

**September 4 2018**

**Fall #2**

**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



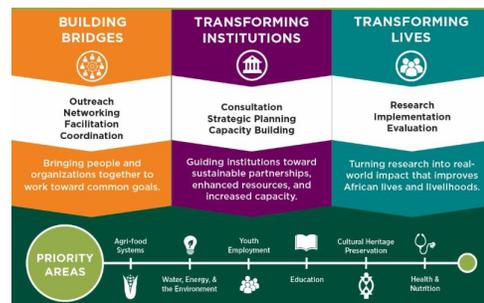
To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>  
 For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

**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.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>




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**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Eye on Africa**

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

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

"Aniceti Kitireza: A Tanzanian Epic."  
 Eye on Africa with Dr. Shoonie Hartwig, Kitireza Biographer

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

"Zimbabwean Elections Update"  
 Eye on Africa with Dr. Peter Penar, Political Science researcher (MSU)

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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 6: Botswana & Ethiopia***

***September 20: Zimbabwe and Ghana***

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



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## Keynote Lecture and Discussion

South African Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko  
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6 - 8: 30pm  
Green Room (Main Library, 4 West)

The lecture is part of the Campus Activism for Justice conference.(See below for more details and the conference's complete program.)

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## Campus Activism for Justice, from Southern Africa to Michigan, a Michigan State University Conference

Thursday, September 27- Friday, September 28



This conference commemorates the 40th anniversary of Michigan State University's decision to divest from companies doing business with apartheid South Africa. The conference also will put the divestment campaign into the larger context of campus movements that came before it, including activism at MSU by African Americans, women, and those opposed to the war in Vietnam, amongst others. Campus activists from South Africa and MSU will also discuss some of today's student movements focused on such issues as **global justice, responsible employment practices, and the environment.**



**Thursday, Sept. 27 & Friday, Sept. 28 2018**  
**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Main Library Green Room**

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

- 12:00-1:30 p.m. **Eye on Africa: Somadoda Fikeni**, Contributing Consultant BBC (Contemporary Political Issues in South Africa)
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Lunch
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. **KEYNOTE: Ms. Phumzile Mazibuko**, Consul General, South African Consulate in Chicago

**Friday, September 28, 2018**

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**  
MSU University Librarian, **Joseph Salem** and African Studies Center Director, **Jamie Monson**
- 9:15 a.m. **PANEL ONE: 1960s Activism at MSU**
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **PANEL TWO: The Divestment Movement and Anti-apartheid Activism in Michigan**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch / Activism Fair / Special Collections Open House
- 2:00 p.m. **PANEL THREE: Contemporary Student Activism at MSU**
- 3:30 p.m. Open Mic
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Save the date!*

All events are FREE and OPEN to the public. Registration by 9/5/18 is strongly encouraged:

[bit.ly/MSUCampusActivismConference](http://bit.ly/MSUCampusActivismConference)

Registration is strongly encouraged. Please follow this link [here](#) to register or visit the website [here](#) for more information about the event.

**MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**From Nsukka to Now: The History of African Studies at MSU**  
 MSU Main Library  
 August- December 2018

This exhibit traces the origins and history of African Studies at Michigan State University, beginning with the founding of the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1960. Using material from MSU Libraries' Special Collections, it focuses on three key themes in this history: partnership, innovation, and activism. This exhibit is sponsored by MSUFCU.

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[lib.msu.edu/exhibits/current/](http://lib.msu.edu/exhibits/current/)

## FROM THE HISTORY NSUKKA OF AFRICAN TO NOW: STUDIES AT MSU

Now through Dec. 2018 | Special Collections Gallery  
MSU Main Library, 366 West Circle Drive, East Lansing MI 48824

President John A. Hannah in the opening convocation ceremony for the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1962.  
© Photo courtesy of Michigan State University Archives & Historical Collections.



This exhibit is  
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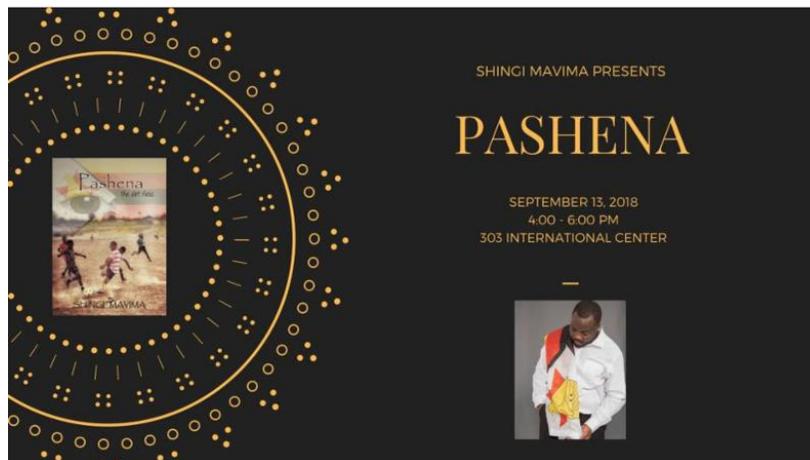
## Book Launch and Signing with Shingi Mavima

September 13, 2018, 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm  
303 International Center

Join Kongamano and author Shingi Mavima, for the launch of his semi-autobiographical novel, [Pashena](#).

