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**Spring #12**

**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>

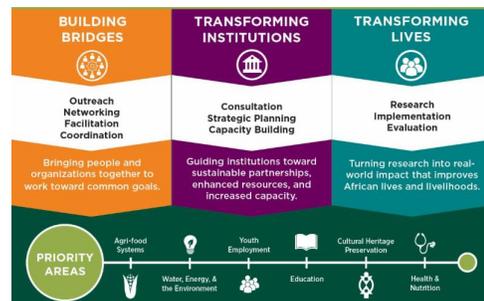
**Alliance for African Partnership**

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/>

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at <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/>)

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**  
**12:00- 1:30pm- Room 303 International Center**

"The Inevitable Porousness of Area Studies: Four Strong Winds of Change"  
 Eye on Africa with Ronald Kassimir, Executive Director, SSRC

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

"Tropical Cowboys: Westerns, Violence and Masculinity in Kinshasa, Congo"  
Eye on Africa with Ch. Didier Gondola, History, IUPUI

Recent Seminars can be watched at  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/](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

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### 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:  
Roots & Vines**  
Potluck & Panel  
Discussion on Foods  
of The Diaspora  
McDonel Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Tuesday  
April 9th:  
Soul Vagina**  
Nono The Poet: In  
Between Sex & God,  
Who Am I?  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

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

**Thursday  
April 11th:  
Gathering of The Beats**  
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

# Tracing Our Forgotten Africa Week

#BlackToAfrica

YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA

Wanderlust  
REVOLUTION

## 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.  
RSVP at <http://bit.ly/SitesofMemory>

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.



## Remembering the Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsi: 25 Years Later

A series of events at the MSU Main Library



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— A series of events at the MSU Main Library —

**Friday, April 5, 2019 • 11 am-1 pm**

**Together We Remember  
South Lobby (1 West)**

The MSU Libraries will be hosting a reading of names of victims of genocide. As it's the 25th year after the Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi, we will begin and end our vigil with names of people murdered there. Cosponsored by the MSU African Studies Center, MSU Asian Studies Center, Center for Gender in Global Context, Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, MSU Muslim Studies Program, Peace & Justice Studies Program, and the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities.

**Tuesday, April 16, 2019 • 7-9 pm**

**Keepers of Memory: Film Screening  
and Panel Discussion  
Green Room (4 West)**

Through eyewitness accounts and gripping footage, acclaimed director Eric Kabera takes the viewer on an emotional journey into the 1994 Rwandan genocide against the Tutsi, its survivors, and the memorials created in the victims' honor. The film focuses on the personal accounts of men and women who watch over the sacred burial sites keeping the memories alive for future generations. They tell a tale of unimaginable pain and loss that is both inspirational and thought provoking as they bravely face the future and rebuild their lives.

**Panelists:**

Laura Apol • Ken Harrow • Christina DeJong  
Ken Waltzer • Jean Kayitsinga • Erik Ponder

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019 • 11 am-1 pm**

**Rwandan Genocide Testimonies  
in the USC Shoah Visual History  
Archive: A Workshop**

**Beaumont West Instruction Room (2 West)**

Please join us to explore testimonies from the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda using the USC Shoah Foundation's Visual History Archive database. Learn how to search for and access the nearly 90 video interviews with Tutsi Survivors, Rescuers, and other groups. Issues related to the origin and translation of these testimonies will be discussed. Generously supported by the Brill Endowment.

*Lunch is provided. Please bring your own earbuds/headphones.*

**Presenters:** Erik Ponder • Deborah Margolis

**RSVP required by Friday April 12. Please contact Deborah at [deborahm@lib.msu.edu](mailto:deborahm@lib.msu.edu) to register.**

**Join us for these additional campus events**

For more information on these events, contact Jean Kayitsinga at [kayitsin@msu.edu](mailto:kayitsin@msu.edu)

**Friday, April 19, 2019 • 8 am-8 pm**

**International Symposium on Genocide: Confronting  
the Past and Understanding the Present**  
MSU Union, Ballroom

**Saturday, April 20, 2019 • 2-6 pm**

**The 25th Commemoration of the Genocide  
against the Tutsi, Kwibuka 25**  
Kellogg Center, Big Ten A Room



 [@MSULibraries](http://lib.msu.edu)

For parking information, please visit <http://maps.msu.edu/interactive>. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations by calling 517.884.6454 one week before an event.

