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Information and Analysis Regarding COVID-19 in Africa

Below are links with information that may be helpful for those who would like to learn about COVID-19 and Africa. Please feel free to send us articles and links that we can share.

- Paul T. Zeleza, "The Coronavirus: The Political Economy of a Pathogen"
- Africa Center for Strategic Studies, "Mapping Risk Factors for the Spread of COVID-19 in Africa"
- African Arguments, "Coronavirus in Africa Tracker"
- ALC COVID-19 Research

COVID-19 Pandemic: Responses and lessons learned from African Universities

Please join the Alliance for African Partnership as we host our first virtual panel in our upcoming AAP Public Dialogue Series. The topic will be "COVID-19 Pandemic: Responses and lessons learned from African universities.

University leaders from across the continent will be coming together to discuss their institutions' response to the crisis and share best practices on how to move forward. We will be joined by:

- Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor, Makerere University
- Ibrahima Thioub, Rector, Cheik Anta Diop University
- Rose Mwonya, Vice Chancellor, Egerton University
- David Norris, Vice Chancellor, University of Botswana
- Moderator: Paul Zeleza, Vice Chancellor, US International University - Africa

If you would like to attend this virtual panel on 29 April at 8am Eastern, please register using the link below. Be sure to include any questions you would like the panelists to discuss. If you have any questions, please contact us at **aap@msu.edu.**

Register at https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SpTg7WuaQPmXE8CvnGmPcg

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Children's Africana Books are Perfect Reading for Children and Families who are at Home Together

Africa Access and the Outreach Council of the African Studies Association (ASA) have announced 2020's award winning books by African authors and about Africa that are especially suitable for children and families who are at home together. The Children's Africana Book Awards (CABA) are presented annually to the authors and illustrators of the best children's and young adult books on Africa published or republished in the U.S. The awards were created by Africa Access and the Outreach Council of the ASA to encourage the publication and use of accurate, balanced children's materials about Africa. The awards are presented in three categories: Young Children, Older Readers and New Adult.

View the full article and award recipients (PDF)

MSU ASC African Music Playlist

As a way of keeping our community connected during this time of social distancing, the African Studies Center at MSU has put together a playlist of songs by African artists recommended by our community through social media. We have compiled this playlist and are so happy with how it has turned out.

To view the playlist, visit: **African Studies Playlist**

Call for Abstracts: Virtual African Diaspora Conference

Theme: Old and New African Diaspora Networks: Before and After COVID-19
Date: May 21, 2020

This conference was initially planned as a physical event at the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. This became impossible in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. It will not be held virtually and further details on the technological modalities wil be communicated to those selected.

Because of the pandemic, we have decided to extend the theme to also consider ways in which COVID-19 will potentially impact diaspora studies and engagements. Papers that consider this impact or examine the status of diaspora prior to the rise of the pandemic are welcome.

Abstracts of no more than 300 words covering the sub-themes listed are invited. Given the current circumstances, we shall be happy to entertain initial and prospective thoughts and ideas.

For more information, view the **full event PDF**
To RSVP, **visit the application site**

Extended Alliance for African Partnership Deadlines

The Alliance for African Partnership has extended the deadlines for proposals for the Transforming Institutions Strategic Funds and for the AAP Africa Futures Research Leadership Program. Please follow these links for updated information:

https://aap.isp.msu.edu/engagement/aap-african-futures-program/

https://aap.isp.msu.edu/programs-and-funding/transforming-institutions-call-proposals/

Update from MSUL's African Studies Librarians

We are here to help you with African Studies materials for your courses and research, as well as virtual solutions for teaching, learning, and continuing a research agenda remotely. You can find online resources on our African Studies LibGuide: **http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/africa**

We are also available via email:

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New to MSUL
We now have access to two excellent new resources for African Studies, which also include editorial work and articles written by MSU faculty.

The Oxford Research Encyclopedia for Politics has significant African Studies content: https://oxfordre-com.proxy2.cl.msu.edu/politics

And the Oxford Research Encyclopedia for African History is a great resource that continues to add new content regularly:https://oxfordre-com.proxy2.cl.msu.edu/africanhistory

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Two Africanist Graduate Students Win ISP Awards

The African Studies Center is pleased to announce that two Africanist graduate students, Alaina Bur and Claire Hoffman have received the Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant through MSU's International Studies and Programs to conduct dissertation research in East Africa. 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.

View the full article here (PDF)

Carneige African Diaspora Fellowship Program (CADFP) Application

What is the CADFP?
The CADFP is a scholar exchange program for African higher education institutions to host a diaspora scholar for 14-90 days for projects in curriculum co-development, research collaboration and graduate student teaching and mentoring.

Who is eligible?
- Accredited universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda and member institutions of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) can submit a project request to host a scholar.
- Scholars born in Africa, who live in the United States or Canada and work in an accredited college or university in either of those two countries, can apply online to be placed on a roster of candidates for a fellowship. Scholars must hold a terminal degree in their field and may hold any academic rank.

How do I apply?
Links and information about the African host institution project request application, scholar roster application and review guidelines are posted on the CADFP website. Register for our informational webinars to learn more.

DEADLINE: June 30, 2020 at 11:59 PM EDT

Call for Proposals: Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Program Innovation Fund

Proposals should be emailed to the Assistant to the Executive Director of Education Abroad and clearly indicate that the application is for the Faculty-Directed Education Abroad Program Innovation Fund initiative.

Submit:
- A narrative description of the proposed or revised program, with a focus on aspects that make the program unique and support students' personal, professional and intercultural learning and development (maximum 500 words)
- A budget for the intended activity (site visit, conference attendance, technology, etc.)
- A brief description of how each item requested in the budget will facilitate program development
- Letters of support from the sponsoring department's chair and the college's lead representative on the MSU Advisory Council on Education Abroad

Education Abroad will provide funding up to a maximum of $5,000 per approved proposal. **Applications will be accepted until August 1, 2020.** A maximum of five (5) program development grants will be awarded annually.

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