



African Studies Center

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY facilitates an exploration of Global Africa, Unity in Diversity, and Partnership.

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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>

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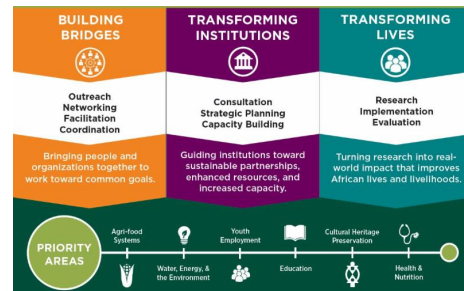
To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,

aap.isp.msu.edu

Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,

<http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

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

Thursday, March 29, 2018

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

"Perspectives on the Nature and Source of Tension between Governments of Resource Rich Countries, Investors and the Public."

Eye on Africa with Dr. Sheila Khama, Practice Manager for the World Bank's Energy and Extractive Industries Global Practice

Thursday, April 5, 2018

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

"Agricultural Policy & Regulation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons for Increasing Investment."

Eye on Africa with Katrin Kuhlmann (president and founder of the New Markets Lab), Joshua Ariga (Senior Economist), and Nicole Mason (assistant professor, MSU).

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

March 29: Zimbabwe & Democratic Republic of Congo

April 12: Cote D'Ivoire & Mozambique*

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



(*will be held in rm 201).

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. The first three correct answers will receive a prize!**

This Week's Question..

Which African country currently has the highest GDP per Capita?

(** 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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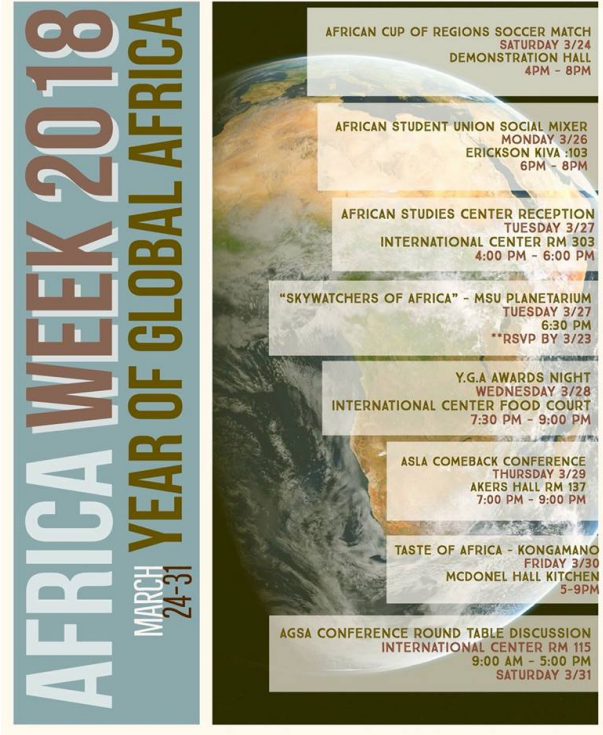
Africa Week 2018

March 24- March 31

The MSU Year of Global Africa continues to thrill, and this time it's the African students taking the lead!

Join the various student organizations as they come together to host an exciting series of events which includes a soccer tournament, an awards show, among others!

For up-to-date information on the week, visit the Facebook events page [here!](#)

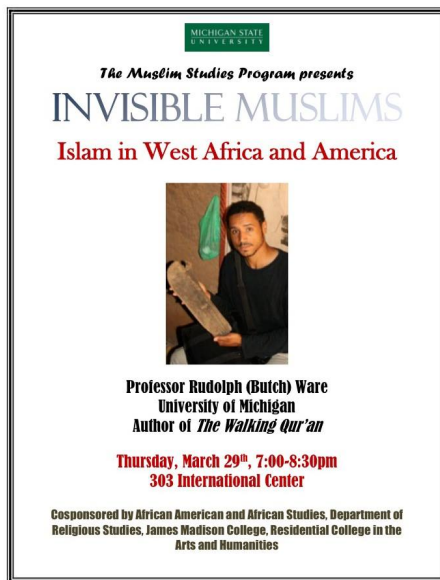


Invisible Muslims

Speaker: Professor Rudolph (Butch) Ware

Thursday, March 29, 2018 07:00 pm

Location: 303 International Center



Please join Professor Ruddolph (Butch) Ware from the University of Michigan on Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 pm in the Room 303 of the International Center. Professor Ware is the author of *The Walking Qur'an* and will be leading a discussion about Islam in West Africa and America.

