This is the Year of Global Africa!

The Year of Global Africa explores MSU’s rich history and connection with our many partners across Africa and throughout the African Diaspora through diverse scholarship, engagement, and activities. The weekly Newsletter provides a list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities related to the Year of Global Africa.

To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, [http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu](http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu)

For more on the African Studies Center, [http://africa.msu.edu](http://africa.msu.edu)

**Alliance for African Partnership**

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership, [aap.isp.msu.edu](http://aap.isp.msu.edu)

**Eye On Africa Speaker Series**

To learn more about Eye on Africa, [http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/](http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/)

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**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eye on Africa**

(Seminars are live-streamed at [http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/](http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/))

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

12:00-1:30pm - Room 201 International Center

"Aniceti Kitireza: A Tanzanian Epic."

Eye on Africa with Dr. Shoonie Hartwig, Kitereza Biographer

**Thursday, September 27, 2018 (Part of the Campus Activism for Justice- see below)**

12:00-1:30pm - Room 201 International Center

Eye on Africa with Dr. Somadoda Fikeni, leading political commentator on contemporary South African politics and BBC contributing consultant
Keynote Lecture and Discussion
South African Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6 - 8:30pm
Green Room (Main Library, 4 West)

The lecture is part of the Campus Activism for Justice conference. (See below for more details and the conference's complete program.)

Campus Activism for Justice, from Southern Africa to Michigan, a Michigan State University Conference
Thursday, September 27 - Friday, September 28

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Michigan State University's decision to divest from companies doing business with apartheid South Africa, MSU is holding a conference on “Campus Activism for Justice, from Southern Africa to Michigan.” The event is part of MSU's Year of Global Africa and sponsored by the MSU Library and African Studies Center. Co-sponsored by Vice President Student Affairs and Services, Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, Office of Inclusion and Inter-cultural Affairs; Colleges of Social Science, James Madison, Law, Arts and Letters, Education; Departments of History, Sociology; and MATRIX.

Speakers from both South Africa and the United States will look back at the campaigns for justice which led to the successful MSU Board of Trustees decision to divest (resulting in MSU becoming the first university in the nation to completely divest and the subsequent State of Michigan passing more sanctions on South Africa than any other state). The conference also will put the divestment campaign into the larger context of campus movements that came before it, including activism at MSU by African Americans, women, and those opposed to the war in Vietnam. Campus activists from South Africa and MSU will also discuss some of today’s student movements focused on such issues as global justice, responsible employment practices and the environment.

Special guests from South Africa will include Dr. Somadoda Fikeni and Nomzamo Ntombela. Dr. Fikeni is a leading political commentator on contemporary political issues in South Africa and is a contributing consultant to the BBC. Dr. Fikeni, who earned an MSU Ph.D. in Political Science, was involved in political protest in South Africa before he arrived at MSU. In 2017 Ms. Ntombela was elected Chairperson of the Student Representative Council at Stellenbosch University.

The daylong conference on Friday, September 28th will be preceded on Thursday, September 27th, with a noontime lecture by Dr. Fikeni and an evening lecture by South African Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko. All events on Thursday and the daylong conference at the MSU Main Library on Friday are free and open to the public.

Registration is strongly encouraged. Please follow this link here to register or visit the website here.

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2018
- Eye on Africa lecture by Dr. Somadoda Fikeni, Room 201 International Center, noon - 1:30pm
- Evening lecture by Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko and reception - Green Room, Main Library: 4 West. 6 - 8:30pm

Date: Friday, September 28, 2018
- All day conference, 8:00am - 5:00pm
Location: Green Room (Main Library: 4 West)

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Nsukka to Now: The History of African Studies at MSU
MSU Main Library
August- December 2018
This exhibit traces the origins and history of African Studies at Michigan State University, beginning with the founding of the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1960. Using material from MSU Libraries' Special Collections, it focuses on three key themes in this history: partnership, innovation, and activism. This exhibit is sponsored by MSUFCU.

Contact Jessica Achberger at achberg2@lib.msu.edu with any questions.

#FeesMustFall and the Advancement of Social Justice
with Prof. Adam Habib, Vice Chancellor, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
AUGUST 27, 2018 | 2:00-3:30 PM
International Center, Rm 201

Join the Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) for a lecture by Professor Adam Habib, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the Wits - University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

Prof. Habib has been working with government, students and other stakeholders to find solutions to the recent wave of protests around funding for higher education. He has also focused on building African research excellence, and together with the University of Cape Town, Wits initiated the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA).

To learn more, visit ISP News at bit.ly/ProfHabib.

Ubuntu at MSU
I Am Because We Are
September 1st, 2018, 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Celebrating Unity in Diversity among African, African American, and Caribbean Students through Dining, Dance, and Dialogue.

