

**March 26, 2019**

**Spring #11**

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## Expressing Solidarity with the Victims of Cyclone Idai in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe

The African Studies Center on behalf of the Africanist community at Michigan State University extends our deepest sympathy to the peoples of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi who have suffered the tragic loss of family, friends, and neighbors and the loss of property, the means of subsistence and livelihoods, as a result of the unprecedented impact of Cyclone Idai.

MSU has a rich and long tradition of engagement with colleagues in the region in addition to an extensive network of alumni, friends, and current students. These significant personal connections intensify our anguish over the suffering that we witness daily through video footage and personal communications.

We urge everyone in our MSU community to reach out to our students and colleagues from the region. We are confident that many in our community have already made contributions to organizations providing support to the victims of Cyclone Idai. If you are interested in making a contribution, there are a number of organizations that are providing assistance in the region. The New York Times provides a list of organizations as does PBS: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/how-to-help-cyclone-victims-in-mozambique-malawi-and-zimbabwe>

The Graca Machel Trust, an important regional NGO founded by the former first lady of both Mozambique and South Africa and founding member of the Global Elders group, is also collecting funds that are used to meet urgent needs in all three affected countries: <https://gracamacheltrust.org>

This week is the annual Africa Week here at MSU. African Student groups who are organizing the week's events have expressed an interest in demonstrating their solidarity with the victims of Cyclone Idai. We will forward information on the MSU African Students' initiative when details are finalized.

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**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>  
For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

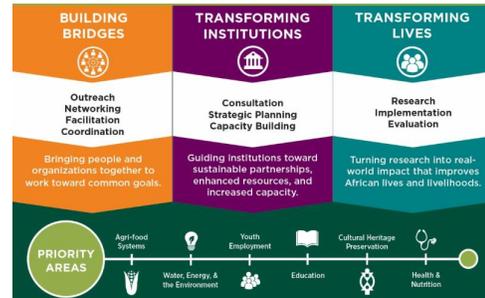
## Alliance for African Partnership

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/>

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at <http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>



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## AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Eye on Africa

(Seminars are live-streamed at <http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>)

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**  
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

Student Research Showcase  
Eye on Africa with African and Africanist Students

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**  
12:00- 1:30pm- Room 303 International Center

Ronald Kassimir, Executive Director, SSRC  
"The Inevitable Porousness of Area Studies: Four Strong Winds of Change"

Recent Seminars can be watched at  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/)

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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

# April 11: Liberia, South Sudan, and Mozambique

You can see the complete 2018- 2019 Tea Time calendar [here](#).



## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Africa Week Celebration! March 25- 29

# AFRICA WEEK CELEBRATION! March 25-29

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER

**NOTE:** Throughout this week, MSU's Culinary Services will feature different authentic African recipes in each neighborhood! For menus and further details, visit [eatatstate.com](http://eatatstate.com)



**Monday  
March 25  
Location TBA  
7-9PM**

**African Student Union (ASU) & Black Student Alliance (BSA) collaborative event.**

DESCRIPTION: Africa Week kick-off social. There will be a demonstration of modern dances from Africa and the diaspora. African food will be served!

**Tuesday  
March 26  
RCAH Theater  
7-9PM**

**Film Showing and Discussion** as part of the "Shining A Light: African Women in Film Series in March"  
TITLE OF FILM: Iron Ladies of Liberia, Panel Discussion to immediately follow

**Wednesday  
March 27  
Bessey Hall Rm 112  
6-7:30PM**

**African Student Union (ASU) Round-table discussion**

THEME: Modernization of Tradition in Africa. The discussion will be centered on African traditions in African culture, current practice of tradition and the role of tradition in the future

**Thursday  
March 28  
International Center  
Rm 201  
12-1:30PM**

**Eye on Africa** panel by Africanist Students doing work related to women and girls in Africa

**Thursday  
March 28  
International Center  
Rm 201  
2:30PM**

**African Female Students Empowerment Program (AFSEP)**

Q&A session with H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao - Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States  
THEME: African Women in Leadership and prospects for the younger generation

