November 13, 2018

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/)

AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

*(Seminars are live-streamed at [http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/](http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/))*

**Thursday, November 15, 2018**
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Transregional Choices - African Voices? Perspectives on Africa's China Relations"
Eye on Africa with Rhrandu Mageza-Barthel, Political Science, Visiting Scholar at Cornell

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center
"Diaspora Identity, the unhomely and the politics of belonging in Indian East African novels"
Eye on Africa with James Ocita, Literature, Makerere University

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

**November 15: Angola, Cameroon, & Somalia**

You can see the complete 2018-2019 Tea Time calendar [here](#).

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**MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Study Abroad in South Africa Informational
Wednesday, November 14, 5-6pm
Wells Hall-C Wing, Conference Rm 607
Place: Room 201 International Center

There are still a few openings for the Research and Action in the New South Africa for summer session 1, May 13 to June 27, 2019 (In Country: MAY 22 - JUNE 19). Min 4 credits

We have scheduled an informational for you to learn more about the program and answer questions you may have. We will discuss living in a foreign country, money conversion, health info, scholarships, etc., as well as academic requirements for study abroad courses (AAAS 390, AAAS 490, AAAS 495).

Sponsored by African American and African Studies, this program provides a unique international service-learning and field-research summer experience in South Africa. Students will examine, explore and engage the 'African World' lived-experience in practice. South Africa provides a dynamic site for examining the intersections of race, identity and historical legacies that inform the country's current rapidly transformational political, cultural and economic structures.
Annual African Gala
November 17 2018; 5pm- 8pm
Everett High School Auditorium

Every year the African Student Union hosts the annual gala to celebrate African Culture with MSU students and faculty as well the community across the greater Lansing Area. We are excited to extend this invitation to you to join the ASU this year at Everett High school Auditorium on November 17th from 5 pm to 8 pm to enjoy a range of performances including dance, modeling, singing, poetry among others. This event is free and open to all. We look forward to seeing you there!

Soweto Gospel Choir
Sunday November 18, 6:30pm
Cobb Great Hall - Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Soweto Gospel Choir has been spreading sheer joy to audiences across the globe for nearly two decades! The choir invites you to enjoy the incomparable and inspirational power of African Gospel music. These uplifting performers have shared the stage with some of the biggest names in music including U2, Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder, Robert Plant, Celine Dion, Red Hot Chili Peppers and Josh Groban. For the first half of this concert, the choir will perform “Songs of the Free,” a rousing program celebrating the centenary of the birth of the father of their Rainbow Nation, Nelson Mandela. Following that, the performers will share international gospel classics including their hair-raising take on Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

"Sheer jubilation ... the rhythm of life." - Herald Sun, Melbourne.

$19 MSU Student tickets: Visit https://www.whartoncenter.com/events/detail/soweto-gospel-choir Select students on the right-hand side of the page, and enter your APID to redeem.

$19 Youth Tickets (through grade 12): Visit https://www.whartoncenter.com/events/detail/soweto-gospel-choir and select "Youth Tickets" in the drop-down box when selecting seats.

$19 Non-MSU College Student Tickets: Call the Wharton Center Ticket Office at 1.800.WHARTON or visit in person.

Event page: https://www.whartoncenter.com/events/detail/soweto-gospel-choir

Please don't hesitate to contact me at WC.Maya.Kleinsorge@whartoncenter.com or Ryonn Clute atcluteryo@msu.edu or 517.884.3117 with any questions.

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Year of Global Africa Mini-Grants
Grants Available for Programming by Faculty/Departments and Student Organizations
Deadline: November 21, 2018

2018/19 is the Year of Global Africa at Michigan State University. MSU is exploring its rich history and connections with our many partners in Africa and throughout the African Diaspora.

Have an event in mind? We want to help make it happen!

Submit an Event Idea by November 21 for a Chance to Win a Mini-grant!

For faculty-led/departmental programs, find the application form here.
For student-led programs, find the application form here.