## 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.

## 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.

**FROM THE GROUND UP:  
 Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership**

**DATE:** APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2019  
**LOCATION:** Room 303 International Center, 427 N Shaw Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824

**AGENDA**  
 08:30 - 09:00 Registration and Welcome  
 09:00 - 09:30 Opening Keynote  
 09:30 - 10:50 Panel Discussion  
 "Frontiers in Soil Health"  
 11:00 - 12:00 Talks and Student Oral  
 Presentation Competition  
 12:00 - 13:30 Lunch/ Poster Presentations  
 (including Student Competition)  
 13:30 - 14:30 Panel Discussion  
 "Soil Health Partnerships"  
 14:30- 15:00 Closing Keynote

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium at  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdskKc-FZASiUlwuCbT10kOHZdGbu8PjadpPAUSn\\_sCelZzg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdskKc-FZASiUlwuCbT10kOHZdGbu8PjadpPAUSn_sCelZzg/viewform)  
 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [tuxinyi1@msu.edu](mailto:tuxinyi1@msu.edu)



**OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Saweda Liverpool-Tasie**  
 Associate professor  
 Department of Agricultural, Food, and  
 Resource Economics

**Panel Discussion "Frontiers in Soil Health"**



**Dr. Cynthia Donovan**  
 Associate professor  
 Department of Agricultural,  
 Food and Resource  
 Economics



**Dr. Lisa Tiemann**  
 Assistant professor  
 Department of Plant,  
 Soil, and Microbial  
 Sciences



**Dr. Joseph P. Messina**  
 Professor  
 Department of Geography,  
 Environment, and Spatial  
 Sciences



**Dr. Timothy Harrigan**  
 Associate professor  
 Department of Biosystem  
 and Agricultural  
 Engineering

**Panel Discussion "Soil Health Partnerships"**



**Dr. Wenda Bauchspies**  
 Associate professor  
 Department of Community  
 Sustainability



**Dr. Leo Zulu**  
 Associate professor  
 Department of  
 Community Sustainability



**Dr. Nicole Mason-Wardell**  
 Assistant professor  
 Department of  
 Agricultural, Food and  
 Resource Economics

**CLOSING KEYNOTE  
 SPEAKER**  
**Dr. Sieglinde Snapp**  
 Professor  
 Department of PSMS,  
 Center for Global Change  
 and Earth Observations



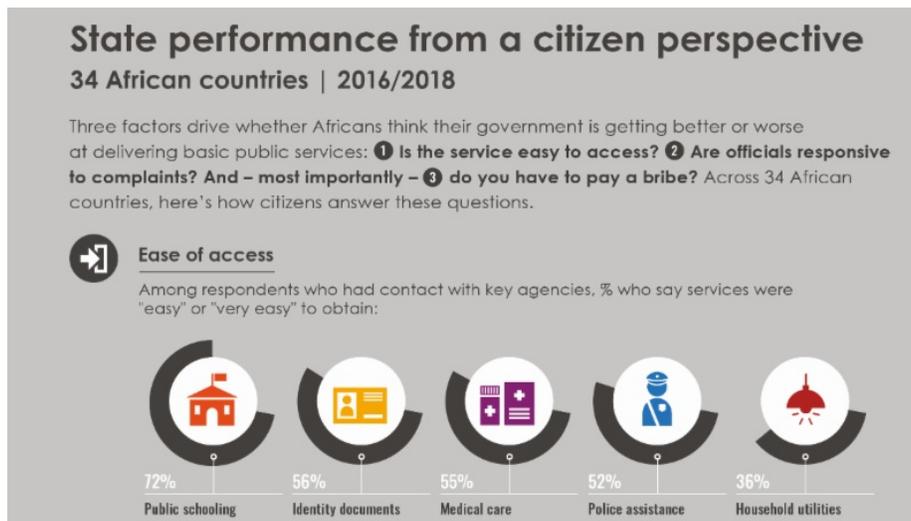
Funding for this project was made possible in part through a mini-grant provided by the Year of Global Africa at Michigan State University. For more information please visit [globalafrica.msu.edu](http://globalafrica.msu.edu). The two panel discussions will be part of the ENFP Research Colloquia Series. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series.