This event is cosponsored by African Studies Center, Department of Religious Studies, James Madison College, and Residential College in the Arts and Humanities

Inaugural winners of All African Students Associations (AASA)

Endowed Awards

Saturday, March 31, 2018, 4:30pm

Room 115, International Center.

Join us in congratulating the inaugural winners of All African Students Associations (AASA) Awards: The awards are dedicated to honoring and stimulating commitments to Africa's development, MSU and the United States. Through these awards, we intend to make visible and honor stakeholders with affiliations to MSU who have made outstanding contributions to the development of Africa and Greater East Lansing.

Below are the inaugural recipients of the AASA awards:

1. Dr. Liverpool-Tasie : MSU Faculty with the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Africa through Transformative/Applied Research
 2. Shingi Mavima : African Student in MSU with the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Africa through Community Service/Organizing
 3. Mudumba Tutilo : African Student in MSU with the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Africa through Capacity Building
 4. Paulo Cesar : African Student in MSU with the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Development of Greater Lansing through Community Service
 5. Dr. John Metzler : Non-African Faculty in MSU with Outstanding Contributions to the Development of Africa
 6. MSU MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program: MSU Department/Unit with Outstanding contributions to the development of Africa
- Please mark your calendars for the Awards Ceremony (note that others also will be recognized for their service to African Students Associations in MSU):

Awards ceremony begins immediately After 3rd AGSA Annual Conference
Refreshment and conversation will follow.

MLK Commemorative Week with Dr. Robert L Green



JOIN UNIVERSITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT FOR A TALK, DISCUSSION, AND LUNCH
Wednesday, April 4 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m. registration; 11:30 a.m. welcome remarks; 11:45 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m.
Kellogg Center

Join Dr [Green](#), as he discusses Relevance of Dr. King's Message of Healing Justice in Modern Social Justice Movements. Register [here!](#)

ALSO JOIN US
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Commemoration of the First MSU MLK Assassination Protest March
MSU Student Union, BSA

The Muslim Studies Program Presents The 2018 Filmfest & Locating Muslim Cinema(s) Conference 303 International Center April 12-13, 2018

For a the full schedule and more details on this ASC-cosponsored conference, visit the event page [here](#).

Financing Education Abroad Information Session

Thursday, April 19, 2018, 3-4 PM
B122 Wells Hall

Do you want to study abroad but are not sure how to pay for it? The Office for Education Abroad and the Office of Financial Aid have teamed up to offer you a workshop on finding funding for education abroad. Come learn about scholarships, financial aid and creative ways of financing study abroad!

Rethinking Silence, Gender & Power in Insecure Sites: Implications for Feminist Security Studies and Feminist Global Political Economy in a Postcolonial World

Dr. Jane Parpart, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Friday, April 20

1:30-3:00pm, B310 Wells Hall

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*Gendered Perspectives on International Development
Editors' Lecture Series*

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Dr. Parpart is research professor in the Department of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance at the University of Massachusetts, Boston.



Reception to follow in the Erickson Kiva from 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Co-sponsored by the Center for Gender in Global Context, International Studies & Programs, James Madison College, African Studies Center, College of Social Science, Department of Sociology, & Department of Philosophy.

Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Events Calendar

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

Funding Opportunities

ISP Scholarship and Grant Deadline Extension

New Deadline: March 30, 2018

There is still time for students to apply for this year's International Studies & Programs scholarships and grant opportunities. The deadline for application has been extended to March 30th, 2018. The three awards available for the 2018-2019 academic year are:

[Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant](#)

- 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 to work towards discovering and implementing solutions in response to urgent human needs (for example: food security, environmental quality, health and nutrition, education, and other areas) and, thereby, to encourage 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.

