

African Studies Center Michigan State University

Weekly Bulletin

February 28, 2017

Spring #8

Welcome to the African Studies Center's Newsletter and list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities.

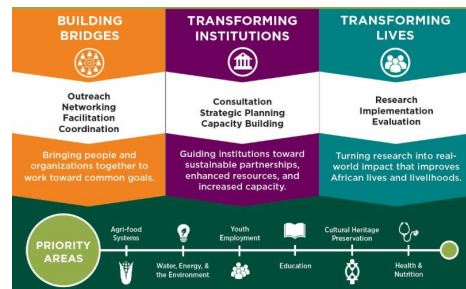
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Alliance for African Partnership

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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,
<http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER PROGRAMS

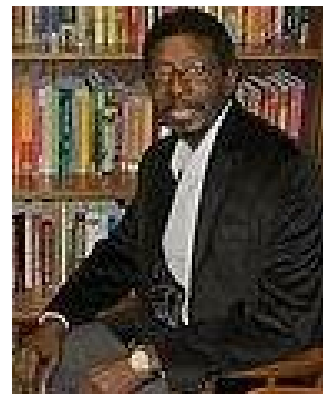
Eye on Africa

Thursday, March 2, 2017
12:00- 1:30pm- Room 201 International Center

"African Agency in the Making of a British Colony: A Microhistorical Analysis." Eye on Africa with Joseph J. Bangura, Chair, African History and Director of African Studies, Kalamazoo College.

Thursday, March 16, 2017
12:00- 1:30pm- Room 201 International Center

Eye on Africa with Kenda Mutongi, Professor of Africana Studies and History, Williams College



[For additional information or to view past episodes.](#)

African Tea Time- Open to Everyone

the African continent
Learn, Share, Engage!



March 2 Ethiopia, Somalia and Tunisia

March 16 Mali and Senegal

The full schedule can be found on our [website](#).

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Engagement Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017

12:30pm in 110 Chittenden Hall

Born in Uganda, Odora Hoppers first studied in her home country and in Zambia before becoming a Swedish citizen and completing her doctorate in social sciences at Stockholm University. She has since forged a multifaceted career as a scholar and policy adviser, serving many leading international organizations in education, gender policy, disarmament, and intellectual property rights. Professor Hoppers received the Nelson Mandela Distinguished Africanist Award in 2015. The award is given to an African who has distinguished himself or herself in public leadership positions. Hoppers's principal areas of interest include: building capacity for trans-disciplinary basic and applied research in support of Africa's development; providing support to policy formulation and implementation for sustainable development and human security in Africa and internationally; promoting the social and economic justice agenda including the rights of local communities; and promoting dialogue across cultures and epistemologies by developing protocols for respectful cultural exchange, strengthening the enfranchisement of Africans, and promoting endogenous research.

Graduate students may join Dr. Hoppers for an informal conversation before her lecture from 12:30-1:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please register by sending an email to gradwrsp@grd.msu.edu with your name, department affiliation, and "Global Engagement Speaker Series" in the subject line

The Office of International Studies in Education invites you to join in a series of Career-related Sessions for internationally-oriented students

Tuesday, Feb 28-12-1:30pm, 252 Erickson **TODAY**
Internationally-Focused Administrative Careers in U.S. Higher Education Institutions

Wednesday, March 1-12-1:30, 133G
Preparing for careers in international education development: Working in an international organization, NGO, foundation, and other non-university-based settings



Upcoming events hosted by the Talsky Center for Human Rights at the MSU Law Center:

Monday, March 27, 2017

Symposium on Immigrants' Rights Under International Law

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Morten Kjaerum, Director of Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sweden; Chair, Board of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles

PANEL #1: ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE MIGRANT POPULATIONS: CHILDREN, WOMEN, AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS: Sumudu Atapattu, Director, Research Centers & Coordinator, UW-Madison Human Rights Program, University of Wisconsin Law School; Michael Garcia Bochenek, Senior Counsel, Children's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch; Roberta Cohen, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution; Karen Musalo, Professor of Law and Director of Center for Gender & Refugee Studies, U.C. Hastings College of Law

PANEL #2: INTERNATIONAL LAW GOVERNING MIGRANT POPULATIONS: OVERARCHING PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS: Vincent Chetail, Professor of Public International Law and Director of Global Migration Centre, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland; Juss Satvinder, Professor of Law, King's College, London, England; E. Tendayi Achiume, Professor of Law, UCLA School of Law; Colin Harvey, Professor of Human Rights Law, School of Law, Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland

10:00 to 5:20

MSU Law, Castle Board Room

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GJEC Fellowships for Dissertation Research & Completion

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2017-18 academic year.

Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School allows us to offer four fellowship opportunities of up to \$10,000** in the following two categories:

GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed dissertation research and all other requirements for their degree program, except for completion of the dissertation. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2018, and their dissertations must focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

Funding must be used during the 2017-18 academic year. Applications are due April 15, 2017, and are available at www.gencen.msu.edu/funding/gjec.htm.

Email: gencenga@msu.edu

International Studies and Programs (ISP)

Student Funding Opportunities

Deadline: **March 1, 2017**

In an effort to continue to internationalize the student experience, ISP takes pride in helping to support students who are interested in working on the world's greatest problems. Here are some internationally focused funding opportunities, administered by the ISP Dean's office, for undergraduate and graduate students.

[Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant \(doc\)](#)

This award provides financial assistance to domestic students who intend to travel to developing countries for the purpose of providing technical assistance, participate in research, or engage in service. The intent is for students

careers in international development teaching, research and practice. Grants are intended to support travel, related living expenses, and projects costs, not to be used as a tuition scholarship.

David D. Horner International Student Scholarship Fund

A scholarship fund reserved for international students in financial distress due to circumstances beyond their control, which may jeopardize students' ability to remain at MSU.

Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship

This scholarship is available to MSU doctoral students with dissertation research objectives who have defended, or are in the process of defending, a dissertation proposal. The scholarship supports field research abroad in support of the student's dissertation.

Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies Discretionary Funding Initiative (DFI)

Deadline: **March 2, 2017**

The Discretionary Funding Initiative (DFI), funded by the Michigan State University Foundation, provides bridge funds for tenure stream faculty for additional studies needed for resubmission of an unsuccessful, but nearly fundable, grant application to the same funding agency. To request funding from this program, faculty should submit a request to the research associate dean of their college (lead college, if appointed in multiple colleges) using the DFI information form attached to this email. Applicants will be expected to provide copies of their previous external reviews, if applicable, and describe the work that will be completed to address the comments provided in these documents.

Requests for support approved by the research associate deans will be forwarded to the Office of the Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies in a prioritized list. The maximum award from the OVPRGS will be \$25K and will require a 100% (up to \$25K) match from units or colleges. The PIs of the recommended projects will be required to submit an electronic transmittal. Funds will be available for 18 months, and an activity report will be required at the end of the granting period.

Timeline

February 9, 2017	RFA
March 2, 2017	Deadline for applicants to submit applications to their college.
March 30, 2017	Deadline for Research Associate Deans to submit applications to the OVPRGS. Applications must be sent to proposal@msu.edu no later than 5pm.
April 6, 2017	E-transmittal must be finalized for applications that were sent to the OVPRGS for consideration.
May 4, 2017	Funding announcements will be made.
May 30, 2017	Project Start Date



Research Grant

Deadline: **March 31, 2017**

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is offering the following Grant Opportunities in conjunction with the Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference on October 19 - 21, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Research Grants

ASMEA is offering research grants of up to \$2500 to qualified professors and students engaged in the study of the Middle East and Africa. Applications must be accompanied by a paper proposal that represents new and unpublished research and is relevant to the qualifying research areas designated by ASMEA. Successful research grant applicants are required to present their research at the Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference and provide

Africa.

To stimulate new and diverse lines of discourse about the Middle East and Africa, ASMEA's Research Grants Program seeks to support research on topics that deserve greater attention. The topic areas and sub-topics listed below are intended as a guide for potential participants in the program and constitute the types of subjects that ASMEA intends to support. An applicant may submit a proposal on any topic as long as it is directly relevant to the five broad areas outlined and constitutes new and original research: Status of Minorities and Women, Modern Military History, Governance and Economy, Belief, and Personal Status.

Travel Grants

ASMEA is offering travel grants to qualified scholars and students whose paper proposals are accepted for presentation at the Tenth Annual ASMEA Conference. Grants of up to \$750 are available for international applicants while U.S. applicants may receive grants of up to \$500.

Applicants with questions about the topic areas or about the program in general may contact ASMEA at info@asmeascholars.org.

Center for Advanced Study of International Development International Strategic Partnership Funding Deadline: **March 1, 2017**

The Provost and Associate Provost and Dean of ISP have made funding available to develop international strategic partnerships with universities and institutions of higher education and research abroad. The funding is focused on the international themes of food and agriculture, environment, health and nutrition, and education. These partnerships should involve MSU faculty from multiple disciplines and fields of study. Collaborations focused on these international themes that involve faculty from Arts and Letters or Social Science are encouraged. Partnerships should center on collaborative research, including proposal development and preliminary research activities that build institutional capacity and strengthen the institutional partnership.

