

**September 3, 2019**

**Fall #2**

**This semester concludes the Year of Global Africa Initiative**

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. Although the initiative ends December, 2019, the programming will continue!



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>

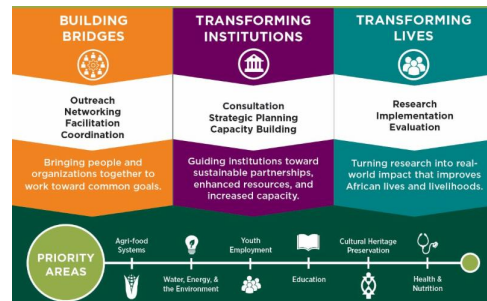
**Alliance for African Partnership**

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://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>



**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Year of Global Africa Grand Finalé**  
**Tuesday, December 3 2019, 5:00-8:00pm**  
**MSU Ballroom, 2nd Floor MSU Student Union**

*Co-sponsored by: Residential and Hospitality Services and MSU Dairy Store*

*Free and open to the public*



# SAVE THE DATE!

## Year of Global Africa Grand Finalé

### Tuesday Evening, December 3, 2019

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BALLROOM IN THE STUDENT UNION

## Eye on Africa

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

**Thursday, September 5, 2019**

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

"Excavating Histories of African Food Security"

Eye on Africa with Amanda Logan; Archaeology, Northwestern University

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

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

"The Significant Impact of Arts, Culture and Female Empowerment in Senegal"

Eye on Africa with Maimouna Dembele, Music in Africa

**Recent Seminars can be watched at**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/](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

**September 12: Zimbabwe & Ghana**

**September 26: Nigeria & Uganda**

You can see the complete 2019- 2020 Tea Time calendar [here](#).



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# MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Fall 2019 Course Announcement

### *Explore Geography of Africa*

GEO 338: Geography of Africa

Mondays & Wednesdays

3:00-4:20pm

Berkey Hall, Room 314

Instructor: Leah Mungai, PhD Candidate

For more information contact Leah Mungai: [mungaile@msu.edu](mailto:mungaile@msu.edu) -Tel: 517-432-9237; or Dr. Leo Zulu: [zulu@msu.edu](mailto:zulu@msu.edu) -Tel: 517-432-4744.



### *Explore Geography of Africa*

Join students from diverse disciplines to learn more about

- ❖ Africa's Pre-Colonial to Post colonial History
- ❖ Africa's Physical Environment
- ❖ Africa's Culture & Society & Contributions to the World
- ❖ Natural Resources, Management & Rural Development
- ❖ African Governance, Social Policy, Economic Development, and many other themes

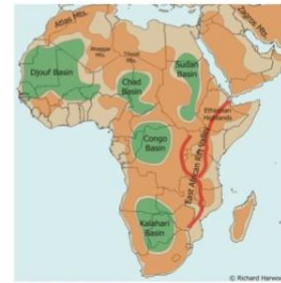
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## *Panel and Book Launch*

*with MSU Alumnus*

**Harry N. K. Odamtten**



# **Publishing About Africa and Africans: Myths and Realities**

## **A Panel Discussion**

*Prof. Nwando Achebe, Founding Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of West African History (JWAH)*

*Prof. Harry Odamtten, Editor, JWAH*

*Natalie Eidenie, Journals Manager, MSU Press*

*Chioma Uchefuna, Editorial Assistant, JWAH*

*Eric Kesse, Editorial Assistant, JWAH*



Prof. Nwando Achebe



Natalie Eidenie



Eric Kesse



Prof. Harry Odamtten



Chioma Uchefuna

## **September 5, 2019**

**4:00pm – 5:30pm, Panel Discussion**

**5:30pm – 6:00pm, Q & A**

**International Studies & Programs**

**427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 303**

*Refreshments will be served*

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Prof. Harry Odamtten's book launch follows the panel discussion.**

