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Spring #6

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>

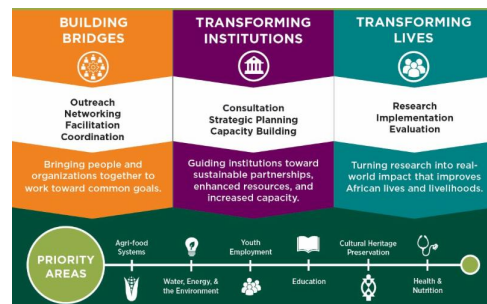
Alliance for African Partnership

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/>

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



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Application Deadline: February 14, 2019
 (Note the new extended deadline!)

The African Studies Center Invites Applicants for the FLAS Fellowship for the Study of African Languages: Intensive African Language Summer 2018 and Academic Year 2019-2020

* 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
- Arabic, Sudanese
- Bamanankan
- Bambara
- Chewa
- Fulfulde/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

Welcoming Dr. Awa Sarr: New ASC Assistant Director

Dear faculty, students and friends of the MSU African Studies Center,

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Awa Sarr will be joining our African Studies Center as Assistant Director, starting August 1, 2019. Her responsibilities in this role will include management of our Federal Title VI grant; coordination of FLAS fellowships; and core faculty governance, among others.

Dr. Sarr holds a PhD in French Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has also completed an MA in French Literature at the University of Montana and a BA in Applied Linguistics from the Université de Saint-Louis, in Senegal. She comes to MSU from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where she has been an Assistant Professor appointed jointly between the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures and the Africana Studies Program. She has extensive teaching experience in French and Wolof as well as several African Studies courses, with a particular interest in Francophone literature and cinema.

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Sarr to our team and look forward to the expertise she will bring to our Center. We invite you to engage with her once she has arrived on campus in late summer.

Jamie Monson
Director, African Studies Center
Michigan State University

Eye on Africa

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

Thursday, February 14, 2019
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Cooking Data: Culture and Politics in an African Research World."
Eye on Africa with Cal Biruk, Anthropology, Oberlin College

Thursday, February 21, 2019
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Global Health Alliances Across Nations, Agencies, and Institutions To Build Capacity in Africa"
Eye on Africa with Esperance Kashala-Abotnes, Center for International Health, University of Bergen

Recent Seminars can be watched at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/

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

February 21: Chad, Libya, and Malawi

**February 28: Benin, Lesotho and
Democratic Republic of Congo**



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

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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>

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

**Bridging the Gap: Understanding and Remediating the Schisms
Between African and African American Students**
Thursday, February 21 2019, 6:00pm- 8:00pm
International Center, Rm 303

The panel discussion brings together African and African descendant students to dialogue on contemporary issues facing both communities, and how they can better work together within spaces that have been historically hostile towards them.

The program is a collaborative effort between the Sankofa Graduate Student Union, Black Graduate Student Association, African Graduate Student Association, African Student Union and Black Student Alliance.

Refreshments provided!

Sunday, February 24, 2019: 6:30pm
Cobb Great Hall at Wharton Center

Captivating dance, highly energetic, and powerful movement. The first professional dance company committed to the art of stepping combines traditional African dance with modern stepping in an unforgettable performance. Be sure to bring your free ticket, which you can pick up either at the Wharton Center Ticket Office or the UAB Office.

Doors 6:30pm; Showtime 7:00pm

STEP AFRiKA! CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

FEBRUARY 24TH

COBB GREAT HALL
WHARTON CENTER
DOORS OPEN- 6:30P.M.
SHOW BEGINS- 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FEB. 11TH

FREE FOR ALL MSU STUDENTS.
LIMIT 4 TICKETS PER ID

PICK UP YOUR TICKETS AT THE WHARTON CENTER TICKET OFFICE OR THE UAB OFFICE

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Peace Corps Panel
Diverse Experiences Lived Through Peace Corps Services
Wednesday, February 27, 2019, 3:45-5:00 p.m.
Mosaic Center Multipurpose Room, Union 2nd Floor



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Lived Through Peace Corps Services

Learn about what it is like to be a Peace Corps Volunteer through the eyes of a group of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. This panel will discuss successes and challenges of Peace Corps covering a diverse set of experiences.

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MSU Peace Corps Recruiting office:
Room 202 International Center
Email: msupeace@msu.edu
Phone: 517-432-7474

Ethiopia Forum: Challenges and Prospects for Constitutional Democracy in Ethiopia

Symposia and Panel Discussions

International Center: March 23-24, 2019

Faculty from Michigan State University, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University and other scholars from around the MSU community have launched an Ethiopia Forum with symposia and panel discussions to take place at the International Center, Room 115, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, over the weekend of March 22, 2019 (during the Adwa Victory Month and the year designated as Year of Global Africa). The Forum will explore the challenges and opportunities to transition to constitutional democracy in Ethiopia, and a way forward for a united and peaceful Ethiopia and its neighbors.

