

# African Studies Center Michigan State University

## Weekly Bulletin

March 14, 2017

Spring #9

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

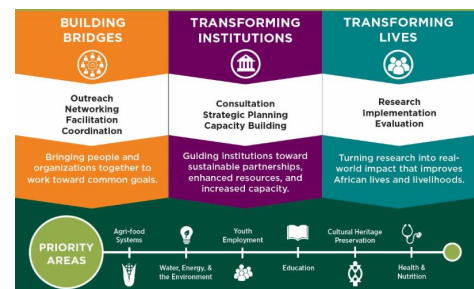
To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,

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

### Eye On Africa Speaker Series

To learn more about Eye on Africa,

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



## AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER PROGRAMS

### Eye on Africa

Thursday, March 16, 2017

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

**"Street Cosmopolitanism: Conductors and passengers in a Nairobi matatu."** Eye on Africa with Kenda Mutongi, Professor of Africana Studies and History, Williams College.

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

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

**"Peacebuilding in Mali."** Eye on Africa with Stephen L. Esquith, Dean, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, MSU.



[For additional information or to view past episodes.](#)

*African Tea Time- Open to Everyone*

*An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand knowledge of the  
African continent  
Learn, Share, Engage!*



*March 16 Mali and Senegal*

*March 30: Cameroon, the Congos and Tunisia*

*The full schedule can be found on our [website](#).*

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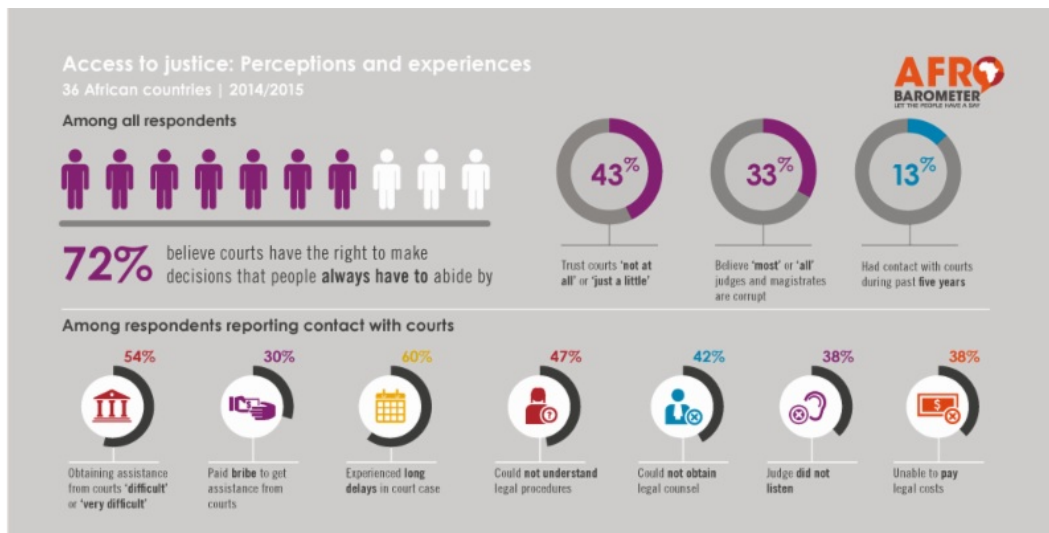
## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Afrobarometer

Findings from Afrobarometer's special access to justice survey module are in, and they are sobering: In most African countries, substantial barriers still inhibit citizens' access to justice. Based on national surveys in 36 African countries, the new analysis identifies long delays, high costs, corruption, the complexity of legal processes, and a lack of legal counsel as major obstacles for citizens seeking legal remedies. While countries differ greatly in the extent and quality of their citizens' access to justice, even the best-performing states have substantial work to do before they can claim to meet the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 call for "access to justice for all."

These findings are part of a new report titled "Ambitious SDG goal confronts challenging realities: Access to justice is still elusive for many Africans," published March 13 as Policy Paper No. 39 by Afrobarometer, the world's premier source of reliable data on public perceptions and attitudes across Africa. Country-specific analyses for six fragile and conflict-affected countries (Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, and Togo) will be published over the coming weeks.



