

**February 19, 2019**

**Spring #7**

**This is the Year of Global Africa!**

The Year of Global Africa explores MSU's rich history and connection with our many partners across Africa and throughout the African Diaspora through diverse scholarship, engagement, and activities. The weekly Newsletter provides a list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities related to the Year of Global Africa



To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>  
For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

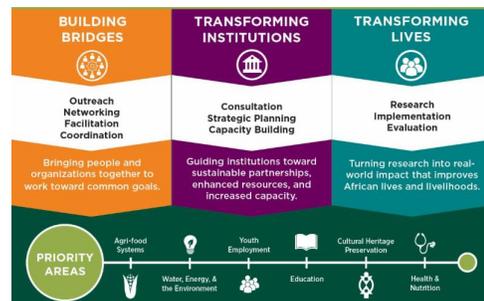
**Alliance for African Partnership**

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership, [aap.isp.msu.edu](http://aap.isp.msu.edu)

**Eye On Africa Speaker Series**

To learn more about Eye on Africa, <http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at <http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>



**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Year of Global Africa Mini-Grants for Students Round 2!**  
Application Deadline: March 7, 2019

Have an event, activity or program in mind to celebrate the Year of Global Africa?  
Apply for a Mini-Grant!

Awards: range from \$500-\$2000  
For Events: to be held Summer or Fall 2019  
Applications due: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Details and application form here:  
<https://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/resources/yga-funding/>



**STUDENTS!**  
**ANOTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**  
APPLY NOW FOR A YGA MINI-GRANT: ROUND 2  
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APPLICATIONS DUE: THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2019  
Notification: Early April.

**Examples of Events/Activities/Programs:**

- Bring a Guest Speaker
- Mount an Exhibit
- Host a Panel Discussion
- Plan a Social Event
- Use your imagination!

**Criteria for Evaluation:** While we don't expect Applications to meet all these criteria, these are the considerations as we read submissions.

- Africa-related programming
- Extends knowledge and heightens awareness of Africa
- Underscores relationship between MSU and Africa
- Can be a single event or part of a series
- We encourage collaboration with other off-campus and student organizations
- Partnerships on and off campus are valued.
- Events must be free and open to the public.

**FOR APPLICATION FORM, GO TO:**  
[globalafrica.isp.msu.edu](http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu)

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## Eye on Africa

(Seminars are live-streamed at <http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>)

**Thursday, February 21, 2019**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

"Global Health Alliances Across Nations, Agencies, and Institutions To Build Capacity in Africa"

Eye on Africa with Esperance Kashala-Abotnes, Center for International Health, University of Bergen

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center**

"Boko Haram's Internal Disputes and International Connections" ."  
Eye on Africa with Alexander Thurston, Political Science, Miami University of Ohio

**Recent Seminars can be watched at**  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/)

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*African Tea Time- Open To Everyone*  
*An opportunity to learn about and share first hand knowledge of the African continent*  
*Learn, Share, Engage!*

Thursdays-4:00-6:00pm  
427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center

**February 21: Chad and Malawi**

**February 28: Benin, Lesotho and  
Democratic Republic of Congo**

You can see the complete 2018- 2019 Tea Time  
calendar [here](#).



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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### University Awards Recognize Outstanding Faculty

MSU honored faculty members with a variety of distinguished awards at the annual MSU Awards Convocation Feb.5 at the University Club. The following African Studies core faculty members were recognized during the ceremony:

**The William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award**

- Sieglinde Snapp, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Jeffrey C. Wray, College of Arts and Letters

**The Teacher- Scholar Awards**

- L. Saweda O. Liverpool-Tasie, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Robert A. Montgomery, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**The Community Engagement Scholarship Award**

