

**March 19, 2019**

**Spring #10**

**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



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 For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

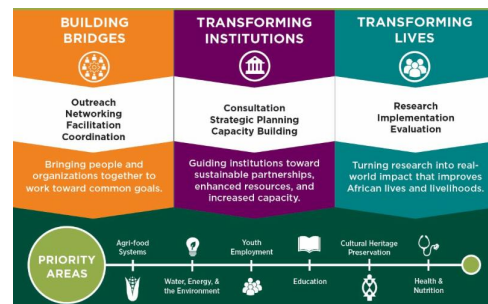
**Alliance for African Partnership**

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, 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

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

**April 11: Liberia, South Sudan, and Mozambique**

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



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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**SHINING A LIGHT: AFRICAN WOMEN IN FILM**  
March 12-26

# SHINING A LIGHT: AFRICAN WOMEN IN FILM

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This film series bring a critical eye to issues impacting women on a day-to-day basis, including **leadership, justice, and perseverance**. By combining these films with critical analysis by experts within and beyond the MSU community, we hope to expand understandings of women throughout the Diaspora.

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 The Vibrancy of Silence (Thu, March 21), and next week for Iron Ladies of Liberia (Tue, March 26).

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## 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

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



**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

## Africa Week Celebration! March 25- 29

### AFRICA WEEK CELEBRATION! March 25-29

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER

**NOTE:** Throughout this week, MSU's Culinary Services will feature different authentic African recipes in each neighborhood! For menus and further details, visit [eatatstate.com](http://eatatstate.com)



**Monday  
March 25  
Location TBA  
7-9PM**

**African Student Union (ASU) & Black Student Alliance (BSA) collaborative event.**

DESCRIPTION: Africa Week kick-off social. There will be a demonstration of modern dances from Africa and the diaspora. African food will be served!

**Tuesday  
March 26  
RCAH Theater  
7-9PM**

**Film Showing and Discussion** as part of the "Shining A Light: African Women in Film Series in March"  
TITLE OF FILM: Iron Ladies of Liberia, Panel Discussion to immediately follow

**Wednesday  
March 27  
Bessey Hall Rm 112  
6-7:30PM**

**African Student Union (ASU) Round-table discussion**  
THEME: Modernization of Tradition in Africa. The discussion will be centered on African traditions in African culture, current practice of tradition and the role of tradition in the future

**Thursday  
March 28  
International Center  
Rm 201  
12-1:30PM**

**Eye on Africa** panel by Africanist Students doing work related to women and girls in Africa

**Thursday  
March 28  
International Center  
Rm 201  
2:30PM**

**African Female Students Empowerment Program (AFSEP)**  
Q&A session with H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao - Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States  
THEME: African Women in Leadership and prospects for the younger generation

**Thursday  
March 28  
International Center  
Rm 303  
6:00PM**

**African Student Leadership Association (ASLA) Model African Union come-back conference**  
THEME: Refugees, Returnees and Internally Displaced Persons: Towards Durable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa  
Opening Remarks: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao - Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States

**Friday  
March 29  
Kellogg Hotel  
9:00AM**

**African Graduate Students Association (AGSA) conference**

THEME: Local Action to Global Impact: Transforming Africa through localized efforts

The 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 the continent's future challenges and prospects.  
Keynote Speaker: H.E. Ambassador Dr. Arikana Chihombori-Quao - Ambassador of African Union Mission to the United States

**Friday  
March 29  
McDonel Hall  
Lower Level  
6:00PM**

**Taste of Africa Event hosted by Kongamano Student Group**

The event will feature instructional cooking of different African dishes as well as African music and dance. Kongamano aims to foster collaboration among people related to or working in Africa and to also create a space for dialogue and networking among students, staff, faculty, and members of the Greater Lansing community who have interest and experience in Africa

## 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.

AFRICA WEEK 2019

KONGAMANO PRESENTS

# TASTE OF AFRICA



**Friday March 29, 2019**

McDonell Hall, Lower Level, 817 E Shaw Lane, 6-9pm

FOOD | FUN | DANCE | FRIENDS

Come experience instructional cooking lessons and learn to dance to African music with us! We aim to foster collaboration among people related to or working in Africa and to also create a space for dialogue and networking among students, staff, faculty, and members of the Greater Lansing community who have interest and experience in Africa.

