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Fall #11, November 10th, 2020

AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK



Date: Thursday, November 12th, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (EST)

This Week's Speaker and Topic:

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Seyram Avle: 'Mapping Contemporary (Re)imaginings of a Global Black Diaspora'

Seyram Avle is Assistant Professor of Global Digital Media at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

About This Talk: "In a period of heightened awareness of the persistence of global anti-blackness, solidarity appears to be working towards re-imaginings of what constitutes, and what moves, a global black diaspora. In this talk, I will map out three spaces in which I perceive these (re)imaginings taking place: media, arts, and business. I will show how earlier expressions of transatlantic solidarity live on, reignited and reshaped by the ease of global connectivity in these spaces. My proposal is that contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa serves not only as a renewed site of cultural expression and longing, but also as a fulcrum for the displacement of the many affects of diaspora."

Eye on Africa is a weekly seminar series that provides scholars, policy-makers, applied practitioners, students, and the interested public with cutting-edge and highly-contextualized knowledge about the African continent.

Due to the restrictions on travel and assembly imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we will meet virtually throughout the fall. Please follow this link for the fall 2020 Eye On Africa schedule and for the required one-time registration.

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Next Week's Topic:

Nigeria and Zambia, Food Security During and Post COVID-19

Presenters: Prof. Adewale Olusegun Obadina & Dr. Brian P. Mulenga

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COVID on Nigeria's food systems going forward.

Zambia: The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide has continued to affect all sectors of the global economy as well as at country level. Food security has not been spared by the pandemic, with food supply chain interruptions being the main impact channels. This talk aims to provide insights in regard to the following three key food security questions: What measures were put in place and to what extent have these been effective in safeguarding food security? What is Zambia's food security status in the face of COVID-19? What is the country's food security outlook in the short- to medium-term in the face of COVID-19?

African Tea Times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Every other week, the African Tea Times focus on different countries. The tea times open to everyone. They are held every other Thursday, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m (EST), and are held virtually on Zoom.

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Congratulations Dr. Amara Ezeamama!



The African Studies Center congratulates Core Faculty member Dr. Amara Ezeamama for her research on children who have been exposed to HIV.

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[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Congratulations Dr. Amy Jamison!](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)

The African Studies Center congratulates Core Faculty member Dr. Amy Jamison for her research on developing capacities to meet sustainable development goals (SDGs) which was published in *Higher Education*. The article was co-authored with Dr. Meggan Madden of Principia College, Elsah, Illinois.

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African Universities and the COVID-19 Pandemic - Call for Participants

Alliance for African Partnership



Nations across the globe including those on the African continent had to rapidly come to terms with coping and finding solutions to the challenges that beset them with the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic. African universities and indeed even those in the global north, had many challenges to overcome primarily with continuing education, responding to community needs, and providing accurate and continuous information to students and staff. Most universities responded with various levels of successes and they continue to confront the ongoing challenges from continued teaching and learning to financial sustainability.

AAP Perspectives is a new thought piece series that is published by the Michigan State University Press. Perspectives is issuing a call for contributions about "African Universities and the COVID-19 Pandemic", which is a follow on from the AAP dialogue series held between April – July 2020. The six-part dialogue series was organized to strengthen ties between the AAP consortium members and other stakeholders at the time of the crisis, catalyze action and share innovative solutions around key challenges, increase awareness of African universities as knowledge brokers/leaders on the continent, establish areas for future collaboration amongst the consortium, and ensure that investment in universities post COVID-19 is on the

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Perspectives welcomes contributions from anywhere in the world that are short, critical reflections of the responses of African universities and their key stakeholders to the pandemic. The six thematic sections of the thought piece is shown in Appendix 1 and the style guide is available in Appendix 2. The first section will share the immediate responses and lessons learnt by African universities including societal contributions; the other sections will address issues around international collaboration, educational access, food and economic security, psychosocial impact, as well as engagement with partners, donors, and stakeholders.

Submission form and abstracts due by Nov. 30, 2020.

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Grit Breeds Resilience: Preparing for a Lifetime of Service

Online Presentation by Dr. Praise Matemavi - MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine

Date: Wednesday, November 11th, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (EST)

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GRIT BUILDS *Resilience:* PREPARING FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE

Wednesday, November 11, 2020
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dr. Praise Matemavi, MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine alum. 2020 recipient of MSU Young Alumni Award, 2010 recipient of MSUCOM Walter C. Mill, D.O., F.A.C.O.S. Award of Excellence in Surgery, among many other awards. Current assistant professor of surgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Editor of "Passion and Purpose, Black Female Surgeons." Dr. Matemavi is one of the first and few black women transplant surgeons in America.

PLEASE REGISTER AT:
<https://bit.ly/Matemavi>

A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION BY
Dr. Praise Matemavi



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African Studies Association Teachers' Workshop

Date: Saturday, November 14th, 2020

Time: 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (EST)

The African Studies Association Outreach Council is hosting its annual Teachers' Workshop on Saturday, November 14th from 12pm-6pm EST, with a special showing of the documentary BlackNBlack in the evening. Elementary, middle, and secondary teachers are invited to afternoon of engaging

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in addition, have access to all African Studies Association academic conference panels from November 19th - November 21st.

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Women in STEM

Webinar via Zoom

Date: Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

Time: 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM (EST)

We are excited to announce the return of Michigan State University's Women in STEM program on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020. Together, the colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Honors, Lyman Briggs, Natural Science and Veterinary Medicine, are proud to host an online day of personal development and networking between fellow Spartans and friends.

Attendees will hear from several college leaders, from alumnae sharing their experiences and how they have broken barriers in STEM, and from future alumni examining opportunities for success in the next generation of STEM.

This event is a free and inclusive opportunity for all MSU alumni and friends to come together in support of women in STEM. We encourage you to share this opportunity and our social media messages within your own networks.

Early registration is now open, and attendance will be limited, so register now and save the date on your calendar.

[Register Here](#)

Africa Program: Stafford Capacity Building Internship Program

Wilson Center

Application Deadline: Sunday, November 15th, 2020

Stafford Capacity Building Internship Program for Spring 2021 Term. Applications are now open. Information provided by Shahrazad Hired at the Wilson Center Africa Program.

The internship is open to BA and MA students. Please note that the deadline to apply for the Spring 2021 Term paid internship is 11:59 pm on November 15; the Wilson Center also has a summer and fall internship program.

Applications are due no later than 11:59 pm Eastern Time on the following days:

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- Fall internships: **August 1**

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Congratulations to the African Association of Universities!

The African Studies Center at Michigan State University would like to congratulate the African Association of Universities for the African Universities Week celebration, November 9 through 13.

The theme of this year's celebration; 'Digital Transformation in African Higher and Tertiary Education' was chosen to stimulate dialogue on how African Higher Education Institutions can digitally transform their various business processes, including teaching, learning, working spaces, events management, administrative operations (financial, students records, health, accommodation, etc.), collaborations, knowledge services, research, and community engagement.

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