[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.

[Walker Hill Scholarship](#)

- An award for an MSU doctoral student at pre-dissertation stage who has completed adequate credits to have pre-dissertation research objectives. Description, appropriateness and feasibility of pre-dissertation research objectives to be accomplished during the period spent abroad. Financial need may be considered, previous recipients of a Walker Hill award or an ISP Predissertation Travel Award are not eligible. To be used for pre-dissertation visits to the site of the doctoral research in a country outside the United States (for international students, research in one's own country does not qualify).

Please see each link for more information about the award, including necessary application materials and submission procedures. If you have any questions or problems submitting, please contact Justin Rabineau at (517)355-2350 or rabinea1@msu.edu.

Tanzania Partnership Program

Request for Research Proposals

Deadline: April 23, 2018

The MSU Tanzania Partnership Program announces a Request for Research Proposals: Tanzanian Partnership Program (TPP) is a long-term, collaborative alliance of local and international organizations dedicated to improving local livelihoods. TPP's mission is to promote resilient communities in developing countries and create a model for sustainable prosperity. TPP has released a Request for Proposals for research grants to support:

- TPP strategic priorities: Community Empowerment and Resilience; Water Access and Quality; Education Access and Quality; Human Health Access and Quality; Animal Health and Resources; Food Security, Agriculture and Economic Development
- Research methodologies that generate new knowledge in TPP priority areas within the context of community development and empower communities to co-create innovative, sustainable solutions and improve lives.
- Research processes that embody TPP's community-engaged approach as articulated in TPP core principles: sustainable, integrative, interdisciplinary, participatory, adaptive, and collaborative.
- Interdisciplinary workgroups committed to an inclusive, adaptive design approach (e.g. human-centered design), co-led by faculty members at MSU and Tanzanian universities, and comprised of inclusive partners from local communities, governments, non-governmental organizations, and industry.

TPP research grants will provide funding for two years with a total amount not exceeding \$25,000. The application deadline is April 23, 2018. Proposals should be submitted to pscdtp@msu.edu. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and register for a webinar on March 29 via the TPP website <http://pscd.isp.msu.edu/>.

Other Announcements

"Must Herskovitz Fall?" Whiteness & African Studies..."

Professor Jean Allman Presentation at University of Michigan

April 17 2018, 4pm- 6pm: 4701 Haven Hall

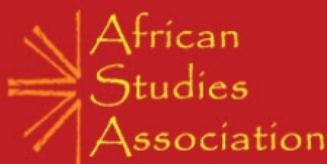
On Tuesday, April 17, 2018 [Professor Jean Allman](#) will be visiting U-M from Washington University, St Louis. The workshop will meet as usual from 4-6PM in 4701 Haven Hall.

The provisional title of her paper is: "Must Herskovitz Fall? A Meditation on Whiteness, African Studies, and the Unfinished Business of 1968." This paper is a draft of Professor Allman's 2018 Presidential Address for the African Studies Association Annual meeting. Paper will be circulated one week prior to the workshop.

Professor Jean Allman's research is concerned with questions of nation and national identity, gender and colonialism, fashion and the politics of clothing, and the modernity and mobility of indigenous belief systems. Her new project is aimed at re-examining "nation times" - a time when the West African state of Ghana was a pivotal site for imagining an entirely new, non-aligned world; when Ghanaians, joined by a host of transnational actors (African-American activists and intellectuals, Irish and Welsh nationalists, anti-nuclear peace activists, South African communists, Caribbean Pan-Africanists) cooperated, colluded and collided over how to build a non-racial, anti-imperialist, nuclear free world at the height of the Cold War. She is author of "I Will Not Eat Stone": A Woman's History of Colonial Asante" (2000); "Fashioning Africa: Power and the Politics of Dress" (2004) and TONGNAAB: The History of a West African God (2005).

Reminder 2018 ASA Awards: Call for Nominations

Deadline for Nominations: April 30



Reminder the African Studies Association is pleased to announce that we are accepting nominations for several awards and prizes in 2018.

To see full list of awards, and to nominate, visit their page [here](#).

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