

3:30– Religion in Africa

4:45pm Lake Michigan Room, 3rd Floor MSU Union

Discussant:

Mara Leichtman, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Michigan State University

Presenters: J. Henrike Florusbosch, University of Michigan, Department of Anthropology, *Following the Prophet's Example: "How to Pray" in Mali*

Erin Lambert, Michigan State University, Department of History, *John William Colenso and the Sacraments on Trial*

5:00– Colonialism, Language and Africa

5:30pm Lake Erie Room, 3rd Floor, MSU Union

Discussant:

Amy Jamison, PhD Student, Educational Policy Program of the College of Education, Michigan State University

Presenters: Pamela Brown-Ali, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, History, *Language is Key: African-Centered Education for All Africans*

Ashley Wiersma, Michigan State University, History, *Rethinking the Origins of France's "Civilizing Mission": Education in New France and Colonial Algeria.*

Closing Remarks

Gold Room B, 2nd Floor, MSU Union

Accepted but unable to attend:

Alden Young, Princeton University, *Sudan's Missing Development Plan: The Debate about the Reserve Price of Cotton and Its Implications for Development, 1955*

Jeremy Norwood, Spring Arbor University, Sociology, *Citizenship as the Embodiment of and the Embeddedness in the Nation-State*

Joseph Venosa, Ohio University, History, *Breaking the State: The Case for the Eastern-Sahel Ummah in Eritrea's Nationalist Legacy*

Ahmed Amin Yusuf, Section de Sociologie/UFR Lettres et Sciences Humaines, Université

Gaston Berger, Saint-Louis, Senegal, *A Methodological Approach of Hip-Hop in Senegal: Or How to Try to "Cat the Move" with a Socio-Anthropological Perspective*

Nthatsi Bulane, INALCO/CNRS, Langues et Culture d'Afrique Noire, *Code-switching in South Africa's Black Township Schools*

Alex Thurston, Northwestern University, *Northern Nigeria, Israel, and the Arab World in the Age of Ahmadu Bello, 1954-1966*

Daniel Roberts, Michigan State University, School of Education, *Community Schools in Tanzania: A Viable Option for Increasing Access and School Quality or an Unsound Investment?*

Laurian Bowles, *A Phenomenological Approach to African Market Women and Visual narratives with Migrant Laborers*

Chikosa Mozesi Silungwe, Warwick Law School, University of Warwick, *Land Reform in the African Anglophone Postcolony: Some Thoughts on Conception, Theory, and Analysis*

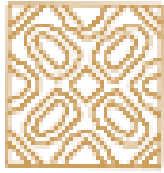
Nana Yaw Kyei, Vanderbilt University, MBA, *The World Economic Crisis: An End to Africa's Brain Drain Problems and the Beginning of Sustainable Development*

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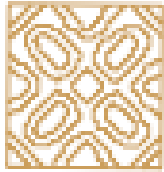
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Friday, October 9, 2009

6:30pm **Keynote Address by Dr. James Pritchett**  
 Director, African Studies Center  
 Room 303, 3rd Floor, MSU International Center  
 Presentation of David Wiley Travel Award to Disang Monkge, Reception to follow



Saturday, October 10, 2009

8:00– **Breakfast and registration**  
 9:00am Gold Room B, 2nd Floor, MSU Union

9:00– **Christianity and Colonialism in African History**  
 10:30am Lake Michigan Room, 3rd Floor, MSU Union  
 Discussant: Nwando Achebe, Associate Professor of History Michigan State University  
 Presenters: Menna Baumann, Michigan State University, Department of History, *The Basel Mission in Kamerun, 1886–1914*  
 Joseph Davey, Michigan State University, Department of History, *The Politics of Religion: Nineteenth Century Political Elites and Their Interaction with Christianity in the Niger Delta Trading States of Bonny and Opobo*  
 Ndubeze Leonard Mbah, Michigan State University, Department of History, *Religious Encounter: An Ethnography of the CMS Mission in Onitsha, 1857-1880*

**Technology in African History**

Lake Erie Room, 3rd Floor, MSU Union  
 Discussant: Daniel Steel, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Michigan State University  
 Presenters: Josh Grace, Michigan State University, Department of History, *Driving While Female: The Fictional and Historical Lives of Hawa the Bus Driver*  
 Fanta Diamanka, Ohio University, Cultural Studies in Education, *Talking Alternatives: Radio Talk Shows and Women's Empowerment*  
 Matt Park, Michigan State University, Department of History *"They Fed Off of Gunpower and Lead": Guns, Technology, and Power in Gambian Oral Narrative*

10:45– **Global Interactions in Africa**  
 12:15pm Lake Michigan Room, 3rd Floor, MSU Union  
 Discussant: David Wiley is the former Director of the African Studies Center at Michigan State University and is presently Professor of Sociology at MSU  
 Presenters: Disang Monkge, University of Botswana, Department of History, *A History of the American Peace Corps Volunteerism and Its Social Impact on the Lives of Batswana, 1966–1997*  
 Adrienne Daggett, Michigan State University, Department of Anthropology, *Navigating the Archeology of Identity in post-apartheid southern Africa*  
 Breanne Grace, Michigan State University, Department of Sociology, *Healing by Phone: Traditional Authority in a Transnational Refugee Community*

12:15– **Lunch**, History Department Conference Room, Morrill Hall  
 1:45pm

1:45– **Youth, Sport, and Music**  
 3:15pm Lake Michigan Room, 3rd Floor, MSU Union  
 Discussant: Leslie Hadfield, PhD Student, Michigan State University, Department of History  
 Presenters: Elizabeth Dillenberg, Marquette University, Department of History, *"More than a game": Cricket in Colonial and Apartheid South Africa*  
 John Aerni-Flessner, Washington University in St. Louis, Department of History, *Quietly Radical: Basotho Youth in the 1960s*  
 Connor Ryan, Michigan State University, Department of English, *Voicing Youth Culture's Aspirations in Nigerian Hip-Hop*

**Ethnicity and Political Economy in Africa**

Lake Erie Room, 3rd Floor MSU Union  
 Discussant: Rita Kiki-Edozie is Associate Professor of International Relations, Michigan State University, James Madison College  
 Presenters: Brady G'Sell, University of Chicago, M.A. Program in Social Science, *Ethnic Seductions: Politics, culture, and the law in the New South Africa*  
 Dunia Zongwe, Cornell Law School, *The Competitive Edges of China's Resources*  
 Peace Medie, University of Pittsburgh, Public and International Affairs, *Ethnic Politics: Ethnicity and Voter Alignment in Africa*