

# Weekly Bulletin

September 5, 2017

Fall #2

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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 information:

<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/>

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## **AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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 7\*\* The Gambia, Lesotho*  
*(\*\* to be held in Room 201 International Center)*

*September 21: Malawi and Sierra Leone*

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

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## **Congratulations!!**

We would like to congratulate the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship awardees for the 2017- 2018 school year. All the best to the following:

### **Academic Year Graduate Awards**

Dawson McCall - Intermediate Swahili  
Ryan Carty - Intermediate Hausa  
Clarence George III - Advanced Zulu  
Christina Scheller - Advanced Bambara  
Michelle Solorio - Intermediate Bamanakan  
Rachel Jones- Intermediate Wolof

### **Academic Year Undergraduate Awards**

Emily Skupin- Intermediate Zulu  
Ashley Nance- Panek - Intermediate Swahili  
Maggie Dehart- Intermediate Zulu

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## **MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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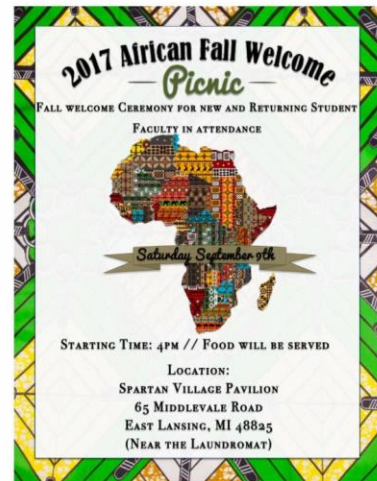
### **African Fall Welcome Picnic**

Saturday, September 9th @4pm

Spartan Village Pavilion, 65 Middlevale Rd, East Lansing, Mi 48825

The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA), in collaboration with the African Student Union (ASU), African Student Leadership Association (ASLA), and the Somali Association of Michigan, invite you to the annual Welcome Back Picnic. Students, faculty, and community members alike are all invited! Food and camaraderie galore!

For more information on the picnic, email [adebiyij@msu.edu](mailto:adebiyij@msu.edu)



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## "Telling the Migrant Labor Story: Lwandle Museum in Post-Apartheid South Africa"

September 11 @12:15pm- 1:30pm  
MSU Museum Auditorium

Masa Soko, Program Manager  
Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum

Bongani Mgijima, Director  
Stellenbosch University Museum, and Former Director  
Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum

*Co-sponsored by the MSU African Studies Center*

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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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

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## **CONFERENCES & PUBLISHING**

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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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