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Fall #3

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



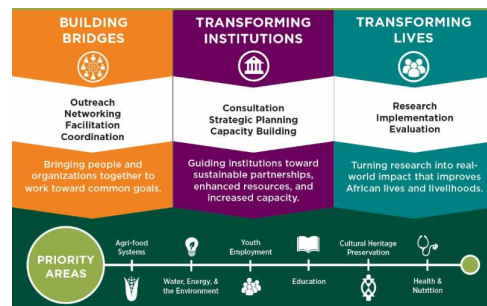
To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>
 For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership, aap.isp.msu.edu

Eye On Africa Speaker Series

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



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

(Seminars are live-streamed at <http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/>)

Thursday, September 13, 2018
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Aniceti Kitireza: A Tanzanian Epic."
 Eye on Africa with Dr. Shoonie Hartwig, Kitireza Biographer

Thursday, September 20, 2018
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Zimbabwean Elections Update"
 Eye on Africa with Dr. Peter Penar, Political Science researcher (MSU)

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

September 20: Zimbabwe and Ghana

October 4: Nigeria and Tanzania

You can see the complete 2017- 2018 Tea Time calendar [here.](#)



Keynote Lecture and Discussion

South African Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6 - 8: 30pm
Green Room (Main Library, 4 West)

The lecture is part of the Campus Activism for Justice conference.(See below for more details and the conference's complete program.)

Campus Activism for Justice, from Southern Africa to Michigan, a Michigan State University Conference

Thursday, September 27- Friday, September 28



This conference commemorates the 40th anniversary of Michigan State University's decision to divest from companies doing business with apartheid South Africa. The conference also will put the divestment campaign into the larger context of campus movements that came before it, including activism at MSU by African Americans, women, and those opposed to the war in Vietnam, amongst others. Campus activists from South Africa and MSU will also discuss some of today's student movements focused on such issues as **global justice, responsible employment practices, and the environment.**



Thursday, Sept. 27 & Friday, Sept. 28 2018
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
Main Library Green Room
(366 West Circle Drive, East Lansing MI 48824)

Thursday, September 27, 2018

- 12:00–1:30 p.m. **Eye on Africa: Somadoda Fikeni**, Contributing Consultant BBC (Contemporary Political Issues in South Africa)
(NOTE LOCATION: International Center Room 201)
- 6:00 p.m. **KEYNOTE: Ms. Phumzile Mazibuko**, Consul General, South African Consulate in Chicago
(Main Library Green Room)

Friday, September 28, 2018 (Main Library Green Room)

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Overview**
- 9:15 a.m. **PANEL ONE: 1960s Activism at MSU**
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. **PANEL TWO: Divesting from Apartheid South Africa: MSU & the Michigan Legislature**
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch / Activism Fair / Special Collections Open House
- 2:00 p.m. **PANEL THREE: Contemporary Student Activism at MSU**
- 3:30 p.m. **Open Mic**
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Save the date!

All events are FREE and OPEN to the public. Registration is strongly encouraged:

bit.ly/MSUCampusActivismConference

Registration is strongly encouraged. Please follow this link [here](#) to register or visit the website [here](#) for more information about the event.

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Launch and Signing with Shingi Mavima

September 13, 2018, 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm
 303 International Center

Join Kongamano and author Shingi Mavima, for the launch of his semi-autobiographical novel, [Pashena](#).

"Set in the Dangamwura township of Mutare, Zimbabwe during the 1990s, Pashena chronicles the growing experiences of a group of primary school boys. This tale follows the main protagonist, Shingi, and his friends as they discover and navigate their love for football, community, and each other. Through the lens of their beloved dirt field, Pashena, the boys find themselves at the center of a society transforming at the hands of AIDS, poverty and a faltering economy. More than anything, however, Pashena is a story about growth, friendship, loss, and endurance".

Copies of Pashena will be available at the event.



Graduate Student Writing/Discussion Group: Global Learning Experiences

September 14 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
133F Erickson Hall

The College of Education would like to invite interested graduate students to join a writing/discussion group around the broad topic of global learning experiences. .