For additional information, please visit [Afrobarometer](#).

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### Intercultural Communication and Business Etiquette in the Arab World.

An exciting new summer Course Offering: ARB 491 sec 730 (3 credits)  
1st summer session

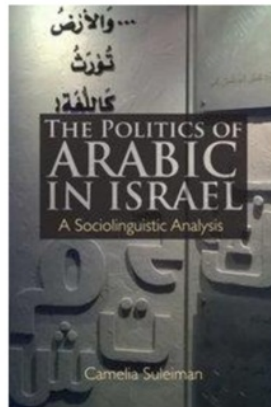
Taught in English. No pre-requisites. Contact Cindy Walter at [walterc2@msu.edu](mailto:walterc2@msu.edu) to request an override.

For more information about the course, contact the instructor: Ayman Mohamed [mohame44@msu.edu](mailto:mohame44@msu.edu)

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The Muslim Studies Program presents  
**The Politics of Arabic in Israel**  
**A Sociolinguistic Analysis**

**Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:30pm**  
**201 International Center**



**Professor Camelia Suleiman**

Department of Linguistics and Languages  
Michigan State University

**Cosponsored by the Department of Linguistics and Languages**

## Global Engagement Speaker Series

Wednesday, March 15th, 2017

12:30pm in 110 Chittenden Hall

Born in Uganda, Odora Hoppers first studied in her home country and in Zambia before becoming a Swedish citizen and completing her doctorate in social sciences at Stockholm University. She has since forged a multifaceted career as a scholar and policy adviser, serving many leading international organizations in education, gender policy, disarmament, and intellectual property rights. Professor Hoppers received the Nelson Mandela Distinguished Africanist Award in 2015. The award is given to an African who has distinguished himself or herself in public leadership positions. Hoppers's principal areas of interest include: building capacity for trans-disciplinary basic and applied research in support of Africa's development; providing support to policy formulation and implementation for sustainable development and human security in Africa and internationally; promoting the social and economic justice agenda including the rights of local communities; and promoting dialogue across cultures and epistemologies by developing protocols for respectful cultural exchange, strengthening the enfranchisement of Africans, and promoting endogenous research.

Graduate students may join Dr. Hoppers for an informal conversation before her lecture from 12:30-1:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please register by sending an email to [gradwrsp@grd.msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@grd.msu.edu) with your name, department affiliation, and "Global Engagement Speaker Series" in the subject line

# Frugal Innovation Field Practicum

*Lilongwe, Malawi*

Global Center for Food Systems Innovations (GCFSI) brings MSU students an interdisciplinary experiential learning opportunity in community engagement, inter-institutional collaboration, and urban food systems.

## Students will learn...

- 1 Deeper understanding of urban food environments in urban Africa.
- 2 Critical skills in community engagement, interdisciplinary problem-solving and collaboration.
- 3 How to co-produce appropriate innovations to critical food system problems as they are identified by those working in food-based livelihoods.

## GCFSI is looking for students who...

- 1 Offer a unique perspective in the areas of business, marketing, urban planning, agriculture, food systems, community engagement, and sustainability.
- 2 Show commitment to their chosen field but are well-rounded in their pursuits.
- 3 Have a demonstrated commitment to the process of collaboration, inclusion and information exchange.

**APPLY NOW**

Visit [goo.gl/HmRMZQ](http://goo.gl/HmRMZQ) to start your application.

*Applications should be submitted by Sunday, April 9, 2017. Interviews of suitable candidates will be held the final week of April and the first week of May. The practicum will take place from June 25 - August 24.*



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[gcfi.msu.edu](http://gcfi.msu.edu)

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### GJEC Fellowships for Dissertation Research & Completion

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2017-18 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School allows us to offer four fellowship opportunities of up to \$10,000\*\* in the following two categories: GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed dissertation research and all other requirements for their degree program, except for completion of the dissertation. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2018, and their dissertations must focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

Funding must be used during the 2017-18 academic year. Applications are due April 15, 2017, and are available at [www.gencen.msu.edu/funding/gjec.htm](http://www.gencen.msu.edu/funding/gjec.htm).

