

**January 15, 2019**

**Spring #2**

**This is the Year of Global Africa!**

The Year of Global Africa explores MSU's rich history and connection with our many partners across Africa and throughout the African Diaspora through diverse scholarship, engagement, and activities. The weekly Newsletter provides a list of upcoming events, speaker presentations, tea times, conferences, jobs and other exciting opportunities related to the Year of Global Africa



To learn more about the Year of Global Africa, <http://globalafrica.isp.msu.edu>  
 For more on the African Studies Center, <http://africa.msu.edu>

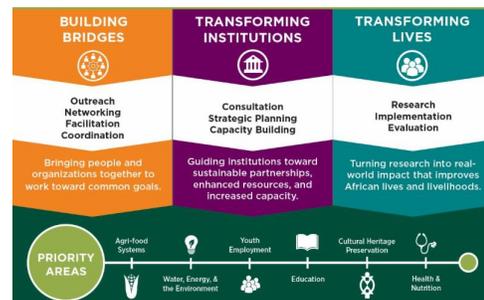
**Alliance for African Partnership**

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/>

Eye on Africa Seminars are livestreamed at <http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>



**AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships**

Application Deadline: January 31, 2019

(website is now working; we apologize for any inconvenience!)

The African Studies Center Invites Applicants for the FLAS Fellowship for the Study of African Languages: Intensive African Language Summer 2018 and Academic Year 2019-2020

\* FLAS Fellowships come with tuition and a stipend

- Academic Year Undergraduate 2019-2020: \$10,000/year in tuition and \$5,000 in stipends
- Academic Year Graduate 2019-2020: \$18,000/year in tuition and \$15,000 in stipends
- Intensive African Language Summer 2019: \$5000 for tuition and \$2,500 for stipends

Both graduate and undergraduate students may apply

Fellowships are awarded to qualified students in programs that combine the study of foreign languages with advanced training and research in an African focused academic or professional area

The FLAS fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program for the study of African languages and non-language courses on Africa.

For additional information: <http://africa.isp.msu.edu/undergraduatestudies/african-languages/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas/>



LANGUAGES OFFERED  
Amharic  
Arabic, Modern Standard  
Arabic, Sudanese  
Bamansankan  
Bambara  
Cheha  
Fulfulde/Pulaar  
Hausa  
Igbo  
Malagasy  
Mende  
Shona  
Somali  
Swahili  
Twi  
Venda  
Wolof  
Xhosa  
Yoruba  
Zulu  
Portuguese\*  
French\*

\*For advanced undergraduate students

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<http://africa.isp.msu.edu/undergraduatestudies/african-languages/foreign-language-and-area-studies-flas/>



## Eye on Africa

(Seminars are live-streamed at <http://eyeonafrika.matrix.msu.edu/watch-live/>)

**Thursday, January 17, 2018**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 303 International Center**

"Same Sex in the Constitutional Court of South and the U.S Supreme Court."  
Eye on Africa with Albie Sachs, former South African Constitutional Court Judge

**Thursday, January 24, 2018**  
**12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center**

"Dynamics of African Food Systems and Diets"  
Eye on Africa with Cynthia Donovan, Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

Recent Seminars can be watched at  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96\\_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZRR96_6EJqFfSPiZq0mdng/)

*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

**January 24: The Gambia & Uganda**

**February 7: Madagascar, Togo and  
Namibia**



You can see the complete 2018- 2019 Tea Time  
calendar [here](#).

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## MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### YGA Mini-Grant Award Reception

Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 4:30pm-6pm

Room 303, international Center

Join us for a special reception recognizing the awardees of the recent Year of Global Africa mini-grants.

The reception is open to everyone!



## Please join us as we celebrate the recipients of the Year of Global Africa Mini-Grants

**Tuesday, January 22, 2019**  
**4:30 to 6:00pm**  
**Room 303 of the International Building**

*The reception is open to everyone!*

### FACULTY AWARDEES:

**Bethany Wilinski**

Teacher Education  
PROJECT African Youth Lives  
& Livelihoods Symposium

**Chris Scales**

RCAH  
PROJECT Performance of Shona Mbira Music  
with Patience Munjeri

**Nwando Achebe**

History  
PROJECT Viewing the Masquerade Dance:  
A Visual & Audial Repository of  
the Nigerian-Biafran War

**Laurie Medina, Leonora Paula,  
Rachel Mourao, Emily Holley**

ISP, RCAH, CAL, CAS  
PROJECT Black Struggles for Racial Justice  
in the Diaspora

