

**September 18, 2018**

**Fall #4**

**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



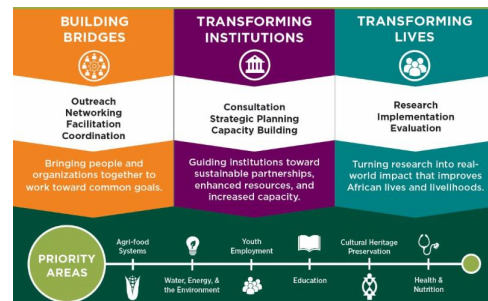
To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>  
 For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

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

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

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

***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 20: Zimbabwe and Ghana***

***October 4: Nigeria and Tanzania***

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



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## African Welcome Picnic

Saturday, September 22, 2018  
891 Birch Road, S Cherry Ln (Opposite Holden)

You are invited to the annual African Welcome Picnic hosted by all African student organizations with the support of the African Studies Center and African faculty. Come meet and interact with new and returning members of the African/Africanist community at MSU. We, especially, want our new students to know that they have a community here. YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS OUT!

- Free Food
- Fun Games and Activities
- African Music (by DJ Mussa Maingu)



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## Keynote Lecture and Discussion

South African Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko  
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6pm- 8pm  
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 (366 West Circle Drive, East Lansing MI 48824)

#### Thursday, September 27, 2018

- 12:00-1:30 p.m. **Eye on Africa: Somadoda Fikeni**, Contributing Consultant BBC (Contemporary Political Issues in South Africa)  
*(NOTE LOCATION: International Center Room 201)*
- 6:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE: Ms. Phumzile Mazibuko**, Consul General, South African Consulate in Chicago  
*(Main Library Green Room)*

#### Friday, September 28, 2018 *(Main Library Green Room)*

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**
- 9:15 a.m. **PANEL ONE: 1960s Activism at MSU**
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **PANEL TWO: Divesting from Apartheid South Africa: MSU & the Michigan Legislature**
- 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 is strongly encouraged:

[bit.ly/MSUCampusActivismConference](https://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.

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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Graduate Student Workshop on Writing Proposals for International Dissertation Research Grants

September 19 @4:30 pm - 7:00 pm & September 22, 1:00 pm- 3:30 pm  
122 Berkey Hall

These two two-and-one-half-hour workshops are open to all MSU students gratis. These workshops are a substitute for the International Social Science Research Seminar normally offered each fall semester.

Open to all MSU graduate students - US and foreign -planning to write proposals for funding dissertation or pre-dissertation research abroad for deadlines in 2018 or 20119 - especially the IIE Fulbright , Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad, NSF, and Ford Minority Fellowships

For more information, contact:

Prof. David Wiley at (wiley@msu.edu) (517-332-0333)

or Prof. Roger Bresnahan (bresnaha@msu.edu)(517-9749640)

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## Sharper Focus/Wider Lens: A Continent of Challenge and Resilience: Africa in the 21st Century

Mon, September 24, 2018 7:00 PM

Green Room (4th Floor West), Main Library

The MSU faculty panel brings their unique research, teaching and writing experiences from a wide range of disciplines to explore contemporary and historical issues.

All forums are free and open to the public and refreshments are provided..



### A Continent of Challenge and Resilience: Africa in the 21st Century

7 p.m., Monday, September 24

Green Room (4th Floor West), MSU Main Library

This free public event will feature MSU faculty speakers:

**Carolyn Logan, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science

**Lenis Liverpool-Tasie, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Agricultural, Food and  
Resource Economics

**Terrie Taylor, D.O.**  
University Distinguished Professor  
Department of Osteopathic  
Medical Specialties

**Veronique Theriault**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Agricultural, Food and  
Resource Economics

**Leo Zulu, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor  
Department of Geography, Environment  
and Spatial Sciences

*Moderated by:*  
**Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, Ph.D.**  
Dean and Professor  
Honors College

Sponsored by the Honors College  
Co-sponsored by the Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Department of Geography,  
Environment and Spatial Sciences, Department of Osteopathic Medical Specialties, Department of Political  
Science, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Osteopathic Medicine and  
College of Social Science

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## Lessons from the Genomic Code

Dr. Alison September, University of Cape Town

Tuesday October 2, 2018, 2:30 pm- 4: 00 pm

303 International Center

The Deborah L. Feltz Sport, Exercise and Human Movement Science in Africa Lecture Series will have its inaugural presentation featuring Dr. Alison September. September will present, "Lessons from the Genomic Code." The biennial series will help bring an African scholar from a higher education institution to present on a topic connected to physical education, exercise science or public health, among other related areas of study.

