



March 12, 2019

Spring #9

Our Sincerest Condolences...

We have recently learned about the passing of our colleague, [Professor Pius Adesanmi](#), who was among the victims of the Ethiopian Airlines plane crash on Sunday, March 10. Dr Adesanmi was, among other things, the Director of the Institute of African Studies at Carleton University in Ottawa.

Our sympathies go out to his family and friends, as well as to all those whose loved ones passed away in the tragedy.

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>

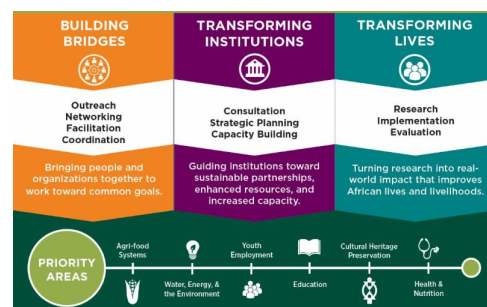
Alliance for African Partnership

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/>



Eye on Africa

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019

12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"The Muslim Cleric of Madina Cherno (Gambia)"

Eye on Africa with Assan Sarr, History, Ohio University

Thursday, March 28, 2019

12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center

Student Research Showcase

Eye on Africa with African and Africanist Students

(The 'Eye on Africa' presentation scheduled for March 14 has been rescheduled for the Fall)

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

March 14^{}: Egypt and South Africa**

(^{**} to be held in rm 201)

April 11: Liberia, South Sudan, and Mozambique

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



MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHINING A LIGHT: AFRICAN WOMEN IN FILM

March 12-26

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In honor of Women's History Month, the African Studies Center, in collaboration with the Center for Gender in a Global Context, presents four films which shine a light on women in Africa and the African Diaspora.

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Sponsored by the African Studies Center, the Center for Gender in a Global Context, the History Department, and African American and African Studies.



TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

7:00-9:00 p.m., RCAH Theatre
Winnie (2017)
Panel discussion to immediately follow

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

7:00-9:00 p.m., ComArtSci 147
Des étoiles /Under the Starry Sky (2013)
Commentary to follow by Emilie Diouf (English, Brandeis University)

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 2019

7:00-9:00 p.m., ComArtSci 147
Vibrancy of Silence (2017)
Commentary to follow by director, Freida Ekotto (University of Michigan)

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

7:00-9:00 p.m., RCAH Theatre
Iron Ladies of Liberia (2009)
Panel discussion to immediately follow

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Join us this week for the screening of Winnie (Tue, March 12), and Des Etoiles/Under the Starry Sky (Thur, March 14

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Michigan State University Libraries Community Cataloging Program Call for expressions of interest

Do you have skills in an African language? Do you want to work to make African language materials accessible at the MSU Libraries?

We seek individuals with excellent knowledge of African languages to participate in a community cataloging event. These experts in language and culture will work in teams with a professional cataloger to create records of materials from various African countries.

Our first two sessions will be held in April:
Wednesday, April 10th , from 6pm- 9pm
Saturday, April 13th , from 10:30am- 1:30pm

Experts will be compensated for their participation, and there will be refreshments at each session. Selection of experts will be made by mid-March.

If you would like to learn more or you are interested in participating, please contact Jessica Martin at achberg2@msu.edu.

Teacher Education, Teaching, and Educational Reform in Ghana Friday March 15, 2019, 10:00-11:00 am 310 Erickson Hall

If you are interested in potential collaborations with the University of Cape Coast or would like an opportunity to engage with the visitors, please join us for a reception Friday March 15, 2019 4:00- 5:00 pm in 252 Erickson Hall. Please direct inquires to Margo at: glewmarg@msu.edu

**Friday March 15, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 AM
310 Erickson Hall**

Please Join the Conversation

Please join us for an informal conversation with academic leaders from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana who will talk with us about teacher education, teaching, and educational policy & reform in Ghana



Dr. Eric Magnus Wilmot - Provost, College of Education Studies
Dr. Ernest Kofi Davis - Dean, School of Educational Development and Outreach
Dr. Kofi Taiwonyo Yaboe - Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Education
Dr. Joseph Mintah - Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology Education
Prof Eric Nyarko Sampson - Dean, Faculty of Educational Foundations
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College of Education

Is Girls' Education Dangerous? Girl-Focused Education and Sexual Health Interventions in International Development

Presentation with Dr. Nancy Kendall

Thursday, March 21st

2-3pm in 133F Erickson

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Dr. Nancy Kendall

Thursday, March 21, 2019
2-3pm—133F Erickson Hall

Nancy Kendall is professor of educational policy studies, specialized in comparative, international, and global education policy, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is affiliated with the African Studies Program, Department of Gender and Women's Studies, Development Studies Program, and Global Health Institute. Kendall conducts comparative ethnographic research on the school and life experiences of marginalized girls, boys, families, and communities. Her ethnographic research has examined children's sensemaking and experiences with gender and education, political democratization, sexuality and HIV/AIDS education, orphan-focused international programming, and college-going.