**Thursday  
March 28  
International Center  
Rm 303  
6:00PM**

**African Student Leadership Association (ASLA) Model African Union come-back conference**

THEME: Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa  
Opening Remarks: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao - Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States

**Friday  
March 29  
Kellogg Hotel  
9:00AM**

**African Graduate Students Association (AGSA) conference**

THEME: Local Action to Global Impact: Transforming Africa through localized efforts

The conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating the continent's future challenges and prospects. Keynote Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao - Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States

**Friday  
March 29  
McDonel Hall  
Lower Level  
6:00PM**

**Taste of Africa Event hosted by Kongamano Student Group**

The event will feature instructional cooking of different African dishes as well as African music and dance. Kongamano aims to foster collaboration among people related to or working in Africa and to also create a space for dialogue and networking among students, staff, faculty, and members of the Greater Lansing community who have interest and experience in Africa

Iron Ladies of Liberia: Film Screening and Discussion  
March 26, 7pm  
RCAH Theatre



In honor of Women's History Month, the African Studies Center, in collaboration with the Center for Gender in a Global Context, presents four films which shine a light on women in Africa and the African Diaspora.

Join us this Tuesday (March 26) for the final screening in the series, "Iron Ladies of Liberia."

Discussion to follow shortly after.

Sponsored by the African Studies Center, the Center for Gender in a Global Context, the History Department, and African American and African Studies

## "Iron Ladies of Liberia" (2007) Film Screening & Discussion

RCAH Theatre

Date: March 26

Time: 7:00pm

Part of the Shining a Light Film Series



## African Women in Leadership and Prospects for Younger Generations

Q & A session with H.E Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao

Thursday March 28, 2:30-4pm

International Center Rm 201

**African Women In Leadership & Prospects For The Younger Generations**

Join the AFSEP ladies for a discussion about the recent change in policy to create employment and leadership opportunities for women in Africa

**Guest Speaker: Dr Arikana Chihombori-Quao**

Ambassador of African Union Mission to the US, the first bilateral diplomatic Mission which began in 2007

Facebook: African Female Students Empowerment Program (AFSEP)

**African Female Students Empowerment Program (AFSEP)**

When: 28 March

Where: Room 201  
International Center

Time: 2:30 pm- 4:00 pm

**Free Food and Drinks!!!!**

## ASLA Comeback Conference

"Refugees, Returnees, and Internally Displaced Persons: Finding Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa."

Thursday, March 28, 6p-8p

International Center Rm 303

THE AFRICAN STUDENTS LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION PRESENTS;

# MAU COMEBACK CONFERENCE

"REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS; FINDING DURABLE SOLUTIONS TO FORCED DISPLACEMENT IN AFRICA."

**GUEST SPEAKER;**

DR. ARIKANA CHIHOMBORI-QUAO  
AU AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES

International Center  
Room 303  
Thursday March 28th

6pm - 8pm  
Free African Banquet and loads of Fun

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

The African Students' Leadership Association (ASLA) invites you all to their 7th ANNUAL COMEBACK CONFERENCE where all the Washington DC action will be unveiled and more.

ASLA brings you a special guest, Dr Arikana Chihombori-Quao, AU Ambassador to the United States.

It is forecast that this is an event you do not want to miss. We can't wait to see you there. The countdown is almost down and we are excited!

Bring everyone you know.

## Taste of Africa

March 29, 2019 @ 5:00 pm- 9:00pm

McDonel Hall, 817 E Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48825

Taste of Africa is an event open to the public, hosted by Kongamano. At the end of Africa Week, Kongamano hosts a dinner in which African food is catered and basic African dishes are taught and cooked on-site. Dinner, African performances and a Raffle for Snares to Ware will take place.

**AFRICA WEEK 2019**  
KONGAMANO PRESENTS

# TASTE OF AFRICA

YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA

**Friday March 29, 2019**  
McDonell Hall, Lower Level, 817 E Shaw Lane, 6-9pm  
FOOD | FUN | DANCE | FRIENDS

Come experience instructional cooking lessons and learn to dance to African music with us! We aim to foster collaboration among people related to or working in Africa and to also create a space for dialogue and networking among students, staff, faculty, and members of the Greater Lansing community who have interest and experience in Africa.