- Michael Boivin, College of Osteopathic Medicine

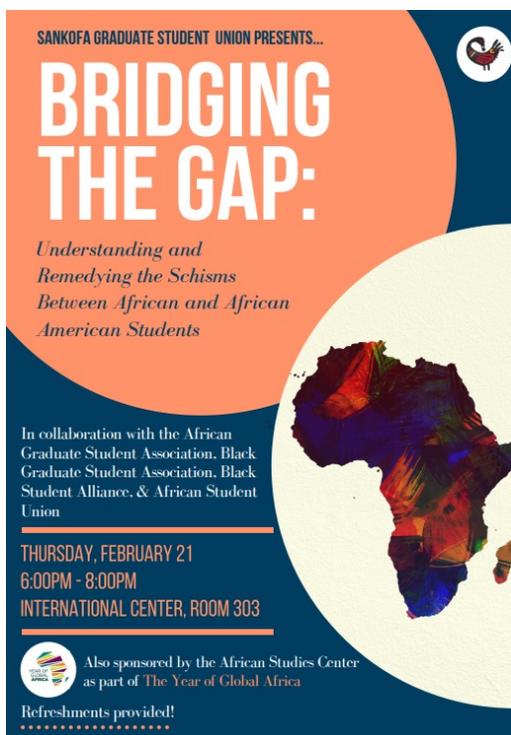
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### Bridging the Gap: Understanding and Remediating the Schisms Between African and African American Students

Thursday, February 21 2019, 6:00pm- 8:00pm

International Center, Rm 303

(Year of Global Africa Event)



The panel discussion brings together African and African descendant students to dialogue on contemporary issues facing both communities, and how they can better work together within spaces that have been historically hostile towards them.

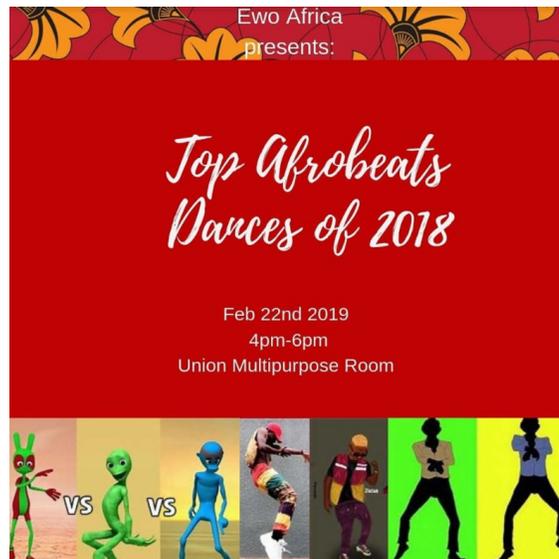
The program is a collaborative effort between the Sankofa Graduate Student Union, Black Graduate Student Association, African Graduate Student Association, African Student Union and Black Student Alliance.

Refreshments provided!

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## Ewo Africa Presents: Top Afrobeat Dances of 2018

Friday, February 22, 2019, 4pm- 6pm  
Union Multipurpose Room




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## STEP AFRIKA!

Sunday, February 24, 2019: 6:30pm  
Cobb Great Hall at Wharton Center

Captivating dance, highly energetic, and powerful movement. The first professional dance company committed to the art of stepping combines traditional African dance with modern stepping in an unforgettable performance. Be sure to bring your free ticket, which you can pick up either at the Wharton Center Ticket Office or the UAB Office.

**Doors 6:30pm; Showtime 7:00pm**

**STEP AFRiKA!** CELEBRATION **25**  
25 YEARS

FEBRUARY 24TH

COBB GREAT HALL  
WHARTON CENTER  
DOORS OPEN- 6:30P.M.  
SHOW BEGINS- 7:00 P.M.



TICKETS AVAILABLE FEB. 11TH

FREE FOR ALL MSU STUDENTS.  
LIMIT 4 TICKETS PER ID

\*PICK UP YOUR TICKETS AT THE WHARTON CENTER TICKET OFFICE OR THE UAB OFFICE\*

**UAB**  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM



## Study Abroad Workshop: Language is Only the Beginning

Date: February 27th, 2019

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location: MSU Union - Lake Superior Room

### **Language is Only the Beginning: How to Develop Communicative and Intercultural Competence Before, During, and After Education Abroad**

#### **Description:**

It is entirely possible to live abroad in a country where we hardly speak the language and not improve in fluency at all. Even in regard to language-oriented programs, the research is inconclusive about how much proficiency learners can be expected to gain and what factors will lead to those gains. Nevertheless, we firmly believe that a strategic and flexible effort to acquire language while abroad, whether the program requires it or not, can diminish the impact of "language shock" (Agar, 1994) and enhance the overall benefits of the overseas experience.

