

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.

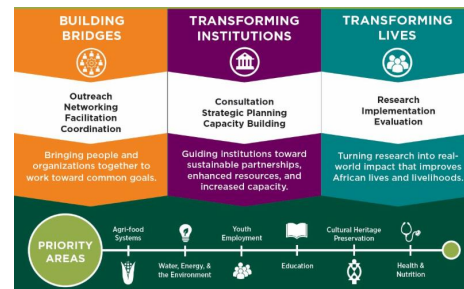
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Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,
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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,
<http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER PROGRAMS

Upcoming Eye on Africa Speakers

Thursday, February 9, 2017
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Corruption Discourses and Women and Politics in Africa: The case of the female politicians of the gender equality movement in Senegal." Eye on Africa with Emily Riley, Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology.



Thursday, February 23, 2017
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Religion, Culture, the Arts and the Making of the African Nation-State." Eye on Africa with Emmanuel Akyeampong, Ellen Gurney Professor of History and African American Studies and Openheimer Faculty Director, Center for African Studies, Harvard University.

[For additional information or to view past episodes.](#)

African Tea Time- Open to Everyone
An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand knowledge of the
African continent
Learn, Share, Engage!



February 9 Liberia and Sierra Leone

February 23 Lesotho, South Africa and Swaziland

March 2 Ethiopia, Somalia and Tunisia

The full schedule can be found on our [website](#).

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

A poster for a panel discussion titled "RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE AGE OF TRUMP". The poster is white with blue and red text. It lists the speakers: Gene Burns (Madison College), Kirsten Fermaglich (History; Jewish Studies), Shreena Gandhi (Religious Studies), Gordon Henry (English; American Indian & Indigenous Studies), and Mohammad Khalil (Muslim Studies; Religious Studies). The moderator is Amy DeRogatis (Arts & Letters; Religious Studies). The event is on Friday, February 10th, from Noon to 1:30pm at the 115 International Center. The poster also lists sponsors: MSU College of Arts & Letters; Dept. of Religious Studies; Muslim Studies Program; African American & African Studies; African Studies Center; Asian Studies Center; Center for European, Russian, & Eurasian Studies; Center for Latin America & Caribbean Studies; Chicano/Latino Studies Program; Dept. of English; Dept. of History; Dept. of Linguistics & Languages; Dept. of Philosophy; Dept. of Psychiatry; Rabbinic Studies in the Arts & Humanities; International Studies & Programs; James Madison College; Jewish Studies Program; Lyman Briggs College; Office of Study Abroad; Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives; Office for International Students & Scholars; Peace & Justice Studies; WorkLife Office. The Michigan State University logo is in the bottom right corner.

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE
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Friday, February 10th
Noon to 1:30pm
115 International Center

Sponsored by the MSU College of Arts & Letters; Dept. of Religious Studies; Muslim Studies Program; African American & African Studies; African Studies Center; Asian Studies Center; Center for European, Russian, & Eurasian Studies; Center for Latin America & Caribbean Studies; Chicano/Latino Studies Program; Dept. of English; Dept. of History; Dept. of Linguistics & Languages; Dept. of Philosophy; Dept. of Psychiatry; Rabbinic Studies in the Arts & Humanities; International Studies & Programs; James Madison College; Jewish Studies Program; Lyman Briggs College; Office of Study Abroad; Office for Inclusion & Intercultural Initiatives; Office for International Students & Scholars; Peace & Justice Studies; WorkLife Office

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***The Office of International Studies in Education invites you
to join in a series of Career-related Sessions for
internationally-oriented students***

Wednesday, February 1-11:30-1, 116H
U.S. Job Search: Immigration Considerations for International Students

Thursday, February 9-12:30-1:45, 310 EH
***Careers in Multiple Nations: Comparing Academic Work Experiences in the U.S. and
Abroad***

Friday, February 17-12:30, 310 EH
***Teaching and coordinating online learning programs and
incorporation/accommodation of international students***

Tuesday, Feb 28-12-1:30pm, 252 Erickson
Internationally-Focused Administrative Careers in U.S. Higher Education Institutions

Wed., March 1-12-1:30, 133G
Preparing for careers in international education development: Working in an international organization, NGO, foundation, and other non-university-based settings



Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series

**“A Star with the Big Screen:
Employment, Working Life and Status
in Tanzanian Movie Houses”**

Laura Fair
Department of History
Michigan State University

— **Friday, February 17**
12:15 - 1:30
MSU Museum Auditorium

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Center for Advanced Study of International Development
International Strategic Partnership Funding
Proposal Deadline is March 1, 2017

The Provost and Associate Provost and Dean of ISP have made funding available to develop international strategic partnerships with universities and institutions of higher education and research abroad. The funding is focused on the international themes of food and agriculture, environment, health and nutrition, and education. These partnerships should involve MSU faculty from multiple disciplines and fields of study. Collaborations focused on these international themes that involve faculty from Arts and Letters or Social Science are encouraged. Partnerships should center on collaborative research, including proposal development and preliminary research activities that build institutional capacity and strengthen the institutional partnership.

