

*Spring #3, January 26th, 2021*

## AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK



**Date:** Thursday, January 28th, 2021

**Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (EST)



Dr. Johanne Pelletier (TNC - Atkinson Center for Sustainability): **'The Contributions of Forests and the Challenges to Address Deforestation: Evidence for Zambia'**

Eye on Africa is a weekly seminar series that provides scholars, policy-makers, applied practitioners, students, and the interested public with cutting-edge and highly-contextualized knowledge about the African continent.

Due to the restrictions on travel and assembly imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will meet virtually throughout the spring. The Eye On Africa schedule for the spring semester [can be found here](#).

[Event Flier](#) | [Register Here](#) | [Watch Past Presentations Here](#)



**Date:** Thursday, February 4th, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EST)

African Tea Times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Every other week, the African Tea Times focus on different countries. The tea times open to everyone. They are held every other Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m (EST), and are held virtually on Zoom.

[Spring Schedule](#) | [Registration Link](#)

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## Faculty Mini-Grants: Call for Applications

**Application Deadline:** Friday, January 29th, 2021

For summer 2021, the African Studies Center at Michigan State University is offering multiple Africa-related grants.

MSU Faculty can apply for:

- Curriculum Development Grants
- Faculty Development Workshops Grants
- Strategic Partnership Grants
- Special Programming Grants

[Application Form and More Information](#)

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## Student Design Workshop for ISP's Global Citizenship Center

MSU Global Youth Advancement Network

**Date:** Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (EST)



Global Youth Advancement Network  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# Join us at a student design workshop for ISP's **GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CENTER**



Learn about paid internship and  
volunteer leadership opportunities

Wed, Jan 27 | 4:00 - 5:30pm  
Register at: [bit.ly/39jl2mM](https://bit.ly/39jl2mM)



Questions?:  
[gyaninfo@msu.edu](mailto:gyaninfo@msu.edu)

GYAN is collaborating with the Hong Kong based Sunwah Foundation to establish a Global Citizenship Center (GCC) on MSU's campus. The GCC is a digital and physical space where both international and domestic students can come together with MSU faculty and staff to co-create and lead intercultural learning experiences, develop global career competencies and expand their international networks, among other benefits.

**Our next virtual student workshop will take place on January 27 from 4:00 to 5:30pm via Zoom, and registration is open to all MSU students.** During this participatory session, students will meet like-minded peers, contribute to the GCC's development, and—perhaps most important for this upcoming meeting—learn about the volunteer

[Register Here](#)

## ISP Scholarships and Grants

**Deadline:** Monday, March 1st, 2021

Applications are now open for three International Studies & Programs scholarships and grant opportunities.

**Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant:** [More Info and Application](#)

- 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:** [More Info and Application](#)

- 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:** [More Info and Application](#)

- The Walker Hill International Award is available to MSU doctoral students to be used for pre-dissertation visits to a doctoral research site in a country outside the United States (for international students, research in one's own country does not qualify). The student must have completed adequate credits and be able to submit a 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.

*submission procedures. If you have any questions or problems submitting, please contact (517) 355-2350 or [ISP.scholarship@msu.edu](mailto:ISP.scholarship@msu.edu). For information on additional student funding sources with an international focus, visit: <https://www.isp.msu.edu/information-resources/student-funding>.*

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## African Art School Program Internship Opportunity

MSU Broad Art Museum

**Deadline:** Tuesday, January 26th, 2021

The MSU Broad Art Museum seeks a diverse team of Education Interns to lead virtual art experiences for youth, teaching about African art and objects from the MSU Broad Collection during the spring semester. If you enjoy working with youth and have experience or knowledge about African art and culture, join us for this exciting opportunity to connect with classrooms in the Lansing region.

You should apply for this position if you:

- Enjoy working with elementary, middle, and high school aged youth
- Have experience facilitating conversations across difference
- Have experience studying African Art and culture
- Have lived experience that would contribute to students' understanding of African art and culture
- Want to share the opportunity with youth to learn more about African art and culture
- Enjoy identifying connections between historical and contemporary ideas
- Want to learn more about teaching in an online environment
- Want to learn more about using art as a teaching tool

[Full Job Posting and Application](#)

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## We Want You on our Board of Directors

African Studies Association Board of Directors

**Deadline:** Monday, February 15th, 2021

the **2022 election slate** for positions on the Board of Directors of the ASA. If elected, board members serve for three years, beginning at the Fall Board meeting in their year of election, and continuing through the Fall Board meeting of their third year.

**Responsibilities are:**

- To serve and advance the interests of the ASA as a whole
- To attend all scheduled Board meetings (usually one in the fall and one in the spring)
- To serve on one or two Board committees that serve and carry out the interests of the ASA including the Annual Meeting, the Executive, Publications, Finance, or Nominations Committees
- To review the budget of the ASA
- To work productively with the Executive Director and staff of the ASA

**To Be Considered:**

Submit a **500-word statement** that includes a short bio and explanation for why you believe you would be a good candidate (this may include past ASA service, leadership positions, other relevant experience, etc.) **via email** to [kathryn@africanstudies.org](mailto:kathryn@africanstudies.org). Submissions must be received by **Monday, February 15, 2021**, to be considered by the committee.

[More Info](#)

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## LATTICE January Session

**Date:** Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (EST)

We are pleased to announce **LATTICE January session**, the first session in the new year.

We are so fortunate to host **Dr. Alyssa Dunn** for a timely and relevant program that centers on teaching strategies on the day after major events, tragedies and instances of injustice. Educators are asked to bring ideas and strategies that they

Dr. Dunn moderates a Facebook group on this subject with more than 15,000 members. Search for the group at Teaching on Days After: Dialogue & Resources for Educating Toward Justice.

*Please register in advance on the link below. Feel free to share with people who might be interested. The more perspectives the better!*

[Event Flier](#) | [Register Here](#)

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## Meet with Two University Distinguished Fellows!

### MSU Libraries & University Fellowships

**Date:** Thursday, January 28th, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (EST)

You're invited for an evening with two University Distinguished Fellows! Come explore their work and dive into topics of international relations and cultural commentary through literature.

University Distinguished Fellows are a vital part of MSU and are recognized for their academic achievement, research goals, demonstrated leadership potential, and contribution to a diverse educational community. We look forward to sharing and discussing their research within the MSU Libraries' Murray & Hong Special Collections with you.

#### About the Talk:

##### **Researching Cameroon-China Historical Relations at MSU**

Caitlin Barker is a doctoral student studying modern African intellectual history, with a particular interest in China-Africa relations during the Cold War. Her research investigates how a diverse array of Cameroonians mediated Chinese knowledge production on Africa and imperialism during delegation visits to the PRC, and as they hosted Chinese delegates in Cameroon.

##### **Comics Archives and Video Games as Dissertations**

Justin Wigard (pronounced "Why-Guard") is a PhD candidate and University Distinguished Fellow in the Department of



game history, design, and theory.

*Please visit our websites for more information on the [University Distinguished Fellows](#) or the [Stephen O. Murray and Keelung Hong Special Collections](#).*

[Register Here](#)

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## FLAS Fellowships

**Application Deadline:** Friday, February 12th, 2021

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for MSU graduate and undergraduate students are available through the African Studies Center, provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

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

*For more information and/or to submit an application visit MSU African Studies Center at [africa.isp.msu.edu](http://africa.isp.msu.edu)*

[More Information](#)

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## Encompass Series Celebrating Black History Month: The Art of Protest: Mandela in Chicago

MSU Libraries

**Date:** Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (EST)

Chicago activists played a major role in putting pressure on the South African government to end Apartheid. Ironically, in

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