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

Black Islam and Hip Hop

March 26, 2019 @ 4:00 pm

MSU International Center, Room 303

A special presentation by Professor Kayla Wheeler, Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Digital Studies at Grand Valley State University at MSU's International Center regarding Black Islam and Hip Hop.

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Cosponsored by African American and African Studies,
Muslim Studies Program, Office for Inclusion and
Intercultural Initiatives, Digital Humanities,
Department of Religious Studies, Center for Gender in
Global Context, and College of Arts and Letters

Taste of Africa

March 29, 2019 @ 5:00 pm- 9:00pm

McDonel Hall, 817 E Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48825

Taste of Africa is an event open to the public, hosted by Kongamano. At the end of Africa Week, Kongamano hosts a dinner in which African food is catered and basic African dishes are taught and cooked on-site. Dinner, African performances and a Raffle for Snares to Ware will take place.



SITES OF MEMORY: Reflecting on the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda

A 360° IMMERSIVE VISUALIZATION EXHIBIT

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Event begins at 6:00 p.m. * Remarks at 6:30 p.m.

Michigan State University, Main Library Digital Scholarship Lab, 2-West

Screening times begin at 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.
RSVP's are encouraged and to select a preferred viewing time.
RSVP at <http://bit.ly/SitesofMemory>

The exhibit commemorates the 1994 Rwanda genocide against the Tutsi and explores the history of the genocide through a virtual tour using 360° video technology. Several prominent memorial sites in Rwanda are featured and includes testimonial interviews with genocide survivors.

Developed in partnership with the Michigan State University African Studies Center with financial support from MSU's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives Creating Inclusive Excellence Grants. Directed by Erik Ponder, African Studies Librarian. Narrated by Laura Apol, Associate Professor, Teacher Education. Videographer/Editor: Justin Leggs, MSU African Studies Center. Run time is approximately 34 minutes.



MSU Conferences

Call for Papers

The African Graduate Student Association Conference 2019
Friday March 29, 10AM - 5PM at Michigan State University
Deadline: March 15, 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 March 15, 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



Call for Abstracts

FROM THE GROUND UP: Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership
APRIL 19TH, 2019: Room 303 International Center

This symposium aims to share the most current research by MSU faculty and students on soil health. The two major goals of the symposium are to share the research work with the general public; and bring collaboration opportunities for faculty and students from different scientific disciplines. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series and composed of a keynote, oral and poster presentations.

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium [here](#).
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: tuxinyi1@msu.edu

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Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership**

DATE: APRIL 19TH, 2019

LOCATION: Room 303 International Center, 427 N Shaw Ln, East Lansing, MI 48824

AGENDA
08:30 - 09:00 Registration and Welcome
09:00 - 09:30 Opening Keynote
09:30 - 10:50 Panel Discussion
"Frontiers in Soil Health"
11:00 - 12:00 Talks and Student Oral
Presentation Competition
12:00- 13:30 Lunch/ Poster Presentations
(including Student Competition)
13:30 - 14:30 Panel Discussion
"Soil Health Partnerships"
14:30- 15:00 Closing Keynote

Register, submit abstracts, and volunteer for the symposium at
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSskKc-FZASiHwaC0bT10kOHZDgXu8PjddpPAUSn_cCl_Zzg/viewform
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: tariyat1@msu.edu



OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Saweda Liverpool-Tasie
Associate professor
Department of Agricultural, Food, and
Resource Economics

Panel Discussion "Frontiers in Soil Health"



Dr. Cynthia Donovan
Associate professor
Department of Agricultural,
Food and Resource
Economics



Dr. Lisa Tiemann
Assistant professor
Department of Plant,
Soil, and Microbial
Sciences



Dr. Joseph P. Messina
Professor
Department of Geography,
Environment, and Spatial
Sciences



Dr. Timothy Harrigan
Associate professor
Department of Biosystem
and Agricultural
Engineering

Panel Discussion "Soil Health Partnerships"



Dr. Wenda Bauchspies
Associate professor
Department of Community
Sustainability



Dr. Leo Zulu
Associate professor
Department of
Community Sustainability



**Dr. Nicole Mason-
Wardell**
Assistant professor
Department of
Agricultural, Food and
Resource Economics

**CLOSING KEYNOTE
SPEAKER**

Dr. Sieglinde Snapp
Professor
Department of PSMS,
Center for Global Change
and Earth Observations

Funding for this project was made possible in part through a mini-grant provided by the Year of Global Africa at Michigan State University. For more information please visit globalafrica.msu.edu. The five panel discussions will be part of the ESPP Research Colloquium Series. The symposium will be part of the Africa R&D Connect series.



