

African Studies Center Michigan State University

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Welcome to the African Studies Center's Newsletter and list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities.

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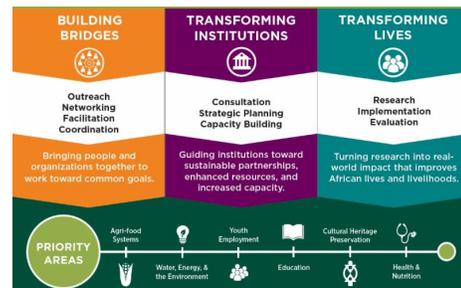
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Alliance for African Partnership

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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,
<http://africa.isp.msu.edu/programs/eye-africa/>



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

Thursday, November 2, 2017

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

"Why you should know about Africa? The obstacles and advantages of teaching Africa in Mexico"

Eye on Africa with Arturo Saavedra, Researcher and Lecturer of the Centre of Asian and African Studies at El Colegio de Mexico. His most known publication is *Swahili Poetry as historical Source* released by Africa World Press (2007). He has produced diverse materials on his topics in Mexico, USA, Germany and Tanzania.

African Tea Time- Open To Everyone
An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand knowledge of the African continent
Learn, Share, Engage!

November 2: Zambia & Cameroon

November 9: Angola, Senegal, and Somalia

You can see the complete 2017- 2018 Tea Time calendar [here](#).



MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Global Engagement Speaker Series: Thelma Awori African Women Post Independence: Economic Empowerment, Peace, & Security

Wednesday, November 8, 2017: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m
Room 303, International Center

Thelma Awori is former assistant secretary general of the United Nations and director of the Regional Bureau for Africa of the UN Development Programme. She served the United Nations for 12 years, as deputy director for UNIFEM and as resident coordinator of the UN System in Zimbabwe.

Awori is an activist for women's rights and economic empowerment. She is the founding co-chair and president emeritus of the Sustainable Market Women's Fund (formerly, Sirleaf Market Women's Fund), which has directly and indirectly empowered over 15,000 market women in Liberia. Her work with market women has expanded to Uganda through the Institute for Social Transformation; she is also a founder of that organization.

For more information, and to register for the event, visit [here](#).

Global Festival 2017

Sunday, November 12th, 1-5pm.
MSU Union

The largest international celebration of the year, the Global Festival gives MSU international students and scholars the opportunity to share their culture through exhibits, performances, and activities for the whole family. With interactive dance workshops, a cultural fashion show, and a World Gift Shop, there is something for everyone at the Global Festival!

New this year, the World Gift Shop will open at 12pm for a special hour of shopping before the exhibits and performances begin. The Gift Shop, run by Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP), is made up entirely of donations from around the world - and all proceeds support scholarships for international students in need.

Admission to the festival is free, with free parking at the Grand River Ramp. For more info, visit the event page on [Facebook](#).



GLOBAL FESTIVAL
SEE THE WORLD IN A DAY

MSU's Inaugural Social Justice Arts Festival

Save the Date: January 19, 2018
Snyder-Phillips Hall

Mark your calendar and spread the word: Head to Snyder-Phillips on January 19th for

a day-long festival featuring a variety of student artworks centered on social justice issues. It will be a day of contemplation and connection toward building a more inclusive MSU community. If you know students who want to submit their work to be featured at the festival, please ask them to submit their work [here](#). The committee is looking to showcase all modes of work, including live theatrical and musical performances, poetry, literature, visual art, immersive art, installations, video/film, etc.

This event is a partnership among many units and colleges across campus, including: James Madison College, Residential College in the Arts And Humanities, College of Arts and Letters, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, Neighborhood Student Success Collaborative and MSU Division of Student Affairs and Services.

CONFERENCES, RESEARCH, & PUBLISHING

Call for Papers: Emerging Perspectives in Africana Studies February 23, 2018

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 1, 2017
Bowling Green State University

"Emerging Perspectives in Africana Studies" encompasses a wide range of topics spanning time and place, from current and historic political events, to artistic and cultural developments, and environmental change.

Undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines are encouraged to participate. Moreover, faculty are asked to help identify student papers that are worthy of submission/presentation and when possible, to assist their student in attending the conference

For submission guidelines and more conference information, visit [here](#).

Call for Papers: ACAL 49 @MSU, March 22-25, 2018

Abstract Submission Deadline: Sunday, November 28, 2017

The 49th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL 49) will be held at Michigan State University from March 22-25, 2018. The theme of the conference is "Descriptive and theoretical approaches to African Linguistics". Besides plenary sessions featuring prominent researchers on African languages, ACAL 49 will feature both a main session and a poster session. For the main and poster sessions, papers addressing any subfield(s) of linguistics in relation to the study of African languages are welcome.