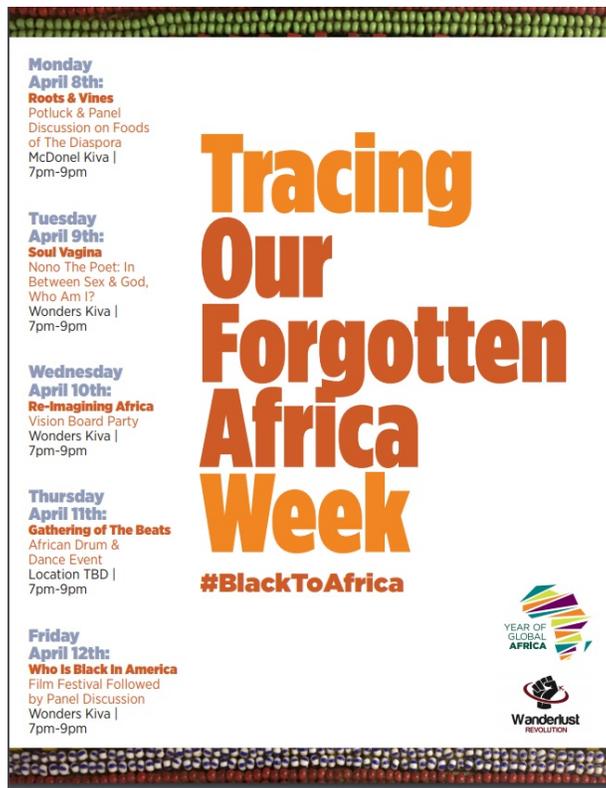
For inquiries about volunteering, date, time & more, please email [Davis247@msu.edu](mailto:Davis247@msu.edu)

**KONGAMANO**  
LEARN, SHARE, ENGAGE

## Tracing Our Forgotten Africa -Week of Events April 8th- April 12th

Tracing our forgotten Africa is a week-long celebration of the future Africa we want to see and homages to the Continent we know and love. The week long events of culture, panels, and film will take place April 8-12, 2019. Our hope is that together we can connect, collaborate and brainstorm the many ways

we can push Africa to the forefront.



**Monday  
April 8th:  
Roots & Vines**  
Potluck & Panel  
Discussion on Foods  
of The Diaspora  
McDonel Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Tuesday  
April 9th:  
Soul Vagina**  
Nono The Poet: In  
Between Sex & God,  
Who Am I?  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Wednesday  
April 10th:  
Re-imagining Africa**  
Vision Board Party  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Thursday  
April 11th:  
Gathering of The Beats**  
African Drum &  
Dance Event  
Location TBD |  
7pm-9pm

**Friday  
April 12th:  
Who is Black in America**  
Film Festival Followed  
by Panel Discussion  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Tracing  
Our  
Forgotten  
Africa  
Week**

**#BlackToAfrica**

YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA

Wanderlust REVOLUTION

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## SITES OF MEMORY: Reflecting on the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

A 360° IMMERSIVE VISUALIZATION EXHIBIT

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Event begins at 6:00 p.m. \* Remarks at 6:30 p.m.

Michigan State University, Main Library Digital Scholarship Lab, 2-West

Screening times begin at 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.  
RSVP's are encouraged and to select a preferred viewing time.  
RSVP at <http://bit.ly/SitesofMemory>

The exhibit commemorates the 1994 Rwanda genocide against the Tutsi and explores the history of the genocide through a virtual tour using 360° video technology. Several prominent memorial sites in Rwanda are featured and includes testimonial interviews with genocide survivors.

Developed in partnership with the Michigan State University African Studies Center with financial support from MSU's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Creating Inclusive Excellence Grants. Directed by Erik Ponder, African Studies Librarian. Narrated by Laura Apol, Associate Professor, Teacher Education. Videographer/Editor: Justin Leggs, MSU African Studies Center. Run time is approximately 34 minutes.



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## MSU Conferences

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The African Graduate Student Association Conference 2019

Friday March 29, 9AM - 5PM

Kellogg Center, Michigan State University

The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) invites you to their 4th Annual Conference. The conference intends to create a forum where African and Africanist scholars discuss the transformation of Africa. Building upon past AGSA conferences, this year's conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating what the continent's future challenges and prospects are.