Email: [gencenga@msu.edu](mailto:gencenga@msu.edu)

The African Studies Association  
Small Grants

The African Studies Association invites all of our coordinate and affiliate organizations to apply for a small grant from the ASA. Grants up to \$500 will be awarded to help support an event or project the organization is planning for the calendar year. In 2017 up to three grants will be awarded to organizations, supported by the 60th Anniversary Campaign Fund.

Organizations can apply for the grant [here](#). Applications must be received by March 31, 2017. Grant applications will be reviewed by the ASA Board of Directors at their Spring Board Meeting and decisions will be announced in May.

All coordinate organizations must also complete their yearly report by March 31, 2017. The report can be completed via this [online form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the ASA at [kathryn@africanstudies.org](mailto:kathryn@africanstudies.org).

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## POSITION LISTINGS

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### Associate Director, African Studies Program, Indiana University-Bloomington

The associate director will join a program integrated into a new and growing School of Global and International Studies, serving a large cohort of affiliated faculty members and numerous students. This position's primary duty is working with the director in securing and administering grants. Relevant activities include: gathering data, assisting in grant writing, supervising day-to-day grant activities, and reporting to funding agencies; opportunities exist to serve as principal investigator for grants directly related to the associate director's expertise.

Other duties include serving as the program's director of undergraduate studies and coordinator of academic programming. Relevant activities include: advising students and responding to requests for information, organizing the program's academic programming (including weekly colloquium, special events, and major academic conferences), coordinating outreach activities in collaboration with other units, serving as the program's primary contact for visiting scholars, and working with office staff in preparing, revising, and editing content for a weekly bulletin, an annual newsletter, a webpage, and other communications. Teaching is possible, as is service as an editor of the quarterly academic journal *Africa Today*.

Apply by March 30 at Jobs at IU.

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### Visiting Open Rank Professor of African Studies, Caribbean Studies, or Related Discipline, Dartmouth College

The Program in African and African American Studies at Dartmouth College invites applications for a one-year appointment, with the possibility of renewal, at the level of Visiting Professor (Open Rank) beginning Fall 2017. The Program seeks a broad range of interdisciplinary candidates with expertise in African Studies or Caribbean Studies. Disciplinary focus is open but preference will be given to those with a background in historical approaches, broadly conceived. Candidates should demonstrate a commitment to excellence in research as in teaching in a liberal arts context. Responsibilities include teaching core courses and courses in fields of specialization/interests as well as student advising. Candidates should have received a Ph.D. by June 2017.

Applicants should submit a cover letter detailing teaching and research interests and a C.V. to <http://apply.interfolio.com/40833>. Letters of recommendation and evidence of teaching effectiveness may be requested of short-listed applicants. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Dartmouth College is an Equal Opportunity employer and continues to build a community that reflects the gender and racial diversity of the society at large, and therefore, we are particularly interested in and strongly encourage applications from multiple ethnic minorities and women.

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## CONFERENCES

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**Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)**  
**9th Biennial Conference**  
**Hosted by Pablo de Olavide University**  
**Seville, Spain**  
November 7-11, 2017 Seville, Spain  
Call for Papers

African/Diasporic Futures: Re-Envisioning Power, Interventions, Imaginations and Belonging

In 2015 the United Nations launched the Decade for the People of African Descent to acknowledge descendants of the African Diaspora as a distinct group whose human dignities and rights have been violated throughout the globe. The Decade for the People of African Descent is a sustained global commitment to recognize, protect, and bring about inclusive social justice to members of the African Diaspora. Contemporarily, Europe is an epicenter of such urgent grappling with systematic and long-term social inequities. Politics and policies of racialized exclusion, particularly through its engagement with Africans and people of African descent, re-center Europe's non-neutral racial projects in their nation building.

