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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.

Please feel free to visit our website for more information:

<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,

<http://www.aap.isp.msu.edu>

Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,

<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Thursday, September 29, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 201 International Center

"Life Along a Retreating Lakeshore: Fishing, herding, and monumentality around Lake Turkana 5000-4000 BP" Eye on Africa with Elisabeth Hildebrand*, Visiting scholar, MSU Anthropology (Turkana Basin Institute, Stony Brook University).

*Dr. Hildebrand will host a graduate student Q&A immediately following Eye on Africa.

Thursday, October 06, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 201 International Center

"China's Engagement with Africa: The myths and the realities." Eye on Africa with Muna Ndulo, Faculty, Cornell Law School, Cornell University.

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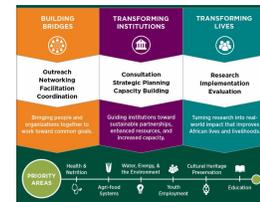
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[Alliance for African Partnership](#)



The Alliance for African Partnership will promote innovative approaches to collaborative research and partnership with African institutions to address emerging challenges in today's world.

Thursday, October 13, 2016

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Room 303 International Center

"Arica from the Margins." ASA Presidential Lecture delivered by Dorothy Hodgson, Professor of Anthropology and Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at Rutgers University, and President of the African Studies Association.

Watch Past Episodes

<http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/>

African Tea Times - Open to Everyone

An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand experiences on the African Continent

Learn, Share, Engage!

(427 N Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center, East Lansing, MI)

October 6, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center

Countries: Rwanda and Uganda

October 20, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center

Countries: Benin, the Gambia, and Togo

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

MSU alumni and friends meet in Kenya



The MSU African Studies Center and the Alliance for African Partnership hosted our first reunion event for Kenyan alumni and friends of MSU on August 20 in Nairobi, with an evening reception at the Jacaranda hotel in Westlands. The event attracted Spartan alumni who graduated from MSU as early as 1996 to as recently as 2015.

Several alumni demonstrated their Spartan spirit by driving seven to 10 hours to attend the event, including Dr. Fred Amimo (2006), who drove eight hours and had the pleasure of reuniting with his former undergraduate student, Dr. Damaris Choti, a 2013 MSU alumna.

The event helped to foster new relationships and formulate ideas for future engagements and activities with our Kenyan alumni and friends. "I am humbled to say that it was a great honor to have the event hosted in Kenya," said Timothy Ikime, a former MasterCard Foundation Scholar and 2015 graduate. "I enjoyed meeting other MSU alumni and the networks we created

were worth it, for they give us a room for collaboration and doing great things now and in the future."

Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education

(LATTICE)

First Annual GALA

Friday, September 30, 2016

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education) is a non-profit organization comprised of international educators and students at MSU. LATTICE is a learning community and international network that cultivates and supports global perspectives in K-12 classrooms through personal and professional development opportunities. This diverse group of international graduate students, domestic graduate students, professors, local teachers, and community members meet once a month to discuss and learn from relevant - and often controversial - topics that influence the lives of K-12 students around the world. LATTICE provides a safe, inspiring environment for these conversations and share in global food and discussions each meeting.

The LATTICE Board of Directors cordially invite you to the first annual LATTICE Gala this fall. The event will be held on MSU's campus at the Kiva in Erickson Hall on Friday, September 30th from 6-8:30 pm. There will be a delicious meal from Zaytoon Mediterranean Grill, several international and local musical performances, and a silent auction. It will be a fun evening to promote global awareness and raise funds to support LATTICE. As this is a fundraising event for a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all donations are tax deductible. Consider making your reservation soon, as space is limited.

RSVP form: <https://goo.gl/forms/Bvscc8m5atdF4GVf1>

Adults: \$25

Students: \$10

Children 6-12: \$10

Children 5 and under: free

JOB POSTINGS

Vanderbilt University, African American and Diaspora Studies, Tenured Associate to Full Professor, Comparative African Diaspora Studies

The African American and Diaspora Studies Program at Vanderbilt University seeks a tenured associate or full professor with outstanding scholarship on the African diaspora in comparative perspective. We especially encourage applications from scholars with interests in Africa and the United States, and/or in gender, though other areas of specialization will be considered. Academic leadership experience is a plus; the candidate will be expected to assume an active leadership role in the unit. The successful candidate may have training in any relevant discipline and will have the opportunity to be affiliated with other units in the College of Arts and Science.

Please send a cover letter detailing research, teaching and administrative experience and curriculum vitae to: Academic Jobs Online <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajojobs/7670>. Screening of the applications will begin October 15, 2016.

Vanderbilt University is committed to recruiting and retaining an academically and culturally diverse community of exceptional faculty. Women, minorities, and members of other underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Vanderbilt University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer.

University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Assistant Professor, History of Africa

The History Department at the University of Tennessee invites applications for a tenure track assistant professorship in the History of Africa. Research specialties in any topic will be considered. The appointment will begin fall semester 2017. Ph.D. is required at the time of appointment. Teaching duties include a survey in World History, undergraduate upper division courses in early and modern African History, and graduate courses in the candidate's area of specialty. The Knoxville campus of the University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute in meaningful ways to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University.

