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African Studies Center Michigan State University

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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>

Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,

<http://www.aap.isp.msu.edu>

Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,

<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Thursday, October 13, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 303 International Center

"Africa from the Margins." ASA Presidential Lecture delivered by Dorothy Hodgson, Professor of Anthropology and Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at Rutgers University, and President of the African Studies Association.

Thursday, October 20, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 201 International Center

"Africa's Evolving Employment Trend: Implications for economic transformation." Eye of Africa with Felix Kwame Yeboah, Faculty, International Development, MSU.

Watch Past Episodes

<http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/>

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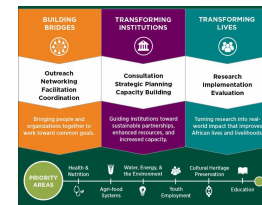
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[Alliance for
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The Alliance for African Partnership will promote innovative approaches to collaborative research and partnership with African institutions to address emerging challenges in today's world.

African Tea Times - Open to Everyone

An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand experiences on
the African Continent
Learn, Share, Engage!
(427 N Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center, East Lansing,
MI)

October 20, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center
Countries: Benin, the Gambia, and Togo

November 3, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center
Countries: Zambia & Zimbabwe

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

2016 Global Focus Photo Contest is underway

The 2016 Global Focus Photo Contest has now begun and is accepting submissions until October 21, 2016. There are three categories for submissions: students, alumni, and faculty/staff (including retirees). Please submit your international photos for consideration! The top four winners from each category will have their photography featured in the lobby of the International Center.

Entrants can submit up to three photos to the International Studies and Program's website or its Facebook page.

[Global Focus Photo Contest \(ISP website\)](#)

[Global Focus Photo Contest \(ISP Facebook page\)](#)

[Global Focus Contest Guidelines](#)

US Assistance Policy in Africa- Exceptional Power

Tuesday, October 11th, 12:00-1:00PM **TODAY**
International Center, Room 201

MSU Professor Emeritus Bill Derman (Anthropology and African Studies Center) and Shai Divon (Fulbright Scholar, School of International Service, American University) discuss their upcoming book, U.S. Assistance Policy in Africa-Exceptional Power. What is the meaning of development assistance when it is used as a power tool to achieve the self-interests of states? How is development policy formulated, justified and then used as a tool for power projection, and what type of outcomes are associated with this sort of power projection? The book presents the case of the United States as a powerful hegemon, and its approach to development assistance in Africa as a function of foreign policy since the end of World War II through to the Obama administration. Using an eclectic theoretical framework based on power, this book examines the American assistance discourse, its formation and justification in relation to historical contexts, and its operationalization on the African continent.

Refreshments will be served.

ICT & Development in Tanzania

Study Abroad Program Information Session

Tuesday, October 18th, 5:00PM

Communication Arts and Sciences Bldg., Room 191

Come find out about this great summer program where you do hands-on projects in schools, learn about the culture and history of Tanzania, visit wildlife parks and make a real difference in young people's lives. MSU students have installed Internet-linked, networked solar powered computers, and we'll be improving the systems and training people how to use computers and the Internet. No technical expertise needed, all majors welcome.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Jennifer Olson at olsonjj@msu.edu

Interdisciplinary Dimensions of Tropical Diseases: Finding Funding & Faculty Networking

Office of International Research Collaboration

Wednesday, November 2, 3:00-5:00PM

International Center, Room 303

The Office of International Research Collaboration will present information on research funding opportunities and trends in MSU research awards in the fields of tropical diseases, tropical medicine, and related areas of the natural and social sciences. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for faculty to share their research interests and network with potential new collaborators across disciplines and from across campus.

The event includes:

- Funding opportunities from USAID, NIH, NSF, and more
- Trends in MSU research awards
- Faculty networking: meet new collaborators across disciplines and share your research interests

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

RSVPs are encouraged but not required: oirc@isp.msu.edu or 517/884-0947.

JOB POSTINGS & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Assistant Professor in Postcolonial African Literature and Cultural Production

GALLATIN SCHOOL OF INDIVIDUALIZED STUDY

New York University

The Gallatin School of Individualized Study at New York University invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the field of Postcolonial African Literature and Cultural Production with a focus on Sub-Saharan Africa and/or North Africa, to begin September 1, 2017. We seek applications from scholars in humanities disciplines including Literature, Film and Media Studies, Comparative Literature, Art History, and History who reach across disciplinary boundaries in research and teaching. Areas of research interest could include: gender and sexuality; race, religion and ethnicity; postcoloniality; oral history; globalization and migration; popular culture; intellectual history; and aesthetics. The successful candidate will be expected to provide significant intellectual leadership, through a demonstrated commitment to research, teaching and advising.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in hand by time of appointment; demonstrated excellence in teaching at the college or university level; and a strong record of research and writing.

