

African Studies Center Michigan State University

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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.

Please feel free to visit our website for more information:

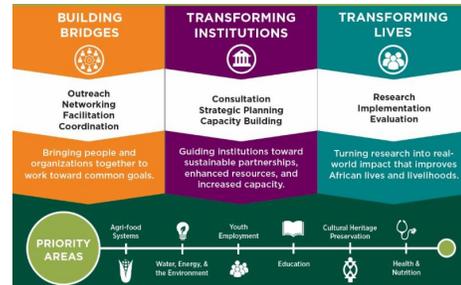
<http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu>

Alliance for African Partnership

To learn more about the Alliance for African Partnership,
aap.isp.msu.edu

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, February 8, 2018
12:00-1:30pm-Room 201 International Center

"Zimbabwe After Mugabe: Change or Continuity?"

Eye on Africa with Dr. Michael Bratton, Professor of Political Science at MSU

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

February 8: Madagascar, Chad, and Mali

February 22: Libya, South Africa, & Togo

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



The Weekly African Trivia Challenge

This semester, our weekly bulletin will feature a trivia question. You are invited to send your responses to africa@campusad.msu.edu. The first three correct answers will receive a prize!**

This Week's Question..

Which long-serving Southern African president was recently forced into resignation after four decades in power?

(* prizes available for pick-up at the African Studies Center only. If you are unable to pick up, consider sending someone to do so for you).

MSU ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series, Slavery to Freedom: An American Odyssey

The Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine is very proud of their tradition in offering the Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series, Slavery to Freedom: An American Odyssey. Once again in 2018, they are bringing three nationally acclaimed leaders to campus to spark discussion and interaction on issues around diversity, civil rights and social justice.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Jemele Hill and Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II have been confirmed to the MSU campus. The dates, times and locations for their free presentations are noted below

February 1, 5 p.m.	Dr. Michael Eric Dyson	Big Ten AB, Kellogg Center
February 8, 5 p.m.	Ms. Jemele Hill	MSU Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre
February 22, 5 p.m.	Rev. Dr. William Barber, II	MSU Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre

Please plan on coming to hear these dynamic speakers and hearing thought-provoking presentations.

Contact Barbara at 517-432-4979 or Barbara.Breedlove@hc.msu.edu with any questions.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY College of Osteopathic Medicine
presents The 18th annual Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series

Slavery to Freedom

AN AMERICAN ODYSSEY

Michael Eric Dyson
A Georgetown University sociology professor and contributor to the New York Times, The New Republic, and ESPN, Dyson is also a best-selling author, an American Book Award recipient, two-time NAACP Image Award winner and one of Ebony magazine's 150 most powerful African Americans.
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 5 p.m., Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Jemele Hill
A sports columnist and commentator, Hill has made numerous television appearances, including "First Take," "Around the Horn" and "Outside the Lines." She gained wide attention last year when ESPN suspended her following comments she made on social media. Hill is a Detroit native and former reporter for the Detroit Free Press and Orlando Sentinel.
Thursday, February 8, 2018, 5 p.m., Wharton Center for the Performing Arts

William J. Barber II
Barber is the president and senior lecturer for Repairers of the Breach, a nonprofit organization that works to address issues of inequality. He's also the co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Renewal. A visiting professor at New York City's Union Theological Seminary he's the author of three books and has addressed numerous audiences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention.
Thursday, February 22, 2018, 5 p.m., Wharton Center for the Performing Arts

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FRIENDS: Department of History and Anthropology, Lynum Briggs, College (a)H, Our Youth Foundation

The Dr. William G. Anderson Lecture Series Slavery to Freedom is designed to give members of the mid-Michigan community opportunities for interaction with multicultural leaders from education, business, industry, entertainment and government. For 18 years this series has featured some of the American Civil Rights Movement.

Special thanks to William G. Anderson, D.D., whose invaluable participation enhances the excellence of these programs.