There is no registration fee to participate, however, ALL participants are requested to fill in the online registration form to help the organizers as they plan for refreshments.

For complete details and to register, visit: <https://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu/resources/events/featured-event-1/>.



ETHIOPIA FORUM:

CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACY IN ETHIOPIA

Call for Papers

Friday March 29, 10AM - 5PM at Michigan State University

Deadline: February 28, 2019

The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) invites you to their 4th Annual Conference. The conference intends to create a forum where African and Africanist scholars discuss the transformation of Africa. Building upon past AGSA conferences, this year's conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating what the continent's future challenges and prospects are.

We invite graduate and undergraduate students (MSU and Non-MSU) to submit abstracts for an oral or poster presentation. The abstract should be 250 words long and should be submitted by February 28, 2019, 11:59 pm EST.

If you will be presenting as a panel, submit an abstract and proposed theme for the panel. The submission should also list all panelists and their individual titles. Panels should include no more than five papers.

Submit your abstract at the link below

<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

Registering for the Conference

The conference is free and open to everyone.

If you are attending the conference (even if you're not presenting), please take a moment to register below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

Fellowships

There is a limited number of fellowships for participants from outside Lansing area. Contact agsa@msu.edu for more information.

For additional information, please e-mail us at agsa@msu.edu

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 and Molade Osibodu: 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>

Art, Cultural Heritage, & Museums in South Africa

Mid-June to Early August

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

Apply for this innovative program that combines field-based coursework in arts, cultural studies, and museum studies with a five-week internship in a South African museum in Cape Town.

- **DATES:** Mid-June to early August, including one pre-travel week of instruction via Google Hangout, 3 weeks of experiential learning in Cape Town and Johannesburg, and the 5-week internship.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Undergraduate and graduate students interested in museums, arts, and cultural heritage work
- **COST:** Tuition and program fee of approx. \$5380 (covers housing, in-country course-related travel and activities, etc.) - exact fee is listed on MSU Study Abroad site.
- **Estimated additional cost (RT airfare to South Africa, incidentals, passport, meals):** \$3,585.00

For more information, including reading blogs by students in past programs, go to <https://msusouthafricastudyabroad.wordpress.com>

Graduate Student Participant Wanted: Tanzania Partnership Program

Dates: Late June/Early July- Mid/August

The Tanzania Partnership Program is seeking a graduate student participant for the 2019 Study Abroad Program: Sustainable Community Development in Tanzania. Graduate student participants assist the faculty leader of the program, and work with undergraduate students to further their understanding of issues of international development in Tanzania. Graduate student participants are expected to attend pre-departure meetings on campus at MSU and then activities in Tanzania from late June/early July - mid August (dates TBD). Graduate student participants will receive a stipend and the program will cover expenses for transportation, lodging, and meals.

To Apply: Applications should consist of: 1) A current resume or CV, and 2) A brief statement of interest describing your qualifications and how the experience would contribute to your program of study/career goals. Please send electronic applications to Dr. Jonathan Choti (chotijon@msu.edu).

Fellowships

International Funding Opportunities

Deadline: March 1, 2019

In an effort to continue to internationalize the student experience, ISP takes pride in helping to support students who are interested in working on the world's greatest problems. Here are some internationally focused funding opportunities, administered by the ISP Dean's office, for undergraduate and graduate students.

The Walker Hill International Award

<https://www.isp.msu.edu/information-resources/student-funding/walker-hill/>

An award for doctoral students that can be used for pre-dissertation visits to a doctoral research site in a country outside the United States. International students who undertake research in the country of their origin are not eligible.

Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant

<http://www.isp.msu.edu/information-resources/student-funding/>

This award provides financial assistance to domestic students who intend to travel to developing countries for the purpose of providing technical assistance, participate in research, or engage in service. The intent is for students to work towards discovering and implementing solutions in response to urgent human needs (for example: food security,

environmental quality, health and nutrition, education, and other areas) and, thereby, to encourage careers in international development teaching, research and practice. Grants are intended to support travel, related living expenses, and projects costs, not to be used as a tuition scholarship

Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship

<http://www.isp.msu.edu/information-resources/student-funding/gliozzo-scholarship/>

This scholarship is available to MSU doctoral students with dissertation research objectives who have defended, or are in the process of defending, a dissertation proposal. The scholarship supports field research abroad in support of the student's dissertation.

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