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Spring #14

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

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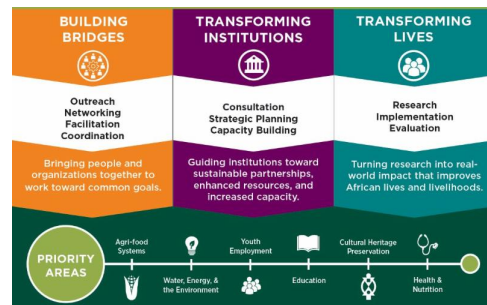
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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

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



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

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

Thursday, April 19, 2018

12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Confronting the Contradictions of Documentary Photography"

Eye on Africa with Greg Marinovich, Pulitzer Prize-winning Photographer

Thursday, April 26, 2018

12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

" Manufacturing Sameness: Continuities and Expansions of Community Identity in Africa-China Relations"

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Distinguished African Leaders to receive Honorary Degrees

Two prominent African Leaders will be on campus to receive Honorary Degrees during the 2018 Spring Commencement.

Michigan State University's commencement ceremonies will be held on May 4th at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center, 534 Birch Road.

Undergraduate Convocation: May 4th - 1:00 p.m.

Justice Albert "Albie" Louis Sachs, activist and former judge on the Constitutional Court of South Africa, will receive an honorary doctorate of law.

Sachs' career in human rights started at 17, when, as a second-year law student at the University of Cape Town, he participated in the Defiance of Unjust Laws Campaign, which was the first large-scale, multi-racial political mobilization against apartheid laws under a common leadership.

At the age of 21, he started practicing law, working to defend people charged under racist statutes and security laws.

After being placed in solitary confinement, Sachs went into exile in 1966 in England. He spent 11 years studying and teaching law there, followed by another 11 years teaching in Mozambique, South Africa.

In 1988, he lost his right arm and sight in one eye after a bomb placed in his car detonated, which inspired him to devote his attention to a new democratic Constitution for South Africa. In 1990, Sachs became a member of the Constitutional Committee and the Africa National Congress in South Africa. Nelson Mandela appointed Sachs to South Africa's new Constitutional Court in 1994. While serving as a justice on the court, Sachs adjudicated the landmark case *Prinsloo vs. Van der Linde*, which established the connection between the right to equality and dignity. He's written many books, including "The Jail Diary of Albie Sachs."

Advanced degree ceremony: May 4th - 3:30 p.m.

Akinwumi "Akin" Adesina, president of the African Development Bank Group will receive an honorary doctorate of agriculture.

Adesina was elected president of the African Development Bank Group in 2015.

He previously served as Nigeria's minister of agriculture and rural development. During his tenure, he established transformative agriculture policies and empowered millions of rural farmers through the introduction of an electronic wallet system that provided seeds and fertilizers to farmers. Adesina has received a number of global awards for his work in agriculture, including the 2017 World Food Prize and the Outstanding Black Agricultural Economist from the American Association of Agricultural Economists.

A respected economist and agricultural development expert, he has served as vice president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa and as associate director of the Rockefeller Foundation. Adesina also was principal economist for three organizations: The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, the West Africa Rice Development Association and the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics. In addition, he is a former president of the African Association of Agricultural Economics. Adesina has written more than 70 publications, and he has sat on the editorial boards of several academic journals.

Commencements are free and open to the public. The convocation will also be live streamed and can be watched at <https://commencement.msu.edu>

Book Launch, Discussion and Signing w Greg Marinovich

Wednesday, 18 Apr 2018: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mosaic Multicultural Unity Center, 2nd floor MSU Union

WINNER GREG MARINOVICH
MURDER AT SMALL KOPPIE
 THE REAL STORY OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MARIKANA MASSACRE



MEET THE AUTHOR

WHAT: Book launch featuring South African Pulitzer Prize winner Greg Marinovich, followed by Q&A and book signing. Light refreshments available.

WHEN: April 18, 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

WHERE: Mosaic: The Multicultural Unity Center's Multipurpose Room, 49 Abbot Road, Room 226; East Lansing

The most important journalist in post-apartheid South Africa.
 —Richard Pitthouse, journalist, *Daily Maverick*

This book wins because it does not merely tell the story of the ten days of bloodshed. It also paints a portrait of the real people who still endure unimaginable conditions underground so that a select few can maintain their lavish lifestyles.
 —S'thembele Cele, journalist, *City Press*

It was only after the *Maverick's* coverage that many journalists realized that the miners actually had a story to tell, independently of the unions or any other organized formation.
 —Jane Duncan, Professor of Journalism, University of Johannesburg

Journalist, photographer and humanist, Greg Marinovich, played an early and important role in exposing the truth of how thirty-four miners were killed and seventy-nine others injured by the police on an empty stretch of veld outside Marikana in the late afternoon of 16 August 2012. In this compelling book, he details how the violence of the police, the failure of the mining houses to provide decent working conditions, the government's dereliction of its constitutional duties and trade union enmity conspired in a massacre that violated our constitution, the administration of justice, and the rule of law.
 —George Bizos, human rights activist

Greg Marinovich is a Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist, author, and filmmaker. He was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University and teaches visual journalism at Boston University and Harvard University.