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Fellowships & Scholarships
U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program
Application Deadline: Tuesday, November 27, 2018 by 8:00pm EST

Applications are now being accepted for the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program at http://www.clscholarship.org/apply
Applications are due Tuesday, November 27, 2018 by 8:00pm EST.

The CLS Program is a fully-funded intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Students spend eight to ten weeks abroad studying one of 15 critical languages: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, and Urdu. Most CLS languages do not require previous study of the target language.

The program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences designed to promote rapid language gains. The scholarship program includes international airfare, tuition, and all program costs, as well as meals and living accommodations (often with a host family).

The CLS Program seeks participants with diverse interests, and from a wide range of fields of study and career paths, with the purpose of representing the full diversity of the United States. Participants are selected based on their commitment to language learning and plans to apply their language skills to their future academic or professional pursuits.

CLS is part of a wider government initiative to expand the number of Americans studying and mastering foreign languages that are critical to national security and economic prosperity. CLS plays an important role in preparing students for the 21st century's globalized workforce and increasing national competitiveness.

Download a one-page CLS flyer here.
CLS Website: http://www.clscholarship.org
CLS Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/CLScholarship
CLS Twitter page: https://twitter.com/CLScholarship
Questions? Email CLS@AmericanCouncils.org

GJEC fellowship competition
Deadline: December 2, 2018

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program is pleased to announce fellowships available to MSU graduate students. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School allows us to offer fellowship opportunities in the following two categories:

**GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship (Up to $10,000)**
Eligibility: PhD. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

**GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship ($8,500)**
Eligibility: PhD. students at MSU who have completed dissertation research and all other requirements for their degree program, except for completion of the dissertation. Applicants must graduate by the end of Fall 2020 with a dissertation focused on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

We encourage previously unsuccessful applications to reapply.
Applications are due December 1st, 2018, and are available at https://gencen.isp.msu.edu/graduate-students/funding/

Applicants do not need to be enrolled in the GJEC specialization to be eligible. Students who previously received a GJEC Research fellowship are still qualified to compete for a GJEC Completion fellowship. Previously successful applicants can be found here: https://gencen.isp.msu.edu/graduate-students/gjec-program/

Conferences
Call for Proposals
21st Annual Africana Studies Student Research Conference:
Friday, February 8, 2019; Deadline: December 7, 2018
Bowling Green State University

The Africana Studies Program at BGSU is proud to announce the 21st Annual Africana Studies Student Research Conference:

"Emerging Perspectives in Africana Studies"
Friday, February 8, 2019

We encourage undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines to participate. And we are asking faculty to help us identify students whose work is appropriate for submission/presentation. Panels will be held in the morning and afternoon, punctuated by a keynote luncheon.

Proposal Deadline: December 7, 2018
All proposals should include: name, institutional affiliation, paper title, abstract (300 words max), Faculty sponsor (for undergraduate students), and email address, and will be submitted to: http://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/africana_studies_conf/.

MAIE Call for Proposals
March 7-8, 2019
Abstract Deadline: November 30, 2018
Eberhard Center at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids
The MAIE (Michigan Association of International Educators) Annual Conference for 2019 is now accepting presentation proposals! The deadline to submit is November 30th, 2018.

The Conference will be March 7 and 8, with preconference workshops on March 6, at the Grand Valley State University Eberhard Center in Grand Rapids. We are looking for presentations that address all areas of international education including:

- International Student and Scholar Services
- Education Abroad
- International Enrollment Management
- Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship
- Internationalization at Community Colleges
- International Education Leadership
- And more!

Conference sessions will be in 1 hour blocks, and workshops will be either full or half-days. Flash sessions (30 minutes) may also be offered, depending on demand.

Please consider sharing your expertise and creativity with the IE community in Michigan this year! For more information about the Conference, and to submit your proposal, please visit www.maie.us. First-time presenters are more than welcome, and encouraged to apply for one of our grants.

Contact africa@campusad.msu.edu

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