The goal of Ubuntu is to provide a platform for MSU students of color from Africa, the U.S., and the Caribbean to foster discussion and increase awareness of and appreciation for cultural similarities and differences. In order to achieve this, the first half of the event will place students in small discussion groups around the following topics.
Wharton Center events in conjunction with MSU's Year of Global Africa
https://www.whartoncenter.com/events

**WVLS: Nontombi Naomi Tutu**
Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Great Hall

The challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa have been the foundation of Nontombi Naomi Tutu's life as an activist, consultant, and educator. Her experiences taught her that the human family loses when we accept situations of oppression: teaching hate and division injures us all. Tutu is the child of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nomalizo Leah Tutu. She has followed her own path to build a better world, channeling opportunities she has been given to raise her voice as a champion for the dignity of all. She blends this passion with humor, joy, and personal stories. Nontombi Naomi Tutu is presented in conjunction with MSU's Year of Global Africa.

2 free tickets for MSU Students, Faculty, Staff, and Retirees with MSU ID at the Aug 20, 2018 Season on sale. Present MSU ID in person at Wharton Center Ticket Office. Free offer not available on previously purchased tickets

**Soweto Gospel Choir**
Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Great Hall

"Sheer jubilation. the rhythm of life." -Herald Sun, Melbourne
"absolutely thrilling singers. dazzling music." -Billboard
Formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African gospel music, this acclaimed, 20-strong choir draws on the best talent from churches in and around Soweto. World-renowned and Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir has been proclaimed as "Meticulous and unstoppable, spirited and spectacular" by The New York Times, and "a slice of musical heaven" by Australian Stage, Melbourne. This will be an evening to treasure, filled with joy, celebration, tradition, and spectacle. This unique concert is presented as part of Michigan State University's Year of Global Africa.

YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA AT COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES
Africa on the Move: Mobility & Modernity
ComArtSci Building (404 Wilson Rd. Room 145)
October 11-13
All are invited to join Communication Arts and Sciences in a celebration of Africa!

Come and celebrate Africa in art, poetry, dance, music, presentations, and films! Festivities begin at 3pm and end each evening with a reception and film screenings.

More details will follow as the dates draw closer.
Co-sponsored by the African Studies Center.

Learning Abroad Conference
Friday, November 16, 2018

Co-sponsored by Office for Education Abroad, the Office for International Students and Scholars, and the Academic Advancement Network, the Learning Abroad Conference (LAC) features presentations from students returned from international learning experiences and international students currently studying abroad here in East Lansing. Presentations include a variety of formats such as poetry, journal entries, music compositions, video, and more.

The conference gives voice to the student experience through a variety of creative media so fellow students as well as the greater MSU community can better understand the nature and impacts of students learning abroad.

This will be the seventh annual conference.

For information on proposal submission, click here.

Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Events Calendar

Throughout this Year of Global Africa (#MSUGlobalAfrica), the African Studies Center is collaborating with the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives in showcasing various events. For more information on upcoming Year of Global Africa events (as well as others), visit the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiative's calendar here.
Conferences & Internships

Call for Abstracts
African American Intellectual History Society's Fourth Annual Conference
Theme: Black Internationalism-Then and Now
March 22-23, 2019
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Applications Deadline: September 15, 2018

International exchange has been and remains central to Black intellectual production. Thinkers, artists, activists and cultural workers throughout the African diaspora have made crucial contributions to global intellectual, social and political movements through travel, correspondence, financial exchange and exile. As the increasing amount of scholarship on Black internationalism suggests, there remains much to uncover about the nature and impact of this global mobility. In taking up these questions, we highly encourage interdisciplinary panels that consider Black internationalism from a variety of fields and perspectives including the arts, digital humanities, community activism, environmental justice, food security, gender and sexuality. Panels that consider the far-reaching geography of Black internationalism, including Asia and the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific worlds, are especially welcome.

The AAIHS invites scholars across career stages and affiliations (from graduate students to senior faculty and independent scholars) to submit proposals for scholarly papers (20-minute presentations), organized panels of three or four papers, poster sessions, lecture-demonstrations, film screenings, or workshops. We will accept individual paper submissions, but will give preference to full panel proposals. Proposals should be submitted via email (conference@aaihs.org) as a Microsoft Word attachment no later than September 15, 2018.

For more information on individual and panel submissions, as well as available travel grants, click here to visit the conference's website.

Center for International Policy Internships

The Center for International Policy has received a generous gift to endow our internship program in memory of former Ambassador Robert White and his wife, Maryanne White. During his distinguished career in the Foreign Service, he was the U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and El Salvador, as well as earlier postings primarily in Latin America. He was known worldwide for his outspoken and unrelenting promotion of democracy and human rights.

In 1989, Ambassador White became president of the Center for International Policy. During his 20 years at CIP, he took a special interest in mentoring our interns.

How to apply
Applicants for internships should submit application materials for any of the internships listed below at any time. We begin reviewing applications in November for the spring semester (January-May), in March for the summer semester (May-August), and in June for the fall semester (August-December) and continue on a rolling basis. Start dates, end dates, and weekly schedules are flexible.
Interns will be provided with a stipend during their internship. The stipend will be given to help defray expenses incurred in connection with volunteering at CIP. Each intern is responsible for reporting and payment of all taxes due or owing to any taxing authority pursuant to his or her internship. Interns will be provided with a tax form for reporting purposes. The stipend amount will be $500 per month for full-time internships.

For more information on the available internships and to apply, visit the following link:
We want to feature you (students, faculty, alumni) on our website and across our social media platforms. Please keep us informed at mavimabl@msu.edu.

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