Applications should include a cover letter addressing research and teaching interests and experience, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and an article length writing sample. Materials should be emailed to <http://apply.interfolio.com/36972>. Review of applications will begin October 31, 2016 and continue until an appointment is made.

The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services. All qualified applicants will receive equal consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, physical or mental disability, or covered veteran status.

University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Assistant Professor, African History

The Department of History at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in African History beginning August 2017. Applications in all historical periods and thematic areas are welcome. The successful candidate will teach introductory courses in world history, survey courses in African history (e.g., Sub-Saharan Africa to and since 1800), and upper-level courses in his or her area of specialization. Candidates should also be willing to engage in alternative modes of instruction, including online. Ph.D. required at time of appointment; applications from advanced ABD candidates also will be considered.

Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2016, and will continue until the position is filled. Candidates should include a letter of interest, current curriculum vitae, graduate transcripts, sample syllabi (if available), and one writing sample (preferably an article or book/dissertation chapter) in his or her application. Applications should be submitted electronically through the UTC Faculty Career Site by clicking [here](#).

Additionally, three confidential letters of recommendation should be sent to the search chair at Michael-D-Thompson@utc.edu. Inquiries about the position may also be directed to the search chair.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is the second largest school in the University of Tennessee System, serving a diverse student body of more than 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students through five academic colleges. Founded in 1886 as Chattanooga University, UTC became part of the state university system in 1969. Today, UTC offers a unique blend of private and public school traditions and is a driving force for achieving excellence, embracing diversity, inspiring positive change, and enriching the community.

CONFERENCES

Africa and Africans in National, Regional and Global Dimensions

October 17-20, 2017

Moscow, Russia

CALL FOR PAPERS

On October 17-20, 2017 in Moscow the Research Council for the Problems of African Countries and the Institute

for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hold the 14th African Studies Conference titled "Africa and Africans in National, Regional and Global Dimensions." The Conference will take place on the premises of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The working languages are Russian and English.

The Organizing Committee would like to encourage you to submit panel proposals, focusing on any particular topics related to the Conference's umbrella theme. The deadline for panel submitting proposals is December 1, 2016. The Organizing Committee will be glad to consider any panel proposals (within 500 words in English or both English and Russian) received by this date. The information to be submitted alongside with the proposal includes the proposed panel convenor(s)' full name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s), full mail and e-mail addresses, telephone and fax numbers. The list of prospective paper givers with their particulars is desirable but not compulsory. The Organizing Committee will inform the applicants about the results of their panel proposals' consideration on or soon after December 15, 2016.

All the correspondence should be sent by e-mail for the Conference Organizing Committee, to the attention of Mrs. Natalia Bondar, Head, Center of Information and International Relations, Institute for African Studies (conf2017@gmail.com; tel.: + 7 495 690 2752) - prospective international participants, or to the attention of Dr. Natalia Zherlitsyna, Secretary, Research Council for the Problems of African Countries (ns_inafr@mail.ru; tel.: + 7 495 690 6025) - prospective Russian participants.

For more information, please visit: www.inafran.ru/en

Ninth Annual Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Conference

Taking the Long View: Assessing Change in the Middle East and Africa

October 27-29, 2016, Washington, DC

Registration ongoing

The 2016 Conference will feature:

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *The Pathology of Middle Eastern Studies*, Prof. Martin Kramer, President, Shalem College and Author, *Ivory Towers on Sand*

SPECIAL REMARKS: H.E. Ambassador Rachad Bouhlal, Embassy of Morocco (invited)

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS:

- *Water and War: A New Conflict for the Middle East and Africa* (sponsored by Marine Corps University Press) led by: Dr. Matthew Slater
- *Assessing Iran-Saudi Tensions* led by: Dr. Matthew Levitt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- *Fire in the Desert: Jihad in the Sahel* led by: Dr. Gérard Prunier, Atlantic Council
- *Turkey in the Aftermath of the Failed Coup* led by: Prof. Birol Yesilada, Portland State University

For more information, or to register, please access www.asmeascholars.org

41 Annual Conference of the National Council for Black Studies (NCBS)

Houston, Texas -- March 8 - 12, 2017

NCBS is accepting abstracts for individual paper, poster, panel, session, roundtable discussion, workshop, town hall meeting that explore the Black experience locally, nationally, and/or globally from a variety of perspectives. Of particular interest are presentations that comparatively explore these experiences, as well as those that examine the discipline of African Studies using multi-layered frameworks and methodologies.

Papers that incorporate various combinations of race/nationality, class, gender, and sexuality, through the lens of but not limited to Afrocentric, cross and multicultural, diasporic, feminist, post-colonial, post-modernist or transnational interpretative schemes are welcomed.

Send a 75-150 word abstract for a panel. Each panelist will need to submit their panel subject and abstract. The panel chair submits the topic and panel participants. Individual paper and poster presentations are also welcome. For roundtable discussions submit a 75-150 word abstract that explores the discussion topic.