A group of College of Education graduate students who are interested in or currently writing about global learning experiences (study/teaching abroad, international student experiences, global perspectives in teaching, learning and curriculum) meet twice per month. The group typically meets on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The first writing group of the semester will be meeting on Friday, Sept. 14 in 133F.

Remaining meetings for the fall semester will be held on the following Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., locations pending.

- Sept. 28
- Oct. 12
- Oct. 26
- Nov. 9
- Nov. 30

For more information, visit the following page.

<https://edwp.educ.msu.edu/event/graduate-student-writing-discussion-group-global-learning-experiences/>

Sharper Focus/Wider Lens: A Continent of Challenge and Resilience: Africa in the 21st Century

Mon, September 24, 2018 7:00 PM

Green Room (4th Floor West), Main Library

The MSU faculty panel brings their unique research, teaching and writing experiences from a wide range of disciplines to explore contemporary and historical issues.

All forums are free and open to the public and refreshments are provided..



A Continent of Challenge and Resilience: Africa in the 21st Century

7 p.m., Monday, September 24
Green Room (4th Floor West), MSU Main Library

This free public event will feature MSU faculty speakers:

Carolyn Logan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Political Science

Lenis Liverpool-Tasie, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Agricultural, Food and
Resource Economics

Terrie Taylor, D.O.
University Distinguished Professor
Department of Osteopathic
Medical Specialties

Veronique Theriault
Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural, Food and
Resource Economics

Leo Zulu, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Geography, Environment
and Spatial Sciences

Moderated by:
Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, Ph.D.
Dean and Professor
Honors College

Sponsored by the Honors College
Co-sponsored by the Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Department of Geography,
Environment and Spatial Sciences, Department of Osteopathic Medical Specialties, Department of Political
Science, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Osteopathic Medicine and
College of Social Science

Wharton Center events in conjunction with MSU's Year of Global Africa

<https://www.whartoncenter.com/events>

WVLS: Nontombi Naomi Tutu

Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm
Great Hall



The challenges of growing up black and female in apartheid South Africa have been the foundation of Nontombi Naomi Tutu's life as an activist, consultant, and educator. Her experiences taught her that the human family loses when we accept situations of oppression: teaching hate and division injures us all. Tutu is the child of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nomalizo Leah Tutu. She has followed her own path to build a better world, channeling opportunities she has been given to raise her voice as a champion for the dignity of all. She blends this passion with humor, joy, and personal stories. Nontombi Naomi Tutu is presented in

conjunction with MSU's Year of Global Africa.

2 free tickets for MSU Students, Faculty, Staff, and Retirees with MSU ID at the Aug 20, 2018 Season on sale. Present MSU ID in person at Wharton Center Ticket Office. Free offer not available on previously purchased tickets

Soweto Gospel Choir

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Great Hall

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

"absolutely thrilling singers. dazzling music." -*Billboard*

Formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African gospel music, this acclaimed, 20-strong choir draws on the best talent from churches in and around Soweto. World-renowned and Grammy Award-winning Soweto Gospel Choir has been proclaimed as "Meticulous and unstoppable, spirited and spectacular" by The New York Times, and "a slice of musical heaven" by Australian Stage, Melbourne. This will be an evening to treasure, filled with joy, celebration, tradition, and spectacle. This unique concert is presented as part of Michigan State University's Year of Global Africa



YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA AT COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

Africa on the Move: Mobility & Modernity

ComArtSci Building (404 Wilson Rd. Room 145)

October 11-13

All are invited to join Communication Arts and Sciences in a celebration of Africa!

Come and celebrate Africa in art, poetry, dance, music, presentations, and films! Festivities begin at 3pm and end each evening with a reception and film screenings.

More details will follow as the dates draw closer.
Co-sponsored by the African Studies Center.



Learning Abroad Conference Friday, November 16, 2018

SAVE THE DATE

LEARNING ABROAD CONFERENCE
7TH ANNUAL

Friday, November 16, 2018
MSU International Center

Join us for a day of **learning abroad** stories told by MSU students who have returned from international learning experiences or are currently studying abroad at MSU. Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend.