**Maggie Chen Hernandez**

Mosaic Multicultural Unity Center  
PROJECT Year of Global Africa display at  
Mosaic Multicultural Unity Center

**Marcos Caballero**

Physics and Astronomy  
PROJECT Laboratory Experiences  
for Physics Students in Ghana

**Jessica Achberger, Joshua Barton**

MSU Libraries, Refugee Development Center  
PROJECT Community Cataloging for African  
Language Materials at the MSU Library

### STUDENT AWARDEES:

**Pauline Wambua**

African Graduate Student Association  
PROJECT AGSA 4th Annual Research  
Conference

**Xinyi Tu**

Africa R&D Connect  
PROJECT From the Ground Up: Improving  
Soil Health in Africa Through Partnership

**Ty'Asia Peoples**

Big Sister Little Sister Mentoring Program  
PROJECT Zumba with BSLS

**Gabriel Moreau**

Physics and Astronomy  
PROJECT Laboratory Experience  
for Physics Students in Ghana

**Shingi Mavima**

Sankofa Graduate Student Union  
PROJECT Bridging the Gap: Understanding  
Schisms Between African/African Americans

**Lin Liu**

Environmental Science & Policy Program  
(ESPP)  
PROJECT A Path to Feed the Future: Food  
Production & Food Policies in Eastern Africa

**Luyando Katenda**

African Students Leadership Association  
PROJECT ASLA Come Back Conference

**Christián Henry**

Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources  
and Related Sciences (MANRRS)  
PROJECT Africa and MSU: Researchers  
Bridging the Gap

**Andrew Gerard**

Community Sustainability  
PROJECT Sustainable Coffee  
Development in Rwanda

**Sarah Davis**

Kongamano  
PROJECT Taste of Africa

**Sirrita Darby**

Black Student Alliance  
PROJECT Tracing Our Forgotten Africa Week

**Eric Danquah**

Africa R&D Connect  
PROJECT Agricultural Technology Transfer  
for Small-holder Farmers in Africa

**Kayla R Alexander**

Kongamano  
PROJECT Heritage Works  
(West African Dance and Drum Workshops)

**African Student Union**

African Student Union  
PROJECT ASU Gala 2019

## The African Graduate Student Association Conference 2019

Saturday March 30, 10AM - 5PM at Michigan State University  
Deadline: February 28, 2019

The African Graduate Student Association (AGSA) invites you to their 4th Annual Conference. The conference intends to create a forum where African and Africanist scholars discuss the transformation of Africa. Building upon past AGSA conferences, this year's conference seeks to interrogate how localized activities in different spaces (on the continent and in the diaspora) are transforming Africa in the global context, while also interrogating what the continent's future challenges and prospects are.

We invite graduate and undergraduate students (MSU and Non-MSU) to submit abstracts for an oral or poster presentation. The abstract should be 250 words long and should be submitted by February 28, 2019, 11.59 pm EST.

If you will be presenting as a panel, submit an abstract and proposed theme for the panel. The submission should also list all panelists and their individual titles. Panels should include no more than five papers.

Submit your abstract at the link below  
<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

### **Registering for the Conference**

The conference is free and open to everyone.

If you are attending the conference (even if you're not presenting), please take a moment to register below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/2Pb3uJT89iMt73o23>

### **Fellowships**

There is a limited number of fellowships for participants from outside Lansing area. Contact [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu) for more information.

For additional information, please e-mail us at [agsa@msu.edu](mailto:agsa@msu.edu)

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## **Study Abroad: History, Culture, and Schooling in Southern Africa**

May 18- June 23, 2019

Application Deadline: March 1, 2019

History, Culture, and Schooling in Southern Africa will travel to South Africa and Lesotho in the Summer I term (May 18-June 23) of 2019. Students will spend time visiting historical and culture sites in South Africa and Lesotho, as well as visiting a varied group of education institutions. These will be located in urban and rural areas, and will include educational institutions that are not part of the formal education system. These experiences will help the students learn about the history of educational efforts in the region, and how struggles for educational equity and fairness are intimately connected to the history and cultures of the region. The program is run through the College of Education, and there are seven (7) credits of classes embedded in the program.

