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**
(Seminars are live-streamed at [http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/](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_6EJoFfSPJZq0mdng/

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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**

**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.
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.

Remembering the Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsi: 25 Years Later
A series of events at the MSU Main Library
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.
Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium [here](#).
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: tuxinyi1@msu.edu

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**Other Announcements**

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**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.
The analysis, available at www.afrobarometer.org, is the fourth of Afrobarometer's Pan-Africa Profiles based on 45,823 interviews in all regions of Africa.

**Jobs**

**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.


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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.


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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.

Study Abroad

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

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.

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