All activities are free of charge. For more information call (517) 432-4979 or email kilbourn@msu.edu.

MSU Dialogues Kick Off Event

FRIDAY Feb 9th, 10-11:30
Kellogg Center Lincoln Room

Dr. Patricia Gurin, a pioneer in difficult dialogues across difference, will be coming to MSU FRIDAY Feb 9th, 10-11:30 in the Kellogg Center Lincoln Room. Dr. Gurin's visit could not be more timely or important in MSU's current climate. Please come hear her talk about how to dialogue across difference.

Register at: <https://msuinclusion.wufoo.com/forms/msu-dialogues-launch>.

The Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives invites you to

MSU Dialogues Kickoff Event

TIME & LOCATION CHANGE

Kellogg Center Lincoln Room
10-11:30 a.m. - Feb. 9, 2018

Co-Sponsors
Academic Achievement Network, Assistant Provost of Undergraduate Education, Center for Career Learning and Career Engagement, The Graduate School, James Madison College, Department of Psychology, College of Health, Culture, Student Affairs and Services, Department of Public Education

Dr. Patricia Gurin
Crossing Racial and Other Social Divides

Patricia Gurin is the Nancy Center Distinguished University Professor and the Arthur Thomas Professor, Faculty, at the University of Michigan. Her research interests include the role of social identities in individual and collective behavior, political mobilization of groups by identity, underrepresentation in U.S. politics, and the educational and social implications of diversity in both higher education and the broader society. She is the author of six books and essays, and numerous articles and chapters. Her most recent book, *Diversity: A Guide for Leaders, Managers and Citizens*, is published by Harvard Business Review Press. She is also the author of *Our Differences Our Strength: A Guide for Leaders, Managers and Citizens*, published by Harvard Business Review Press. She is also the author of *Our Differences Our Strength: A Guide for Leaders, Managers and Citizens*, published by Harvard Business Review Press. She is also the author of *Our Differences Our Strength: A Guide for Leaders, Managers and Citizens*, published by Harvard Business Review Press.

Info: inclusion@msu.edu | 517-432-4979, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, please call 517-432-4979 or email kilbourn@msu.edu. Open to members of the public.
Register at: <https://msuinclusion.wufoo.com/forms/msu-dialogues-launch>

Global Engagement Speaker Series

Thursday, February 15, 2018 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Talk and Reception: Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center



George Openjuru
Professor of Education and First Deputy Vice Chancellor, Gulu University, Uganda

George L. Openjuru is professor of education and first deputy vice chancellor at Gulu University, Uganda. He was formerly dean of the School of Distance and Lifelong Learning at Makerere University, and head of the Department of Community Education and Extra-Mural Studies, Institute of Adult and Continuing Education. He was also an associate professor of adult and community education at Makerere University.

He holds a Ph.D. in adult education from the University of KwaZulu-Natal and has published a number of articles and book chapters about lifelong learning and adult literacy education. He chairs the Uganda Adult Education Network. His specialization is adult and community education, with specific focus on adult literacy education, educational exclusion and social justice, action research, community university engagement, lifelong learning, and indigenous knowledge and knowledge democracy. He is a partner with the UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education. He is also a member of the International Reading Association.

To register for the talk and reception, go [here](#).

Finding Funding for Research with African Partners & Faculty Networking- Save the Date

Tuesday, February 20, 3:00-5:00pm
Kellogg Center, Centennial Room BC

The Office for International Research Collaboration (OIRC) and the Alliance for African Partnership (AAP) will present information on funding opportunities and trends for research in Africa and with African partners, followed by an opportunity for faculty to share their research interests and network with collaborators from across campus. All are welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

RSVPs are not required, but recommended for OIRC planning:
OIRC@MSU.EDU
(517) 884-0947

See flyer for more details.

