

African Studies Center Michigan State University

November 7, 2017

Fall #11

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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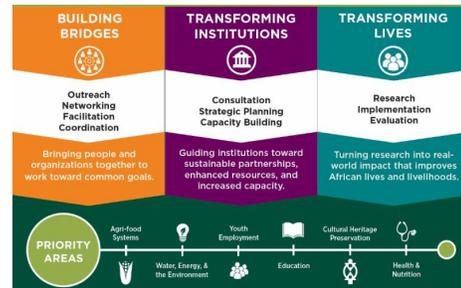
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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

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



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eye on Africa

**Thursday, November 30, 2017
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

"Dakar as an "Art" City"

Eye on Africa with Dr. Joanna Grabski, Director of the School of Art at Arizona State University

**Thursday, December 7, 2017
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

"Population and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa"

Eye on Africa with Dr. Leonidas Murembya (Dr. Leo), Assistant Professor of Economics at MSU

*African Tea Time- Open To Everyone
An opportunity to learn about and share first-hand knowledge of the African continent*

Thursdays-4:00-6:00pm
427 N. Shaw Lane, Room 303 International Center

November 9: Angola, Senegal, and Somalia

November 30: Mauritius, South Sudan, and Sudan

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



MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Muslims at the Movies in Colonial Tanzania

Wednesday, November 8, 2017: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m
Room 303, International Center

Professor Laura Fair is the author of the recently-published book, "Reel Pleasures: Cinema Audiences and Entrepreneurs in Twentieth-Century Urban Tanzania". Laura Fair is a historian of Tanzanian urban social, cultural and gendered history. Dr. Fair teaches a broad range of courses from surveys of pre-colonial and colonial Africa to graduate seminars on oral history theory, method and praxis. She also runs a 30 acre integrated organic farm featuring fruits, vegetables and pasture-raised chickens and sheep.

Visit the event page [here](#)!

Global Engagement Speaker Series: Thelma Awori

African Women Post Independence: Economic Empowerment, Peace, & Security

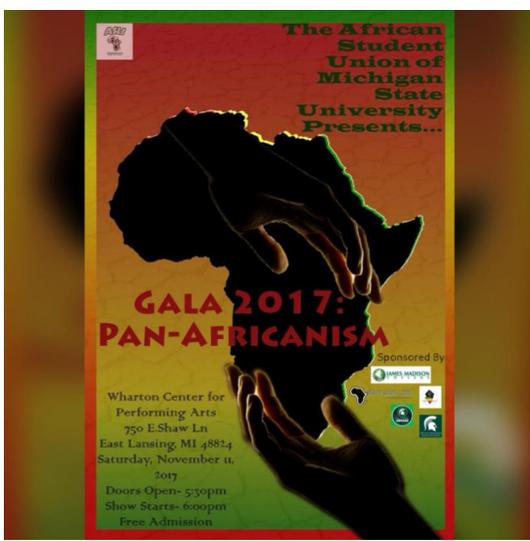
Wednesday, November 8, 2017: 3:00 - 5:00 p.m
Room 303, International Center

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](#).

ASU Gala 2017: Pan-Africanism

African Women Post Independence: Economic Empowerment, Peace, & Security
Saturday, November 11, 2017: 6:00pm
Wharton Center for Performing Arts



The African Student Union of Michigan State University is happy to announce that our annual Gala for this year will be on Saturday, November 11th! The theme is Pan-Africanism and, in the simplest terms, that means the unity of all of those of African descent. The Gala this year will be held at the Great Cobb Hall of the Wharton Center on campus, 750 E. Shaw Lane East Lansing, MI. This is a free event open to the general public so all are welcome! There will be a variety of acts from acting, dancing, modeling, and many more, showcasing the beautiful African continent and its people from the lovely different countries. Come out with family and friends and experience an amazing show that the students have worked so hard to provide for you all. We hope to see you there!

For more information, visit the event page [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](#).



"How can I come to work on Saturdays when I have a family?"

Ghanaian Women's Formal Work in a Neoliberal Era

Monday, November 20, 12 - 1:30 p.m.
Room 201 International Center



Presentation by Nana Akua Anyidoho
Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER) |
University of Ghana
President, Ghana Studies Association

Changes in the conditions of formal work in Ghana speaks to larger themes of globalization and economic liberalization. While this has improved the material rewards of bank work, these benefits are gendered and unequal. The paper discusses the implications of these changes for female bank workers within a wider social context, and argues that the expansion of work spaces for women may prove to be restrictive as workplace and societal gender norms converge. The paper thus challenges the neoliberal perspective that formal salaried work is inherently empowering to women.

Co-sponsored by:
the African Studies Center; African and African American Studies; The Center for Gender in Global Context; and the MSU Museum

CONFERENCES & STUDY PROGRAMS

Masters in African Studies

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)

Application Deadline: January 8, 2018

The African Studies Program provides students with an inclusive, mentor-driven community and unrivaled opportunities to interact and network immediately with policy makers and academic experts. Through a well-structured curriculum, students are encouraged to customize their program according to their interests and professional goals. Courses cover issues of Africa's governance, economics, and security, with special strengths in the areas of political economy, competitiveness, entrepreneurship, external aid, human development, inequality, participation, democracy and conflict management, as well as extensive regional expertise.

To view SAIS' engagement with Africa check out the ASP Blog, www.connectsaisafrica.org; for our African Studies Program brochure, please click [here](#).

The application deadline (January 8, 2018) for the two-year Master of Arts program is rapidly approaching/ For further information, please email SAIS at saisafrica@jhu.edu.

Yoruba Group Project Abroad in Nigeria

Howard University Center for African Studies

June 15-August 14, 2018

Application Deadline: January 15, 2018

This Intensive Advanced Yoruba Group Project Abroad (GPA) program is funded by the United States Department of Education through Fulbright-Hays fellowships.

The purpose of our program is to offer students taking Yoruba language courses in American universities a rare opportunity to learn the language and culture at an advanced level among Yoruba native speakers. The goal is to make participants productive in their studies and careers and to give them a better understanding of Nigeria upon their return to the United States.

For more information and to apply, visit the program's page [here](#).

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](#).

Due to the ASA conference and Thanksgiving Break, there will be no ASC Newsletter the next two weeks. See you when we get back!

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