12:00pm - 6:00pm
Registration begins at 12:00pm | Program begins at 1:00pm

Sponsored by the Faculty Learning Community on Teaching and Learning Abroad, the Office for Education Abroad, and the Office for International Students and Scholars

Office for Education Abroad
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Co-sponsored by Office for Education Abroad, the Office for International Students and Scholars, and the Academic Advancement Network, the Learning Abroad Conference (LAC) features presentations from students returned from international learning experiences and international students currently studying abroad here in East Lansing. Presentations include a variety of formats such as poetry, journal entries, music compositions, video, and more.

The conference gives voice to the student experience through a variety of creative media so fellow students as well as the greater MSU community can better understand the nature and impacts of students learning abroad.

This will be the seventh annual conference.

[For information on proposal submission, click here.](#)

Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Events Calendar

Throughout this Year of Global Africa (#MSUGlobalAfrica), the African Studies Center is collaborating with the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives in showcasing various events. For more information on upcoming Year of Global Africa events (as well as others), visit the Office of Inclusion

Other Announcements

2nd Annual African Gospel Concert

Saturday, September 15 @7:00pm
Epicenter of Worship Church,
517 W. Jolly Rd, Lansing, Mi 48910

Join Woven Vessels International for their second annual African gospel concert in Lansing, featuring King Isaac, Freddy Nyembwe, and several African choirs!

Tickets are \$20 for general admission, and \$10 for students. For more information, and to buy tickets visit <https://www.wovenvesselsint.org/>

WOVEN VESSELS
INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY
UNIFIED - CONTINENT TO CONTINENT

2nd Annual African Gospel Concert
SATURDAY, September 15 @7 pm

EPICENTER
OF WORSHIP
517 W. Jolly Road
Lansing, MI 48910

Featuring recording Artist Freddy
Nyembwe, King Isaac, Burundi Choirs,
African Choirs, and Horn & Holland

Donations online
\$20 General Admission /Student Tickets \$10
Tickets: www.wovenvesselsint.org

Woven Vessels International
Phone: 517-481-5727
Email: wovenvesselsint@gmail.com

PeaceQuest 2018

Celebrating International Day of Peace the Entire Month of September

The African Studies Center joins the Greater Lansing United Nations Association and other organizations to bring this year's edition of PeaceQuest; a month-long series of events celebrating the International Day of Peace.

