



## AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK

April 7, 2020

Spring #14

### Information and Analysis Regarding COVID-19 in Africa

Below are links with information that may be helpful for those who would like to learn about COVID-19 and Africa. Please feel free to send us articles and links that we can share.

- Paul T. Zeleza, "[The Coronavirus: The Political Economy of a Pathogen](#)"
- Africa Center for Strategic Studies, "[Mapping Risk Factors for the Spread of COVID-19 in Africa](#)"
- African Arguments, "[Coronavirus in Africa Tracker](#)"

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### MSU ASC African Music Playlist

As a way of keeping our community connected during this time of social distancing, the African Studies Center at MSU has put together a playlist of songs by African artists recommended by our community through social media. We have compiled this playlist and are so happy with how it has turned out.

To view the playlist, visit: [African Studies Playlist](#)

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### Faculty News

Professor Mara Leichtman Wins the Luce/American Council of Learned Societies Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs Fellowship

Mara A. Leichtman, Core Faculty member of the African Studies Center and Associate Professor of Anthropology at Michigan State University has won the prestigious fellowship of the Luce/ACLS Program in Religion, Journalism & International Affairs. Luce/ACLS Fellowships support scholars in the humanities and related social sciences pursuing research on any aspect of religion in international contexts with a desire to connect their specialist knowledge with journalists and media practitioners. To read full story, please [view this PDF](#)



Visit [anthropology.msu.edu/author/maraleichtman/](http://anthropology.msu.edu/author/maraleichtman/) for more information about Professor Leichtman

### Extended Alliance for African Partnership Deadlines

The Alliance for African Partnership has extended the deadlines for proposals for the Transforming Institutions Strategic Funds and for the AAP Africa Futures Research Leadership Program. Please follow these links for updated information:

<https://aap.isp.msu.edu/engagement/aap-african-futures-program/>

<https://aap.isp.msu.edu/programs-and-funding/transforming-institutions-call-proposals/>

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## Virtual Brown Bag Talk and Discussion

Please join us for a virtual talk and discussion this Thursday, April 9, from noon to 1:00pm on Facilitating Interdisciplinary Research Collaboration in Africa. Guest speaker is Dr. Michael O'Rourke, Director of MSU's Center for Interdisciplinarity.

Michael O'Rourke is Professor of Philosophy and faculty in AgBioResearch and Environmental Science & Policy at Michigan State University. He is Director of the MSU Center for Interdisciplinarity (<http://c4i.msu.edu/>) and Director of the Toolbox Dialogue Initiative, an NSF-sponsored research initiative that investigates philosophical approaches to facilitating interdisciplinary research (<http://tdi.msu.edu/>). His research interests include epistemology, communication and epistemic integration in collaborative, cross-disciplinary research, and linguistic communication between intelligent agents.

- Zoom link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/883966068>
  - Password: 629543
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## Call for Proposals: Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Program Innovation Fund

Proposals should be emailed to the **Assistant to the Executive Director of Education Abroad** and clearly indicate that the application is for the Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Program Innovation Fund initiative.

Submit:

- A narrative description of the proposed or revised program, with a focus on aspects that make the program unique and support students' personal, professional and intercultural learning and development (maximum 500 words)
- A budget for the intended activity (site visit, conference attendance, technology, etc.)
- A brief description of how each item requested in the budget will facilitate program development
- Letters of support from the sponsoring department's chair and the college's lead representative on the **MSU Advisory Council on Education Abroad**

Education Abroad will provide funding up to a maximum of \$5,000 per approved proposal. **Applications will be accepted until August 1, 2020.** A maximum of five (5) program development grants will be awarded annually.

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