In this presentation, we will focus on language and culture in terms of dynamic skill sets that will continue to develop during a sojourn abroad rather than static content that must be acquired beforehand. Drawing on theories of intercultural competence and situated learning, we will present frameworks that can be used to design training and reflective tasks before, during, and after a study abroad program. Specifically, we will offer examples of investigative, interactive, and reflective tasks that can develop intercultural skills, support the emergence of community in a program cohort, and encourage engagement with communities in the local context while abroad. As time allows, we will workshop these tasks with participants to adapt them to the type, focus, and location of particular programs.

#### **Presenters:**

Dr. Felix Kronenberg is the Director of the Center for Language Teaching Advancement, an academic unit that supports foreign language teaching, research, and outreach at MSU and beyond. He is also a professor in the German department and a national and international leader in regard to language learning technology, gamification, and innovative language resource centers.

Dr. Amanda Lanier is faculty in CeLTA and Director of the MA in Foreign Language Teaching, an online program with students and alumni in 30 states and 10 countries that develops master teachers of over a dozen foreign languages. Her research and teaching focus on motivation, identity, culture, and other aspects of language acquisition, as well as sociocultural learning processes in online courses.

For more information or to register, please contact Kris Windorski at [windorsk@msu.edu](mailto:windorsk@msu.edu)

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## Ethiopia Forum: Challenges and Prospects for Constitutional Democracy in Ethiopia

Symposia and Panel Discussions

International Center: March 23-24, 2019

Faculty from Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University and other scholars from around the MSU community have launched an Ethiopia Forum with symposia and panel discussions to take place at the International Center, Room 115, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, over the weekend of March 22, 2019 (during the Adwa Victory Month and the year designated as Year of Global Africa). The Forum will explore the challenges and opportunities to transition to constitutional democracy in Ethiopia, and a way forward for a united and peaceful Ethiopia and its neighbors.

There is no registration fee to participate, however, ALL participants are requested to fill in the online registration form to help the organizers as they plan for refreshments.

For complete details and to register, visit: <https://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/resources/events/featured-event-1/>.



**ETHIOPIA FORUM:**  
CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IN ETHIOPIA

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## The African Graduate Student Association Conference 2019 Call for Papers

Friday March 29, 10AM - 5PM at Michigan State University

Deadline: February 28, 2019

The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) invites you to their 4th Annual Conference. The conference intends to create a forum where African and Africanist scholars discuss the transformation of Africa. Building upon past AGSA conferences, this year's conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating what the continent's future challenges and prospects are.

We invite graduate and undergraduate students (MSU and Non-MSU) to submit abstracts for an oral or poster presentation. The abstract should be 250 words long and should be submitted by February 28, 2019, 11:59 pm EST.

If you will be presenting as a panel, submit an abstract and proposed theme for the panel. The submission should also list all panelists and their individual titles. Panels should include no more than five papers.

Submit your abstract at the link below

<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

### **Registering for the Conference**

The conference is free and open to everyone.

If you are attending the conference (even if you're not presenting), please take a moment to

register below:  
<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

### **Fellowships**

There is a limited number of fellowships for participants from outside Lansing area. Contact [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu) for more information.

For additional information, please e-mail us at [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu)

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## **Study Abroad**

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### **History, Culture, and Schooling in Southern Africa**

May 18- June 23, 2019

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

History, Culture, and Schooling in Southern Africa will travel to South Africa and Lesotho in the Summer I term (May 18-June 23) of 2019. Students will spend time visiting historical and culture sites in South Africa and Lesotho, as well as visiting a varied group of education institutions. These will be located in urban and rural areas, and will include educational institutions that are not part of the formal education system. These experiences will help the students learn about the history of educational efforts in the region, and how struggles for educational equity and fairness are intimately connected to the history and cultures of the region. The program is run through the College of Education, and there are seven (7) credits of classes embedded in the program.