The protection and promotion of human rights has gained greater significance and urgency with the crisis of African migration, and other forced and semi-forced migrations from Western Asia and Eastern Europe. As these individuals and groups have sought refuge and equitable and humane social participation within European societies, they have challenged conceptualizations of the state and citizenship formation, and continue to force new articulations and notions of "home" and belonging. These current migratory flows are newer iterations of a long relationship between Europe and Africa, and between Europe and the African Diaspora that spans centuries.

ASWAD invites panel and individual paper proposal submissions for its 9th biennial conference to be held in Seville, Spain, November 7 to 11, 2017 on the campus of Pablo de Olavide University to discuss, examine, and reflect on the critical nature of the interactions and transformations that African descendants experience in their diaspora, particularly within a European context. As an interdisciplinary organization, ASWAD invites presentations that illuminate the lives of Africans and African descendants from scholars of any discipline, including social sciences, physical sciences, life sciences and performing arts. We aim to collaborate with activist and intellectual communities around sustained dialogue involving diaspora, race and citizenship, and historical and contemporary patterns of racial formation.

For More Conference Information: <http://aswadiaspora.org/conferences/>

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Fulbright US Scholar Program

The 2018-19 Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition is now open and accepting applications for awards in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Fulbright grantees teach and conduct research abroad to deepen their expertise, build networks and foster partnerships that help further internationalize campuses. A complete list of opportunities available in the region can be found in the [Catalog of Awards](#). Some highlights:

- Botswana: Environmental Sciences (8020-BC)
- Senegal: All Disciplines (8049-SG)
- Mauritius: All Disciplines (8038-MP)
- Africa Regional Research Program: All Disciplines (8465-MC)

For eligibility factors, detailed application guidelines and review criteria, please visit the website. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and the current competition will close on August 1, 2017.

Also, join in an informational webinar on Tuesday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Please contact the Fulbright Program with additional questions at [subsaharanafrika@iie.org](mailto:subsaharanafrika@iie.org) or <http://www.cies.org/us-scholar-programs>.

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## Fulbright-Hays Intensive Group Project Abroad Intermediate-Advanced Zulu

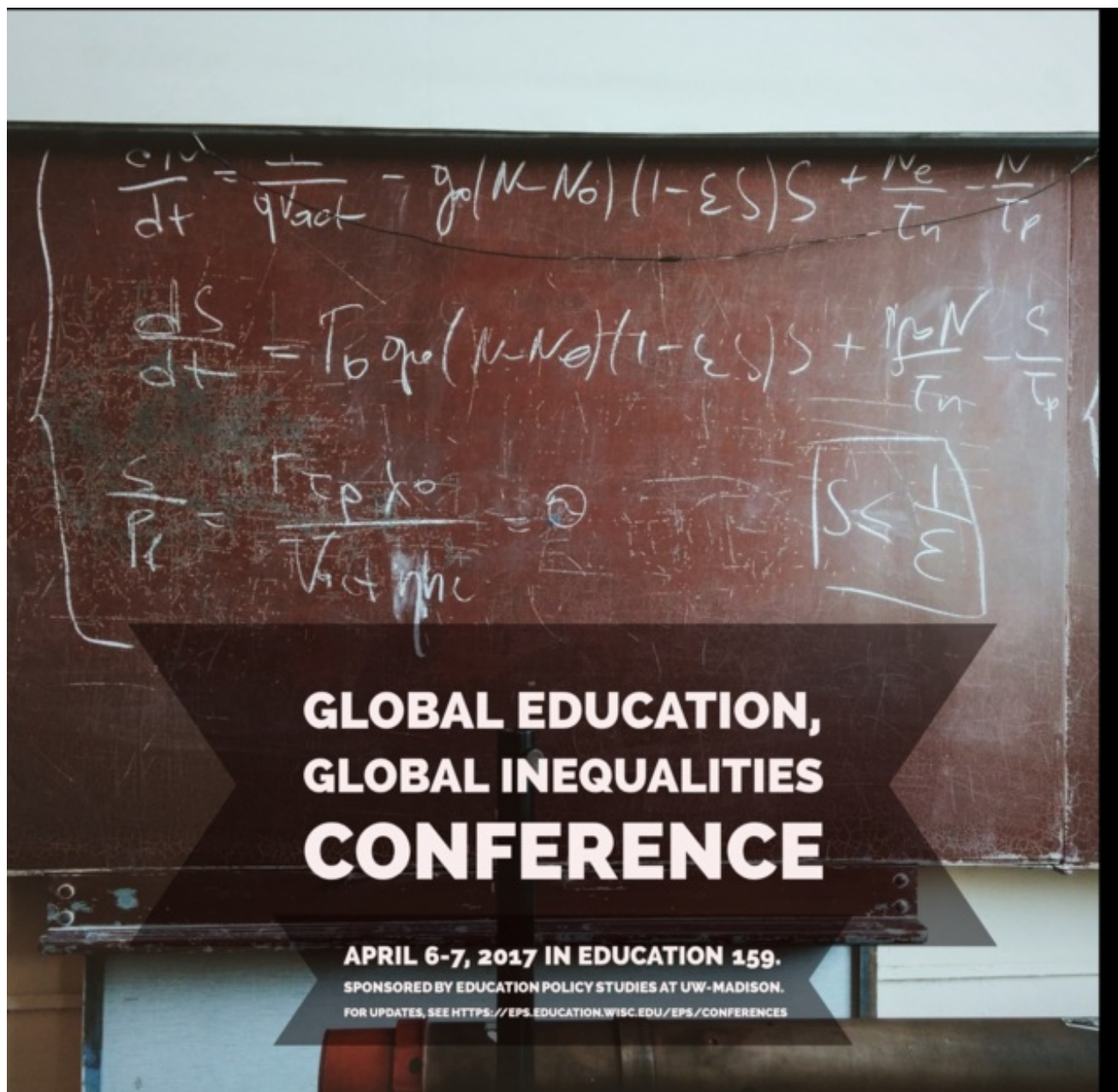
The University of Pennsylvania Department of Linguistics is soliciting applications for the 14th Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu Group Project Abroad in Zululand, Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. The program will run from June 9,- August 7, 2017.

