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African Studies Center Michigan State University

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Welcome to the African Studies Center's Newsletter and list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities.

Please feel free to visit our website for more information:
<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,

<http://www.aap.isp.msu.edu>

Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,

<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Thursday, October 27, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 201 International Center

"Effects of Regional Institutions on Election Quality." Eye on Africa with Peter Penar, PhD Candidate and University Distinguished Fellow, Political Science, MSU.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 201 International Center

"Lion Conservation Science Project in the Maasai Steppe Heartland." Eye on Africa with Bernard Kissui, Center Director, School for Field Studies, Tanzania.

Watch Past Episodes

<http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/>

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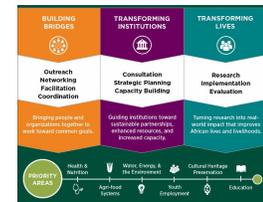
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Alliance for African Partnership



The Alliance for African Partnership will promote innovative approaches to collaborative research and partnership with African institutions to address emerging challenges in today's world.

African Tea Times - Open to Everyone

An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand experiences on
the African Continent

Learn, Share, Engage!

(427 N Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center, East Lansing,
MI)

November 3, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center
Countries: Zambia & Zimbabwe

November 10, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center
Countries: Egypt, Libya, and Morocco

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rethinking Muslim Ethics: Beyond a theology of empire

MSU Muslim Studies Program

Thursday, November 10th, 7:00pm

International Center, Room 303

The MSU Muslim Studies Program is sponsoring a discussion of Muslim ethics with special guest speaker Ebrahim Moosa. Moosa is Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Notre Dame and the Kroc Institute for International Studies. He is considered a leading scholar of contemporary Muslim thought.

Interdisciplinary Dimensions of Tropical Diseases: Finding Funding & Faculty Networking

Office of International Research Collaboration

Wednesday, November 2, 3:00-5:00PM

International Center, Room 303

The Office of International Research Collaboration will present information on research funding opportunities and trends in MSU research awards in the fields of tropical diseases, tropical medicine, and related areas of the natural and social sciences. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for faculty to share their research interests and network with potential new collaborators across disciplines and from across campus.

The event includes:

- Funding opportunities from USAID, NIH, NSF, and more
- Trends in MSU research awards
- Faculty networking: meet new collaborators across disciplines and share your research interests

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required: oirc@isp.msu.edu or 517/884-0947.

JOB POSTINGS & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Post-Doctoral Researcher, International Institute of Social Studies Erasmus University-Rotterdam

The International Institute of Social Studies of the Erasmus University Rotterdam the Netherlands is seeking to fill three full-time (100%) vacancies for the position of Post-Doctoral Researcher for a two year period from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

We welcome applications from prospective postdoc researchers who are interested in doing operational research on gender, governance and development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The researchers will be part of the research project 'Power, Poverty and Politics (PPP) in DRC', a subproject of the Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium led by the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) in London.

This two-year research program (1 January 2017 - 31 December 2018) aims to deepen existing research on governance, service delivery and economic growth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to examine the details of policy implementation from national to local levels, to generate lessons from what works in promoting positive change and how to measure change.

The vacancies at ISS the Hague, the Netherlands are for the following three research projects:

1. Women, power and society.
2. Everyday politics and practices of family planning in DRC.
3. Mining reforms and the changing roles of women in mining communities

Profile and requirements

- You hold a doctorate degree (PhD) in development studies, political science, anthropology, economics or related social science disciplines.
- Exceptions for the doctoral degree can be granted to applicants who are able to demonstrate similar research experience.
- Research experience in the DRC is desirable, but similar experience in fragile states contexts is also accepted.
- You obtained outstanding academic results.
- You have a demonstrated capacity to publish in peer-reviewed academic journals.
- You are quality-oriented, conscientious, creative, social and collaborative.
- You have a demonstrated capacity to work in a multi-cultural, complex environment.
- You are fluent in French, and are able to communicate in English. Knowledge of local languages is a plus.

We offer

- An appointment as a postdoctoral researcher for a period of two years.
- Depending on years of experience and qualifications, a full time gross monthly salary ranging from € 2.552,00 - € 4.691,00 (based on the Collective Labour Agreement for Dutch Universities scale 10 or 11).
- An 8% holiday allowance and an end-of-year payment of 8.3%.
- A dynamic and stimulating work environment.

Deadline for applications: 2 November 2016

The interviews of the candidates, preselected by a selection panel, will take place in early December 2016. The date of appointment will 1 January 2017, or as soon as possible thereafter.

