



**January 8, 2019**

**Spring #1**

**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>

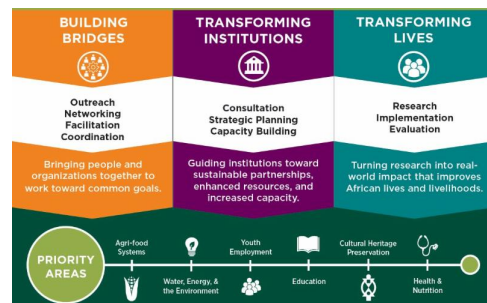
**Alliance for African Partnership**

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership, [aap.isp.msu.edu](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/>

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at <http://eyeonafrica.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>



**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Eye on Africa**

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

**Thursday, January 17, 2018**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center**

"Same Sex in the Constitutional Court of South and the U.S Supreme Court."  
 Eye on Africa with Albie Sachs, former South African Constitutional Court Judge

**Thursday, January 24, 2018**

"Dynamics of African Food Systems and Diets"

Eye on Africa with Cynthia Donovan, Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics,  
Michigan State University

Recent Seminars can be watched at

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPIZq0mdng/)

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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

**January 10: Kenya & Angola**

**January 24: The Gambia & Uganda**

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



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## Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Application Deadline: January 31, 2019

(website is now working; we apologize for any inconvenience!)

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\* FLAS Fellowships come with tuition and a stipend

- Academic Year Undergraduate 2019-2020: \$10,000/year in tuition and \$5,000 in stipends
- Academic Year Graduate 2019-2020: \$18,000/year in tuition and \$15,000 in stipends
- Intensive African Language Summer 2019: \$5000 for tuition and \$2,500 for stipends

Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply

Fellowships are awarded to qualified students in programs that combine the study of foreign languages with advanced training and research in an African focused academic or professional area

The FLAS fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program for the study of African languages and non-language courses on Africa.

For additional information: <http://africa.isp.msu.edu/undergraduatestudies/african-languages/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas/>

# AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER FLAS FELLOWSHIPS



LANGUAGES OFFERED:  
Amharic  
Arabic, Modern  
Standard  
Arabic, Sudanese  
Bambara  
Bambara  
Chewa  
Pulfulde/Pulaar  
Hausa  
Igbo  
Malagasy  
Mende  
Shona  
Somali  
Swahili  
Twi  
Venda  
Wolof  
Xhosa  
Yoruba  
Zulu  
Portuguese\*  
French\*

\*For advanced undergraduate students

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 African Studies Center  
International Studies & Programs  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Invitation to Special reception & Exhibition

Friday, January 18, 2019, 3:45pm - 5:15pm  
Law College Boardroom, 3rd Floor Law College Building

You are invited to a special reception in recognition of renowned photojournalist Leonard Freed; and to visit with Judge Albie Sachs (visiting Professor in the Law School for the month of January). All are welcome, however, RSVP is requested.

**Please R.S.V.P. for the reception and direct questions regarding the exhibit to Professor Nicholas Mercurio at [mercurio@law.msu.edu](mailto:mercurio@law.msu.edu) by January 11th.**

#### **Photo Exhibition:**

*Scenes of South Africa's Fight for Freedom and Democracy 1994...as seen through the eyes of renowned photojournalist - Leonard Freed*

In 2014, as part of MSU's Project 60-50 the MSU College of Law had on display an exhibition of photographs by Leonard Freed - the renowned photojournalist. That exhibition displayed 35 photographs from his multi-year documentary project that culminated in his book -Black in White America. The book was published in 1967/68 and would become the signature work of his career. Recently, when Brigitte Freed (his widow) found out that the MSU Law College would be hosting Judge Albie Sachs as a Visiting Professor this January, she donated to MSU 15 vintage photographs of Freed's work. These are photographs Freed took in South Africa in the early 1990s of those living under a system of apartheid during their long struggle for freedom and democracy. After the first democratic election in 1994, Albie Sachs was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to serve on the newly established Constitutional Court from which he retired in October 2009. But, as you may know, he still leads an active life today as a scholar, justice, and has taken a lead in the planning for a new museum on the making of the South African Constitution. The museum will be built on Constitutional Hill next to the Constitutional Court. Sachs arrives to the MSU College of Law as a Visiting Professor on January 7th. This exhibition will be on display just outside of the Boardroom (his classroom while here). A special thanks to Brigitte Freed.

