



February 5, 2020

Spring #5

AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK

SAVE THE DATE!
Annual Africa Week Celebration
Featuring Africa-Related Activities & Programs
March 23rd-27th, 2020
More information coming soon



African Studies Center
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Eye on Africa

[Susan Wyche and Jennifer Olson](#)

Redesigning Agricultural Hand Tools in Western Kenya:
Considering Human-Centered Design in Development Research

Thursday February 6th 12:00-1:30p
International Center Room 201

[Lunch will be provided](#)

[View the Spring 2020 Eye on Africa Schedule \(PDF\)](#)

African Tea Time is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. The tea times are open to everyone!

Next Thursday: Botswana & Tanzania
February 13th
4:00-6:00p
International Center, Room 303

[View the full schedule \(PDF\)](#)

**AFRICAN
TEA TIME**

The Spring 2020 Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series

Thursday, February 13 - "TAZARA Stories: Memories of Work on a China-Africa Railway Project" - Jamie Monson, MSU Department of History, 12:00 - 1:30, Room 303, International Center (co-sponsored by the African Studies Center and the MSU Library Colloquia Series)
[NOTE: Please see the location change. This film showing will begin at 12:00]



Ubuntu and Land Reform in South Africa

South Africa suffers from a racially-skewed unequal distribution of land. This pattern of access to land was facilitated by unjust policies in the colonial and apartheid eras. At the advent of democracy in 1994, the newly elected African National Congress government embarked on a land reform program that aimed at redressing colonial and apartheid era dispossessions.

Inga is currently completing a Masters of Law degree at Stellenbosch University. During her visit, she will present a paper titled *Opportunities and Challenges of Ubuntu in the South African Land Reform Context*. The seminar session is scheduled for 4:00 - 5:30 pm on Tuesday February 11 in the MSU Museum Foyer.



- Mid-June to early August
- One pre-travel week of instruction via Google Hangout
- 3 weeks of experiential learning in Johannesburg and Cape Town (with a two-day side trip to Kruger National Park)
- 5 week internship in a major museum or cultural heritage organization in Cape Town

Minimum of 7 undergrad or graduate credits in art, cultural studies, museum studies, or independent studies. Includes a 5-week internship. If interested, participants can complete seven of the requisite 15 credits needed to obtain a Museum Studies specialization.

For more information, visit



Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng

MARCH 24, 2020 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

Cosmas Milton Obote Ochieng is the director of the African Natural Resources Centre (ANRC) at the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. He is an expert in global development policy with particular interests in natural resources governance; agriculture and rural development; climate change and green growth; and science, technology, and society.

Register:

Apply for a FLAS Fellowship

FLAS Fellowships award academic year undergraduate students with \$10,000 toward tuition and fees and a stipend of \$5,000; academic year graduate students with \$18,000 toward tuition and fees and \$15,000 in stipends. Summer FLAS recipients receive \$5,000 in tuition and a \$2,500 stipend

- To apply for a FLAS fellowship, students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Undergraduate students must be studying the target language at the intermediate or advance level.
- The academic-year fellowship requires that students take one language and one area studies course for a letter grade each term during the award period.
- Summer fellowships are for intensive language study only

Intensive African Language Summer 2020 and Academic Year African Language 2020-2021 (Languages: Swahili, Yoruba, Hausa, Zulu, Wolof, Arabic, Igbo etc.)

Application Deadline: February 14, 2020

Call for MSU Faculty Mentors

The Alliance for African Partnership is seeking applications from MSU faculty to become a mentor for our 2020/2021 African Futures cohort.



AAP is looking for researchers from a variety of fields to serve as mentors as part of our African Futures Research Leadership Program. We are halfway through our inaugural cohort, and so far, our scholars have surpassed our expectations. We are excited to begin the application process for next year's cohort - starting with MSU Faculty mentors!

Eligibility:

- MSU Faculty at the Associate or Full Professor Level who have had experience working in Africa
- Those who have never worked in Africa but would like to explore these partnerships are encouraged to apply
- Only one submission per faculty member for this cohort
- Proposed research/activities should begin August 31, 2020
- Proposals must be submitted in at least one of AAP's priority areas

[Mentor applications are due by Feb. 14, 2020.](#)

William Kentridge: Universal Archive

Exhibition: In an expanding series of linocuts printed on dictionary pages, William Kentridge explores the arbitrariness of the definitions and borders imposed by reason and colonial oppression. The exhibition is located at the RACH LookOut Art Gallery

Exhibit Open From: January 16 – March 6

Hours: Monday - Friday, 12-3 p.m.

Call For Papers

AFRICA'S PLACE IN A GLOBALIZING WORLD: REIMAGINING GOVERNANCE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ART AND CULTURE

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Godwin Murunga, Executive Secretary, Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

The Northwestern University African Seminar Graduate Conference planning committee is looking for papers that address the questions below. Questions can be addressed in any number of ways; and should engage the themes: Techniques of governance on the continent at the national, regional or community level; Global migration, mobilities, movement; Infrastructure projects & nationalism & (foreign) interventionism; Science and research on and off the continent; and Art and articulations of cultural identity.

Questions include but are not limited to

- What space does Africa occupy in a globalizing world?
- Is there an African perspective on how to do science, innovation, economics, or governance?
- Do African experiences contribute to the elaboration of global assemblages of power, infrastructure, knowledge production, or cultural innovation?
- Does Africa remain a social laboratory in which great powers expand their economies or experiment with new techniques of governance and population control?
- Can Africa be its own center of innovation?
- And can Africans speak to something that is more than African-provincial?

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words.

To submit, visit <https://forms.gle/wvZ9ZCzHYNS9tSZo9>

Submission deadline: February 15, 2020

Email questions to Afrisem@u.Northwestern.edu or afrisemconference@gmail.com

Call For Papers

The African Space and Mind: Progress and Challenges in the 21st Century



HAMILTON LUGAR

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
African Studies Program

Across social, cultural, economic, political, medical and epistemological lines, among others, there are various individual and/or interconnected issues, events and experiences that have been emerging out of, or characterizing modern Africa, especially in the 21st century.

While some of these issues point at the progress being made in Africa and by Africans, either on the continent or in diaspora, others are related to the challenges they are facing. This symposium at Indiana State University seeks to critically examine these issues by bringing together graduate students and researchers whose interests focus on contemporary Africa.

Please submit an abstract to: iu.gsas.symposium@gmail.com by March 6, 2020.

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