

# African Studies Center Michigan State University

## Weekly Bulletin

September 12, 2017

Fall #3

Welcome to the 2017- 2018 Academic year!  
And 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  
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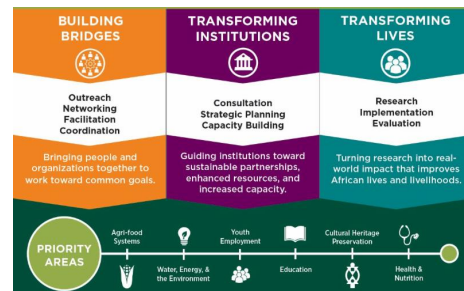
<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

### 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/>



## AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Seminar

Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
7:00-8:30pm- Room 303 International Center

#### "Perspectives on Kenyan Elections: A Panel"

Earlier this month, the Kenyan Supreme Court nullified the country's recently- held presidential elections, and ordered for new elections to be held on October 17. The panel discusses the implications of this history-making decision for Kenya, and for the continent as a whole.

#### Panelists:

Walter Mebane, Professor, Department of Political Science and Department of Statistics,  
University of Michigan

Kefa Otiso, Professor, Department of Geography, Bowling Green State University; President of

the Kenya Scholars & Studies Association.

Peter Penar, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University.

Tom Wolf, Lead Researcher of Ipsos Limited.

**Panel Chair:**

Jonathan Choti, Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics & Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages, Michigan State University

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## Eye on Africa

**Thursday, September 14, 2017**

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

**"MSU's major role in controlling and eliminating neglected tropical diseases."**

Eye on Africa with Charles MacKenzie, MSU Veterinary Pathologist

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

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

**"Gun Running, Guerrilla Warfare, and Technological Change in the late Nineteenth Century South Africa"**

Eye on Africa with Akil Cornelius, PhD Candidate, History

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### *African Tea Time- Open To Everyone*

*An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand knowledge of the African continent*

*Learn, Share, Engage!*

Thursdays-4:00-6:00pm

427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center

*September 21: Malawi and Sierra Leone*

*October 5: Nigeria and Uganda*

You can see the complete 2017- 2018 Tea Time calendar [here](#).



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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Ubuntu: Museums and Communities Connect

September 13 @12pm- 1pm

International Center, Rm 201

A group of South African museum and cultural heritage workers are visiting MSU from September 11-13 as part of the [Ubuntu project](#) funded by the MSU Alliance for African Partnership initiative. The

delegation includes: Vanessa Mitchell, senior education specialist, Robben Island Museum; Dean Jacobs, projects manager, Desmond and Leah Tutu Legacy Foundation; Masa Soko, program manager, Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum; Bongani Mgijima, CEO, Stellenbosch University Museum; Ulrich Wolf, Curator, Stellenbosch University Museum; Erhardt Thiel, artist and coordinator of iMadiba project; Alberic Vollmer, principal, DreamFuel and founder, Museum Teen Summit Africa; Abraham Collins, principal, DreamFuel and founder, Museum Teen Summit Africa; Bonke Tyhulu, CEO, Nelson Mandela Museum

For more information on this visit, contact Marsha Macdowell at [macdowell@msu.edu](mailto:macdowell@msu.edu) or Kurt Dewhurst, [dewhurs1@msu.edu](mailto:dewhurs1@msu.edu).

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## The Fashion and Tradition of Head Wrapping

Presented by Zarinah El-Amin Naeem

Thursday, September 14 @12:30-1:30pm, Patenge Room C-102 East Fee  
MSU Department of Psychiatry

Zarinah El-Amin Naeem will discuss the unique history of wrapping across the globe. Her company, Beautifully Wrapped, is an international, interfaith organization that brings together people of all cultures and ethnicities to showcase the art form of head-wrapping as a way to promote beauty, spiritual identity and holistic health and healing. We endeavor to inspire, enlighten, and empower women of all walks of life through education, publications, media, and fashion. Read more about the event [here](#).

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

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## Spring 2018 Course

SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY: FROM SHAKA ZULU TO MANDELA  
HST 364 | Spring 2018 | T, Th 8:30-9:50am | 219 Berkey

South Africa's struggle for freedom and democracy is one of the most dramatic stories of our time. This course draws on biographies of South Africans—from great leaders to ordinary men and women to explore how and why cultural values, economic interests, and power relationships shaped South African history since 1800. Special attention will be paid to race, gender, class and age as drivers of historical change. The course is divided into four parts: Precolonial societies; Colonialism and Segregation; Apartheid and Resistance; Building Democracy in a Global World. The course will deepen students' knowledge of southern African people's complex past and will enhance skills in critical analysis, writing, oral communication, and digital humanities.

For more information contact Professor Peter Alegi ([alegi@msu.edu](mailto:alegi@msu.edu)).

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## CONFERENCES, RESEARCH, & PUBLISHING

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### Calls for Research on Urbanisation in Tanzania.

Submission Deadline: September 22, 2017

The Urbanisation Laboratory is comprised of members from African Centre for Cities (ACC), World Resources Institute (WRI) (Ross Centre), Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF) and Tanzanian Government. The laboratory forms part of New Climate Economy's work on better urbanization through Coalition for Urban Transitions and is supported by Tanzania's National Planning Commission. Tanzania's Urbanisation Laboratory is calling for three pieces of research work.

The first research seeks to [document the potential access to finance for investing in infrastructure and services in 6 Tanzanian cities](#). The second research will [document the relationship between national and local government in Tanzania in terms of decision making, fiscal policy and governance](#). The third call requests innovative research to improve the available information on "lived realities" in three Tanzanian cities. Short proposals are

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## Learning Abroad Conference

### Save the Date & Call for Papers

Friday, November 17th, 2017 @1pm, MSU International Center  
Submission Deadline: October 2, 2017

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

Read more about the conference [here!](#)

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## International Conference on African Development

### Save the Date & Call for Papers

August 3-5, 2018, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

To access past conference papers see the [International Conferences on African Development Archives](#). Selected papers will be reviewed for publication in CADPR-sponsored [International Journal of African Development](#).

This conference has been held biannually both in Michigan and in Ethiopia. The most recent was held in Ethiopia with collaboration between three universities. The 10th anniversary ICAD will invite both past participants and new scholars across disciplines including African, International and US alumni from WMU in economics, political science, statistics, biological sciences, chemistry, geology, education, psychology, business, philosophy, nursing and engineering.

For more information, and to submit a proposal, visit the [conference site](#).



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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 4th Java Café Global Conversation

#### "As Told From the Frontlines"

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 7- 8:30pm, East Lansing Public Library

Please join us for our 4th Java Cafe titled "As Told from the Frontlines". Guest speaker Zeline Jatu Pritchard will discuss respect, safety and dignity within the context of peace from 5 selected countries (Liberia, Angola, Zambia, Rwanda, Republic of the Congo) where she worked with the UN. She will place special attention on the issue of women, adolescents and children in armed conflicts as they are the ones who bear the heaviest burdens.

To learn more about Zeline Jatu Pritchard, click [here!](#)  
This event is part of [PeaceQuest2017](#).

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