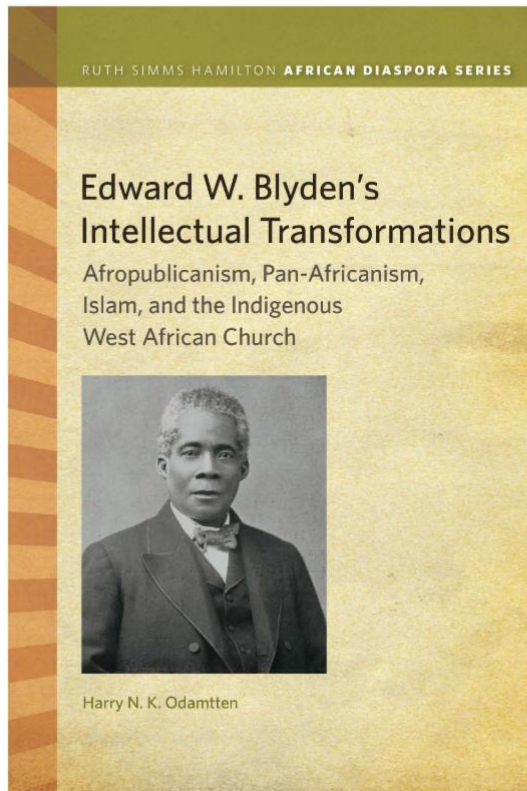
***Free and open to the public***

**MSU PRESS and AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER**  
**BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 6-8 PM**  
**ROOM 303 INTERNATIONAL CENTER**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**NOW AVAILABLE FROM MSU PRESS**



*Come meet the  
author at a book  
launch and  
reception!*

Date: Thursday, Sept. 5

Time: 6–8 P.M.

Place: Room 303/305 ISP

Refreshments will be  
provided

“West Indian–born intellectual Edward Wilmot Blyden has been heralded the progenitor of Pan-Africanism, and his 1887 book *Christianity, Islam and the Negro Race* has been widely acknowledged as pathbreaking by historians of the vast African diaspora. Yet, according to Harry Odamtten in *Edward W. Blyden’s Intellectual Transformations*, much about Blyden’s life, work, and contributions to Afropublicanism and Afro-positivism, his key terms for Blyden’s overarching philosophy, have been underappreciated and undervalued. Exploring, theorizing, and contextualizing Blyden’s travels, influence, and breadth of work, Odamtten boldly and creatively portrays Blyden as one of the most important and influential African public intellectuals of his times. Those who read this intellectual biography will be challenged to rethink Blyden’s legacy.”

—Pero G. Dagbovie, University Distinguished Professor of History, Michigan State University



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## Improving Food Security in Africa: Pros and Cons of Tech Transfer A Panel Discussion & Networking Event

**Panel Discussion: Monday, September 9, 2019, 3:00pm at 273 Giltner Hall**  
**Networking Reception: 4:30pm (follows the panel discussion)**

This panel discussion and networking event features five food security experts — Drs. Jeffrey Andresen, Bruno Basso, Barry Pittendrigh, David Tschirley, and Leo Zulu — at MSU. During the panel discussion, the panelists will discuss the challenges of feeding current and future population in Africa, the state of art of agricultural technologies in improving food security, and promises and obstacles for technology transferring. The networking event follows the panel discussion. This event is free and open to the public. Snacks, food and beverage are provided. Register to avoid food waste.

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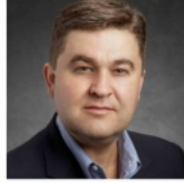
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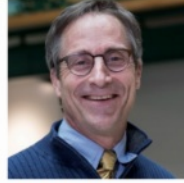
**Jeffrey Andresen**  
Professor & State Climatologist for Michigan, Dept. of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences, MSU



**Bruno Basso**  
University Foundation Professor, Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences, MSU



**Barry Pittendrigh**  
University Foundation Professor, Dept. of Entomology, MSU; Director of Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Legume Systems Research



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<https://agtechpanel.eventbrite.com>

**Organized & moderated by Lin Liu, PhD candidate in Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences & Environmental Science and Policy Program**

Funding for this event 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.isp.msu.edu](http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu)



## *African Youth Lives and Livelihoods* Public Symposium

**Friday, Sept. 13th, 2019**  
**252 Erickson Hall**  
**8:30am - 2:00pm**



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY facilitates an exploration of Global Africa, Unity in Diversity, and Partnership.

## **PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM**

### **"African Youth Lives and Livelihoods"**

8:30- Opening Remarks ●

● 9:00- "Youth Livelihoods Amidst  
● Precarity in East Africa: Tensions  
● and Alternative Framings for  
● Entrepreneurship Education"  
● Dr. Joan DeJaeghere, University of Minnesota

9:50- "Language, Education,  
Religion, and Youth Global  
Aspirations in Dakar, Senegal"

Teresa Speciale, University of Wisconsin-Madison

● 11:00- Panel: Youth Employment &  
● Entrepreneurship in Africa  
● Dr. Chinwe Effiong & Mastercard Foundation Scholars,  
● Michigan State University

1:00- "Youth Amidst Forced  
Displacement: Living, Learning,  
and Planning for the Future"

Dr. Mary Mendenhall, Teachers College, Columbia University

## **Friday, September 13**

**8:30 am - 2:00pm, 252 Erickson Hall**

Come for all or part of the day.

Lunch will be provided - RSVP to [coete@msu.edu](mailto:coete@msu.edu) by 9/10 and indicate any dietary restrictions.

