



January 28, 2020

Spring #4

AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK



Eye on Africa

Kwasi Konadu

Communographies: New Histories of Culture, Community, Nationalism, and Decolonization

Thursday January 30th 12:00-1:30p
International Center Room 201

Lunch will be provided

[View the Spring 2020 Eye on Africa Schedule \(PDF\)](#)

African Tea Time is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. The tea times are open to everyone!

This Thursday: Chad & Cote D'Ivoire
January 30th
4:00-6:00p
International Center, Room 303



[View the full schedule \(PDF\)](#)

The Spring 2020 Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series

Thursday, February 13 - "TAZARA Stories: Memories of Work on a China-Africa Railway Project" - Jamie Monson, MSU Department of History, 12:00 - 1:30, Room 303, International Center (co-sponsored by the African Studies Center and the MSU Library Colloquia Series)
[NOTE: Please see the location change. This film showing will begin at 12:00]



Ubuntu and Land Reform in South Africa

South Africa suffers from a racially-skewed unequal distribution of land. This pattern of access to land was facilitated by unjust policies in the colonial and apartheid eras. At the advent of democracy in 1994, the newly elected African National Congress government embarked on a land reform program that aimed at redressing colonial and apartheid era dispossessions.

Inga is currently completing a Masters of Law degree at Stellenbosch University. During her visit, she will present a paper titled *Opportunities and Challenges of Ubuntu in the South African Land Reform Context*. The seminar session is scheduled for 4:00 - 5:30 pm on Tuesday February 11 in the MSU Museum Foyer.



- Mid-June to early August
- One pre-travel week of instruction via Google Hangout
- 3 weeks of experiential learning in Johannesburg and Cape Town (with a two-day side trip to Kruger National Park)
- 5 week internship in a major museum or cultural heritage organization in Cape Town

Minimum of 7 undergrad or graduate credits in art, cultural studies, museum studies, or independent studies. Includes a 5-week internship. If interested, participants can complete seven of the requisite 15 credits needed to obtain a Museum Studies specialization.

For more information, visit msusouthafricastudyabroad.wordpress.com/



Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng

MARCH 24, 2020 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng is the director of the African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC) at the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. He is an expert in global development policy with particular interests in natural resources governance; agriculture and rural development; climate change and green growth; and science, technology, and society.

Register: <https://events.engage.msu.edu/Registrations/Register/3263>

Apply for a FLAS Fellowship

FLAS Fellowships award academic year undergraduate students with \$10,000 toward tuition and fees and a stipend of \$5,000; academic year graduate students with \$18,000 toward tuition and fees and \$15,000 in stipends. Summer FLAS recipients receive \$5,000 in tuition and a \$2,500 stipend

- To apply for a FLAS fellowship, students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Undergraduate students must be studying the target language at the intermediate or advance level.
- The academic-year fellowship requires that students take one language and one area studies course for a letter grade each term during the award period.
- Summer fellowships are for intensive language study only

Intensive African Language Summer 2020 and Academic Year African Language 2020-2021 (Languages: Swahili, Yoruba, Hausa, Zulu, Wolof, Arabic, Igbo etc.)



A Future Without Waste

This is our "10-day reminder" about our first Java Cafe` Global Conversation of 2020 - on Tuesday, January 28 - "A Future Without Waste – Responsible Consumption and Production" at the East Lansing Public Library.

<https://gluna.org/Java-Cafe>.

Call for MSU Faculty Mentors

The Alliance for African Partnership is seeking applications from MSU faculty to become a mentor for our 2020/2021 African Futures cohort.



AAP is looking for researchers from a variety of fields to serve as mentors as part of our African Futures Research Leadership Program. We are halfway through our inaugural cohort, and so far, our scholars have surpassed our expectations. We are excited to begin the application process for next year's cohort - starting with MSU Faculty mentors!

Eligibility:

- MSU Faculty at the Associate or Full Professor Level who have had experience working in Africa
- Those who have never worked in Africa but would like to explore these partnerships are encouraged to apply
- Only one submission per faculty member for this cohort
- Proposed research/activities should begin August 31, 2020
- Proposals must be submitted in at least one of AAP's priority areas

Mentor applications are due by Feb. 14, 2020.

ISP Scholarship and Grant Deadlines

Applications are now open for this year's International Studies & Programs scholarships and grant opportunities. The deadline is March 1st, 2020. The three awards available are:

Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant

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.

Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship

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.

Walker Hill Scholarship

An award for an MSU doctoral student at pre-dissertation stage who has completed adequate credits to have pre-dissertation research objectives. 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. To be used for pre-dissertation visits to the site of the doctoral research in a country outside the United States (for international students, research in one's own country does not qualify).

William Kentridge: Universal Archive

Exhibition: In an expanding series of linocuts printed on dictionary pages, William Kentridge explores the arbitrariness of the definitions and borders imposed by reason and colonial oppression. The exhibition is located at the RACH LookOut Art Gallery

Exhibit Open From: January 16 – March 6

Hours: Monday - Friday, 12-3 p.m.

For more information, view [RCAH Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

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