"Set in the Dangamwura township of Mutare, Zimbabwe during the 1990s, Pashena chronicles the growing experiences of a group of primary school boys. This tale follows the main protagonist, Shingi, and his friends as they discover and navigate their love for football, community, and each other. Through the lens of their beloved dirt field, Pashena, the boys find themselves at the center of a society transforming at the hands of AIDS, poverty and a faltering economy. More than anything, however, Pashena is a story about growth, friendship, loss, and endurance".

Copies of Pashena will be available at the event.



Wharton Center events in conjunction with MSU's Year of Global Africa

<https://www.whartoncenter.com/events>

**WVLS: Nontombi Naomi Tutu**  
Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
Great Hall





The challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa have been the foundation of Nontombi Naomi Tutu's life as an activist, consultant, and educator. Her experiences taught her that the human family loses when we accept situations of oppression: teaching hate and division injures us all. Tutu is the child of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nomalizo Leah Tutu. She has followed her own path to build a better world, channeling opportunities she has been given to raise her voice as a champion for the dignity of all. She blends this passion with humor, joy, and personal stories. Nontombi Naomi Tutu is presented in

conjunction with MSU's Year of Global Africa.

2 free tickets for MSU Students, Faculty, Staff, and Retirees with MSU ID at the Aug 20, 2018 Season on sale. Present MSU ID in person at Wharton Center Ticket Office. Free offer not available on previously purchased tickets

## **Soweto Gospel Choir**

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm  
Great Hall

"Sheer jubilation. the rhythm of life." -*Herald Sun*, Melbourne  
"absolutely thrilling singers. dazzling music." -*Billboard*

Formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African gospel music, this acclaimed, 20-strong choir draws on the best talent from churches in and around Soweto. World-renowned and Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir has been proclaimed as "Meticulous and unstoppable, spirited and spectacular" by The New York Times, and "a slice of musical heaven" by Australian Stage, Melbourne. This will be an evening to treasure, filled with joy, celebration, tradition, and spectacle. This unique concert is presented as part of Michigan State University's Year of Global Africa



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## YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA AT COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Africa on the Move: Mobility & Modernity  
ComArtSci Building (404 Wilson Rd. Room 145)  
October 11-13

All are invited to join Communication Arts and Sciences in a celebration of Africa!

Come and celebrate Africa in art, poetry, dance, music, presentations, and films! Festivities begin at 3pm and end each evening with a reception and film screenings.

More details will follow as the dates draw closer.  
Co-sponsored by the African Studies Center.



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## Learning Abroad Conference Friday, November 16, 2018

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.

SAVE THE DATE



# LEARNING ABROAD CONFERENCE

7TH ANNUAL

Friday, November 16, 2018  
**MSU International Center**

Join us for a day of **learning abroad** stories told by MSU students who have returned from international learning experiences or are currently studying abroad at MSU. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

**12:00pm - 6:00pm**  
 Registration begins at 12:00pm | Program begins at 1:00pm

Sponsored by the Faculty Learning Community on Teaching and Learning Abroad, the Office for Education Abroad, and the Office for International Students and Scholars

Office for Education Abroad  
 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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.

This will be the seventh annual conference.

[For information on proposal submission, click here.](#)

## Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Events Calendar

Throughout this Year of Global Africa (#MSUGlobalAfrica), the African Studies Center is collaborating with the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives in showcasing various events. For more information on upcoming Year of Global Africa events (as well as others), visit the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiative's calendar [here](#).

## Conferences & Internships

### Call for Abstracts

African American Intellectual History Society's Fourth Annual Conference

Theme: Black Internationalism-Then and Now

March 22-23, 2019

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Applications Deadline: September 15, 2018



International exchange has been and remains central to Black intellectual production. Thinkers, artists, activists and cultural workers throughout the African diaspora have made crucial contributions to global intellectual, social and political movements through travel, correspondence, financial exchange and exile. As the increasing amount of scholarship on Black internationalism suggests, there remains much to uncover about the nature and impact of this global mobility. In taking up these questions, we highly encourage interdisciplinary panels that consider Black internationalism from a variety of fields and perspectives including the arts, digital humanities, community activism, environmental justice, food security, gender and sexuality. Panels that consider the far-reaching geography of Black internationalism, including Asia and the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific worlds, are especially welcome.

The AAIHS invites career stages and affiliations (from graduate students to senior faculty and independent scholars) to submit proposals for scholarly papers (20-minute presentations), organized panels of three or four papers, poster sessions, lecture-demonstrations, film screenings, or workshops. We will accept individual paper submissions, but will give preference to full panel proposals. Proposals should be submitted via email ([conference@aaihs.org](mailto:conference@aaihs.org)) as a Microsoft Word attachment no later than September 15, 2018.

For more information on individual and panel submissions, as well as available travel grants, click [here to visit the conference's website](#).

