MSU African Studies Center
February 23, 2021
Spring #7

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES....

Eye on Africa: Dr. Jacqueline-Bethel Tchouta Mougoué
Thursday, February 25, 2021
Register for Eye on Africa

Enslaved.org: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade
MATRIX Event
Thursday, February 25, 2021
More Info on Enslaved.org

Slavery to Freedom
An American Odyssey
Thursday, February 25th, 2021
More Info on Slavery to Freedom

Student Perspectives: Conversations in African/Black Identity
University of Maryland and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
More Info on Student Perspectives

Rooted: Black Women, Southern Memory, and Womanist Cartographies
University of Maryland and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Friday, February 26th, 2021
More Info on 'Rooted' Talk

African Tea Time: Angola & South Africa
Thursday, March 4, 2021
Register for African Tea Time

Racism and Slavery | Lunchtime Series
Hosted by Khaled Esseissah, Georgetown University
Friday, March 5, 2021
More Info on the Lunchtime Series

Africa Private Sector Summit
Doing Business Under the AfCFTA
Monday, March 8 - Friday, March 12 2021
More Info on the Africa Private Sector Summit

Lecturer in African Literary and Cultural Studies Job Opportunity
Harvard University
Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021
More Info on Job Opportunity

Comparative Education Review: Call for Papers
Black Lives Matter and Global Struggles for Racial Justice in Education
Inquiry Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021
More Info on Call for Papers
35th Annual SAVAH Conference: Call for Papers

35th Annual SAVAH Conference, to be hosted by the research entity Visual Narratives and Creative Outputs and the Faculty of Humanities, North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. This virtual conference will take place late September/early October 2021 (date TBC).

We invite papers that explore, inquire, and reflect on visual expression and ways of storytelling that work towards...
This talk illuminates how issues of ideal womanhood shaped the Anglophone Cameroonian nationalist movement in 1960s Cameroon, a west-central African country that was at the time newly independent. Drawing upon history, political science, gender studies, and feminist epistemologies, Mougoué discusses how the employment of the concept of “embodied nationalism” illustrates the political importance of women’s everyday behavior—the clothes they wore, such as slacks, the foods they cooked, whether they gossiped, and their deference to husbands who engaged in extramarital affairs—even as they increasingly entered the formal workforce.

MSU Museum curator honored by American Folklore Society

“Dr. MacDowell’s ground-breaking work spans forty years and serves as a model for public work in folklore, traditional arts, and the humanities,” remarked Jessica Turner, Executive Director, American Folklore Society.

The American Folklore Society, the country’s professional society for folklorists, has announced that Professor Marsha MacDowell of Michigan State University is the 2020 recipient of the society’s Benjamin A. Botkin Prize for
South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has appointed Dr Somadoda Fikeni as commissioner of the Public Service Commission.

The president made the announcement on Wednesday evening after parliament approved his nomination on December 2, 2020. His term of office will run for five years.

**GRANTS**

**Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant**

*Deadline: Monday, March 1st, 2021*

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
Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship

*Deadline: Monday, March 1st, 2021*

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.

[More Information and Application Form](#)

Walker Hill Scholarship

*Deadline: Monday, March 1st, 2021*

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.

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