

September 25, 2018

Fall #5

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



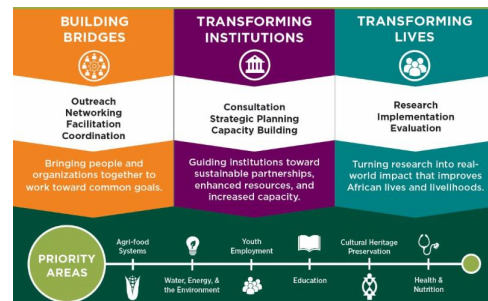
To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>
 For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

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 27, 2018*
12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center

"Contemporary Political Issues in South Africa."
 Eye on Africa with Somadoda Fikeni, Consulting Consultants (BBC)

*(*please note the room change from our usual venue)*

Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

"Sport, Exercise, and Human Movement Science in Africa" (Year of Global Africa Inaugural FELTZ Lecture)

Eye on Africa with Alison September, Exercise Science & Sports Medicine, University of Cape Town

(** please note that this special Eye on Africa will be on **Tuesday**)

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

October 4: Nigeria and Tanzania

October 18: Sierra Leone & Rwanda

You can see the complete 2018- 2019 Tea Time calendar [here](#).



AFRICA R&D CONNECT SEMINAR SERIES

Wednesday, September 26 @12:00pm- 1:30pm
Rm 303, International Center

Seminar featuring: Eric Owusu Danquah (PhD Candidate) Dept. of Plant, Soil and Microbial Science

Title: Evaluation of pigeonpea - yam cropping system for improved yam productivity and livelihood of small holder farmers

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Featuring

Eric Owusu Danquah
(PhD Candidate)
Dept. of Plant, Soil and
Microbial Sciences

Title:

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Abstract

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Join us for a
networking
session over
Pizza

on
Wednesday,
September
26, 2018

from
12:00 to 1:30
p.m.

Room 303
International
Centre, MSU

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Keynote Lecture and Discussion

South African Consul General Phumzile Mazibuko
Thursday, September 27, 2018, 6pm- 8pm
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

Global Women in Activism: A Conversation with Nomzamo Ntombela
 - (Women Only)
 International Center 201
 201 International Center

The conversation explores the formation of women and student led sub-movements such as #EndRapeCulture and #RURferenceList. There will be a discussion on how the tri-oppression and resistance of womxn and women continue on university campuses in South Africa.

WOMEN IN GLOBAL ACTIVISM: A CONVERSATION...

#EndRapeCulture #RUReferenceList

09.28.18

MICHIGAN STATE
INTERNATIONAL CENTER
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
ROOM 201



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Lessons from the Genomic Code

Dr. Alison September, University of Cape Town

Tuesday October 2, 2018, 2:30 pm- 4: 00 pm

303 International Center

The Department of Kinesiology
in Collaboration with the African Studies Center
Present:

The Inaugural Deborah L. Feltz Lecture on Sport,
Exercise, and Human Movement Science in Africa



Lessons From The Genomic Code
Alison September, Ph.D.

Date: October 2, 2018
Time: 2:30 - 4:00pm
Location: International Center, Room 303

The Deborah L. Feltz Sport, Exercise and Human Movement Science in Africa Lecture Series will have its inaugural presentation featuring Dr. Alison September. September will present, "Lessons from the Genomic Code." The biennial series will help bring an African scholar from a higher education institution to present on a topic connected to physical education, exercise science or public health, among other related areas of study.

Alison September is an associate professor and core member of the Health through Physical Activity and Lifestyle Research Centre at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. She studies how molecular genetics underlie complex diseases, specifically biological mechanisms underpinning musculoskeletal soft tissue injuries.

Nelson Mandela @100 Symposium

MSU Campus

October 8, 9:00am- 8:00pm

In commemoration of Nelson Mandela's 100th anniversary, Michigan State University Museum and the

Nelson Mandela Museum will launch an array of student-led and centered events. There will be various crosscultural activities for MSU and the Lansing area surrounding the legacy of Nelson Mandela in collaboration with Stellenbosch University Museum. The symposium features the Ubuntu Dialogues, cross cultural conversations between students in South Africa and the United States. There will be presentations from prominent cultural heritage workers surrounding the legacy of Nelson Mandela. The event also includes MSU students experiences in South Africa, visual displays, and an Open Mic Night involving critical social justice issues and solutions as they relate to both countries.

