



## AFRICA @ MSU THIS WEEK

October 29th, 2019

Fall #10

JOIN US for an evening of music, dance, drumming, delicious food, Year of Global Africa Ice Cream, and, of course, fabulous company!

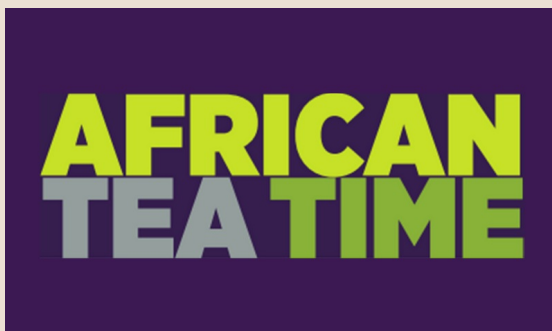


**Please join us!**  
Year of Global Africa Grand Finalé  
Tuesday Evening, December 3, 2019, 5-8pm  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BALLROOM IN THE STUDENT UNION  
49 ABBOT ROAD, EAST LANSING

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 22

CO-SPONSORED BY AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER, RESIDENTIAL AND HOSPITALITY SERVICES, AND MSU DAIRY STORE

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/313o6xv>



**African Tea Time** is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. The tea times are open to everyone!

Next Thursday: Angola & Democratic Republic of Congo

November 7th

4:00-6:00p

International Center, Room 303



Eye on Africa



The Ubuntu Dialogues Seminar

## Robert Montgomery Building Conservation Capacities In Uganda

Thursday Oct. 31st 12:00-1:30p  
International Center Room 201

[Lunch will be provided](#)

<https://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>



### FLAS Scholarship

Fellowships for graduate and undergraduate studies in African languages and area studies are available through the African Studies Center, provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. They are designed for American (or permanent resident) students who plan to utilize a modern foreign language in their future careers.

FLAS Fellowships provide academic year undergraduates with \$10,000 towards tuition and fees, and a stipend of \$5,000. For graduate students, FLAS Fellowships provide \$18,000 toward tuition and fees for the academic year, and \$15,000 in stipends. Summer FLAS recipients receive \$5,000 in tuition and a \$2,000 stipend.

For more info visit: [African Studies Center's website](#)

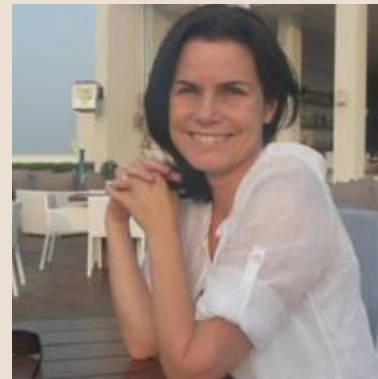
Contact Dr. Sarr: [sarrawa@msu.edu](mailto:sarrawa@msu.edu)

### Program

The African Studies Center at Michigan State University (MSU) is pleased to invite applications for participation in the 2020 Ubuntu Dialogues Seminar Program to be held at Stellenbosch University in Cape Town, South Africa.

Four applicants will be selected and each will be expected to workshop their paper at one of 4 seminars planned for 2020 (2 each in the spring and fall) hosted by the Stellenbosch University Museum. Please view more information on the [ASC website](#)

The CV and abstract should be sent as one PDF file over email to Upenyu Majee at [majeeupe@msu.edu](mailto:majeeupe@msu.edu) by **November 4th, 2019**

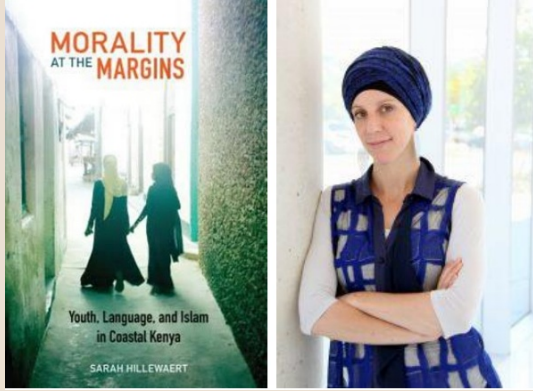


### A Tale of Two Camps

The MSU Muslim Studies Program presents, "Divisions in a Refugee "Village" Displaced and Constituted by War A Lecture on the Yemeni Refugees in Djibouti". This lecture will be featuring MSU Associate Professor of Arab Crossroads Studies, Nathalie Peutz.

Organized by the Muslim Studies Program and Department of Anthropology and cosponsored by the African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, and James Madison College

303 International Center  
Wednesday, November 6, 2019  
4:00pm-5:30pm



## Morality at the Margins: Youth, Language, and Islam in Coastal Kenya

This talk is organized by the Muslim Studies Program and cosponsored by the African Studies Center and James Madison College.

It will be featuring Sarah Hillewaert. Assistant Professor of Anthropology at University of Toronto-Mississauga.

