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UPCOMING ACTIVITES....

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

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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

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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

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Comparative Education Review: Call for Papers

Black Lives Matter and Global Struggles for Racial Justice in Education

Inquiry Deadline: Wednesday, March 31, 2021

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Eye on Africa: February 25
Dr. Jacqueline-Bethel Tchouta
Mougoué



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

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acknowledging, understanding, and (re-)visualising narratives. This is an

invitation to scholars to evaluate and re-evaluate positions taken in the field (conceptual and metaphorical frameworks and locations), or in relation to material objects and their existences or locations.

[SAVAH Conference: More Info](#)

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.

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MSU Alumnus Dr. Somadoda Fikeni appointed to South Africa's Public Service Commission

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

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significant lifetime achievement in the field of public folklore.

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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.

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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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