The conference is free and open to everyone. If you are attending the conference (even if you're not presenting), please take a moment to register below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

For additional information, please e-mail us at [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu)

## Call for Abstracts

FROM THE GROUND UP: Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership  
APRIL 19TH, 2019: Room 303 International Center

This symposium aims to share the most current research by MSU faculty and students on soil health. The two major goals of the symposium are to share the research work with the general public; and bring collaboration opportunities for faculty and students from different scientific disciplines. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series and composed of a keynote, oral and poster presentations.

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium [here](#).  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [tuxinyi1@msu.edu](mailto:tuxinyi1@msu.edu)

### FROM THE GROUND UP: Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership

DATE: APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

LOCATION: Room 303 International Center, 427 N Shaw Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824

**AGENDA**  
08:30 - 09:00 Registration and Welcome  
09:00 - 09:30 Opening Keynote  
09:30 - 10:50 Panel Discussion  
"Frontiers in Soil Health"  
11:00 - 12:00 Talks and Student Oral  
Presentation Competition  
12:00- 13:30 Lunch/ Poster Presentations  
(including Student Competition)  
13:30 - 14:30 Panel Discussion  
"Soil Health Partnerships"  
14:30- 15:00 Closing Keynote

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium at  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Ke-FZASiJwvC0bT10kOHZDg0u8Pj5dpPAUSn\\_sCzZg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4Ke-FZASiJwvC0bT10kOHZDg0u8Pj5dpPAUSn_sCzZg/viewform)  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [tuxinyi1@msu.edu](mailto:tuxinyi1@msu.edu)



**OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Dr. Saweda Liverpool-Tasie  
Associate professor  
Department of Agricultural, Food, and  
Resource Economics

#### Panel Discussion "Frontiers in Soil Health"



**Dr. Cynthia Donovan**  
Associate professor  
Department of Agricultural,  
Food and Resource  
Economics



**Dr. Lisa Tiemann**  
Assistant professor  
Department of Plant,  
Soil, and Microbial  
Sciences



**Dr. Joseph P. Messina**  
Professor  
Department of Geography,  
Environment, and Spatial  
Sciences



**Dr. Timothy Harrigan**  
Associate professor  
Department of Biosystem  
and Agricultural  
Engineering

#### Panel Discussion "Soil Health Partnerships"



**Dr. Wenda Bauchspies**  
Associate professor  
Department of Community  
Sustainability



**Dr. Leo Zulu**  
Associate professor  
Department of  
Community Sustainability



**Dr. Nicole Mason-  
Wardell**  
Assistant professor  
Department of  
Agricultural, Food and  
Resource Economics

#### CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. Sieglinde Snapp**  
Professor  
Department of PSMS,  
Center for Global Change  
and Earth Observations



Funding for this project was made possible in part through a mini-grant provided by the Year of Global Africa at Michigan State University. For more information please visit [globalafrica.msu.edu](http://globalafrica.msu.edu). The two panel discussions will be part of the ESPP Research Colloquium Series. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series.



## Upcoming YGA Events

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### Sustainable Coffee Development in Rwanda

Tuesday, 16 April , 12:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m

Room 201, International Center

Dr. Ameet Morjaria (Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences, Northwestern University) and MSU faculty, Dr. Maria Claudia Lopez (Community Sustainability) and Dr. David Ortega (Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics) will discuss their research on the development of Rwanda's specialty coffee sector. MSU PhD Candidate Andrew Gerard (Community Sustainability) will provide background on MSU's work on coffee in Rwanda and facilitate the discussion. More info [here](#).

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## Study Abroad

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### Student Experiential Learning Summer Opportunity in Malawi

July 29 to August 21, 2019

Deadline: April 7, 2019

The Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) at MSU is once again running the Frugal Innovation Practicum, an interdisciplinary, experiential learning program carried out in collaboration with the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. More about the program is [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDEbi_412eM).

To read more about this program and how students can apply, students should refer to this document linked [here](#) or get in touch with Dr. Stephanie White at [whites25@msu.edu](mailto:whites25@msu.edu).

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