Study Abroad: History, Culture, and Schooling in Southern Africa

May 18- June 23, 2019

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

History, Culture, and Schooling in Southern Africa will travel to South Africa and Lesotho in the Summer I term (May 18-June 23) of 2019. Students will spend time visiting historical and culture sites in South Africa and Lesotho, as well as visiting a varied group of education institutions. These will be located in urban and rural areas, and will include educational institutions that are not part of the formal education system. These experiences will help the students learn about the history of educational efforts in the region, and how struggles for educational equity and fairness are intimately connected to the history and cultures of the region. The program is run through the College of Education, and there are seven (7) credits of classes embedded in the program.

Four of the credits are Integrated Arts and Humanities credits (IAH 211). The other credits are offered in the Teacher Education program, though students that come from other majors and programs can contact the trip leaders (John Aerni-Flessner: [AerniFL1@msu.edu](mailto:AerniFL1@msu.edu) and Molade Osibodu: [Mosibodu@msu.edu](mailto:Mosibodu@msu.edu)) for other potential options. Applications are due by March 1st, but slots are limited so apply ASAP. More information on the trip available here: <https://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/program/index/108145>

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## Slavery to Freedom: An American Oddysey

For the past 18 years the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine has brought a number of dynamic and inspiring speakers to East Lansing as part of the William G. Anderson Lecture Series Slavery to Freedom: An American Oddysey.

For the 19th annual event in 2019, the college is extremely pleased to host these notable individuals: Frederick D. Haynes III, Eugene Robinson, and Vernon Jordan.

All events are free and open to the public.

presents The 19th annual Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series

## Slavery to Freedom

AN AMERICAN ODYSSEY



### Frederick D. Haynes III

Senior pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dallas; Haynes is also an author, radio show host and social activist. With a passion for people and community, he has been an activist against racial, economic and social injustice from the local to the national levels.

Thursday, February 7, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center Auditorium



### Eugene Robinson

A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Washington Post columnist, Robinson long ago recognized the interconnections between politics and culture and frequently adds his unique view of the American narrative on MSNBC.

Thursday, February 21, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre



### Vernon Jordan

Civil rights activist, presidential advisor and author, Jordan has held influential positions in politics, the public service arena, corporate America and law. A graduate of DePauw University and Howard University School of Law, he has never hesitated to speak truth to power or to choose his own path, regardless of others' views.

Thursday, February 28, 2019, 5 p.m.  
Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre

The Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series: Slavery to Freedom gives members of the mid-Michigan community opportunities to interact with multicultural leaders from education, business, industry, entertainment and government. For 19 years, this series has featured living icons of the American civil rights movement.

All activities are free of charge.  
For more information call (517) 432-4979 or e-mail [kilbourn@msu.edu](mailto:kilbourn@msu.edu).

## Global Engagement Speaker Series

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. |

Talk and Reception: Rm 303, International Center

### Pauline Mujawamariya Koelbl

Managing Director, African Innovation Foundation

## Innovation, Social Entrepreneurship, and Enterprise for the Public Good in Africa

Pauline Mujawamariya Koelbl is a leading expert and influencer on the transformation of developing countries to emerging economies by designing programs and policies fostering inclusive innovations.

To register for the event, and read more about Pauline, visit the link below.

<https://events.engage.msu.edu/Registrations/Register/2207>



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## ATTENTION: Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019 | 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Chittenden Hall, Room 110

### **Informal Conversation with Pauline Mujawamariya Koelbl** (see above)

Please join us for an informal conversation with Pauline Mujawamariya Koelbl, Managing Director, African Innovation Foundation. Lunch will be provided.