OIRC and AAP Present:

**FINDING FUNDING FOR RESEARCH
WITH AFRICAN PARTNERS
& FACULTY NETWORKING**

Tuesday, February 20, 3:00-5:00pm
Kellogg Center, Centennial Room BC

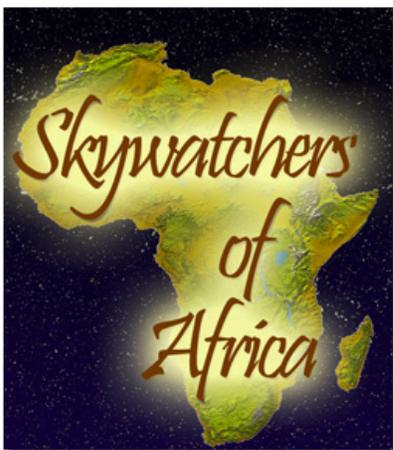
Funding: US Government, Foundations, & More	Meet New Collaborators	Share Your Research Interests
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Abrams Planetarium Public Shows Skywatchers of Africa

Fridays and Saturdays 8:00 p.m.
Sundays 4:00 p.m. (until March 25th)



For thousands of years, Africans have used their knowledge of the sky to build their societies, shape their spiritual lives, and meet their physical needs for survival. Skywatchers of Africa highlights the diversity of African astronomy, examines cultural uses of the sky that developed throughout history, and celebrates our shared human experience.

Admission prices for all shows are: Adults, \$4.50; Students and seniors, \$4.00; and children age 12 and under, \$3.50. Parking is free.

For more information on the program, call 517-355-4672

39 Countries Project Coming to a Close

Get your donations in by end of February!

The 39 Countries Project will come to a close at the end of February and is doing a last donation "push", so clean out your offices, home offices, instructor copies that you don't use, etc and donate books/journals that meet the criteria. The criteria being "business related, ten years old or less".

For more information, please email and Ronda Bunnell at Bunnell@msu.edu

Throughout this Year of Global Africa (#MSUYGA), the African Studies Center is collaborating with the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives in showcasing various events. For more information on upcoming Year of Global Africa events (as well as others), visit the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiative's calendar [here](#).

Grants and Fellowships

Mellon Scholars Research Fellowship Program at the Library Company of Philadelphia's Program in African American History Deadline for application: March 1, 2018

This program includes a post-doctoral fellowship, dissertation fellowship, and short-term fellowships designed to increase the participation of scholars from underrepresented backgrounds and others in the field of African American history prior to 1900. Eligible candidates may apply for both a short-term and either a dissertation or post-doctoral fellowship [here](#). For more information and questions, contact Program Director Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar at erica.dunbar@rutgers.edu or Reference Librarian and Specialist Jasmine Smith at jsmith@librarycompany.org.

2018 Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize Deadline: March 9, 2018

The Endowed Prize seeks to identify the most outstanding graduating senior, based on the criteria below, and to grant an award to be used for "future growth and development, travel, graduate study, or meditation," to quote one of the Prize founders, Gerald Faverman. In 2018, the amount awarded will be approximately \$4,000.

Selection Criteria

1. The award recipient must be a Michigan State University senior, majoring in any discipline, who is expected to graduate during 2018 (Spring, Summer, or Fall).
2. The award recipient will exhibit an open, curious, creative approach to education and ideas, and intellectual ingenuity will be evident. More weight will be given to intellectual curiosity and innovation than to grades attained, although a cumulative GPA above 3.0 is preferred.
3. The award recipient will have demonstrated exceptional character and leadership in furthering her/his own progress and in enriching the lives of others. The recipient will also have demonstrated innovation and creativity over their career at Michigan State University. A commitment to community service should be evident.