Strategic partnerships should ultimately lead to potential long-term research and other collaborations between MSU and the partner institution. Grant development can be facilitated by CASID staff in collaboration with involved units. Funding may be granted for continued support to develop these partnerships, depending on the outcomes of the initial grant.

If you have questions about the application requirements and/or process please contact Jennifer Brewer, International Program Coordinator, Center for Advanced Study of International Development at: brewer13@isp.msu.edu.

Proposals received by March 1, 2017, will be reviewed this cycle. Applications received after March 1, 2017 will be reviewed based on the availability of funds. Please submit applications to Jennifer Brewer at:

DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarships for the MRPP

The Partnership for African Social and Governance Research invites applicants to the DAAD in-Country/in-Region Scholarships for its Master of Research and Public Policy program (MRPP). The scholarships include tuition fees, a monthly stipend to cover living costs and accommodation, and an annual study and research allowance.

The scholarships are for citizens of countries within sub-Saharan Africa.

For additional information please visit the [MRPP webpage](#).

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA)

The Fulbright-Hays competition is now open. The fellowship supports doctoral student research in one or more countries with which the U.S. has diplomatic relations. This fellowship covers airfare, insurance, and project expenses for the fellow and maintenance stipends for the fellow and accompanying dependents. MSU has been successful in this competition, largely due to the high quality of its graduate students and the attentive mentorship by the graduate faculty. In 2016 MSU students were awarded 4 grants—one for Zanzibar, one for Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, and Portugal, one for Senegal and France, and one for Kazakhstan and Russia. A student is eligible to apply who

- is a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States,
- is a doctoral student in good standing at or near candidacy status,
- is planning a teaching career in the United States upon completion of his or her doctoral program, and
- possesses sufficient foreign language skills to carry out the dissertation research project.

This year's competition closes March 14. Our internal deadline will be March 9, though there will be intermediate target dates for the various components of the application. For additional information, please contact Dr. Roger Bresnahan at bresnaha@msu.edu or (517) 432-8244.

Nelson Mandela Museum/MSU Museum Curatorial Fellowship MSU Museum and The Graduate School Summer/Fall 2017

The Nelson Mandela Museum/Michigan State University Museum Curatorial Fellowship Program is one of many MSU programs that help meet post-apartheid South Africa's challenge to document, preserve, and interpret history and expressive culture. The NMMSUMCFP springs from a history of two museums (Michigan State University Museum and the Nelson Mandela Museum) working together and independently on similar activities and the desire of both institutions to work on new projects that further their respective missions.

Curatorial fellowship projects will be conducted during the summer and fall semesters. Ten weeks of the summer semester will be spent in South Africa (with at least eight weeks working full-time at the Mandela Museum based in Mthatha) and the following fall semester will be spent working part-time at the MSU Museum. Curatorial fellows will be expected to plan and complete projects in collaboration with and mentored by MSU faculty and professional museum staff at each institution. Projects must reflect the educational and research missions of the two museums, address identified needs of the museums, ideally incorporate technology, and be in compliance with international standards of museum practice. Special emphasis is given to projects that demonstrate the spirit of ubuntu, the traditional South African humanist philosophy focusing on people's allegiances and relations with each other.

Each fellow will receive \$16,000. Up to an additional \$500 will be available to attend a cultural heritage conference in South Africa and up to an additional \$1000 will be available to cover travel and conference registration costs to present the results of fellowship experience or work to a professional or academic meeting in the U.S.

Applicants should be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a terminal degree that is normally understood as a

prerequisite for academic jobs (usually a Ph.D.), be in good academic standing, and making progress on their degrees. Applicants must have taken, minimally, the Foundations of Museum Studies course at MSU (or completed a comparable course or had curatorial experience at a museum).

Applicants should submit the attached application form; a C.V.; and a brief essay that describes their career goals, why they are interested in NMMMSUMGC, and how they anticipate that participation in NMMMSUMGC will enhance their professional development. Applications must be submitted on or before Friday, February 27, 2017. Announcements of the fellowship recipient will be made by March 31, 2017.