Register below

<https://grad.msu.edu/events/global-engagement-speaker-series-pauline-mujawamariya-koelbl-o>

Sponsored by: The MSU Graduate School

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## Other Announcements

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### Spring 2019 Volunteering Options

Refugee Development Center

If you are looking to serve in the Lansing community this spring, consider the following opportunities with the Refugee Development Center.

#### **Tutor adult students participating in English classes .**

- Monday OR Tuesdays OR Wednesdays OR Thursdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Unitarian Universalist Church Of Greater Lansing
- Tuesdays OR Thursdays, 9:30 - 11:30am @ Summerplace Townhomes

#### **Child Care for Adult ESL Programs (ages 6 months to 10 years):**

Providing childcare for the children of parents who are attending our Adult ESL classes.

- Monday OR Tuesdays OR Wednesdays OR Thursdays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm @ Unitarian Universalist Church Of Greater Lansing

#### **Child Care for Sewing Circle Program :**

Providing childcare for the children of parents who are attending our Women's Sewing Circle. (Must be female)

- Thursdays, 10:00am- 1:00pm @ Unitarian Universalist Church Of Greater Lansing

#### **After School Programs:**

Tutor school-aged children in afterschool programs focusing on learning English, academic achievement, and social topics.

- Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm @ Gardner International Magnet Academy (grades 6-8)
- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 2:45pm - 4:45pm @ Eastern High School (grades 7-12)
- Mondays/Wednesdays, 2:45pm - 4:45pm @ Sexton High School (grades 7-12)
- Mondays/Wednesdays, 3:30pm - 5:30pm @ Cumberland Elementary (grades K-3)\*
- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 3:00pm - 4:30pm @ Everett High School (grades 7-12)\*
- Tuesdays/Thursdays, 4:30pm - 6:00pm @ Sheridan Road STEM (grades 4-6)\*

\*Programs marked with an asterisk are supervised by Lansing School District employees.

For more information, email the center at [info@rdclansing.org](mailto:info@rdclansing.org). You can also visit their website at [www.refugeeddevelopmentcenter.org](http://www.refugeeddevelopmentcenter.org)

## Job Openings

Job Opening: Tenure System Position in Human Centered Emerging Technologies  
 Department of Media and Information  
 Michigan State University  
<https://comartsci.msu.edu/media-information-job-openings>

The Department of Media and Information (M&I) at Michigan State University (MSU) seeks an innovative, dynamic individual to fill a full-time, tenure stream position at the assistant or associate professor level who can connect the creative and research approaches in the department, college, and university. We are particularly interested in someone who uses human-centered approaches to design, and is interested in emerging technologies, such as virtual reality, augmented reality, games, gamification, autonomous vehicles, Internet of things, smart homes, health technologies, neuro/biosensors, wearable devices, tangible computing, and other new technologies that are reshaping the world around us.

To apply, please visit the Michigan State University Employment Opportunities website (<https://jobs.msu.edu>), refer to Posting #543608, and complete an electronic submission. Applicants should submit the following materials electronically: (1) a cover letter indicating the position you are interested in and summarizing your qualifications for it, (2) a current vita, (3) the URL to an existing individual or collaborative website that conveys your current scholarship and/or portfolio, and (4) the names and contact information for three individuals willing to serve as your recommenders to the search committee. Review of applications will begin on January 1, 2019 and continue until the position is filled.

Please direct any questions to Associate Professor Rick Wash, Search Committee Chair, Department of Media and Information at Michigan State University, at [<wash@msu.edu>](mailto:wash@msu.edu).

