

April 23, 2019

Spring #15

**Thank you for your support throughout the year.
This is the final bulletin for Spring 2019**

This is the Year of Global Africa!

Save the Date
YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA GRAND FINALE
November 12, 2019
MSU Union Ballroom

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>

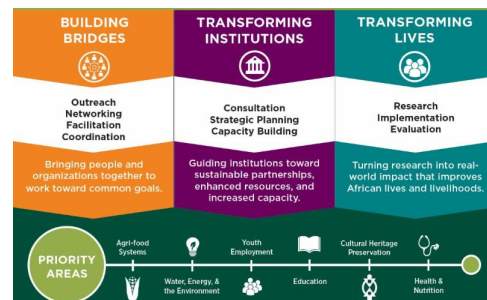
Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,
aap.isp.msu.edu

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/>



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

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

Thursday, April 25, 2019
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

Food Fraud in Africa
Eye on Africa with John Spink, MSU Food Fraud Initiative

Recent Seminars can be watched at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Week Film Screening
& Panel Discussion Fundraiser To support Cyclone Idai relief efforts
Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 6-9pm
Studio C, Meridian Mall, Okemos
Free admission

A film documenting climate change through the eyes of Kisilu, a Kenyan farmer.
Learn more at thankyoufortherain.com

Questions? Please contact whites25@msu.edu



Worlds collide on the
frontline of climate change

THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN

A FILM BY JOHN DARR AND BIRGU MUDA

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Africa R&D Connect
Launching of Africa R&D Connect Network Digital Platform
Plant and Soil Building, Rm 271
Wednesday, April 24, 2019



AFRICA R&D CONNECT

Connecting Interdisciplinary Sciences for Research and Development in Africa

Launching of Africa R&D Connect Network Digital Platform



PROGRAM FEATURING

Alliance for African Partnership

Dr. Amy Jamison and Dr. Jose Jackson-Maleta
Co-Directors AAP

Global Knowledge Partnership: Connecting Africa with the World

Dr. Karim Maredia
Director, WorldTAP Program

Africa R&D Connect

Dr. Cholani Weebadde and Dr. Hashini Galhena
Project PIs

Africa R&D Connect is a digital platform for information sharing and connecting African students and scholars, faculty members and MSU alumni from Africa and/or have an interest in education, research and outreach efforts in Africa.

Join us for

Launch meeting and Dinner reception

Please RSVP to suther24@msu.edu by Tuesday, April 23, 12:00 noon

ON
**WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 24, 2019**

FROM
**5:00 PM TO
6:30 PM**

**ROOM 271
PLANT AND SOIL
SCIENCE BUILDING
(PSSB)**

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The 'Africa R&D Connect' research team of the Alliance for African Partnership at Michigan State University



The 2019 Muslim Studies Program
Student Research Showcase
Thursday, April 25, 2019, 303 International Center

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303 International Center

4:00pm-5:15pm Panel I

Matthew Rappe (UG), "The Persistence of Pre-Islamic Religions in Central Asia"

Abdoulie Jabang (Grad), "Trans-regional Migration, 'Controlling Rain,' and the Spreading of Islam in British Gambia, ca. 1887s-1920s"

Joseph Bradshaw (Grad), "Competing Muslim Alliances in Late 19th Century Middle Niger"

Abubakar Idris (Grad), "Rural Migrant Hausa Girls, Community Faith Based Schools, and Environmental Change in Sokoto, Northwest Nigeria"

Andala Yakubu (UG), "Islam and Terrorism: The Case of Nigeria's Boko Haram"

Caleb Lucas (Grad), "Deadly Dates: The Effect of Holy Days on Terrorism"

5:30pm-6:45pm Panel II

Sumaya Malas (UG), "Loyalty to the Authoritarian: Mechanisms of Coup-Proofing and Regime Maintenance in Egyptian Civil-Military Relations"

Danielle Rogers (Grad), "Dreams of Liberation Bound by Bondage"

Sarah Vamvounis (UG), "France's Hierarchy of Race and Sex as Portrayed in Gerome's Artwork"

Kiana Sakimehr (Grad), "A Study of Empathy in the Context of Religious Identity in the United States"

Emily Quinlan (Grad), "'The Most Disrespected Person': Tracing the Erasure of Black Women in Depictions of American Muslims"

Lance Wheatley (Grad), "Resisting Islamophobia: A Young Muslim Male's Experience in a US Public High School"

Paper awards for undergraduate and graduate students will be announced at the conclusion of the event.

Jobs & Assistantships

Specialist-Outreach, Program Manager

African Studies Center (MSU)

Deadline: Open Until Filled

International Studies and Programs' African Studies Center is searching for a Specialist-Outreach, Program Manager, to provide support and management for the activities and programs of the Ubuntu Dialogues project.