<http://www.ncbsonline.org/>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Student Awards Available to Attend ASA Conference

MSU graduate students scheduled to present at the African Studies Association's annual conference in Washington, DC may be eligible to receive travel stipends from the African Studies Center. Ten student awards are available to presenters. If interested, please contact Lisa Hinds, hindsli@isp.msu.edu with the title of your presentation and scheduled presentation date for more information.

The Lapidus Center

The Lapidus Center for the Historical Analysis of Transatlantic Slavery of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, The New York Public Library, offers two long-term fellowships to assist scholars whose research on transatlantic slavery can benefit from extended access to the Schomburg Center's resources. Fellows will begin residence at the Center on September 1, 2017 and end on March 1, 2018. They will receive a \$30,000 stipend. Deadline: December 1, 2016.

The Lapidus Center also offers short-term fellowships. The Fellowship Program is open to doctoral students, post-doctoral scholars, independent researchers, and artists studying the slave trade, slavery, abolition, and anti-slavery in the Atlantic World. Fellowships are awarded for continuous periods of one, two, or three months with a stipend of \$2,000/month. Deadline: December 1, 2016.

The Fellowship Program is open to post-doctoral scholars studying the slave trade, slavery, and anti-slavery in the Atlantic World. Only U.S. citizens, permanent residents and foreign nationals who have been resident in the United States for the three years as of December 1 may apply.

For additional information, please access <https://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/fellowships-institutes/lapidus-center-fellowships>

PUBLICATIONS

CFP:

Everyday Life on the African Continent: Fun, Leisure and Expressivity

Deadline: September 30, 2016

<https://melissagraboyes.com/everyday-life-on-the-continent>

Editors: Kemi Balogun, Lisa Gilman, Melissa Graboyes, Habib Iddrisu

Project Description

This volume, edited by a multi-disciplinary group of scholars who work in different regions of Africa, will be a collection of essays focusing on forms of leisure and expressivity on the continent. Each short and descriptive essay (5000-6000 words), will be written in accessible prose and will focus on providing details about a cultural form, explaining the context(s) in which it occurs, and providing some analysis as to its significance. The book will be thematically organized, with multiple chapters on topics such as Fashion and Beauty, Sports and Games, Love and Dating, and Creative Arts. The volume targets an undergraduate audience with limited knowledge of the continent. The intent is for the volume to include essays from all regions of the continent, from rural and urban settings, about the present or the past, and about "popular" or "traditional" practices. This edited volume is under pre-completion contract with Ohio University Press, and draft chapters will be due by February 2017.

Contributors are welcome to write about their research expertise and may distill research findings from an article or monograph to make it accessible to undergraduates. This is an opportunity to write about a compelling topic outside of one's disciplinary scope, and essays about first-hand experience are also acceptable. We welcome all abstracts that convey a sense of energy and excitement on the part of the author.

Companion Symposium

The book editors will be hosting a companion symposium on the topic of "Fun, Leisure, and Expressivity in Africa" at the University of Oregon on February 23-24, 2017. Chapter contributors will be strongly encouraged (but not required) to participate in this event, and funding to offset travel costs will be available. Draft chapters will be pre-circulated, authors will receive feedback from the volume editors during the symposium. We anticipate this symposium being a key activity for establishing connections between the authors and building cohesiveness throughout the book.

Submission details

Abstracts of roughly 500 words are due by September 30, 2016. Abstracts should briefly describe the topic, place, and time frame, how it fits into the parameters of the volume, and why it is significant. Contributors are welcome to submit multiple abstracts about different possible topics, and then receive feedback from the editors about which might be the best fit.

When submitting your abstract, please indicate whether you would like to participate in the symposium in February, and if you'd like to be considered for funding to offset travel costs.

Abstracts should be emailed as word docs to imgilman@uoregon.edu.

Contact

For questions or additional information, and to submit abstracts, please contact: Lisa Gilman, imgilman@uoregon.edu.

Special Issue on African Literature and Culture

Submission deadline: November 15th, 2016

The Advances in Literary Study (ALS), <http://www.scirp.org/journal/als/>, a peer-reviewed open-access journal, is seeking papers for the upcoming special issue on "African Literature and Culture". You are invited to submit or recommend original research papers to this issue at: <http://papersubmission.scirp.org/paper/showAddPaper?journalID=243>

Aims & Scope (not limited to the following fields)

- * Pre-colonialism in African literature
- * Colonialism in African literature
- * Post-colonialism in African literature
- * African religion
- * African language
- * African female

Published Articles in ALS

The Sense of Loneliness in The Solitary Reaper

Guohui Niu, Xiang Guo

The Greatness of Gatsby in The Great Gatsby

Qin Li, Lili Zheng

Strategy Use and Language Performance by Second Language Learners in Nigeria

Laz Chinedu Ogenyi

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ALS Editorial Office

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EDITOR'S NOTE



We want to feature you on our new website.

The African Studies Center's new website will regularly feature the scholarship of MSU's Africanist community (Faculty and Students). Please share news of your publications, research, and awards with us so that we may keep the larger MSU community abreast of your achievements. Please forward the details to Tara Mock at mocktara@isp.msu.edu.