The eight-week Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu GPA in South Africa is run by the University of Pennsylvania, in affiliation with the University of Zululand at KwaDlangezwa campus in Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal. The Zulu GPA is a national, federally-funded program designed to provide students of Zulu from across the United States with an opportunity to advance their competency in the Zulu language and culture in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa among native speakers of Zulu. It is administered by the University of Pennsylvania, with funding from the U.S. Department of Education and the University of Pennsylvania.

The application deadline is March 17, 2017.

More information and application materials available at: <https://africana.sas.upenn.edu/program/zulugpa-southafrica>

Email: Dr. Audrey N Mbeje (Project Director) [mbeje@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:mbeje@sas.upenn.edu)



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$$\frac{dS}{dt} = T_0 \beta_0(N-N_0)(1-\epsilon S)S + \frac{\beta_0 N}{T_n} - \frac{S}{T_p}$$
$$\frac{S}{P_k} = \frac{T_p \beta_0 N}{T_0 + \beta_0 N} = \Theta$$

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**GLOBAL EDUCATION,  
GLOBAL INEQUALITIES  
CONFERENCE**

**APRIL 6-7, 2017 IN EDUCATION 159.**  
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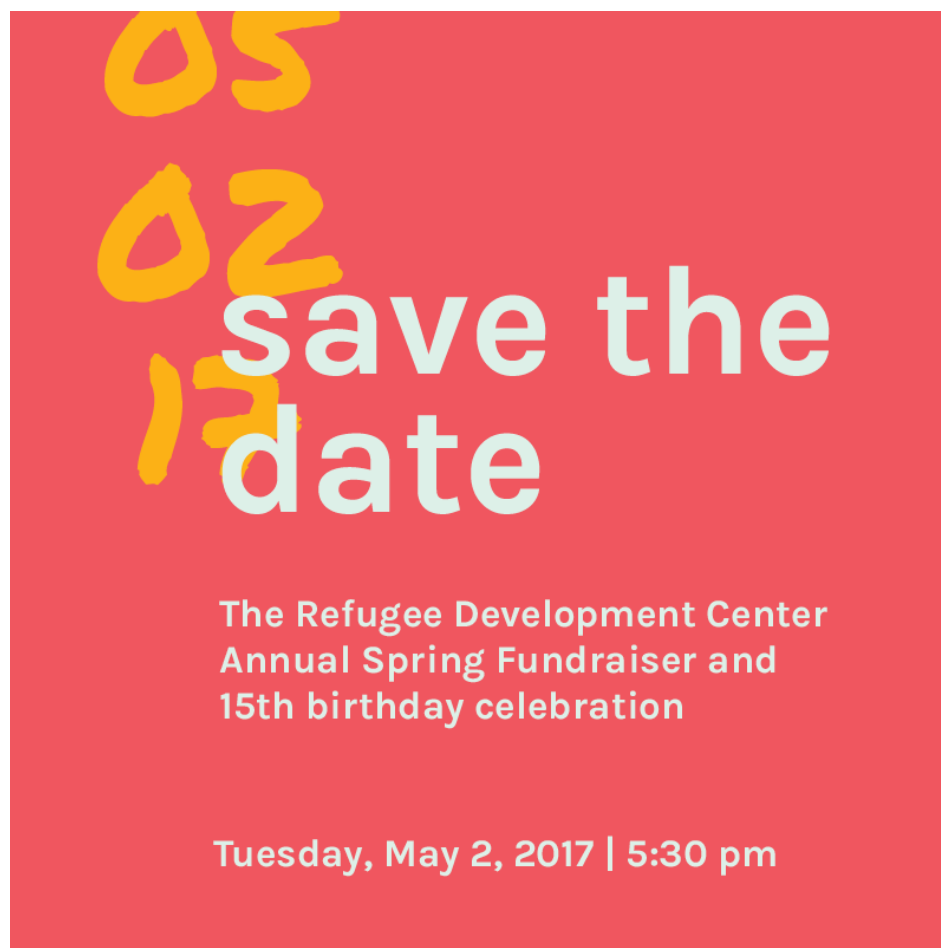
We are excited to announce the 14th annual African Economic Forum (AEF) at Columbia University. We look forward to having you join us and our distinguished speakers while we explore this year's theme -- Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Harnessing the Power of an Open Africa.

This year's conference will build upon last year's theme of A Continent Connecting: Solutions from Within, providing an opportunity for fresh views and further discussion of initiatives for growth within the African continent and in relation to the rest of the world.

The 2017 theme touches on many issues including development, investment, and technology. Our goal for this year's conference is to highlight the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead as African countries continue to present themselves as "open for business." This year's forum will provide a platform to evaluate the ways in which collaboration in an era of technological transformation, integration, and innovation can bridge the development gap and fuel growth in Africa.

By exploring these issues, we aim to expose the meaningful ways in which African actors have increasingly begun to look outwards and consider alternative options. By bringing together a broad range of panelists and insightful keynote speakers, AEF will continue to be a platform for meaningful engagement. We hope to stimulate fresh approaches to tackling ongoing and emerging challenges faced by a modernizing Africa.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please click [here](#).



## Call for Papers - Journal of Gender, Information and Development in Africa (JGIDA)

Papers are currently being accepted for the Journal of Gender, Information and Development in Africa. The focus of these series are the dissemination of information and implementation of strategies related to international development, practice intervention strategies, advocacy and campaigns from a gender justice perspective. The issues will support practitioners and researchers to understand how best to apply evidence based models and practice approaches to ensure service, policy and program delivery which responds fully to the needs of individuals and communities in Africa.

Topics Include:



- \* Gender theories and practices
- \* Gender and culture
- \* Gender and development
- \* Gender and education
- \* Gender and the workplace
- \* Gender and health/health policies and rights
- \* Gender and politics
- \* Gender and the environment
- \* Gender, human rights and violence against women
- \* Women, the stem areas and research

The editorial guidelines may be viewed [here](#).

\* Kindly note that the deadline for submission of papers is April 3, 2017.

Please indicate JGIDA in the subject line and forward papers to [charnetta.cole@aamu.edu](mailto:charnetta.cole@aamu.edu).

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