## Other Announcements

### PeaceQuest 2018

#### Celebrating International Day of Peace the Entire Month of September

The African Studies Center joins the Greater Lansing United Nations Association and other organizations to bring this year's edition of PeaceQuest; a month-long series of events celebrating the International Day of Peace.

More events and details at [peacequestgreaterlansing.org](http://peacequestgreaterlansing.org)



# PeaceQuest 2018

Celebrating International Day of Peace  
The Entire Month of September

<p><b>Sept. 1-30</b> <b>All Month</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Peace Pole Pursuit</b> All Month, All ages, All over the Greater Lansing Area!</p>	<p><b>Sept. 4-27</b> <b>All Month</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>PeaceQuest Art Challenge Exhibit</b> <i>Displaced Children and Stolen Hopes</i> Sept. 4-13 Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos Sept. 14-27 Edgewood United Church, 409 N. Hagadorn Rd., E. Lansing</p>	<p><b>Sept. 8</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>12 - 9 pm</b> <b>Lansing Harmony Celebration</b> Bringing positive energy to celebrate our city's diverse cultures. Benjamin Davis Park 5500 Pleasant Grove Rd., Lansing, MI</p>
<p><b>Sept. 12</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>7 - 8 pm</b> <b>Solarize Michigan Workshop</b> Edgewood United Church of Christ, 469 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI</p>	<p><b>Sept. 16</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>3 pm</b> <b>All Faith Alliance for Refugees Forum</b> Update on Refugees &amp; Immigration Eastminster Presbyterian Church 1315 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing, MI</p>	<p><b>Sept. 16</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>2 - 5 pm</b> <b>Singing in the Dark Times</b> Poetry Readings: Laura Apol and others Poetry Workshop, Open Mic, Singing SCENE MetroSpace 110 Charles St., East Lansing</p>
<p><b>Sept. 18</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>7 - 8:30 pm</b> <b>Java Cafe' Global Conversation</b> An Agenda For Disarmament East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road, East Lansing</p>	<p><b>Sept. 20</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>7 pm</b> <b>Voices from Faith and Reason: Race and Place</b> Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler Lansing Central United Methodist Church</p>	<p><b>Sept. 21</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>11 am - 2 pm</b> <b>Peace Day Rally</b> Stand Up for Peace Celebrate the International Day of Peace Michigan Capitol Front Steps</p>
<p><b>Sept. 23</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>DONATIONS</b></p> <p><b>3 pm</b> <b>Concert Across America - to Raise Awareness on Gun Violence</b> Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing 5509 S Pennsylvania, Lansing, MI</p>	<p><b>Sept. 26</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>7 pm</b> <b>Panel Discussion</b> <b>What's New in Corrections?</b> <b>Drug, Sobriety, Veterans and Mental Health Courts</b> Edgewood United Church of Christ, 469 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI</p>	<p><b>Sept. 27</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>7 pm</b> <b>Movie Showing: Trails of Hope and Terror</b> Studio C! Meridian Mall, 1000 Central Park Dr., Okemos, MI 48864</p>
<p><b>Sept. 27-28</b> <b>Thurs.-Fri.</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>Register</b> <b>Conference on Campus Activism for Justice from Southern Africa to Michigan</b> Speakers: Dr. Somadode Fikeni and Nomzamo Ntombela from South Africa, and many others. MSU Main Library</p>	<p><b>Sept. 29</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>1 - 3 pm</b> <b>Stories &amp; Activities for Kids</b> Everybody Reads Bookstore, 2019 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI</p>	<p><b>Sept. 30</b> <b>Sunday</b> <b>FREE</b></p> <p><b>2 - 4 pm</b> <b>PeaceQuest Art Contest Award Ceremony</b> Michigan State University, Erickson Hall Kiva, 620 Farm Ln, E. Lansing, MI</p>

**Stand Up for Peace**

MORE EVENTS AND DETAILS AT:  
[PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org](http://PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org)

**PeaceQuest Sponsors:** Greater Lansing United Nations Association, Peace Education Center, Niagara Foundation Michigan, Edgewood United Church, Shalom Center for Justice and Peace, Presbyterian Church of Okemos, LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers in Cross-Cultural Education), MSU African Studies Center, MSU Asian Studies Center, Greater Lansing Network Against War and Injustice

# 2nd Annual African Gospel Concert

Saturday, September 15 @7:00pm

Epicenter of Worship Church,  
517 W. Jolly Rd, Lansing, Mi 48910

Join Woven Vessels International for their second annual African gospel concert in Lansing, featuring King Isaac, Freddy Nyembwe, and several African choirs!

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, and \$10 for students. For more information, and to buy tickets visit <https://www.wovenvesselsint.org/>



WOVEN VESSELS  
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY  
UNIFIED - CONTINENT TO CONTINENT

**2nd Annual African Gospel Concert**  
SATURDAY, September 15 @7 pm

**EPICENTER**  
OF WORSHIP  
517 W. Jolly Road  
Lansing, MI 48910

Featuring recording Artist Freddy Nyembwe, King Isaac, Burundi Choirs, African Choirs, and Horn & Holland

Donations online  
\$20 General Admission /Student Tickets \$10  
Tickets: [www.wovenvesselsint.org](http://www.wovenvesselsint.org)

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