

African Studies Center Michigan State University

Weekly Bulletin

April 4, 2017

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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.

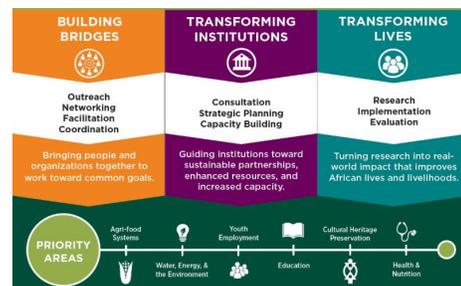
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Eye On Africa Speaker Series

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



AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER PROGRAMS

Eye on Africa

Thursday, April 6, 2017
12:00- 1:30pm- Room 201 International Center

"Gender, Poverty, and Diabetes Self-Management in Ghana."
Eye on Africa with Masako Fujita and Sabrina Perlman, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University.



Thursday, April 13, 2017
12:00- 1:30pm- Room 201 International Center

"Arabic between the Anglophone and Francophone Spheres"
Eye on Africa with Camelia Suleiman, Department of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State University.

[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!*

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



*April 13: Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire & Guinea
(Bissau and Conakry) [room 201]*

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

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate seminar- Global Justice and Peace Building (Fall 2017)

PHL 850 - Seminar Social and Political Philosophy
Mon. 7:00-9:50 p.m.
Instructor: Professor Steve Esquith
Email: esquith@msu.edu

While this course is offered in the Philosophy Department, it is designed as part of the inter-disciplinary ethics and development program to be of value to students in other programs.

This seminar will address major theoretical contributions to our understanding of democracy, global justice, and peace building. We will examine different concepts of transitional justice, citizenship, and responsibility in the context of contemporary issues such as migration, inequality, violence, and peace building. One important distinction that will run through the seminar is the difference between ethical theory and political theory. Some of the theorists to be discussed are Pablo DeGrieff, Naomi Roht-Arriaza, Carla Ramirez-Barat, Sheldon Wolin, Raymond Guess, Wendy Brown, Antonio Y. Vazquez-Arroyo, and Thomas Nail. In addition to graduate students in the Department of Philosophy, students from other graduate programs with an interest in global justice and peace building and the interdisciplinary program in Ethics and Development are encouraged to consult the instructor to determine whether they have appropriate preparation to enroll in the course.

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 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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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



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Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women & Peace and Security Fellowship for African Scholars

[Call for Applications](#)

The ALC is pleased to announce a call for applications for the Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women for 2017/2018. The Peace and Security Fellowship Programme for African Women is designed to expose professional African women at the early stages of their careers to the complexities of conflict, security and development. The Fellowships bring together a cohort of African women to undertake a carefully designed training programme in conflict, security and development. This Fellowship is an intellectual and financial award to those who are able to portray convincing demonstrable or potential capacity to bring about intellectual, policy or other change in their field. The Fellowship is a postgraduate non-degree programme, and does not lead to an academic qualification.

The OHCHR Annual Fellowship Programme for people of African descent.

The Fellowship this year will take place from 13 November - 1 December 2017. Deadline for application is 31 May 2017.

We encourage you to visit :

- [OHCHR Page Launching the Call for Applications](#)
- [Facebook Page on the Fellowship](#)
- [Detailed application process](#)
- [A video on the experiences of the 2016 cohort](#)
- [The International Decade for people of African descent Website](#)

CONFERENCES & PUBLISHING



M UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
Africa China Conference 2017
Infrastructure, Resource Extraction and Environmental Sustainability

China's investments in Africa are estimated to be worth over \$222 billion.
Why is China interested in Africa's infrastructural and resource development?
How will China's engagement with Africa compete with the West, particularly the United States?
How are Chinese cultural practices reshaping African trajectories of development and environmental change?

Thursday April 6
Hatcher Gallery
Panels 8:30am - 3:45pm
Natural Resources and the Environment
Economics and Infrastructure
Techno-Politics and Spaces of Engagement
Film Screening 4:00pm
China Remix

Friday April 7
Michigan League
Henderson Room
Panels 8:30am - 3:30pm
Trade, Investment and Public Perception
New Trends in Infrastructure and Development
Race, Media and Cultural Encounters
Performance 3:45pm
African and Chinese Music

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"Africa in the 21st century classroom"
September 29th- October 1st
St. Olaf College, Northfield Minnesota

Since its origins in decolonization and the Cold War, African studies has consistently had to reassert its relevance

to university curricular trends and global historical forces. For many teaching African studies courses, consistent pedagogical goals have focused on deconstructing popular discourse about the world's second largest continent, and centering African voices and experiences as vital to understanding global issues. These goals are unfinished and on-going, but how is African studies evolving to meet the demands of the 21st century classroom? What are the new opportunities and challenges to promoting the study of Africa within the liberal arts?

Africa Network's key mission is to promote the study of Africa within the liberal arts curriculum. This year's conference theme "Africa in the 21st century classroom" is a continuation of an on-going focus of the organization and designed to bring together an interdisciplinary group of teachers/scholars to share best practices in a collaborative environment. Building on our 2016 conference theme "The State of African Studies," our 2017 conference will offer a chance to continue the debate within the changing landscape of higher education.

Publication Opportunities Selected papers from the conference will be invited to submit to a new online, open source publication called "Teaching Africa" sponsored by Africa Network and set to launch in 2017.

Submissions and Deadlines: Please submit an individual abstract or panel proposal to [Matt Carotenuto](mailto:Matt.Carotenuto) by May 1st, 2017 with the subject line "Africa Network Conference."

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