

# African Studies Center Michigan State University

February 27, 2018

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.

Please feel free to visit our website for more information:

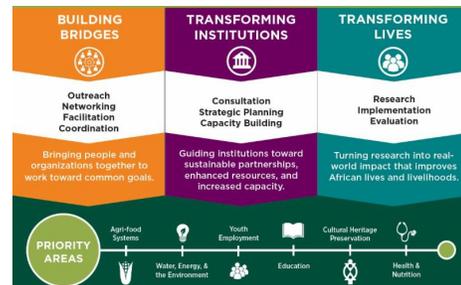
<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

## 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

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### Eye on Africa

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

Thursday, March 1, 2018

12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

#### "Characterization of Risk Factors, Morbidity, and Mortality Associated with Diarrheal Disease among Children under Five (CU5) in East African Refugee Camps"

Eye on Africa with Dr Jacob Atem, co-founder and CEO of the Southern Sudan Health Care Organization

Thursday, March 15, 2018

12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

#### "Phaphamani Zulu!": The Use of Amabutho in the Recruitment of Zulu Service in the First and Second World Wars."

Eye on Africa with Liz Timbs, Ph.D. candidate in African History at Michigan State University

*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

**March 1: Benin, Ethiopia & Namibia**

**March 15: Liberia, Egypt & Mauritania**

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



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## The Weekly African Trivia Challenge

This semester, our weekly bulletin will feature a trivia question. You are invited to send your responses to [africa@campusad.msu.edu](mailto:africa@campusad.msu.edu). The first three correct answers will receive a prize!\*\*

### **This Week's Question..**

**Which former World Footballer of the Year recently became president of a West African country?**

(\*\* prizes available for pick-up at the African Studies Center only. If you are unable to pick up, consider sending someone to do so for you).

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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Arts and Culture Studies and a Museum Internship in South Africa**

Enrollment Deadline: March 1, 2018



Part learning/travel abroad, part internship - this hybrid program provides opportunities to explore and participate in contemporary art and culture in South Africa. South Africa has a rich history of expressive culture dating from some of the world's first examples of rock art to today's art that reflects the complexities of a multi-cultural society undergoing tremendous transformations. Before the end of apartheid and the establishment of a new government in 1994, much of the nation's art, music, history, and culture were little known to the rest of the world.

The total program runs for approximately 9 weeks: one pre-travel week of instruction via Google Hangout; 3 weeks of instructional travel in Johannesburg/Pretoria and Cape Town (with a two-day side trip to Kruger National Park) followed by a five week internship in a major museum or cultural heritage organization in Cape Town.

The program accepts lifelong education students as well as those enrolled in other college programs, both domestically and internationally.

For more detailed information and to read blogs from students in past programs, go [here](#). Deadline for enrollment is March 1, 2018 but only six spots available and acceptance is on a rolling basis so early commitment strongly encouraged.

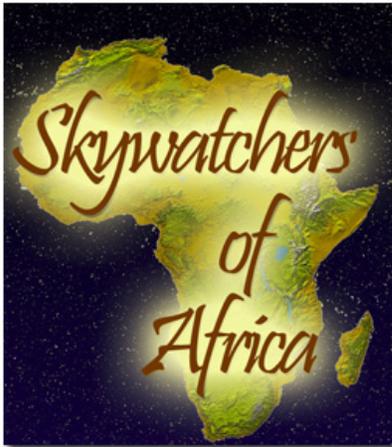
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## Abrams Planetarium Public Shows

### Skywatchers of Africa

Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 p.m.

Sundays 4:00 p.m. (until March 25th)



For thousands of years, Africans have used their knowledge of the sky to build their societies, shape their spiritual lives, and meet their physical needs for survival. Skywatchers of Africa highlights the diversity of African astronomy, examines cultural uses of the sky that developed throughout history, and celebrates our shared human experience.

Admission prices for all shows are: Adults, \$4.50; Students and seniors, \$4.00; and children age 12 and under, \$3.50. Parking is free.