All application materials must be submitted electronically. To apply, please visit: apply.interfolio.com/37903
Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, a statement of your teaching philosophy, a writing sample of 10-20 pages, a brief description of three dream courses, and three letters of reference.
Review of applications will begin on November 1, 2016, and will continue until the position is filled. For questions, please contact Gallatin Human Resources at gallatin.hr@nyu.edu.
NYU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

2017 Echidna Scholars Program

Center for Universal Education
The Brookings Institution

The Center for Universal Education at Brookings is now accepting applications for the 2017 Echidna Global Scholars Program. Echidna Global Scholars spend nearly five months at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. to pursue research on global education issues with an emphasis on girls' education.

The Center for Universal Education seeks to build the evidence base on girls' education policies and programs in developing countries. This program is designed to offer guest scholars from developing countries the opportunity to pursue their own independent research on global education issues with a specific focus on girls' education. Echidna scholars will also be supported in developing or implementing a project in which findings from the research are piloted.

We are seeking exceptional applicants committed to girls' education who seek the opportunity to build their research and analytical skills. Applicants should have a background in education, development, economics, gender, or a related area, a Master's degree at minimum, and at least 15 years of professional experience. A cohort of 3-4 scholars will be selected.

The deadline to apply is October 31, 2016.

For additional information or to apply, please access [Echidna Scholars](#)

CONFERENCES

Cartographies of War and Peace in Eastern Africa

The 3rd Eastern African Literary and Cultural Studies (EALCS) Conference

University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

24th -26th August, 2017

Call for Papers

The Eastern African Literary and Cultural Studies Conference Series brings together artists, media practitioners, literary and cultural studies scholars, students and teachers interested in scholarship in and on the Eastern African region. This year's conference theme Cartographies of War and Peace in Eastern Africa invites participants to reflect on literary, media and cultural engagements with peace and conflict in the region. Eastern Africa-pre-colonial, colonial and post-independence has been a region marked by shifting configurations of peace and conflict, resulting from different policy and political frictions in the region. Beyond periods of warfare and violent conflict, even peaceful nations in the region have had to bear the brunt of the

structural violence of poverty, economic and political marginalization unleashed by problematic macro-economic and political policies.

Topics include but are not limited to:

- Politics of identity including aspects of ethnicity, religion, or race.
- Violence, migration and exile.
- Language and Culture.
- Genres and trends in narratives of conflict
- Eco-critical readings of resource competitions
- Sexuality
- Popular arts
- New Media narrative engagements
- Autobiographical reflections on conflict
- African language literatures on peace and conflict
- Refugees, dislocation and displacement
- Human rights and Justice
- Representations of peace and militarism

We invite abstracts (of no longer than 250 words) for papers that engage with the above topics and related concerns. We encourage submissions in either English or Kiswahili. Email your abstract to darconference@gmail.com by 31st November, 2016. The 3rd Eastern African Literary and Cultural Studies Conference is an initiative of the Department of Literature, University of Dar es Salaam and the Department of English, Stellenbosch University.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Alliance for African Partnership

Michigan State University

Request for Proposals

The Michigan State University Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) is inviting proposals for its initial partnership activities in 2017.

As a university-wide initiative, AAP invites proposals from diverse disciplinary perspectives that support the pillars of Building Bridges, Transforming Institutions, and Transforming Lives, as well as the priority areas of:

- Agri-food systems
- Water, energy and the environment
- Youth employment
- Education
- Cultural heritage development
- Health and nutrition

Successful proposals will be submitted by teams that include both MSU faculty and partners from African universities and/or organizations and should be designed to lay the foundation for longer duration and sustainable partnerships between MSU and African partners.

Grants awarded will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 for projects to be carried out over an 18-month time frame, beginning between March 1 and June 1, 2017.

Proposals must be submitted by November 21, 2016, for consideration.

For additional information or to apply, please access the [AAP call for proposals](#)

Graduate Student Awards Available to Attend ASA Conference

MSU graduate students scheduled to present at the African Studies Association's annual conference in Washington, DC may be eligible to receive travel stipends from the African Studies Center. Ten student awards are available to presenters. If interested, please contact Lisa Hinds, hindslis@isp.msu.edu with the title of your presentation and scheduled presentation date for more information.

EDITOR'S NOTE



We want to feature you on our new website.

The African Studies Center's new website will regularly feature the scholarship of MSU's Africanist community (Faculty, Alumni and Students). Please share news of your publications, research, and awards with us so that we may keep the larger MSU community abreast of your achievements. Please forward the details to Tara Mock at mocktara@isp.msu.edu.