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The Year of Global Africa and Michigan State University Press present a Book Launch with author Greg Marinovich: Meet the Author, book discussion, and book signing.

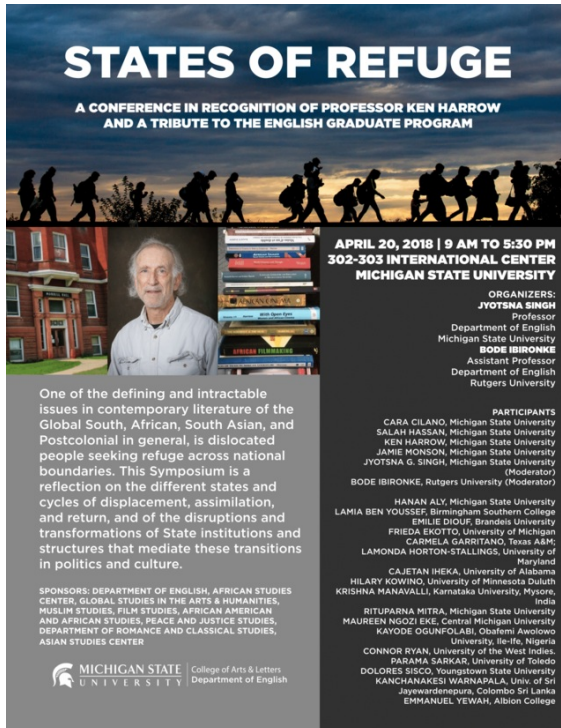
Marinovich speaks about his experience documenting the truth behind South Africa's Marikana massacre, which killed 34 platinum miners in 2012. His book about the massacre, *Murder at Small Koppie: The Real Story of South Africa's Marikana Massacre*, won the 2017 Alan Paton Prize for Non-Fiction.

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States of Refuge

A Conference in Recognition of Professor Ken Harrow and a Tribute to the English Graduate Program
 April 20 2018, 9am- 5 30pm
 302-303 International Center

For more info on the conference, visit the page [here](#).



STATES OF REFUGE
 A CONFERENCE IN RECOGNITION OF PROFESSOR KEN HARROW
 AND A TRIBUTE TO THE ENGLISH GRADUATE PROGRAM

APRIL 20, 2018 | 9 AM TO 5:30 PM
 302-303 INTERNATIONAL CENTER
 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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 EMMANUEL YEWAH, Albion College

One of the defining and intractable issues in contemporary literature of the Global South, African, South Asian, and Postcolonial in general, is dislocated people seeking refuge across national boundaries. This Symposium is a reflection on the different states and cycles of displacement, assimilation, and return, and of the disruptions and transformations of state institutions and structures that mediate these transitions in politics and culture.

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY College of Arts & Letters
 UNIVERSITY Department of English

Rethinking Silence, Gender & Power in Insecure Sites: Implications for Feminist Security Studies and Feminist Global Political Economy in a Postcolonial World

Dr. Jane Parpart, University of Massachusetts, Boston
 Friday, April 20
 1:30-3:00pm, B310 Wells Hall


Silence is no longer simply a symptom of powerlessness. It has emerged as a tool for empowerment, an alternative source of protection and power. Silence has become a form of action, often intertwined with voice, but powerful on its own. Dr. Parpart will discuss this more complex understanding of silence and voice in order to evaluate gender in insecure sites #MSUGlobalAfrica

*Gendered Perspectives on International Development
Editors' Lecture Series*

**RETHINKING SILENCE, GENDER
& POWER IN INSECURE SITES:**
Implications for Feminist Security Studies and
Feminist Global Political Economy in a
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*Friday, April 20 1:00-2:30 PM 8310 Wells Hall
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Dr. Parpart is research professor in the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Reception to follow in the Erickson Kiva from 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Co-sponsored by the Center for Gender in Global Context, International Studies & Programs, James Madison College, African Studies Center, College of Social Science, Department of Sociology, & Department of Philosophy.

Commemoration Event - 24th Anniversary of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda

Guest Speaker: Honorable Mathilde Mukantabana, Professor and Ambassador of the Republic of Rwanda to the United States of America, Mexico, Brazil and Argentina.

Saturday, April 21, 2pm- 5pm
Rm 115, International Center

Every year we remember the loved ones that were killed in the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda: Over 1 million innocent lives were lost in 100 days. We celebrate their lives by remembering them. We remember and honor them and cherish memories and times we spent together. We remember their kindness, laughter, valuable lessons and values they taught us. We must continue to unite and work together by supporting and healing the wounds of survivors, and building a better, inclusive, equitable and resilient Society.

Join the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives for this important event.

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The Girl who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and what Comes After Special Eye on Africa Presentation with Clemantine Wamariya Tuesday, May 1st, 12pm- 1:30pm International Center, rm 303

Clemantine is a storyteller and human rights advocate committed to inspiring others through the power and art of storytelling. Her personal account of her childhood in Rwanda, displacement throughout war-torn countries, and experiences in various refugee camps have encouraged myriads of people to persevere despite great odds. With no formal education before the age of 13, she went on to graduate from Yale University with a BA in Comparative Literature.