## Other Announcements

### Afrobarometer Report

Africans see progress - though uneven - in government delivery of basic services



Africans see more improvement than decline in their governments' delivery of basic public services, according to new Afrobarometer survey findings from across the continent.

Though uneven, progress is reported in the state's provision of education, medical care, identity documents, and police assistance. On average across 34 surveyed countries, service delivery is most often seen as easy to access, timely, courteous, and responsive to complaints. But countries vary greatly in popular assessments of government performance, and petty corruption is still a frequent experience.

An analysis of survey responses shows that three main factors drive whether Africans see their governments as getting better or worse at delivering services: how easy or difficult the service was to obtain, whether officials will respond to complaints, and whether citizens had to pay a bribe.

## Jobs

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### Specialist-Outreach, Program Manager African Studies Center (MSU)

Deadline: April 10

International Studies and Programs' African Studies Center is searching for a Specialist-Outreach, Program Manager, to provide support and management for the activities and programs of the Ubuntu Dialogues project.

The Ubuntu Dialogues: Museums and Communities Connect is a partnership project between the MSU African Studies Center and the Stellenbosch University Museum in South Africa. This 3-year Mellon Foundation funded project will consist of online student dialogues (Ubuntu Conversations); graduate student internship exchanges; and seminars involving academic leaders and heritage professionals (Ubuntu Seminars). The key aims of the Ubuntu Dialogues project are to build bridges among students, faculty and heritage professionals in South Africa and the USA; to transform institutions through collaborative engagement; to transform lives through engaged learning; and to bridge the digital divide between the global north and south.

For more information, and to apply, visit <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/501173/specialist-outreachfixed-term>

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### Assistant Director of Outreach African Studies Center (MSU)

Deadline: Open

The MSU African Studies Center (ASC) is one of a suite of highly respected international studies programs at MSU, whose purpose is to offer a global education while engaging in cutting edge research on the world's most pressing challenges. A longtime recipient of U.S. Department of Education Title VI National Resource Center (NRC) and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS), the center has over 200 affiliated faculty who teach and conduct research in diverse fields across the continent. The Assistant Director for Outreach works closely with the Center Director to provide strong support and leadership for Center outreach on campus, in the broader community and through online digital initiatives.

For more information, and to apply, please visit <http://careers.msu.edu/cw/en-us/job/501176/specialist-outreachfixed-term>

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### Non-Tenure track Teaching Position - Penn State University African Studies Program

Deadline: Open

The African Studies Program at The Pennsylvania State University invites applications for a full-time lecturer position, starting August 2019. This position is a one-year, non-tenure track appointment with the possibility of renewal for up to three years. Responsibilities primarily include teaching introductory to intermediate undergraduate courses in African Studies along with supporting duties in the African Studies Program. Teaching load is six courses per academic year. The ideal candidate will be able to teach a range of courses on contemporary Africa, which may include Introduction to Contemporary Africa, African Literature, Africa in Cinema, Gender Relations in Africa, Urbanization and Health in Contemporary Africa, and Traditional and Contemporary Religions in Africa. Minimum requirement is a Master's degree in a related discipline; a Ph.D. and relevant research and experience in the field are preferred.

Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria (1) promise as a teacher, (2) promise as a scholar and (3) commitment to work with a diverse student body. To be considered for this position, applicants must include a cover letter detailing relevant qualifications, a current CV (with the names and contact

information of three references), a one-page teaching philosophy statement, and a recent publication or writing sample. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. For more information about the program, please visit our website at <http://afr.la.psu.edu/>. Review of Applications will begin on April 16, 2019 until filled

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## Study Abroad

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### Student Experiential Learning Summer Opportunity in Malawi

July 29 to August 21, 2019

Deadline: April 7, 2019

The Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI) at MSU is once again running the Frugal Innovation Practicum, an interdisciplinary, experiential learning program carried out in collaboration with the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources. More about the program is here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDEbi\\_412eM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDEbi_412eM)

To read more about this program and how students can apply, students should refer to this document linked [here](#) or get in touch with Dr. Stephanie White at [whites25@msu.edu](mailto:whites25@msu.edu).

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