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# African Studies Center Michigan State University

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

**November 8, 2016**      **Fall No.  
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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, November 10, 2016**

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

"The Meditational Intervention for Sensitizing Caregivers (MISC) Model for Improving Quality of Caregiving, Caregiver Mental Health, Early Childhood Survival and Neurodevelopment in HIV-affected Children ." Eye on Africa with Michael Boivin, Faculty, Psychiatry, Neurology, and Ophthalmology, MSU.

**Thursday, November 17, 2016**

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

"Black Women Educators in Africa and the African Diaspora: Globalizing a Critical Black Pedagogy." Eye on Africa with Tiffany Caesar, 4th Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies.

### Social Media

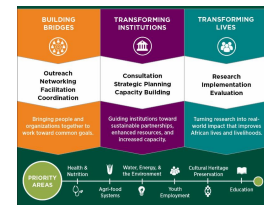
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The Alliance for African Partnership will promote innovative approaches to collaborative research and partnership with African institutions to address emerging challenges in today's world.

## Watch Past Episodes

<http://eyeonafrica.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)

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#### November 10, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center  
Countries: Egypt, Libya, and Morocco

#### December 1, 2016

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Room 303 International Center  
Countries: Eritrea, South Sudan, Sudan

## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

The African Studies Center cordially invites you to a Meet and Greet  
featuring African Cultural Heritage and Museums.

Please join the us at Cowles House, Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., as we welcome new  
Africanist faculty and students to MSU. The event will also be an excellent opportunity to learn about the  
African exhibits currently on display from the MSU Museum

Please RSVP by November 10th to: Lisa Frugé ([fruge@msu.edu](mailto:fruge@msu.edu)) or Damaris Choti ([chotid@msu.edu](mailto:chotid@msu.edu)).

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### Rethinking Muslim Ethics: Beyond a theology of empire

MSU Muslim Studies Program

Thursday, November 10th, 7:00pm

International Center, Room 303

The MSU Muslim Studies Program is sponsoring a discussion of Muslim ethics with special guest speaker  
Ebrahim Moosa. Moosa is Professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Notre Dame and the Kroc Institute  
for International Studies. He is considered a leading scholar of contemporary Muslim thought.

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### African Studies Association Reception

Jointly sponsored by the African Studies Center and the Department of History

Saturday, December 3, 2016

6:30-8:30pm

Please join us for our annual reception during the African Studies Association's  
conference in Washington, DC. The event will take place on Saturday, December

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## JOB POSTINGS & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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### College of Charleston Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track), International Studies

The College of Charleston School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs (LCWA), invites applications for a Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of International Studies to begin August 16, 2017. The International Studies program seeks a candidate whose teaching and research focuses on the economic, social, and cultural development of the non-Spanish speaking Caribbean and/or West Africa. An interest in trade in the development of small states is desirable, but not essential. The successful candidate must be able to teach our International Studies introductory course as well as the major's cross-regional international studies course, and contribute to an area studies concentration in at least one of the above regions. An earned PhD in International Studies or a related field by August 15, 2017 is required; candidates from International Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Development Studies and Area Studies are specifically encouraged to apply. ABD candidates with degree completion expected by August 15, 2017 will be considered. Applicants must apply online at [JOBS.COFC.EDU](http://JOBS.COFC.EDU). Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Contact: For additional information contact Douglas Friedman, Director of International Studies at [friedmand@cofc.edu](mailto:friedmand@cofc.edu)

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### College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, Fixed Term British Empire

The Department of History of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University invites applications for a two-year term position in modern British history and the British Empire, with preference given to candidates who can teach South Asia, Africa, or the Middle East. Candidates who engage with gender, sexuality, race, ethnicity, religion, or environmental humanities are especially encouraged to apply. To begin in August 2017. PhD, excellence in undergraduate teaching, and inclusive pedagogy preferred. Teaching assignments will include introductory courses in European history, upper-division courses in British history and British Empire, and the first-year seminar of the common curriculum.

Saint John's University, a liberal arts college for men, and the College of Saint Benedict, a liberal arts college for women, are located four miles apart in Central Minnesota just outside St. Cloud and 70 miles from Minneapolis. Both are Catholic colleges in the Benedictine tradition, which emphasize quality teaching and a commitment to intercultural learning. Together, the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University offer a common undergraduate curriculum, identical degree requirements, and a single academic calendar. The colleges offer the distinct benefit of two nationally recognized Catholic, undergraduate institutions and one exceptional education. For further information, see <http://www.csbsju.edu>.

