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](http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu)

For more on the African Studies Center, [http://africa.msu.edu](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/](http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/)

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at [http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/](http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/)

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**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eye on Africa**

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**Thursday, March 21, 2019**
12:00-1:30pm - Room 201 International Center

"The Muslim Cleric of Madina Cherno (Gambia)"

Eye on Africa with Assan Sarr, History, Ohio University
Thursday, March 28, 2019
12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center

Student Research Showcase
Eye on Africa with African and Africanist Students

Recent Seminars can be watched at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/

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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

April 11: Liberia, South Sudan, and Mozambique

You can see the complete 2018-2019 Tea Time calendar here.

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MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHINING A LIGHT: AFRICAN WOMEN IN FILM
March 12-26
In honor of Women’s History Month, the African Studies Center, in collaboration with the Center for Gender in a Global Context, presents four films which shine a light on women in Africa and the African Diaspora.

This film series bring a critical eye to issues impacting women on a day-to-day basis, including leadership, justice, and perseverance. By combining these films with critical analysis by experts within and beyond the MSU community, we hope to expand understandings of women throughout the Diaspora.

Join us this week for the screening of The Vibrancy of Silence (Thu, March 21), and next week for Iron Ladies of Liberia (Tue, March 26).

Sponsored by the African Studies Center, the Center for Gender in a Global Context, the History Department, and African American and African Studies.

Is Girls' Education Dangerous? Girl-Focused Education and Sexual Health Interventions in International Development

Presentation with Dr. Nancy Kendall
Thursday, March 21st
2-3pm in 133F Erickson

Nancy Kendall is professor of educational policy studies, specialized in comparative, international, and global education policy, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is affiliated with the African Studies Program, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, Development Studies Program, and Global Health Institute. Kendall conducts comparative ethnographic research on the school and life experiences of marginalized girls, boys, families, and communities. Her ethnographic research has examined children’s sensemaking and experiences with gender and education, political democratization, sexuality and HIV/AIDS education, orphan-focused international programming, and college-going.

Ethiopia Forum: Challenges and Prospects for Constitutional Democracy in Ethiopia
Symposia and Panel Discussions
International Center: March 23-24, 2019

Faculty from Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University and other scholars from around the MSU community have launched an Ethiopia Forum with symposia and panel discussions to take place at the International Center, Room 115, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, over the weekend of March 22, 2019 (during the Adwa Victory Month and the year
designated as Year of Global Africa). The Forum will explore the challenges and opportunities to transition to constitutional democracy in Ethiopia, and a way forward for a united and peaceful Ethiopia and its neighbors.

There is no registration fee to participate, however, ALL participants are requested to fill in the online registration form to help the organizers as they plan for refreshments. For complete details and to register, visit: https://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/resources/events/featured-event-1/.

Africa Week Celebration!
March 25-29

Taste of Africa
March 29, 2019 @ 5:00 pm - 9:00pm
McDonel Hall, 817 E Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48825
Taste of Africa is an event open to the public, hosted by Kongamano. At the end of Africa Week, Kongamano hosts a dinner in which African food is catered and basic African dishes are taught and cooked on-site. Dinner, African performances and a Raffle for Snares to Ware will take place.
Tracing Our Forgotten Africa - Week of Events
April 8th - April 12th

Tracing our forgotten Africa is a week-long celebration of the future Africa we want to see and homages to the Continent we know and love. The week long events of culture, panels, and film will take place April 8-12, 2019. Our hope is that together we can connect, collaborate and brainstorm the many ways we can push Africa to the forefront.

