradley

Thursday, February 18, 2021

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#### African Tea Time: Botswana & Uganda

Thursday, February 18, 2021

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

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**Enslaved.org: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade**

MATRIX Event

Thursday, February 25, 2020

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**Slavery to Freedom**

An American Odyssey

Thursday, February 25th, 2021

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**Student Perspectives: Conversations in African/Black Identity**

University of Maryland and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Thursday, February 25th, 2021

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**Rooted: Black Women, Southern Memory, and Womanist  
Cartographies**

University of Maryland and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

Friday, February 26th, 2021

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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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## Black Lives Matter and Global Struggles for Racial Justice in Education

Inquiry Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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**Eye on Africa: February 18**  
**Prof. Tamsin Bradley**

**African Tea Time: February 18**  
**Botswana & Uganda**

**EYE ON  
AFRICA**

**AFRICAN  
TEA TIME**

**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.

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

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.

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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

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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.

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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

### 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.

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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 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.

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