## Fellowships

ARIS Center Fellowships on Advancing Research Impacts in Society

Deadline: January 30, 2019

The NSF-funded ARIS Center was recently launched with a mission to Advance Research Impacts in Society.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. The ARIS Center is implementing a fellowship program intended to increase the quality and availability of scholarship and resources about research impacts through:

- Projects that synthesize existing scholarly work to package evidence into easily applied and digestible tools that can be used by the research community to improve research impacts

- design and practice
- Small-scale innovative scholarship that explores new horizons and advances knowledge about research impacts.

Both types of projects require recipients to create products such as guidance documents, white papers, scholarly articles, decision support tools, multimedia supports, instructive videos, or other creative or scholarly outputs.

FELLOW SUPPORT: Fellows are provided three types of support over the course of approximately one year:

- participation in a community of fellows working to advance research impacts
- peer-review and editing of products under development along with publishing/production and dissemination support
- A small stipend to individuals or for organizations to offset the cost of fellowship work and/or fellowship related travel (\$5,000 for single fellow award, \$7,500 for team projects split among collaborators)

ELIGIBILITY: Professionals, researchers, faculty, educators, graduate students and others from universities, colleges, and other organizations working to advance practice and improve outcomes of research impact.

DUE DATE: Applications are due January 30, 2019

For more information and application instructions, see: <https://broaderimpacts.net/aris-center-fellowship-program-2019-2020/>

## Conferences

### Call for Papers

#### International Conference on the Future of Tourism (ICFT)

April 16-17, 2019; Deadline: January 13, 2019

Arusha International Conference Center, Arusha, Tanzania

The first of its kind in East and Central Africa, an International Conference on the Future of Tourism (ICFT) will be held between April 16-17, 2019 in Arusha, Tanzania (but the second hosted by OUT). The Conference is organized by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality of the Open University of Tanzania.

Venue: Arusha International Conference Center, Arusha, Tanzania

#### Key Areas of focus but are not limited to:

- Sustainability of Tourism;
- Domestic Tourism and SMEs Development;
- Tourism and Economic Development;
- Culture and Tourism;
- Innovation in Tourism;
- Customer Care in Tourism;
- Methods of Measuring Tourism; and
- National Tourism Policy.

#### Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: January 13, 2019  
Full paper submission deadline: March 1, 2019

#### Registration Fee:

Early registration: Participants USD 200  
Students and Other participants USD 100  
Late registration: Participants USD 250  
Students and Other participants USD 150

Pre-conference Training on April 15 on:  
"eTourism: Communication Perspectives".

More information about the conference and on how to register visit our website:  
<https://icft.out.ac.tz/>

### Call for Papers

Afrisem Annual Graduate Conference



Northwestern University, April 4-6, 2019; Deadline: January 31, 2019  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robtel Pailey, Oxford University

The Program of African Studies graduate student seminar (AfriSem) invites graduate student papers in the study of Africa and its communities engaging with the theme: **African Studies Now: Decolonizing the Field**. Interested participants should submit abstracts of 250 words maximum to [afriemconference@gmail.com](mailto:afriemconference@gmail.com) by January 31, 2019. Please include your name, affiliation, contact details in the submission, and include "Abstract submission" in the subject line. There are a limited number of small travel grants available.

As indicated by such movements as #RhodesMustFall, the manner of organizing and disseminating knowledge about Africa remains fairly hegemonic. Scholarship about Africa relies on specific cultural viewpoints and political interests, and, lamentably, fails to take into consideration knowledge production occurring on the continent outside the confines of privileged spaces of academic instruction. This predicament provoked the Liberian scholar, Robtel Pailey, to ask, "where is the 'African' in African Studies?"

Presentations are welcome from a diverse range of disciplines in the social sciences, arts, and humanities. We are also interested in papers that engage with art, society, governance, and education. The conference is primarily a forum for graduate students to present their research to a cross-disciplinary audience. All presenters will be notified of acceptance by February 8th, 2019. Accepted presentations will be considered for publication in the Pan-Africanist journal.

Please contact the organizers on [afriemconference@gmail.com](mailto:afriemconference@gmail.com) with questions and inquiries

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