For inquiries about volunteering, date, time & more, please email [Davis247@msu.edu](mailto:Davis247@msu.edu)

KONGAMANO

LEARN, SHARE, ENGAGE

## Tracing Our Forgotten Africa -Week of Events April 8th- April 12th

Tracing our forgotten Africa is a week-long celebration of the future Africa we want to see and homages to the Continent we know and love. The week long events of culture, panels, and film will take place April 8-12, 2019. Our hope is that together we can connect, collaborate and brainstorm the many ways we can push Africa to the forefront.

**Monday  
April 8th:**  
**Roots & Vines**  
Potluck & Panel  
Discussion on Foods  
of The Diaspora  
McDonell Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Tuesday  
April 9th:**  
**Soul Vagina**  
Nono The Poet: In  
Between Sex & God,  
Who Am I?  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Wednesday  
April 10th:**  
**Re-imagining Africa**  
Vision Board Party  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

**Thursday  
April 11th:**  
**Gathering of The Beats**  
African Drum &  
Dance Event  
Location TBD |  
7pm-9pm

**Friday  
April 12th:**  
**Who Is Black In America**  
Film Festival Followed  
by Panel Discussion  
Wonders Kiva |  
7pm-9pm

# Tracing Our Forgotten Africa Week

#BlackToAfrica

The logo for the Year of Global Africa, featuring a stylized map of Africa composed of white lines on a dark background, with the text "YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA" below it.  
The logo for Wanderlust Revolution, featuring a stylized globe with the text "Wanderlust REVOLUTION" below it.

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.



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## MSU Conferences

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

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.

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>

For additional information, please e-mail us at [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu)



**THE AFRICAN GRADUATE  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

**Local Action to Global Impact:  
Transforming Africa through  
localized efforts**

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**MARCH 29, 2019  
10AM- 5PM  
KELLOGG HOTEL  
MSU**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. ARIKANA  
CHIHOMBORI- QUAO, AFRICAN UNION  
AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.A**

**The Conference is Free and Open to All!**

**FOR MORE INFO, E-MAIL US AT  
AGSA@MSU.EDU**

**Lunch and Breakfast Provided!**



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## 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](mailto:tuxinyi1@msu.edu)

**FROM THE GROUND UP:  
Improving Soil Health in Africa through Partnership**

**DATE: APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>, 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-FZASIHwaC0bT10kOHZDgxb8PjddpPAUSn\\_cCl\\_Zzq/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSskKc-FZASIHwaC0bT10kOHZDgxb8PjddpPAUSn_cCl_Zzq/viewform)  
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: [taxiay11@msu.edu](mailto:taxiay11@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](http://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.



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## Upcoming YGA Events

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### Sustainable Coffee Development in Rwanda

Tuesday, 16 April, 12:00 p.m - 1:30 p.m

Room 201, International Center

Dr. Ameet 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.

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## Scholarships

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### Hatfield Lioness Scholarship for Female Postgraduate Students British Institute in Eastern Africa

Deadline: April 30, 2019

Response: July 2019

The Hatfield Lioness Scholarship, is now open for applications from female students who have applied for a taught postgraduate course.

The aim of the Lioness Scholarship is to enable a female student from a developing country where access to tertiary education is limited, to benefit from undertaking postgraduate study at Durham University. You can find the list of eligible countries [here](#).

The scholarship will be awarded to an individual who has the academic and personal qualities to enable them to complete and benefit from a postgraduate course, and who will act as a positive ambassador for their home country in Durham. We would also like them to put their enhanced knowledge and skills gained from the master's program, as well as their experience of being in Durham, to good use for the benefit of their society when they return home.

The scholarship will fund the following for one academic year:



Full payment of University tuition fees  
Stipend for living expenses  
Return travel from your home country to Durham  
Self-catered accommodation in Hatfield College  
A 'settling in allowance' when you arrive  
The cost of a UK Visa and the UK Health surcharge

To Apply please see the scholarship webpage below.  
<https://www.biea.ac.uk/hatfield-lioness-scholarship-for-female-postgraduate-students/>

## Contact

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