For questions about the profile and the description of duties, please contact Prof. Dr. Thea Hilhorst,

Open Rank Faculty Position, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, University of Virginia

The University of Virginia Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies invites applicants for an open-rank faculty (Assistant, Associate or Full Professor) position in science, technology, society, and the environment in sub-Saharan Africa. We are especially interested in applicants whose work focuses on the historical, cultural, sociopolitical, and environmental contexts out of which technological innovations and questions regarding environmental change in Africa emerge. We welcome applications from a range of fields, including but not limited to anthropology, sociology, geography, history, political science, African Studies, and Science and Technology Studies. Examples of desirable research foci include: the indigenization of technology as it relates to social, political economic, and cultural responses to environmental change; the role of environmental development NGOs; the intersections between indigenous knowledges and technologies and perceptions about global climate change, and such issues as ecological migration. We seek candidates who show exceptional accomplishment as scholars, teachers and mentors and who can offer broad courses that integrate interdisciplinary perspectives. Preference will be given to candidates who hold the rank of Associate or Full Professor, but we will also consider candidates at the advanced Assistant Professor level who have a proven record of scholarly engagement and publication. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to excellence in teaching and to service.

Review of applications will begin November 5, 2016. Priority will be given to applications received by November 26, 2016. However, the search will remain open until filled. The anticipated appointment start date is July 25, 2017. Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. in a relevant field at the time of application.

To apply, candidates must submit a Candidate Profile through Jobs@UVA (<https://jobs.virginia.edu>), search on posting number 0619715 and electronically attach the following: a cover letter of interest describing research agenda and teaching experience, a curriculum vitae, a sample article or chapter-length scholarly work (Attach to Writing Sample 1) and contact information for three references.

Questions regarding the application process in JOBS@UVA should be directed to: Shelley Thomas, Office and Fiscal Administrator, Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies, at smt7f@virginia.edu.

Assistant Professor (Tenure track), History, North Carolina State University

Description: History of Agriculture: The Department of History at North Carolina State University invites applications for a tenure track position at the rank of assistant professor in the history of agriculture. We seek applicants who specialize in any time period and any region with the exception of North America or Western Europe. Successful candidates should situate their work within the broader historiography of agriculture in world history. Candidates will be expected to teach survey courses in their region of specialization.

Qualifications: Candidates should have a PhD in History or a relevant field in the Humanities or Social Sciences, or ABD with confirmed plans to defend the dissertation within the next year. The successful candidate preferably will have experience as a teaching assistant or lecturer, a record of scholarship, including a history of, or potential for, publication in professional journals, and experience mentoring students at the college level.

How to apply: NC State University now requires all applications to be initiated electronically. To apply, visit <https://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/76409> and click "Apply to this Job." Applications should include a cover letter; curriculum vitae; and a chapter-length writing sample. In addition, applicants should send three letters of

recommendation, addressed to: Professor Ross Bassett, Chair, Search Committee, Department of History, North Carolina State University, Campus Box 8108, Raleigh, NC, 27695-8108. Questions can be sent via email to ross@ncsu.edu. Review of applicants will begin on November 10 and will continue until position is filled.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Alliance for African Partnership Michigan State University Request for Proposals

The Michigan State University Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) is inviting proposals for its initial partnership activities in 2017.

As a university-wide initiative, AAP invites proposals from diverse disciplinary perspectives that support the pillars of Building Bridges, Transforming Institutions, and Transforming Lives, as well as the priority areas of:

- Agri-food systems
- Water, energy and the environment
- Youth employment
- Education
- Cultural heritage development
- Health and nutrition

Successful proposals will be submitted by teams that include both MSU faculty and partners from African universities and/or organizations and should be designed to lay the foundation for longer duration and sustainable partnerships between MSU and African partners.

Grants awarded will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 for projects to be carried out over an 18-month time frame, beginning between March 1 and June 1, 2017.

Proposals must be submitted by November 21, 2016, for consideration.
For additional information or to apply, please access the [AAP call for proposals](#)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Greater Lansing United Nations Association UN Day Sunday, October 30, 3:30pm-6:00pm MSU Erickson Hall Kiva 620 Farm Lane

Please join the Greater Lansing United Nations Association for their celebration of the 71st birthday of the United Nations on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016 with keynote speaker Professor Susan Waltz, an international scholar and practitioner in international human rights. In addition, Rachel Pittman, from UNA-USA will discuss the current world refugee crisis and will introduce you to our exciting new "Adopt-a-Future" initiative which will help to educate refugee children. Conversation, a heavy hors d'oeuvre dinner and music will also be part of this celebration.

International Studies and Programs, the African Studies Center, and LATTICE are all co-sponsors. For additional information, please contact

Early bird tickets are still available!

\$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, \$10 for students & those with limited income

(Tickets purchased at the door will cost an additional \$5.00. Buy tickets for you & your guests at the discounted rate NOW!)

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University of Michigan Distinguished Speaker Series

Tuesday, October 25, 2016 4:00pm-**TODAY**

Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery Room (Room 100)

"Developing Youth through the Arts: An Egyptian project" presented by Jessica Winegar, Harold H. and Virginia Anderson Chair and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology, Northwestern University.

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 4:00pm

Hatcher Graduate Library Gallery Room (Room 100)

Presentation by Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, Professor, International Relations, Department of Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University. Topic to be announced.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We want to feature you on our new website.

The African Studies Center's new website will regularly feature the scholarship of MSU's Africanist community (Faculty, Alumni and Students). Please share news of your publications, research, and awards with us so that we may keep the larger MSU community abreast of your achievements. Please forward the details to Tara Mock at mocktara@isp.msu.edu.