Four of the credits are Integrated Arts and Humanities credits (IAH 211). The other credits are offered in the Teacher Education program, though students that come from other majors and programs can contact the trip leaders (John Aerni-Flessner: [AerniFL1@msu.edu](mailto:AerniFL1@msu.edu) and Molade Osibodu: [Mosibodu@msu.edu](mailto:Mosibodu@msu.edu)) for other potential options. Applications are due by March 1st, but slots are limited so apply ASAP. More information on the trip available here: <https://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/program/index/108145>

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## **DEVELOPMENT AND NGOS: INTERNSHIPS IN MALAWI (SUMMER 2019)**

Information Meeting Over Pizza

Date: Mon. 21 January, 5:00- 6:00pm

Location: Room 201 International Center

Program Overview: This is a great opportunity for world-curious and adventurous students to experience Global Africa in a rich and profound way, and make a positive contribution to the well-being of others. The Malawi program offers a rare, deep-immersion opportunity that combines a rich and potentially life-changing study abroad experience and an international internship opportunity while earning summer credits in Africa's friendliest country, Malawi. Bring a friend who may also be interested to hear more about the program.

For more information, e-mail the program leader, Professor Leo Zulu at [zulu@msu.edu](mailto:zulu@msu.edu). For more information and to register for this unique program, look up this Malawi program at the MSU Education Abroad website <https://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/program/index/108699>

**Malawi, South Africa**

**Development and NGOs: Internships in Malawi**

**Semester(s) Available:**  
 Summer 2019  
**Dates abroad:** 05/17/2019 - 07/06/2019 (tentative)  
**Minimum Credits:**  
 Six (6) for Summer 2019  
**Program Application Deadline(s):**  
 March 1, 2019 for Summer 2019  
**Scholarship Information:**  
<http://bit.ly/EAScholarships>  
**Courses:**  
 ANR493  
 GEO490  
 SSC493  
 SSC496  
 WS493  
**Requirements:**  
 Minimum GPA 2.50  
 Standing - Status - Sophomore minimum  
 Tuition is not included for most programs. See program's webpage for details.  
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This program offers a unique, exciting, and 'life-transforming' opportunity for serious students to receive academic credit while participating in an immersive, 7-week international internship with a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Malawi, a small vibrant country with warm welcoming people in southeast Africa. The goal is for students from any discipline to understand and critique development processes through the lens of an NGO in a structured manner. It is jointly organized through the College of Social Science, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Center for Gender in Global Context. Students participate in an exciting field excursion and orientation during the first week in-country, followed by six weeks in a full-time internship with an NGO that match each student's interests. While taking courses with significant Africa content is preferred, the program exposes students to the culture, development context, and issues to be expected in Malawi through required attendance in several pre-departure academic program sessions during the Spring preceding the summer trip in order to cover any course deficiencies.

In Africa, thousands of NGOs work on development projects agriculture, environment, gender, health, livelihoods, governance, human rights, and others. Both the underlying development processes and the roles of NGOs to effect positive change are complex and need deeper understanding. In examining these projects, we further found that gender relations often determine who has access to critical resources. By studying complex issues such as women's access to land and other natural resources, healthcare, household divisions of labor, and national and international economic development policies, students will gain a holistic understanding of the cultural and societal forces that can constrain, and in some cases, empower families as they attempt to improve their well-being in Malawi and beyond.



**NOTE:** Once applications are submitted to the internship provider, withdrawal penalties will apply. Please contact the Office for Education Abroad with questions regarding withdrawal as penalty schedules for internships abroad may be different than other program types.

More details about this program can be found at...  
<http://osa.isp.msu.edu/Programs/malawiintern.html>



This flyer is intended to provide an overview of this Education Abroad program. Interested students should visit the program's Web page (URL indicated above) for further details such as specific course and cost information. Program fees, dates, and arrangements are subject to change, due to unforeseen considerations.

DATE PRINTED: 05/20/18

**Jobs**

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS**

**WorldTeach**

**Application Deadline: April 15th**

WorldTeach is currently accepting applications for all 2019 programs!

WorldTeach strives to offer highly-motivated individuals the opportunity to teach, learn, and grow through contribution to important educational needs of local learners in communities around the globe. They are recruiting teachers for volunteers to serve in Ecuador, India, Namibia, Mexico, Morocco, and South Africa.

For more information, and to apply, visit the WorldTeach website at <https://worldteach.org/apply/>



# Fellowships

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## ARIS Center Fellowships on Advancing Research Impacts in Society

Deadline: January 30, 2019

The NSF-funded ARIS Center was recently launched with a mission to Advance Research Impacts in Society.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. The ARIS Center is implementing a fellowship program intended to increase the quality and availability of scholarship and resources about research impacts through:

- Projects that synthesize existing scholarly work to package evidence into easily applied and digestible tools that can be used by the research community to improve research impacts design and practice
- Small-scale innovative scholarship that explores new horizons and advances knowledge about research impacts.