The Ubuntu Dialogues: Museums and Communities Connect is a partnership project between the MSU African Studies Center and the Stellenbosch University Museum in South Africa. This 3-year Mellon Foundation funded project will consist of online student dialogues (Ubuntu Conversations); graduate student internship exchanges; and seminars involving academic leaders and heritage professionals (Ubuntu Seminars). The key aims of the Ubuntu Dialogues project are to build bridges among students, faculty and heritage professionals in South Africa and the USA; to transform institutions through collaborative engagement; to transform lives through engaged learning; and to bridge the digital divide between the global north and south.

For more information, and to apply, visit <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/501173/specialist->

Assistant Director of Outreach

African Studies Center (MSU)

Deadline: Open Until Filled

The MSU African Studies Center (ASC) is one of a suite of highly respected international studies programs at MSU, whose purpose is to offer a global education while engaging in cutting edge research on the world's most pressing challenges. A longtime recipient of U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS), the center has over 200 affiliated faculty who teach and conduct research in diverse fields across the continent. The Assistant Director for Outreach works closely with the Center Director to provide strong support and leadership for Center outreach on campus, in the broader community and through online digital initiatives.

For more information, and to apply, please visit <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/501176/specialist-outreachfixed-term>

PhD Studentship: Tabora

African History, Ghent University

Deadline: April 30

Applications are invited for a four-year, fully-funded PhD studentship in African history at Gent University, Belgium. Applications at the post-doctoral level may be considered if there is a good fit with the candidate's previous work. The holder will be affiliated with the Gent History Department and be part of a research group on the aftermath of slavery in East Africa, funded by the European Research Council. The topic of this PhD project is the apparent disappearance of former slaves from the Central Tanzanian region of Tabora in the early twentieth century, and the afterlives of slavery in social memory. Principal investigator on the project is Felicitas Becker (see <http://research.flw.ugent.be/nl/feli.becker>). There is no obligation to teach, but contributions to teaching can be arranged. The stipend amounts to ca. 2000 EUR per month, tax-free. The default start date is October 1, 2019, but there is some flexibility.

The successful applicant will have completed an MA in African history, African studies or a related discipline by September 2019. Fieldwork, especially interview, experience is a plus but not required. For fieldwork purposes, s/he will need a working knowledge of Swahili or a demonstrable capacity for acquiring new languages quickly. To apply, please send transcripts of academic record, including evidence of language skills, a short (up to two pages) statement of research interests, and a writing sample of up to 5000 words to slaveryaftermath@gmail.com, and arrange for two letters of reference to be sent to the same address.

The Gent History Department has over 100 members, with an established strength in global history. Besides the history department, the post holder will find interlocutors in the African Studies department, the Conflict and Development research group, and the Global Studies centre. Gent is a vibrant and beautiful city of ca. 230,000 inhabitants, about 40,000 of them students. The official language is Flemish, but English is spoken almost universally, and research will be discussed in English. See <https://visit.gent.be/en/HOME>.

The deadline for applications is April 30. For further questions, please write to fmb26@cam.ac.uk.

PhD Studentship: Buganda

African History, Ghent University

Deadline: April 30

Applications are invited for a four-year, fully funded PhD studentship on the aftermath of slavery in twentieth-century Buganda. The holder will be affiliated with the History Department and be part of a research group on the aftermath of slavery in East Africa, funded by the European Research Council. The topic of this research project is the life trajectories of formerly enslaved people in Bugandan society from ca. 1900, and the role of slavery in social memory and public discourse. Principal investigator on the project is Felicitas Becker (see <https://research.flw.ugent.be/en/feli.becker>). There is no obligation to teach, but contributions to teaching can be arranged. Monthly pay amounts to 2000 EUR tax-free. The default start date is

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Post-Doctoral Position: Buganda

African History, Ghent University

Deadline: April 30

Applications are invited for a three-year post-doctoral position at Gent University, researching the aftermath of slavery in Buganda. The holder will be affiliated with the History Department and be part of a research group on the aftermath of slavery in East Africa, funded by the European Research Council. The topic of this research project is the life trajectories of formerly enslaved people in Bugandan society from ca. 1900, and the role of slavery in social memory and public discourse. Principal investigator on the project is Felicitas Becker (see <https://research.flw.ugent.be/en/feli.becker>).

There is no obligation to teach, but contributions to teaching can be arranged. Monthly pay starts at 2000 EUR minimum and may increase depending on seniority. The default start date is October 1, 2019, but there is some flexibility.

Applicants will have completed a PhD in African history or a related discipline. For fieldwork purposes, candidates will need a working knowledge of Luganda or a demonstrable capacity for acquiring new languages quickly. To apply, please send transcripts of academic record, including evidence of language skills, a short (up to two pages) statement of research interests, and a writing sample of up to 5000 words to slaveryaftermath@gmail.com, and arrange for two letters of reference to be sent to the same address.

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