Join Us! See schedule of event below, and please register by clicking [here](#).



Nelson Mandela @100 Symposium

October 8, 2018 - All Day Long!
Select Events will also be Live Streamed

9:00a-9:30am: <i>Coffee and Donut Mixer</i> Mingle & Meet the Organizers International Center 303	1:00p-3:00pm: <i>Justice, Reconciliation, & the Preservation of Culture in South Africa: Lecture - Live Stream</i> MSU Museum Auditorium
10:00a-12:00pm: <i>Views From South Africa</i> Student Panel - Live Stream International Center 303	3:30p-5:30pm: <i>Short Film and Q&A</i> South Africa Film & Discussion International Center 303
12:05p-12:50pm: <i>African Artefact Walk</i> Learn about iMadiba Structure & African Artefact on MSU campus International Center 201	6:30p-8:00pm: <i>Expressions of Fairness & Justice</i> Open Mic - Live Stream Wells Hall 310B

Please Register here:
<https://goo.gl/forms/527CnvFhL16CFDk1>

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 - Nelson Mandela Museum
 - Stellenbosch University Museum
 - Stellenbosch University
 - Year of Global Africa
 - Ubuntu Dialogues
 - Lwandle Migrant Labour Museum
 - Desmond & Leah Tutu
 - dreamfuel
 - African & African American Studies Department
 - Alliance for African Partnership
 - Michigan State University

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.



YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA AT COMMUNICATION ARTS AND SCIENCES

YEAR OF
GLOBAL AFRICA
OCT. 11-13 ROOM 147

3 DAYS OF FILM, MUSIC PHOTOGRAPHY, ART
& DISCUSSION FROM THE WORLD'S MOST
EXCITING CONTINENT.

<https://comartsci.msu.edu/comartsci-year-global-africa>

10/11 THURS. 7p.m

FILM - *La Pirogue*
dir. Moussa Touré

10/12 FRI. 7p.m

FILM - *An Opera of
This World* dir. Manthia
Diawara, who will be
present.

10/13 SAT. 7p.m

FILM - *Frontiers*
Dir. Moutafa Djadjam

* All films will be at 145 Comm Arts Bldg. (free showing)

**AFRICA
ON THE
MOVE**

Other Announcements

SIXTH ANNUAL HEADWRAP EXPO

October 14-18, 2018

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Ave, Dearborn, MI 48126

An International, Multi-Cultural Exploration of The Global Art of Headwrapping.
Tutorials, Fashion Shows, Vendors, Food, Exhibits, Workshops, Photography and more!

For more information, and to register, visit the expo's page below.

<https://www.headwrapexpo.com/home>



Conferences & Fellowships

Pre-registration for the ASA Annual Meeting

Deadline: September 30

Pre-registration for the 61st Annual Meeting of the ASA will close on Sunday, September 30. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting and have not yet registered, do so before September 30 or you will pay higher rates to register on-site! Register at the following link: <http://africanstudies.org/annual-meetings/registration/>

If you are based in Africa and wish to request on-site payment at our lower pre-registration rate, you may request to do so at the following link: <https://africanstudies.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-forms/2018-onsite-payment-request/> . This form will also close on September 30, so get your requests in today!

If you are on the program and have not yet registered, you must do so immediately. Presenters who do not register will be removed from the program.



International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)

Deadline: November 7, 2018.

The Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) offers nine to twelve months of support to graduate students in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who are enrolled in PhD programs in the United States and conducting dissertation research on non-US topics. Seventy fellowships are awarded annually. Fellowship amounts vary depending on the research plan, with a per-fellowship average of \$22,000. The fellowship includes participation in an SSRC-funded interdisciplinary workshop upon the completion of IDRF-funded research.

For more information on eligibility and how to apply, visit the fellowship page at the following link: <https://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/view/idrf-fellowship/>

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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