For more information on the program, call 517-355-4672

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## Immediate Job Opportunity

[Matrix, the Center for Digital Humanities and Social Sciences at MSU](#) is looking for students interested in historical slavery studies and in learning more about the Atlantic slave trade. Students will be responsible for researching the lives of enslaved individuals and writing short narratives about their lives. These will be paid positions, starting at \$12.00 (higher starting for graduate students). Qualifications include strong research and writing skills. If interested, please contact Dean Rehberger at [rehberge@msu.edu](mailto:rehberge@msu.edu) and copy Kayla VanDyke ([kvdk@msu.edu](mailto:kvdk@msu.edu)) to set up an interview.

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## Spring 2018 Undergraduate Research Workshop Series

The Office of Undergraduate Research provides workshops for students looking to learn more about how to get started in undergraduate research, tips for experienced researchers, and information for students interested in finding a summer research position.

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## Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Events Calendar

Throughout this Year of Global Africa (#MSUYGA), 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](#).

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## Grants and Fellowships

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Mellon Scholars Research Fellowship Program at the Library  
Company of Philadelphia's Program in African American History  
Deadline for application: March 1, 2018

This program includes a post-doctoral fellowship, dissertation fellowship, and short-term fellowships designed to increase the participation of scholars from underrepresented backgrounds

and others in the field of African American history prior to 1900. Eligible candidates may apply for both a short-term and either a dissertation or post-doctoral fellowship [here](#). For more information and questions, contact Program Director Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar at [erica.dunbar@rutgers.edu](mailto:erica.dunbar@rutgers.edu) or Reference Librarian and Specialist Jasmine Smith at [jsmith@librarycompany.org](mailto:jsmith@librarycompany.org).

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## 2018 Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize

Deadline: March 9, 2018

The Endowed Prize seeks to identify the most outstanding graduating senior, based on the criteria below, and to grant an award to be used for "future growth and development, travel, graduate study, or meditation," to quote one of the Prize founders, Gerald Faverman. In 2018, the amount awarded will be approximately \$4,000.

### Selection Criteria

1. The award recipient must be a Michigan State University senior, majoring in any discipline, who is expected to graduate during 2018 (Spring, Summer, or Fall).
2. The award recipient will exhibit an open, curious, creative approach to education and ideas, and intellectual ingenuity will be evident. More weight will be given to intellectual curiosity and innovation than to grades attained, although a cumulative GPA above 3.0 is preferred.
3. The award recipient will have demonstrated exceptional character and leadership in furthering her/his own progress and in enriching the lives of others. The recipient will also have demonstrated innovation and creativity over their career at Michigan State University. A commitment to community service should be evident.

### Nomination Procedure

There is no formal nomination or application form. Each nomination packet should include:

- One letter of nomination from a Michigan State University faculty or academic staff member (includes advisors). Letters of support are not necessary. The letter of nomination should be addressed to the Featherstone Nomination Committee, 312 Administration Building.
- An essay or letter written by the student of not more than 1,000 words, which describes their journey to and through Michigan State University and their future goals. The student's name, MSU Net ID, address, and telephone number must be included on the student's submission.
- Student's resume (not to exceed 2 pages)

The nomination letter, student essay, and student resume should address the ways in which the student exemplifies the award criteria. Specific examples of activities and achievements are especially helpful to the selection committee. The application package should be submitted as one complete attachment and should be emailed in PDF format to [lfrechen@msu.edu](mailto:lfrechen@msu.edu) no later than Friday, March 9, 2018 at 5 pm. Late applications will not be considered.

Finalists will be notified for an in-person interview. The presentation of the Featherstone Prize Award plaque to the recipient takes place at the appropriate commencement/awards ceremony the first weekend in May.

For further information, contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at (517) 353-5380 (e-mail: [lfrechen@msu.edu](mailto:lfrechen@msu.edu)) or the Featherstone Society representative, Dr. Jackie Taylor ([jdiane@comcast.net](mailto:jdiane@comcast.net)).

