Fall #2, September 8th 2020

AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK

Eye on Africa Fall Schedule

Welcome to the MSU African Studies Center’s Eye On Africa speaker series. Due to the restrictions on travel and assembly imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will meet virtually throughout the fall. Please follow this link for the fall 2020 Eye On Africa schedule and for the required one-time registration:

Fall Schedule | Register Here

African Studies Center Faculty Fall Welcome
Join us as we welcome our faculty for a brand new year! Unfortunately due to COVID, we will be having this meeting virtually, but still have fun activities planned. Please bring your favorite kitchen, household, or gardening tool!

Register Here
2020 African & Africanist Community Welcome Picnic

Date: September 18, 2020          Time: 3:00pm-4:30pm EST

MSU African Student Organizations, together with the African Studies Center, invite you to the annual African and Africanist Fall Welcome Picnic. Come join us in welcoming new students and visitors to MSU and to the African community at MSU!

This year our event will be virtual due to COVID-19

Regardless, we will have fun activities as well as special break out rooms to allow you to connect with new and old friends and learn more about opportunities to engage within the African community and the larger MSU community.

REGISTER HERE

AFRICA.IISP.MSU.EDU

Date: Friday, September 18th, 2020
Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM (EST)

The African Student Organizations, together with the African Studies Center, invite you to the annual African and Africanist Fall Welcome Picnic. Come join us in welcoming new students and visitors to MSU and to the African community at MSU.

This year our event will be virtual due to COVID-19. Regardless, will have fun activities as well as special break out rooms to allow you to connect with new and old friends and learn more about opportunities to engage within the African community and the larger MSU community.
Ubuntu Dialogues - Call for Participants

We are looking for MSU undergraduate and graduate students for an exciting opportunity to participate in cross-cultural conversations between the U.S. and South African students on critical issues facing young people in today's world!

Contact Dr. U peny u Majee (majeeupe@msu.edu) for more info.

 Ubuntu Dialogues: Virtual Webinar

Date: Tuesday, September 29th, 2020
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (EST)

Join our virtual webinar where we will have speakers; Unifier Dyer (PhD Candidate at University of Wisconsin-Madison & Rhoda Malgas (PhD Candidate at Stellenboch University) where they will discuss their research relating to Ubuntu and Women's Experiences as Epistemology and Biocultural Heritage in the Cape Floristic Region, respectively.

Registration information for this event will be provided soon.

MSU Graduate Certification in Community Engagement
Accepting Applications Now

Application Due Date: Friday, September 11th, 2020, 5:00 PM (EST)

Michigan State University's Graduate Certification in Community Engagement prepares students for academic and professional careers that integrate scholarship with community engagement.
The Certification is designed to help graduate and professional students develop systemic, respectful, and scholarly approaches to their community-engaged work. With approval from their Guidance Committee chairperson and University Outreach and Engagement, students tailor their program of study to strengthen their scholarly and practical skills in community-engaged research and creative activities, community-engaged teaching and learning, community-engaged service and practice, and/or community-engaged commercialization activities.

More Info

AAP Bridge and PIRA Launch

Date: Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020
Time: 8:00 AM (EDT) / 12:00 PM (GMT) / 1:00 PM (WAST) / 2:00 PM (SAST) / 3:00 PM (EAT)

Please join the Alliance for African Partnership as we launch the AAP Bridge, our new collaboration platform that allows members to easily identify and contact AAP faculty members in response to research and funding opportunities while staying informed of consortium news, events, and scholarly articles. To celebrate the launch of the AAP Bridge, we will announce our new Partnerships for Innovative Research in Africa (PIRA) funding opportunity, which is a new round of grants focused on early career researchers, Africa / Asia partnerships, and youth initiatives.

Registration information for this event will be provided soon.

'Discover Ethiopia in the DMV' Workshop by Africa Access

Date: Thursday, September 17th, 2020
Time: 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (EDT)
In connection with the current National Museum of African Art exhibit "Heroes: Principles of African Greatness," Brenda Randolph of Africa Access will facilitate Discover Ethiopia in the DMV, a professional development workshop for K-12 educators with resources that highlight insight on Ethiopia and Eritrea gained through an exploration of local sites in metropolitan Washington, DC. Educators throughout the US are invited to participate and learn how to identify sites in their own communities.

**Register Here**

---

**First AAU Virtual Homecoming**

The Association of African Universities (AAU), in collaboration with the African Union and the Government of Ghana, is inviting all educational stakeholders to the first Virtual AAU-Academic Diaspora Homecoming.

The overall objective of the Homecoming is to strengthen collaboration and partnership among research and educational institutions of higher learning in Africa and the African Diaspora to advance quality of education and general wellbeing of all persons of African descent.

**Main Theme:**

**Advancing African and Diasporan Academic Relations**

**Date:** September 28th - 30th, 2020  
**Time:** 15:00 (GMT), 11:00AM (EST).  
Kindly convert the time to your local time.  
**Venue:** Virtual, Association of African Universities’E-Forum  
**Registration:** https://cutt.ly/Bo9XWFz

**Sub-themes**

1. Role of the Diaspora in Higher Education and Innovation in Africa  
2. Strengthening relationships between US Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and African universities
The Association of African Universities (AAU), in partnership with the African Union (AU) and the Government of Ghana, is inviting all educational stakeholders to the first Virtual African Academic Diaspora Homecoming. The overall objective of the Homecoming is to strengthen collaboration and partnership among research and educational institutions of higher learning in Africa and the Diaspora to advance quality of education for all persons of African descent. The event is intended to be a major gathering of academics, policy makers, professional associations, research institutions, regional diplomatic missions and student associations from Africa and the diaspora.

More Info | Register Here

---

**PeaceQuest 2020**

PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org

**Date:** September 1st - September 27th, 2020

PeaceQuest is a community-wide celebration in the Greater Lansing area held every September to celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace, which was declared by the UN General Assembly with a resolution passed unanimously in 1981. PeaceQuest brings us ALL together for fun and interesting activities with friends, family, and community while focusing on ways we can promote peace, resolve conflicts, learn about other faiths and cultures, and encourage mutual understanding.

**PeaceQuest is for ALL!**

More Info | Full Schedule