Clemantine's life is a testament to the power of seized opportunities. She is committed to creating platforms that allow individuals from diverse demographic backgrounds to build relationships and exchange ideas. In this way, she challenges us to reexamine the way that we interact with one another in order to work towards our shared goal of improved equity in our communities.



Her presentation will be followed by a book signing, with copies available for purchase courtesy of Everybody Reads Bookstore

Global Service-Learning: Best Practices for Reciprocal Partnerships and Lasting Sustainability

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Lake Superior Room, MSU Union

This workshop will introduce the Community Engaged Learning Abroad Rubric, which has been developed by the Global Service-Learning Advisory committee composed of faculty, staff, and administrators who are working to formalize and promote community-engaged learning courses abroad. Intended for education abroad program leaders, this document offers practical guidance for creating collaborative partnerships that allow for mutual learning and benefit for MSU students, members of the host community, the university, and other stakeholders. After the introduction of the rubric and its rationale, a panel of experienced faculty, staff, and scholars will share their insights about building strong and lasting international partnerships that contribute to student learning while addressing community issues from an asset-based perspective. Furthermore, they will address some of the tensions and challenges that can arise with regard to short-term community engagement projects that endeavor to be reciprocal and mutually beneficial to multiple parties: Who is learning? Who is being served?

Panelists:

- Nicde Springer, Associate Director, Center for Service-Learning and Civic Engagement
- Dr. Stephanie White, Department of Community Sustainability, International Research & Development Program Specialist
- Oumatie Marajh, Assistant Dean for Study Abroad and Study Away, College of Social Science

Moderator: Jean-Paul Sewavi, Coordinator, Office for Education Abroad

The Changing Landscape of Impactful Research in Africa

Thursday May 3, 2018, 4:00pm- 5:30pm

Rm 305, International Center

Join world-renowned economist and agricultural development expert Dr. Akinwumi Adesina for a presentation on the evolving landscape of development research in Africa. During the open forum, Dr. Adesina will also lead a discussion about how international universities can be more effective through partnerships. Dr. Adesina will receive an honorary doctorate of agriculture from MSU during the advanced degree ceremony on Friday, May 4.

Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Events Calendar

Throughout this Year of Global Africa (#MSUGlobalAfrica), the African Studies Center is collaborating with the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives in showcasing various events. For more information on upcoming Year of Global Africa events (as well as others), visit the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiative's calendar [here](#).

Jobs & Funding Opportunities

The African Postdoctoral Training Initiative



Application deadline: May 11, 2018

Final selection: June 1, 2018

APTI fellows must be prepared to begin their fellowship at NIH no later than September 30, 2018.

The African Postdoctoral Training Initiative - a partnership of the African Academy of Sciences, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the U.S. National Institutes of Health

The African Academy of Sciences (AAS), the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are partnering under the auspices of the Coalition of African Research & Innovation (CARI) to establish a postdoctoral training fellowship program, the African Postdoctoral Training Initiative (APTI). Training will be at a world class institute, the intramural laboratories of NIH.

APTI fellows will train in a global health research area of priority for their home institutions and countries, and AAS, BMGF and NIH, while building bridges and lasting connections between the partner organizations and African scientists and institutions. While at the NIH, the fellows must be on leave or sabbatical from their home institution under the NIH Intramural Visiting Fellow Program (<https://policymanual.nih.gov/2300-320-3>). The research priority areas are in infectious diseases, nutrition, and reproductive, maternal, and child health and developing skills for clinical and translational research. More information available

- AAS - <http://www.aasciences.ac.ke/about/about-us/about-the-aas/>
- BMGF - <https://www.gatesfoundation.org/What-We-Do>
- NIH - <https://irp.nih.gov/our-research/scientific-focus-areas>

Congressional Research Service (CRS) Graduate Recruit Positions

The Congressional Research Service is recruiting three GS-9/11 [entry-level Federal General Schedule employee] analysts via the Graduate Recruit Program, which seeks to recruit grad students still in or soon to finish graduate school.

- [Analyst in African Affairs](#)
- [Analyst in International Trade and Finance](#)
- [Analyst in Global Health and International Development](#)

Information on the CRS Graduate Recruit Program [here](#).

General information on CRS [here](#).

Current list of CRS-wide openings [here](#).

Other Announcements

Meet Author Imbolo Mbue

Capital Area Reads

Saturday, April 28, 4pm

Lansing Center, 333 E. Michigan Ave.

The Capital Area District Libraries is delighted to welcome the author of this year's Capital Area Reads selection, [Behold the Dreamers](#), winner of the 2017 PEN/Faulkner Award and an Oprah's Book Club selection. [Imbolo Mbue](#) will be here for a candid conversation with WILX TV's Lora Painter about her own experiences and the themes of family, immigration and the American Dream. This free event is held at the Lansing Center. Free parking available in the [Lansing Center](#) lot or parking garage by mentioning the words "Library Author Event." *Registration required; call 517-367-6348 or click on "register." Find more about Capital Area Reads and related events [here](#).



Register [here](#).

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