Strategic partnerships should ultimately lead to potential long-term research and other collaborations between MSU and the partner institution. Grant development can be facilitated by CASID staff in collaboration with involved units. Funding may be granted for continued support to develop these partnerships, depending on the outcomes of the initial grant.

If you have questions about the application requirements and/or process please contact Jennifer Brewer, International Program Coordinator, Center for Advanced Study of International Development at: brewer13@isp.msu.edu.

Proposals received by March 1, 2017, will be reviewed this cycle. Applications received after March 1, 2017 will be reviewed based on the availability of funds. Please submit applications to Jennifer Brewer at: brewer13@isp.msu.edu.

CONFERENCES

3rd International Conference of the Dakar Institute of African Studies (DIAS)
"Valorizing African Cultural Heritage and Thought III: Colonial fantasies/Decolonial Futures"
July 7-8, 2017
Dakar, Senegal

Most African countries have recently celebrated 50 years of independence. Yet, despite the major gains that have been witnessed in almost every segment of our societies, one can clearly argue that the specter of colonization still permeates all levels of the social, cultural, and political frameworks of African polities. It is therefore necessary to take into consideration the pervasiveness of coloniality in almost every aspect of life as we think of the possibility of a truly decolonial era. It is, in this vein, that The Dakar Institute of African Studies invites scholars, activists, and practitioners to a two day forum to think of the possibilities to evaluate the colonial constitutions and

and the occupation of minds in the African context.

The organizers of the International Conference on "Valorizing African Cultural Heritage: Colonial fantasies/Decolonial Futures", welcome papers, presentations, and performances that revisit the actual condition of Africa, Africans, and African knowledge production from a decolonial perspective. We are particularly interested in papers and performances that address possible radical transformation in African knowledge-making and pedagogies through theoretical and/or practical inquiries from any angle in the humanities and the social sciences. Papers that tackle particular issues in Africana Studies from a multidisciplinary, an interdisciplinary, or a transdisciplinary perspective, or from the particular disciplines of education, literature, sociology, history, philosophy, dance, music, linguistics, law, religion, anthropology, economics, political science, and psychology, etc., are welcome.

Submit proposals (no more than 250 words) that explore or challenge any perspective on the symposium's major theme.

Abstract deadline: April 1st, 2017

Please send your title, abstract, and a short author bio with the subject "conference2017" to: conference@thedakarinstitute.com.

SCOLMA Annual Conference 2017 'Document to Digital: How does Digitisation Aid African Research?'

Call for Papers

September 11

This conference will explore digitised archives relating to Africa and how they are being used. We would welcome papers relating to archives across a range of media including documents and manuscripts, photographs, newspapers, historical printed collections, audio-visual material, historical artefacts and born-digital material.

Subjects might include:

- How digitised archives are used in research and teaching
- How should the next generation of researchers be trained as technology advances?
- What is hidden by digitisation?
- What forms of research are improved by using digitised archives?
- What is the impact on original archives after digitisation?
- What are the effects of the digitisation of collections on libraries and archives in Africa and elsewhere?
- Which formats work best for digitisation and which are not suitable?

Technical enhancement through digitisation and innovative approaches to research

Researchers, archivists and librarians are invited to submit abstracts for consideration for this conference.

Abstracts of up to 500 words may be sent to Sarah Rhodes at sarah.rhodes@bodleian.ox.ac.uk by 24 April 2017.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2017



Join us for an informational session & proposal workshop!

Tuesday, Feb. 21 @ 4:30pm, N102 BCC

Monday, Feb. 27 @ 4:30pm, 116 Eppley

Monday, Apr. 10 @ 4:30pm, 116 Eppley

RSVP: eship.msu.edu/CGIU

This is an initiative of MSU Undergraduate Entrepreneurship

GHANA ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

AND ITS AFFILIATES
PRESENT



Saturday, March 11, 2017

**Theme: Mobilizing Ghanaians in Michigan;
Together we Stand!**



VENUE: ACC Banquet Hall

**26210 W Twelve Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48034**

**Time: 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm prompt
Dress Code: Traditional & Formal**

Tickets:

Adults \$50/Children (5-16) \$20

Red Carpet* Best Dressed Competition

Awards Dinner

Promo Opportunities Still Available

Proceeds will be donated to
St. Jude Children's Hospital of Detroit
and Kumasi Children's Home, Ghana

Sunday, March 12, 2017

VENUE: Church of Pentecost

**Detroit Assembly
13401 Eight Mile Road
Detroit, MI 48235**

Time: 11:00 am



FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO

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