Four of the credits are Integrated Arts and Humanities credits (IAH 211). The other credits are offered in the Teacher Education program, though students that come from other majors and programs can contact the trip leaders (John Aerni-Flessner: [AerniFL1@msu.edu](mailto:AerniFL1@msu.edu) and Molade Osibodu: [Mosibodu@msu.edu](mailto:Mosibodu@msu.edu)) for other potential options. Applications are due by March 1st, but slots are limited so apply ASAP. More information on the trip available here: <https://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/program/index/108145>

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### **Art, Cultural Heritage, & Museums in South Africa**

Mid-June to Early August

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

Apply for this innovative program that combines field-based coursework in arts, cultural studies, and museum studies with a five-week internship in a South African museum in Cape Town.

- **DATES:** Mid-June to early August, including one pre-travel week of instruction via Google Hangout, 3 weeks of experiential learning in Cape Town and Johannesburg, and the 5-week internship.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate and graduate students interested in museums, arts, and cultural heritage work
- **COST:** Tuition and program fee of approx. \$5380 (covers housing, in-country course-related travel and activities, etc.) - exact fee is listed on MSU Study Abroad site.
- **Estimated additional cost (RT airfare to South Africa, incidentals, passport, meals):** \$3,585.00

For more information, including reading blogs by students in past programs, go to <https://msusouthafricastudyabroad.wordpress.com>

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### **Graduate Student Participant Wanted: Tanzania Partnership Program**

Dates: Late June/Early July- Mid/August

The Tanzania Partnership Program is seeking a graduate student participant for the 2019 Study Abroad Program: Sustainable Community Development in Tanzania. Graduate student participants assist the faculty leader of the program, and work with undergraduate students to

further their understanding of issues of international development in Tanzania. Graduate student participants are expected to attend pre-departure meetings on campus at MSU and then activities in Tanzania from late June/early July - mid August (dates TBD). Graduate student participants will receive a stipend and the program will cover expenses for transportation, lodging, and meals.

**To Apply:** Applications should consist of: 1) A current resume or CV, and 2) A brief statement of interest describing your qualifications and how the experience would contribute to your program of study/career goals. Please send electronic applications to Dr. Jonathan Choti (chotijon@msu.edu).

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## Funding

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### Transforming Institutions Strategic Funding Invitation for Proposals 2019

(Open only to AAP Consortium members)

(AAP Consortium members include MSU, Egerton University, Makerere University, University of Dar es Salaam, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Botswana, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, University Cheikh Anta Diop, University of Arts and Humanities, Bamako)

The Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) seeks proposals from AAP consortium members and their partners for activities which directly address AAP's Transforming Institutions pillar (transforming institutions to be better able to participate in sustainable, equitable, and research-driven partnerships that make a broader impact on transforming lives). Successful applicants will receive seed funding to develop international strategic partnerships with universities, institutions of higher education and research, and organizations in the public or NGO sectors. Travel can include any of the following-- within Africa, to Africa from external locations, to the US or to other locations outside of Africa. The partnerships should focus specifically on institutional strengthening and capacity development.

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#### Eligibility

- Proposals should include co-PIs from each of the partner institutions included in the proposal and must include at least two AAP consortium members (AAP Consortium members include MSU, Egerton University, Makerere University, University of Dar es Salaam, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Botswana, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, University Cheikh Anta Diop, University of Arts and Humanities, Bamako).
- Those previously supported through an AAP transforming institutions strategic travel grant are not eligible to apply.
- Faculty members may only be listed (as PI or as team member) on one proposal submitted to AAP in this round of funding.
- Proposed activities should take place before December 31, 2019

For detailed information visit: <https://aap.isp.msu.edu/research-funding/transforming-institutions-call-proposals/>



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