Alison September is an associate professor and core member of the Health through Physical Activity

and Lifestyle Research Centre at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. She studies how molecular genetics underlie complex diseases, specifically biological mechanisms underpinning musculoskeletal soft tissue injuries.

The Department of Kinesiology  
in Collaboration with the African Studies Center

Present:

**The Inaugural Deborah L. Feltz Lecture on Sport,  
Exercise, and Human Movement Science in Africa**



**Lessons From The Genomic Code**  
Alison September, Ph.D.

Date: October 2, 2018  
Time: 2:30 – 4:00pm  
Location: International Center, Room 303

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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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## Other Announcements

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### Donate to the CVIP World Gift Shop

The CVIP Lillian Kumata Scholarship Fund's primary source of funding is from donations of international items from generous people like you. The continued success of the CVIP World Gift Shop at the MSU Global Festival depends on your donations of new or gently used international items to be sold at the 2018 Global Festival on **November 11 from Noon- 5pm** at the MSU Union.

Perhaps you are downsizing or have been gifted more international articles than you can use. Please think of us! Any donations are tax deductible and go directly to the Lillian Kumata Scholarship Fund to fund scholarships for spouses of MSU international students.

Items must be received by the end of October. For more information on how to donate, contact Barbara Sawyer-Koch at 517 775-6000 or sawyerkoch1@gmail.com. You can also visit the CVIP site at the following link. <https://cvip.isp.msu.edu/programs/globalfest/>

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## Conferences & Fellowships

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### Pre-registration for the ASA Annual Meeting

Deadline: September 30

Pre-registration for the 61st Annual Meeting of the ASA will close on Sunday, September 30. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and have not yet registered, do so before September 30 or you will pay higher rates to register on-site! Register at the following link: <http://africanstudies.org/annual-meetings/registration/>

If you are based in Africa and wish to request on-site payment at our lower pre-registration rates, you may request to do so at the following link: <https://africanstudies.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-forms/2018-onsite-payment-request/> . This form will also close on September 30, so get your requests in today!

If you are on the program and have not yet registered, you must do so immediately. Presenters who do not register will be removed from the program.



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### International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)

Deadline: November 7, 2018.

The Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) offers nine to twelve months of support to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who are enrolled in PhD programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research on non-US topics. Seventy fellowships are awarded annually. Fellowship amounts vary depending on the research plan, with a per-fellowship average of \$22,000. The fellowship includes participation in an SSRC-funded interdisciplinary workshop upon the completion of IDRF-funded research.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit the fellowship page at the following link: <https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/>

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### RACIALISATION AND PUBLICNESS IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

African Studies Centre & St Antony's College, University of Oxford

June 27-28, 2019

Proposal Deadlines: 30 November, 2018 (Individual); December 10, 2018 (Panel.)

From the fatal shooting of the 17-year old Trayvon Martin in Florida, United States, and the recent deportation threats faced by the Windrush generation in Britain to the continued practices of dehumanisation experienced by black Africans in Mauritania and contemporary resistance to Empire and its devastating consequences as symbolised by the #RhodesMustFall movement in South Africa and Oxford, racialisation of black people in Africa and in the Diaspora and the attendant (counter-) hegemonic reactions and/or resistance to racialisation have transplanted the DuBoisian twentieth-century problem into that of the twenty-first century.

Against this backdrop, this conference will address the contemporary problem of racialisation in Africa and the African Diaspora (old and new.) We are interested in papers and panels that examine why and how racial identities and categories are constructed, imagined and inscribed (in)to the social, political and economic processes, practices and relationships in Africa and the African Diaspora-with significant consequences and implications for human life as well as for what Achille Mbembe describes in Critique of Black Reason (2017) as the global 'in-common.'

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

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