Both types of projects require recipients to create products such as guidance documents, white papers, scholarly articles, decision support tools, multimedia supports, instructive videos, or other creative or scholarly outputs.

FELLOW SUPPORT: Fellows are provided three types of support over the course of approximately one year:

- participation in a community of fellows working to advance research impacts
- peer-review and editing of products under development along with publishing/production and dissemination support
- A small stipend to individuals or for organizations to offset the cost of fellowship work and/or fellowship related travel (\$5,000 for single fellow award, \$7,500 for team projects split among collaborators)

ELIGIBILITY: Professionals, researchers, faculty, educators, graduate students and others from universities, colleges, and other organizations working to advance practice and improve outcomes of research impact.

DUE DATE: Applications are due January 30, 2019

For more information and application instructions, see: <https://broaderimpacts.net/aris-center-fellowship-program-2019-2020/>

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## Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellowships

NEH Senior Research Fellowship

Deadline: January 24, 2019

The CAORC National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Research Fellowship Program supports advanced research in the humanities for U.S. postdoctoral scholars, and foreign national postdoctoral scholars who have been residents in the U.S. for three or more years. Fellowship stipends are \$4,200 per month for a total of four consecutive months.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- carry out research in a country which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Eligible countries for 2019 are: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Cyprus, Georgia, Indonesia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, Senegal, Sri Lanka or Tunisia;
- be postdoctoral scholars;
- be U.S. citizens or foreign nationals who have been residents in the U.S. for three or more years prior to the application deadline;
- be able to carry out research for four consecutive months between the period of May 2019 and November 2020.

## Applications

Applications for the NEH Senior Research Fellowship are now available in CAORC's online grant portal: [orc fellowships.fluidreview.com](http://orc fellowships.fluidreview.com).

The deadline for submissions is January 24, 2019.

Announcements are expected to be made by the end of April 2019. More information can be found at [caorc.org/fellowships](http://caorc.org/fellowships).

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## Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellowships

### CAORC Multi-Country Research Fellowship

Deadline: January 24, 2019

The CAORC Multi-Country Research Fellowship Program supports advanced regional or trans-regional research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences for U.S. doctoral candidates and scholars who have already earned their PhD. Preference will be given to candidates examining comparative and/or cross-regional research. Scholars must carry out research in two or more countries outside the U.S., at least one of which hosts a participating American overseas research center. Approximately eight awards of up to \$10,500 each will be given each year.

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- be a U.S. citizen. Proof of citizenship (photocopy of passport) must be shown upon award notification;
- have a PhD or be a doctoral candidate who has completed all PhD requirements with the exception of the dissertation;
- be engaged in the study of and research in the humanities, social sciences, or allied natural sciences;
- seek to conduct research of regional or trans-regional significance in two or more countries outside the U.S., one of which must host a participating American overseas research center. Please note that in accordance with U.S. Department of State travel warnings, travel is not currently possible to the following countries with overseas research centers: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan (senior scholars may be permitted to travel to Lahore and Islamabad subject to approval), and Yemen.

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## Conferences

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### Call for Papers

Afrisem Annual Graduate Conference

Northwestern University, April 4-6, 2019; Deadline: January 31, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Robtel Pailey, Oxford University

The Program of African Studies graduate student seminar (AfrSem) invites graduate student papers in the study of Africa and its communities engaging with the theme: **African Studies Now: Decolonizing the Field**. Interested participants should submit abstracts of 250 words maximum to [afriemconference@gmail.com](mailto:afriemconference@gmail.com) by January 31, 2019. Please include your name, affiliation, contact details in the submission, and include "Abstract submission" in the subject line. There are a limited number of small travel grants available.

As indicated by such movements as #RhodesMustFall, the manner of organizing and disseminating knowledge about Africa remains fairly hegemonic. Scholarship about Africa relies on specific cultural viewpoints and political interests, and, lamentably, fails to take into consideration knowledge production occurring on the continent outside the confines of privileged spaces of academic instruction. This predicament provoked the Liberian scholar, Robtel Pailey, to ask, "where is the 'African' in African Studies?"

Presentations are welcome from a diverse range of disciplines in the social sciences, arts, and humanities. We are also interested in papers that engage with art, society, governance, and education. The conference is primarily a forum for graduate students to present their research to a cross-disciplinary audience. All presenters will be notified of acceptance by February 8th, 2019. Accepted presentations will be considered for publication in the Pan-Africanist journal.

Please contact the organizers on [afriemconference@gmail.com](mailto:afriemconference@gmail.com) with questions and inquiries

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