For further information or questions regarding the program, please contact the program coordinators Dr. C. Kurt Dewhurst (517-355-2370 or dewhurst1@msu.edu) or Dr. Marsha MacDowell (517-355-2370 or macdowel@msu.edu).

CONFERENCES

"From Theory to Practice: Exploring sustainable solutions to Africa's developmental challenges"

African Graduate Student Association

2nd Annual Research Conference

March 25, 2017

Call for Abstracts

Research is fundamental to the development process of Africa. It plays a key role in informing development interventions in every sector. Yet, the relationship between researchers and decision makers is not without tension and has been a subject of considerable debate, with a focus on how research can better influence policy makers and how policy makers can use good research to inform development interventions. We recognize the real potential of research to promote emergence of new ideas and skills for their dissemination to inform formulation of effective policies for development. It is in this light that this second AGSA Annual Research Conference seeks to provide a platform for creating new ideas to the larger thematic orientation and promotes proactive dialogue among researchers, decision makers and civil society stakeholders. The main purpose is to share ideas arising from research conducted by graduate students working on African issues, and deliberate on ways to create and strengthen networks among researchers, decision makers and civil society.

Therefore, the AGSA is calling for abstracts from all African MSU students and Africanists, from different disciplines, conducting research in Africa.

Submission guidelines - Abstracts are invited from completed studies, works in progress, and social ventures. You are required to show how your research aligns to the theme. As this will be a multidisciplinary conference, presenters are urged to put emphasis on the significance and impact of their research in their respective study areas and addressing the problem(s) of focus. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words and should include the broader problem in which the research is situated. Also indicate whether you are submitting for an oral or poster presentation, both of which are given equal recognition.

Deadlines for Submission of Abstracts: February 6th 2017 using the google form [here](#) or email agsa@msu.edu

All submitted abstracts will be subject to a blind peer review process and authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by March 2, 2017.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

60th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association

Institutions: Creativity and Resilience in Africa

November 16-18, 2017

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: March 15, 2017

ABOUT THE MEETING

We are soliciting proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, Author meets Critic, and flash sessions. Presentations may focus on the theme of "Institutions: Creativity and Resilience in Africa" or on broader social science,

humanities, and applied themes relating to Africa. We strongly encourage the submission of formed panels. You can find more information about the theme and the call for proposals on the [ASA website](#).

HOW TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL

Instructions for submitting proposals can be found online on the [ASA website](#).

SUBMIT A CALL FOR PANELISTS

The ASA encourages individuals to post calls for panelists on the ASA website before the March 15 deadline, so that participants may utilize the ASA network to find potential panelists. Calls for Panelists may be submitted through the form on the ASA website. A list of proposed panels, along with contact information for their chairs, will be made available on a rolling basis on the ASA website. Please note that panel organizers must finalize their panel participants and submit an organized panel proposal by March 15, 2017.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Submit nominations for our 2017 awards today!

The African Studies Association is pleased to announce that we are accepting nominations for the following awards and prizes in 2017:

The [ASA Presidential Fellows Program](#) provides opportunities for academics and practitioners with a scholarly interest in Africa to travel to the U.S. to attend the ASA Annual Meeting, visit institutions of higher learning in the United States, engage with academics working on Africa-related issues, and more. Deadline for nominations: March 20.

The [Melville J. Herskovits Prize](#) is awarded to the author of the most important scholarly work in African studies published in English during the preceding year. Deadline for nominations: April 30. Please note - Nomination letters must be received by the Secretariat by April 30 and all review copies of the publications need to be post-marked by the same date.

The [Bethwell A. Ogot Book Prize](#) is awarded to the author of the best book on East African Studies published in the previous calendar year. Deadline for nominations: April 30. Please note - Nomination letters must be received by the Secretariat by April 30 and all review copies of the publications need to be post-marked by the same date.

The [Distinguished Africanist Award](#) recognizes a lifetime of distinguished contributions to African studies. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Graduate Student Paper Prize](#) is awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the previous year's Annual Meeting. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Paul Hair Prize](#) recognizes the best critical edition or translation into English of primary source materials on Africa published during the preceding two years. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Gretchen Walsh Book Donation Award](#) offers an annual grant program to assist book donation projects with shipping costs to send books to African libraries and schools. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

The [Royal Air Maroc-ASA Student Travel Award](#) is granted to students to facilitate and increase the movement of students and the exchange of ideas, between students of African Studies in Africa and the United States. The overarching aim of the award is to acknowledge outstanding scholarship by future African Studies scholars. Deadline for nominations: April 30.

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