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## Postdoctoral Fellowship in Race and Gender History 2018-19

Deadline: March 15, 2018

The Department of History at Rutgers University announces a post-doctoral fellowship for scholars pursuing research in race and gender studies. The successful applicant must have the doctorate in hand at the time of application, be no more than six years beyond the Ph.D., and be able to teach history courses. The recipient will teach at least one small course in the history department and participate in the seminar series at the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis. Additional information and instructions to apply can be found [here](#).

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# Jobs and Conferences

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## Visiting Assistant Professor in History and Africana Studies

Deadline for application: February 28, 2018

Rhodes College invites applications for a one-year position in History and Africana Studies with a significant historical focus. Rhodes College is especially interested in attracting candidates from historically underrepresented groups and/or those with demonstrated commitment to working with diverse and historically underrepresented populations. Contact Rhodes College Department of History Chair, Jeffrey H. Jackson at [jacksonj@rhodes.edu](mailto:jacksonj@rhodes.edu). To apply for this position click [here](#).

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## Call for Papers: 10th International Conference on African Development (ICAD) 2018:

College of Education and Human Development, Western Michigan University

August 17-18, 2018 (New Conference Date)

Submission Deadline: March 1, 2018



The Conference will explore critical issues of Education including Higher Education, Health, Governance, Conflict and Food and Water Security, and State and National and Regional Integration, Technology and Science for Agriculture and Industry and Unity in Diversity.

For more information, and to submit an abstract, visit the conference site [here](#).

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## African Studies Association 61st Annual Conference

### Call for Proposals

Submission Deadline: March 15, 2018

Conference Dates: November 29- December 1st, 2018

The ASA is soliciting proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, Author meets Critic, and flash sessions. Presentations may focus on the theme of "Energies: Power, Creativity and Afro-Futures" or on broader social science, humanities, and applied themes relating to Africa. You can find more information about the theme and the call for proposals on the [ASA website](#).



## Call for Applications

Research Development Group for early-career scholars from African institutions

August 30 to September 2, 2018

Deadline: March 15, 2018

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications from early-career scholars based in Africa who are interested in attending the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting as part of a Research Development Group. Organized in partnership with African Studies Association (ASA) and the African Politics Conference Group (APCG), the Research Development Group will be a unique opportunity to advance current research towards publication, participate in the

APSA annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks with colleagues.

For more information, contact Andrew Stinson, NW Associate Director, International Programs: [astinson@apsanet.org](mailto:astinson@apsanet.org).

Program information and a web link to the online Application Form can be found at: <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/2018-africa-research-development-group/>.

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## International Congress on Afro - Eurasian Research IV

Research Development Group for early-career scholars from African institutions  
April 27- 29, 2018

International Congress on Afro - Eurasian Research is a "Social Sciences and Education Sciences" congress.

The local organizing committee would like to invite you to the International Congress on Afro-Eurasian Research IV (ICAR'2018-Budapest) which will be held between 27-29 April 2018 in Budapest, Hungary.

The congress presentation languages are Turkish, Turkish dialects, English, French, Russian and Arabic.

For more information, visit the conference page [here](#).



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## Other Announcements

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### Afrofusion at Kola Restaurant

Featuring Renowned Zimbabwean Act, Mokoomba

Friday, March 2 @8pm; Admission \$15

32523 Northwestern Hwy, Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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MOKOOMBA brings audiences an electrifying blend of Afro-fusion and tantalizing traditional Tonga rhythms. Their mix of Zimbabwean rhythms, Afrobeat and Afrorock generated exuberant scenes in over 75 concerts in 2017: from New Orleans Jazz Festival to Sziget Festival featured in Songlines Magazine, Arte TV, Afropop and many more.

Besides the good music, and a good reason to dance, Kola also serves the best west African food in the region! Don't miss this night!

## Contact

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## Stay Connected



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