Upcoming YGA Events

Here are some upcoming programs that are being funded (wholly or in part) by the Year of Global Africa mini-grants awarded earlier this year.

The Urgency of a Black Feminist Solidarity Project in the Americas
Thursday, 14 March, 3:00 p.m - 4:30 p.m.
Case Hall, Room 332

Dr. Keisha-Khan Y. Perry, Associate Professor of Africana Studies at Brown University, specializes in the critical study of race, gender, and politics in the Americas. Perry is currently working on a multi-lingual and transnational exploration of black women's political work in Latin America by critically examining how black women mobilize political movements across borders and how they understand themselves as agents in creating a diasporic community. Two MSU faculty members will offer commentary based on their own scholarship: Leonora Paula from RCAH and Tamara Butler from the Department of English. More info [here](#).

Sustainable Coffee Development in Rwanda
Tuesday, 16 April, 12:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m
Room 201, International Center

Dr. Ammeet Morjaria (Managerial Economics & Decision Sciences, Northwestern University) and MSU faculty, Dr. Maria Claudia Lopez (Community Sustainability) and Dr. David Ortega (Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics) will discuss their research on the development of Rwanda's specialty coffee sector. MSU PhD Candidate Andrew Gerard (Community Sustainability) will provide background on MSU's work on coffee in Rwanda and facilitate the discussion. More info [here](#).

Other Announcements

Lattice Book Club

Wednesday March 27, 4:30pm - 6:00pm.
Digital Scholarship Lab (3rd Floor, MSU Library)

The LATTICE Book Club will meet on Wednesday March 27, 2019 from 4:30 - 6:00. We will meet in the Digital Scholarship Lab on the third floor of the MSU Main Library.

We will begin by watching a 30 minute special exhibit: *Remembering the Rwanda Genocide Against the Tutsi 25 Years Later: A 360-Degree Immersive Visualization Exhibit*. Erik Ponder, African Studies Librarian will be our host for this. Erik visited Rwanda last summer and is the Curator of the exhibit. The exhibit makes use of some of his photographs and interviews.

After the exhibit, we will discuss the book *The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After* by Clemantine Wamariya and Elizabeth Weil. LATTICE Session Director Robert Lurie, who also visited Rwanda last year, will lead us in the discussion.

All are welcome! Questions? email latticebookclub@gmail.com

Democracy in Africa: Demand, Supply, and the 'Dissatisfied Democrat'

Afrobarometer Survey Results
Digital Scholarship Lab (3rd Floor, MSU Library)

Most Africans still want democracy, but fewer than one in six qualify as "dissatisfied democrats" who will protect against authoritarian backsliding, a new Afrobarometer study reveals.

In the second of its Pan-Africa Profiles based on recent public-opinion surveys in 34 countries, Afrobarometer reports that contrary to fears of a democratic recession, large majorities of Africans continue to support democracy and reject authoritarian alternatives. But fewer Africans are getting the democracy they demand, the analysis shows, and even fewer - just 15% - are insistent enough on better democracy to form a bulwark against authoritarian encroachment.

The new report, available at [this link](#), provide in-depth analysis tracking popular demand for democracy and perceived supply of democracy over time, identifying attitudes and trends that vary widely by country and demographic group.

Funding

Transforming Institutions Strategic Funding Invitation for Proposals 2019

(Open only to AAP Consortium members)

(AAP Consortium members include MSU, Egerton University, Makerere University, University of Dar es Salaam, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Botswana, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, University Cheikh Anta Diop, University of Arts and Humanities, Bamako)

The Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) seeks proposals from AAP consortium members and their partners for activities which directly address AAP's Transforming Institutions pillar (transforming institutions to be better able to participate in sustainable, equitable, and research-driven partnerships that make a broader impact on transforming lives). Successful applicants will receive seed funding to develop international strategic partnerships with universities, institutions of higher education and research, and organizations in the public or NGO sectors. Travel can include any of the following--

within Africa, to Africa from external locations, to the US or to other locations outside of Africa. The partnerships should focus specifically on institutional strengthening and capacity development.

Eligibility

- Proposals should include co-PIs from each of the partner institutions included in the proposal and must include at least two AAP consortium members (AAP Consortium members include MSU, Egerton University, Makerere University, University of Dar es Salaam, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Botswana, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, University Cheikh Anta Diop, University of Arts and Humanities, Bamako).
- Those previously supported through an AAP transforming institutions strategic travel grant are not eligible to apply.
- Faculty members may only be listed (as PI or as team member) on one proposal submitted to AAP in this round of funding.
- Proposed activities should take place before December 31, 2019

For detailed information visit: <https://aap.isp.msu.edu/research-funding/transforming-institutions-call-proposals/>



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