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### African and African Diaspora Studies and the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, Associate Professor Gender and/or sexuality in Sub-Saharan Africa

The Department of African and African Diaspora Studies and the Center for Women's and Gender Studies invite applicants for a tenured position as Associate Professor to start Fall 2017 whose scholarship focuses on gender and/or sexuality in Sub-Saharan Africa and draws on critical theories in the intersectionality of race, gender, class, and sexuality. We

are especially interested in candidates with the ability to engage comparative, regional, and/or African Diaspora approaches to their research on Sub-Saharan Africa while keeping gender and/or sexuality at the center of their work. We seek outstanding scholars with a strong background in one or more of a broad array of possible disciplines, including any of the Social Sciences, Humanities, Environmental Studies, Law, Science and Medicine, Health, Social Work, Communications, Education, Architecture, Public Affairs, and Fine Arts. Successful candidates must be committed to developing innovative undergraduate and graduate courses and programs across both units.

#### Qualifications:

The selected candidate must have a Ph.D. in hand and an established reputation of high quality research and scholarly production as well as a demonstrated record as an effective classroom teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Duties include teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses, developing a strong research program, demonstrating research productivity, directing graduate research and exhibiting a commitment to service to the department and center, college, and university. Salary is competitive and is dependent upon qualifications and experience. Position funding is pending budgetary approval. Applicants from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups are especially encouraged to apply. Review of applicants will begin October 15, 2016, and continue until the position is filled.

#### Application Instructions:

We ask applicants to submit a current curriculum vita, a cover letter, 3 letters of reference, and one representative scholarly publication or writing sample via:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/38785>

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### Alliance for African Partnership

Michigan State University

Request for Proposals

The Michigan State University Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) is inviting proposals for its initial partnership activities in 2017.

As a university-wide initiative, AAP invites proposals from diverse disciplinary perspectives that support the pillars of Building Bridges, Transforming Institutions, and Transforming Lives, as well as the priority areas of:

- Agri-food systems
- Water, energy and the environment
- Youth employment
- Education
- Cultural heritage development
- Health and nutrition

Successful proposals will be submitted by teams that include both MSU faculty and partners from African universities and/or organizations and should be designed to lay the foundation for longer duration and sustainable partnerships between MSU and African partners.

Grants awarded will range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 for projects to be carried out over an 18-month time frame, beginning between March 1 and June 1, 2017.

## Conferences and Calls for Papers

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CFP: Special Edition of *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies*  
Call for Papers  
December 30, 2016

The study of the Republic of South Africa and the United States of America is steadily moving beyond its original focus on nation and state actors. With few exceptions, scholarly discussions of women and gender within this nexus have not received due attention. This special edition of *Safundi: The Journal of South African and American Studies* seeks theoretical and empirical and comparative and transnational papers that illuminate the dynamics of race, class, and gender in the collaboration and connectivity of these two countries. Essays should analyze the conversations and conflicts of non-state actors and serve to examine underexplored and shifting meanings of People of Color's and women's transnational engagement, experience and influence. Inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary papers are especially welcome.

Potential contributors are encouraged to submit articles that explore topics including (but not limited to) the following:

- \* Ideological, cultural and political expressions, borrowing, and exchange;
- \* Religion and Spirituality;
- \* Anti-Apartheid organizing;
- \* Travel and networks;
- \* Transnational communities and migration;
- \* Feminist paradigms, networks, and activism;
- \* Writings and other performative expressions and exchanges;
- \* Anti-colonial and Anti-imperialist discourse(s) and activism; and
- \* Post-Secondary Education and exchange programs.

It is envisaged that this special edition will be complemented by interview(s) with Anti-Apartheid activists.

Abstracts, due December 30, should be sent to the guest issue editors, Dr. Brandy Thomas Wells (Augusta University), Dr. Claire Cooke (University of Western Australia), and Dr. Ana Stevenson (University of the Free State), at [wgsafundi@gmail.com](mailto:wgsafundi@gmail.com). We also welcome your questions and correspondence regarding suitability of proposals prior to submission. All abstracts must include a short biography (max. 100 words) and an abridged CV.

If you are interested in serving as a reviewer for this special issue, please contact the editors: [wgsafundi@gmail.com](mailto:wgsafundi@gmail.com).

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

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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, Alumni 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](mailto:mocktara@isp.msu.edu).