303 International Center  
Thursday, November 14, 2019  
2:00pm-3:30pm



## Global Focus Photo Contest

The MSU International center has extended the deadline for the Global Focus Photo Contest. This contest is open to all MSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The winner of the contest will be on display in the lobby of the International Center!

Deadline Extended to November 3rd. Visit [isp.msu.edu/globalfocus](http://isp.msu.edu/globalfocus) to enter!

## MSU African Studies Students Win Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award

The Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award provides funding to support field research for doctoral students. Applicants are ranked on their knowledge and use of less-commonly taught languages as well their academic preparation. In addition, applicants submit a 10-page essay detailing the originality of their dissertation projects and the extent to which these projects address the major theoretical issues of their disciplines.

Of the 9 applications submitted from MSU in March 2019, 6 received awards—4 for Africa (Senegal, Ghana, Namibia and Kenya) and 2 for China. Among the Africa related awards, two are in History, with one each in Anthropology and Curriculum, Instruction and Teacher Education (CITE).

### Brian Geyer

(Anthropology) He will use his Swahili language proficiency to conduct research with technology professionals in Kenya's, 'Silicon Savannas'. He is advised by Chantal Tetreault.



### Eric Kesse

(History) will explore the environmental and social history of a community living in stilted houses built in the Amanzule River



### **Bernard Moore**

(History) will use Afrikaans to collect oral history interviews with elderly sheep farmers in Namibia to explore their life experiences in the midst of the social and political changes they have observed. He will also examine archival records in Pretoria and Cape Town. Peter Alegi is his adviser.



in Ghana using his Akan Twi language. Eric will also research the history of the community by examining sources in British archives in London and Birmingham, as well as conducting interviews with tourism officials in Accra. Nwando Achebe is his adviser.

Not pictured: **Rachel Lockart** (CITE) will use her fluent Wolof and French to research teacher education and employment in Senegal as, "contested terrain," due to a policy of replacing professional teachers with low paid contract workers. The new teachers are rushed through teacher training courses as an economic measure. This practice is becoming more common in other countries besides Senegal. Bethany Lewinski is her adviser.

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### **Sign up for ANP 491: Heritage Tourism**

Across the globe, tourism has been touted as a route to economic sustainability and prosperity. As one of the largest industries in the world, tourism can supply wealth to poverty stricken communities - but at what cost? this class examines the consequences of a variety of forms of tourism, including sex tourism, ecotourism, voluntourism, and heritage tourism. This class is taught by Dr. Stacey Camp in Spring 2020 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:20-11:40.

Email Dr. Camp for more information about the course at [campstac@msu.edu](mailto:campstac@msu.edu)



### **Paper and Activism Awards**

The Center for Gender in Global Context invites MSU undergraduate students to look into the awards we offer. The Research Consortium on Gender-based Violence (RCGV) in collaboration with the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) is excited to provide a \$250 RCGV Award for the best undergraduate paper related to gender-based violence. The Tracy Dobson Award specifically celebrates an MSU undergraduate who has distinguished themselves through exemplary activism on behalf of gender equity. For more information on our awards, please visit the [GenCen website](#).

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### **Romeo Oriogun's Visit to MSU**

Romeo Oriogun is the author of *The Origin of Butterflies*, selected by Kwame Dawes and Chris Abani

for the APBF New-Generation African Poets Chapbook Series. He will be giving multiple lectures about "Afrofuturism: Black Time in the Black Imagination".

For more information, view the [PDF of his visit](#)



### Citizen Photo Contest

Submit your photos of "Africa Rising" to [info@leadersofafrica.org](mailto:info@leadersofafrica.org)

This includes photos of culture, activism, politics, art, economics, or even everyday life.

Your photography will be featured on the new website starting November 2019.



### African Postdoctoral Training Initiative (APTI)

The African Postdoctoral Training Initiative (APTI) is currently soliciting applications for a second cohort of fellows, with applications due December 1, 2019. APTI is supported by the African Academy of Sciences (AAS), the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to promote the training of early-career African scientists in the field of biomedical research.

Please visit to the [Postdoctoral Training Opportunity Website](#) for more information about the program and application process.

Apply before December 1st, 2019.

### Swahili and African Studies professor wins a Quality in Teaching Award

Congratulations to Dr. Jonathon Choti for winning one of the two 2019 Mid-Michigan Spartans Quality in Teaching Award. This award recognizes excellence in classroom instruction through the incorporation of research and innovative learning opportunities. Dr. Choti's research focuses on Bantu Linguistics, the relationship between language and society, and second language pedagogy, especially in less commonly taught languages like Swahili. He teaches Swahili and IAH 211A, a course that focuses on African cultures, languages and literature.

For more information, visit the [College of Arts and Letters](#) site.

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## Call For Applications!

The African Humanities Program is calling for new Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications

**Application Deadline:** November 20, 2019, 9:00pm GMT

We are pleased to announce that the ACLS African Humanities Program is now accepting applications for 2019-20 postdoctoral fellowships. The deadline to apply for an AHP Postdoctoral Fellowship is November 20, 2019, 9pm GMT.

Please email any questions to: [ofahelp@ACLS.org](mailto:ofahelp@ACLS.org)

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