

# African Studies Center Michigan State University

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Fall #8

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:

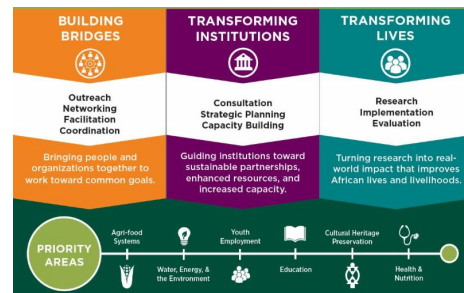
<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

## Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,  
[aap.isp.msu.edu](http://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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Eye on Africa

Thursday, October 19, 2017

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

#### "Words Matter: Rhetoric vs. Reality in China-Africa Relations."

Eye on Africa with Jessica Achberger, African Studies Librarian and Adjunct Assistant Professor of History at Michigan State University.

Thursday, October 26, 2017

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

#### "Science, Technology and Globalization- Where is Africa?"

Eye on Africa with Berhanu Abegaz, Former Executive Director of the African Academy of Sciences, & current member of the African Union High Level Panel on Emerging Technologies (APET).

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

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

*October 19: Ghana and Rwanda*

*November 2: Zambia & Cameroon*

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



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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Mitigating Risk through Program Design**

Wednesday, October 25th, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM  
Lake Superior Room, MSU Union

The Office of Education Abroad is pleased to announce the upcoming workshop in our series, Using Education Abroad to Educate Globally Competent Graduates: Research, Pedagogy, and Program Development. The first workshop of the year, "Mitigating Risk through Program Design," is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, in the Lake Superior Room in the MSU Union. This session is intended for faculty and staff interested in learning about policies, procedures, and practical advice about assessing risks and keeping students safe during international programs.

Lunch will be provided for those who register in advance. Registration is required and free at [Office for Education Abroad Workshop Registration](#)

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### **UN 72nd Anniversary Celebration**

Sunday, October 29, 2017 4:30 - 7:30 p.m  
MSU Kellogg Conference Center Lincoln Room

Greater Lansing United Nations Association and MSU International Studies and Programs cordially invite you to a celebration of the 72nd anniversary of the United Nations and the important role it plays in today's world.

Full information and registration [here](#).

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### **ISP Global Focus Contest**

October 2-22, 2017

International Studies and Program's annual Global Focus Photography Contest is accepting submissions through October 22! There are 3 categories: faculty/staff, alumni, and students. Entrants can submit up to three photos for consideration, and the winners of each category are printed, framed, and displayed in the International Center lobby.

This is a great chance for students, faculty, staff and alumni to share a piece of their international experiences with the Spartan community. Consider submitting a photo! The contest rules, entry form, and past winners can all be found here:

[isp.msu.edu/globalfocus](http://isp.msu.edu/globalfocus).

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# CONFERENCES, RESEARCH, & PUBLISHING

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## 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](#)

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## SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

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### 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](#).

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### 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](#).

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### 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](#).

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## Jobs

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### Director of Africa Regional Programs

Freedom House, Washington DC.

The Director of Africa Regional Programs is responsible for providing strategic leadership and vision for Freedom House's (FH) program activities throughout Sub-Saharan Africa, and designing, obtaining donor funding for, leading the implementation of, and managing budgets for those programs in line with the over-arching strategy of FH's International Programs Division (as well as FH's overall mission, goals, and vision).

For more information and how to apply, visit the job posting [here](#).

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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Curatorial Dilemmas: Representing Africa at the UMMA**

Thursdays at 7pm, Helmut Stern Auditorium (U of M)

On the occasion of the exhibition *Power Contained: The Art of Authority in West and Central Africa*, and the forthcoming reinstallation of UMMA's Robert and Lilian Montalto Bohlen Gallery of African Art, UMMA presents the lecture series *Curatorial Dilemmas: Representing Africa at UMMA*. Three leading curators of African art will share their perspectives, experiences and innovations in the display of African art at their respective institutions, contributing to the design and reimagining of the permanent gallery at UMMA.

For more information, visit [here](#).

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### **"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**

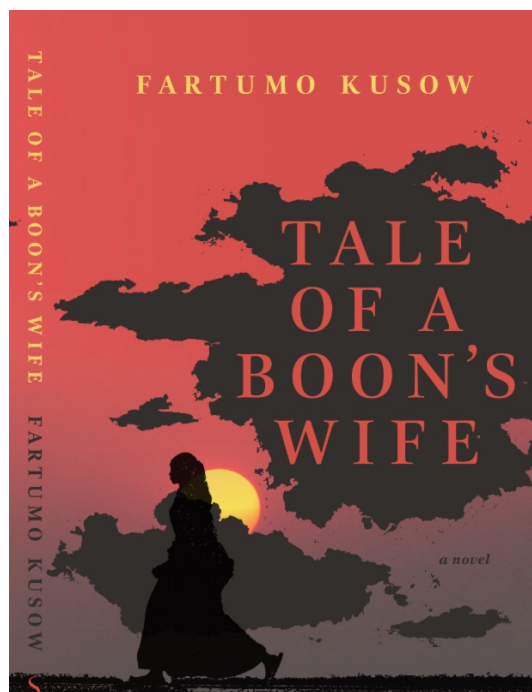
**The Author: Fartumo Kusow**

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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