Department of Teacher Education ● Tanzania Partnership Project

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Mobilizing Data in the Transformation to a Knowledge Society

Year of Global Africa Public Lecture  
Radiology Building Auditorium and Atrium  
**Monday, Sept. 16th, 2019**

# Mobilizing Data in the Transformation to a Knowledge Society

*Prof. Mamokgethi Phakeng, Vice Chancellor, University of Cape Town, South Africa*



**VENUE: Radiology Building Auditorium and Atrium**

**DATE: Monday, Sept. 16th, 2019**

**GATHERING: 3:15pm-4:00pm**

**LECTURE: 4:00pm-5:00pm**

**RECEPTION: 5:00pm-6:30pm**

**RSVP: [staff@stt.msu.edu](mailto:staff@stt.msu.edu)**



Department of Statistics and Probability  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

**P**ROFESSOR MAMOKGETHI PHAKENG, the Vice Chancellor of University of Cape Town (UCT), will visit MSU on September 16th and 17th, 2019.

Prof. Phakeng's visit will focus on research collaboration opportunities in Africa and the role of data curation and repositories therein. She will engage MSU leadership on the broader question of a coordination framework for collaborative research between scholars from MSU and UCT.

*All are welcome to her broad-audience lecture open to the public, on "Mobilizing data in the Transformation to a Knowledge Society".*

Prof. Phakeng was the deputy vice chancellor for research and innovation at the University of South Africa, in Pretoria, for seven years. On January 1st, 2017 she joined UCT as the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Research and Internationalization. She became UCT's Vice Chancellor in July 2018. She was the first black female South African to obtain a PhD in Mathematics Education (2002). UCT is Africa's top-ranked institution of higher education.

## Prof. Phakeng will address some of the following points in her lecture:

- The role of MSU and UCT in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals challenging the African continent and the United States
- Openness as a value for science and society
- Social impact through engaged scholarship
- Big data, open data policy and support
- Navigating the legal frameworks for open data
- Fair partnerships in research and innovation

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**African & Africanist Community Fall Welcome Picnic**  
**Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 3:30 to 7:00pm**  
**Cherry Lane South Field (West Side of Holden Hall)**

Students, faculty, visitors and members of the community from and with interest in Africa are invited to this fun-filled event to welcome new students, faculty and visitors to the MSU community.

Plan to come and connect with new and old friends; enjoy African food, fun games & activities for adults and children and African music by DJ Mussa Maingu

The poster features a red and white checkered border at the top. The main background is dark purple. On the left, green text reads 'African Student Organizations together with the African Studies Center Invite you to:'. Below this is a white graphic of a map of Africa with the text 'YEAR OF GLOBAL AFRICA'. The main title 'African & Africanist Community Fall Welcome Picnic' is in large yellow font. Below the title, the date and time 'Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019 3:30 to 7:00pm' and location 'Cherry Lane South Field (West Side of Holden Hall)' are listed in yellow. A large white 'S' is followed by an invitation in white text. Below that, event details are listed in white. At the bottom, sponsors are listed in yellow: 'AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER & ALLIANCE FOR AFRICAN PARTNERSHIP'. Logos for the African Studies Center and the Alliance for African Partnership are at the bottom.

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**Save the Date!**

**Monday, Sept. 23, 2019**  
**4:00 to 6:00pm**  
**Room 201 International Center**  
427 N Shaw Ln, East Lansing, Michigan

**INAUGURAL LECTURE: UBUNTU DIALOGUES**  
*A partnership project between Michigan State University and Stellenbosch University, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation*

Lecture by:  
**Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela**  
*Stellenbosch University, South Africa*

"FORGIVENESS IS THE WRONG WORD:  
*Trauma Testimonies as Public Narrative and Reparative Action*"

*Light reception following lecture*

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## Other Announcements

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### University of Zanzibar Book Drive Donations Collected from November 15- December 15

Books for Africa and the library at the State University of Zanzibar are teaming up to deliver a container of books (22,000 donated volumes!) to Zanzibar.

Please help build the university's collection! Africana is a Priority but all subjects and areas welcome But PLEASE only send quality items (and no journal runs.)

Due to warehouse limitations, donations can only be mailed from November 15-December 15. The container will ship by the end of December. But if you are looking to reduce your own book collection, box up useful items for the SUZA library now and mail them later.

Mail To:  
Books For Africa GA Warehouse  
3655 Atlanta Industrial Drive, Bldg. 250  
Atlanta, GA 3033  
Phone: (404) 603-8680

Label all sides of the boxes: SUZA ZANZIBAR

Tracking number for the shipment should be sent to [erin@booksforafrica.org](mailto:erin@booksforafrica.org)

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