Monday
April 8th:
Reto & Yvesa
Panel & Panel Discussion on Food of The Diaspora
McDonnell Kiva | 7pm-9pm

Tuesday
April 9th:
Soul Vagina
Nora The Poet In Between Sex & God, Who Am I7 Wonders Kiva | 7pm-9pm

Wednesday
April 10th:
Re-Imagining Africa
Vision Board Party Wonders Kiva | 7pm-9pm

Thursday
April 11th:
Gathering of The Beasts
African Drum & Dance Event Location TBD | 7pm-9pm

Friday
April 12th:
Who is Black in America
Film Festival Followed by Panel Discussion Wonders Kiva | 7pm-9pm

SITES OF MEMORY: Reflecting on the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda
A 360° IMMERSIVE VISUALIZATION EXHIBIT
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
Event begins at 6:00 p.m. * Remarks at 6:30 p.m.
Michigan State University, Main Library Digital Scholarship Lab, 2-West

Screening times begin at 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
RSVP's are encouraged and to select a preferred viewing time.

The exhibit commemorates the 1994 Rwanda genocide against the Tutsi and explores the history of the genocide through a virtual tour using 360° video technology. Several prominent memorial sites in Rwanda are featured and includes testimonial interviews with genocide survivors.

Developed in partnership with the Michigan State University African Studies Center with financial support from MSU's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Creating Inclusive Excellence Grants. Directed by Erik Ponder, African Studies Librarian. Narrated by Laura Apol, Associate Professor, Teacher Education. Videographer/Editor: Justin Leggs, MSU African Studies Center. Run time is approximately 34 minutes.

MSU Conferences

The African Graduate Student Association Conference 2019
Friday March 29, 10AM - 5PM at Michigan State University

The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) invites you to their 4th Annual Conference. The conference intends to create a forum where African and Africanist scholars discuss the transformation of Africa. Building upon past AGSA conferences, this year's conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating what the continent's future challenges and prospects are.

The conference is free and open to everyone.
If you are attending the conference (even if you're not presenting), please take a moment to register below:
https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23

For additional information, please e-mail us at agsa@msu.edu
Call for Abstracts
FROM THE GROUND UP: Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership
APRIL 19TH, 2019: Room 303 International Center

This symposium aims to share the most current research by MSU faculty and students on soil health. The two major goals of the symposium are to share the research work with the general public; and bring collaboration opportunities for faculty and students from different scientific disciplines. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series and composed of a keynote, oral and poster presentations.

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium [here](#).
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: tuxinyi1@msu.edu
Upcoming YGA Events

Sustainable Coffee Development in Rwanda

Tuesday, 16 April, 12:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m
Room 201, International Center

Dr. Ameet Morjaria (Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences, Northwestern University) and MSU faculty, Dr. Maria Claudia Lopez (Community Sustainability) and Dr. David Ortega (Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics) will discuss their research on the development of Rwanda’s specialty coffee sector. MSU PhD Candidate Andrew Gerard (Community Sustainability) will provide background on MSU’s work on coffee in Rwanda and facilitate the discussion. More info here.

Scholarships

Hatfield Lioness Scholarship for Female Postgraduate Students
British Institute in Eastern Africa
Deadline: April 30, 2019
Response: July 2019

The Hatfield Lioness Scholarship, is now open for applications from female students who have applied for a taught postgraduate course.

The aim of the Lioness Scholarship is to enable a female student from a developing country where access to tertiary education is limited, to benefit from undertaking postgraduate study at Durham University. You can find the list of eligible countries here.

The scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has the academic and personal qualities to enable them to complete and benefit from a postgraduate course, and who will act as a positive ambassador for their home country in Durham. We would also like them to put their enhanced knowledge and skills gained from the master’s program, as well as their experience of being in Durham, to good use for the benefit of their society when they return home.

The scholarship will fund the following for one academic year:
Full payment of University tuition fees
Stipend for living expenses
Return travel from your home country to Durham
Self-catered accommodation in Hatfield College
A 'settling in allowance' when you arrive
The cost of a UK Visa and the UK Health surcharge

To Apply please see the scholarship webpage below.
https://www.biea.ac.uk/hatfield-lioness-scholarship-for-female-postgraduate-students/

Contact
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