More events and details at peacequestgreaterlansing.org



PeaceQuest 2018

Celebrating International Day of Peace
The Entire Month of September

- Sept. 1-30 All Month FREE**
Peace Pole Pursuit
All Month, All ages,
All over the Greater
Lansing Areal
- Sept. 4-27 All Month FREE**
**PeaceQuest Art
Challenge Exhibit**
Displaced Children and Stolen Hopes
Sept. 4-13 Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos
Sept. 14-27 Edgewood United Church,
469 N. Hagadorn Rd., E. Lansing
- Sept. 8 Saturday FREE**
12 - 9 pm
**Lansing Harmony
Celebration**
Bringing positive energy to
celebrate our city's diverse
cultures.
Benjamin Davis Park
5500 Pleasant Grove Rd., Lansing, MI
- Sept. 12 Wednesday FREE**
7 - 8 pm
**Solarize Michigan
Workshop**
Edgewood United Church of Christ,
469 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI
- Sept. 16 Sunday FREE**
3 pm
**All Faith Alliance for
Refugees Forum**
Update on Refugees &
Immigration
Eastminster Presbyterian Church
1315 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing, MI
- Sept. 16 Sunday FREE**
2 - 5 pm
Singing in the Dark Times
Poetry Readings: Laura Apol
and others
Poetry Workshop, Open Mic, Singing
SCENE MetroSpace
110 Charles St., East Lansing
- Sept. 18 Tuesday FREE**
7 - 8:30 pm
**Java Cafe' Global
Conversation**
An Agenda For Disarmament
East Lansing Public Library,
950 Abbot Road, East Lansing
- Sept. 20 Thursday FREE**
7 pm
**Voices from Faith and
Reason: Race and Place**
Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler
Lansing Central United
Methodist Church
- Sept. 21 Friday FREE**
11 am - 2 pm
Peace Day Rally
Stand Up for Peace
Celebrate the International
Day of Peace
Michigan Capitol Front Steps
- Sept. 23 Sunday DONATIONS**
3 pm
**Concert Across America
- to Raise Awareness on
Gun Violence**
Unitarian Universalist Church of
Greater Lansing
5509 S Pennsylvania, Lansing, MI
- Sept. 26 Wednesday FREE**
7 pm
Panel Discussion
What's New in Corrections?
**Drug, Sobriety, Veterans
and Mental Health Courts**
Edgewood United Church of Christ,
469 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI
- Sept. 27 Thursday FREE**
7 pm
**Movie Showing: Trails
of Hope and Terror**
Studio C1
Meridian Mall,
1999 Central Park Dr.
Okemos, MI 48864
- Sept. 27-28 Thurs.-Fri. FREE**
Register
Conference on Campus
**Activism for Justice from
Southern Africa to Michigan**
Speakers Dr. Somadoda Fikeni and
Nomzamo Niombela from South
Africa, and many others.
MSU Main Library
- Sept. 29 Saturday FREE**
1 - 3 pm
**Stories & Activities
for Kids**
Everybody Reads Bookstore,
2019 E Michigan Ave.,
Lansing, MI
- Sept. 30 Sunday FREE**
2 - 4 pm
**PeaceQuest Art
Contest Award
Ceremony**
Michigan State University,
Erickson Hall Kiva,
620 Farm Ln, E. Lansing, MI

Stand Up for Peace
MORE EVENTS AND DETAILS AT:
PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org

PeaceQuest Sponsors: Greater Lansing United Nations Association, Peace Education Center,
Niagara Foundation Michigan, Edgewood United Church, Shaom Center for Justice and Peace,
Presbyterian Church of Okemos, LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers in Cross-Cultural Education),
MSU African Studies Center, MSU Asian Studies Center, Greater Lansing Network Against War and Injustice

Conferences & Jobs

Adjunct Instructor Opening International Studies Program Albion College

The International Studies Program at Albion College is looking for an Adjunct Instructor to teach two sections of Introduction to International Studies in the Spring Semester of 2019. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Midori Yoshii at MYoshii@albion.edu for more details.

Albion College is a private liberal arts college of approximately 1400 students. It is situated in a culturally diverse community in south-central Michigan within an hour's drive of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Western Michigan University. Albion is dedicated to the highest quality in undergraduate education and committed to diversity as a core institutional value. Albion College is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, marital status, or veteran status as protected by law, in all educational programs and activities, admission of students, and conditions of employment. The College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and is especially interested in candidates who will contribute to a campus climate that supports equality and diversity.

RACIALISATION AND PUBLICNESS IN AFRICA AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

African Studies Centre & St Antony's College, University of Oxford

June 27-28, 2019

Proposal Deadlines: 30 November, 2018 (Individual); December 10, 2018 (Panel.)

From the fatal shooting of the 17-year old Trayvon Martin in Florida, United States, and the recent deportation threats faced by the Windrush generation in Britain to the continued practices of dehumanisation experienced by black Africans in Mauritania and contemporary resistance to Empire and its devastating consequences as symbolised by the #RhodesMustFall movement in South Africa and Oxford, racialisation of black people in Africa and in the Diaspora and the attendant (counter-) hegemonic reactions and/or resistance to racialisation have transplanted the DuBoisian twentieth-century problem into that of the twenty-first century.

Against this backdrop, this conference will address the contemporary problem of racialisation in Africa and the African Diaspora (old and new.) We are interested in papers and panels that examine why and how racial identities and categories are constructed, imagined and inscribed (in)to the social, political and economic processes, practices and relationships in Africa and the African Diaspora-with significant consequences and implications for human life as well as for what Achille Mbembe describes in Critique of Black Reason (2017) as the global 'in-common.'

For more information, visit the conference page [here](#).

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