Nomination Procedure

There is no formal nomination or application form. Each nomination packet should include:

- One letter of nomination from a Michigan State University faculty or academic staff member (includes advisors). Letters of support are not necessary. The letter of nomination should be addressed to the Featherstone Nomination Committee, 312 Administration Building.
- An essay or letter written by the student of not more than 1,000 words, which describes their journey to and through Michigan State University and their future goals. The student's name, MSU Net ID, address, and telephone number must be included on the student's submission.
- Student's resume (not to exceed 2 pages)

The nomination letter, student essay, and student resume should address the ways in which the student exemplifies the award criteria. Specific examples of activities and achievements are especially helpful to the selection committee. The application package should be submitted as one complete attachment and should be emailed in PDF format to lfruchen@msu.edu no later than Friday,

March 9, 2018 at 5 pm. Late applications will not be considered.

Finalists will be notified for an in-person interview. The presentation of the Featherstone Prize Award plaque to the recipient takes place at the appropriate commencement/awards ceremony the first weekend in May.

For further information, contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at (517) 353-5380 (e-mail: lfrchen@msu.edu) or the Featherstone Society representative, Dr. Jackie Taylor (jdiane@comcast.net).

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Race and Gender History 2018-19

Deadline: March 15, 2018

The Department of History at Rutgers University announces a post-doctoral fellowship for scholars pursuing research in race and gender studies. The successful applicant must have the doctorate in hand at the time of application, be no more than six years beyond the Ph.D., and be able to teach history courses. The recipient will teach at least one small course in the history department and participate in the seminar series at the Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis. Additional information and instructions to apply can be found [here](#).

ASMEA Travel Grant Opportunities

Deadline: April 15, 2018

Conference Dates: November 1-3, 2018

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) is offering Grant Opportunities in conjunction with the [11th Annual ASMEA Conference](#) being held November 1 - 3, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

Separately, ASMEA is offering two conference [Travel Grant](#) opportunities. The first is for scholars of the Middle East and the second is intended for scholars of Africa focused on the world of Islam, Islamism, and related issues in the continent. Funds provided through this program may be used to cover expenses associated with attending the ASMEA Annual Conference. Up to \$750 will be awarded to successful applicants.

Applicants can apply for both grants but will only be awarded one. The application deadline for both grants is April 15, 2018. Additional guidelines and information as well as the online application for the Grants and Paper and Panel Proposals can be found on our website at www.asmeascholars.org.

If you have any further questions about ASMEA, the Annual Conference, or any of our Grant Opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact 202-429-8860 or info@asmeascholars.org.

Jobs and Conferences

Visiting Assistant Professor in History and Africana Studies

Deadline for application: February 28, 2018

Rhodes College invites applications for a one-year position in History and Africana Studies with a significant historical focus. Rhodes College is especially interested in attracting candidates from historically underrepresented groups and/or those with demonstrated commitment to working with diverse and historically underrepresented populations. Contact Rhodes College Department of History Chair, Jeffrey H. Jackson at jacksonj@rhodes.edu. To apply for this position click [here](#).

Call for Applications

Research Development Group for early-career scholars from African institutions

August 30 to September 2, 2018

Deadline: March 15, 2018

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications from early-career scholars based in Africa who are interested in attending the 2018 APSA Annual Meeting as part of a Research Development Group. Organized in partnership with African Studies Association (ASA) and the African Politics Conference Group (APCG), the Research Development Group will be a unique opportunity to advance current research towards publication, participate in the APSA annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks with colleagues.

For more information, contact Andrew Stinson, NW Associate Director, International Programs: astinson@apsanet.org.

Program information and a web link to the online Application Form can be found at: <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/2018-africa-research-development-group/>.

Other Announcements

KU Summer African Language Institute 2018

June 5- July 27, 2018

Deadline: February 15, 2018



The Kansas African Studies Center and the Department of African and African-American Studies at the University of Kansas are the sponsors of a Summer African Language Institute on the Lawrence campus from June 5 - July 27, 2018. The institute will offer expert instruction in beginning and intermediate Arabic, beginning and intermediate Kiswahili, and beginning and intermediate Wolof.

For more information and to apply, visit their page [here](#).

Contact

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