For submission guidelines and more conference information, visit [here](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

African Humanities Program Fellowship

Applications Due on November 2nd, 2017

The African Humanities Program (AHP) seeks to reinvigorate the humanities in Africa through fellowship competitions and related activities in Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. In partnership with the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which has generously provided funding, AHP offers African scholars an integrated set of opportunities to develop individual capacities and to promote formation of scholarly networks. Funding is available for dissertation completion and for postdoctoral research and writing.

See more information on this scholarship [here](#).

Carnegie African Diaspora Scholarship Program

Applications Due December 8, 2017, 11:59 EST

- Accredited universities in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda can submit a project request [online](#) to host a scholar.
- Scholars born in Africa, who live in the United States or Canada and work in an accredited college or university in either of those two countries, can apply online to be placed on a roster of available candidates for a fellowship. Scholars must hold a terminal degree in their field and may hold any academic rank.

For the application form and more information, visit the program page [here](#).

Sub-Saharan Africa Scholarship (Georgetown University)

Applications Due January 15, 2018

Georgetown University is offering a full-tuition for students from Sub-Saharan Africa who are interested in a career in international development. The scholarship will be awarded based on overall strength of the application with a deadline of January 15, 2018. Competitive applicants should have at least one to two years of experience working in international development or a related field. All applicants must have completed an undergraduate degree prior to proposed enrollment.

For the application form and more information, visit the scholarship page [here](#).

Mastercard Foundation Scholarship Program

Graduate Applications Due February 1, 2018

The Mastercard Foundation has partnered with Michigan State University to provide full tuition scholarships to Master's degree students from sub-Saharan Africa. The program is open to residents and citizens of Sub-Saharan African countries. Students who are already enrolled in degree programs in Africa or elsewhere are not eligible for the program.

For the application form and more information, visit the program page [here](#).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

"In Conversation with Novelist Fartumo Kusow

Moderated by Kenneth W. Harrow, Distinguished Professor & Yasmina Bouraoui

Wednesday, November 1, 2017: 6:30-8:30 PM

East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

Book signing after the talk. Copies will be available for sale at the library (\$20) from October 11th.

Book Title: Tale of a Boon's Wife

The Author: Fartumo Kusow

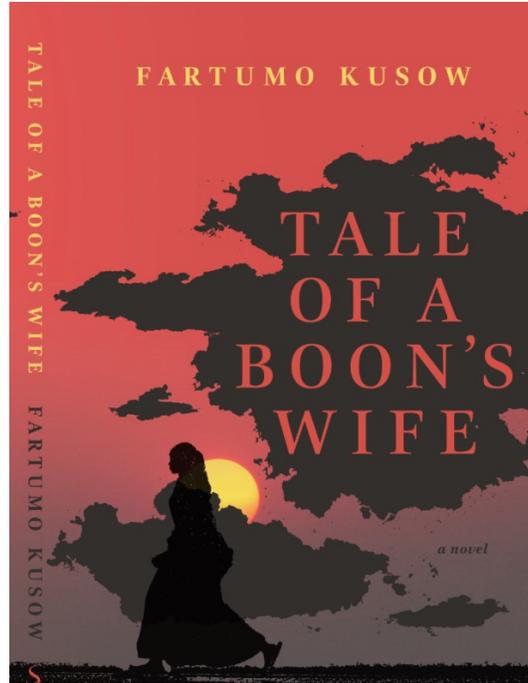
Summary of the Book:

A young Somali woman defies convention and clan to marry the man she loves, but must face the consequences. Despite her family's threat to disown her, Idil, a young Somali woman, rejects her high Bliss status to marry Sidow, a poor Boon man. Her decision transforms her life, forcing her to face harsh and sometimes even deadly consequences for her defiance of a strict tribal hierarchy. Set in the fifteen-year period before Somalia's 1991 Civil War, Idil's journey is almost too hard to bear at times. Her determination to follow her heart and to pursue love over family and convention is a story that has been told across time and across cultures.

About the Author:

Born in Somalia, Fartumo Kusow immigrated to Canada at the start of the civil war. Her first novel,

Amran, was serialized in October Star, Mogadishu: Somali National Press in 1984. Since her arrival in Canada in 1991 she has earned a B. Arts Honours in English Language and Literature and B. Education from the University of Windsor. She now teaches English literature courses for the Greater Essex County District School Board. A mother of five adult children, she lives in Windsor, Ontario. For More info, see the poster [here](#).



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