

African Studies Program, Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies

2018 Annual Highlights

January

- Department of Education, Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies grant, 2014-2018, \$768,000.00 [2018 award amount: \$192,000]
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Alwiya Omar receives the 2018 A. Ronald Walton Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award for her commitment to less commonly taught languages from the national Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages.
- African Studies academic journal *Africa Today* celebrates 20 years of publication at IU; special issues and redesigned cover promote its significance to the field
- Maria Grosz-Ngaté, African Studies Program Associate Director Emeritus serves as Vice President and President-elect of the African Studies Association, an international organization for the field of African Studies
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. David Adu-Amankwah serves as Research Coordinator for the Field Advisory Board of the National African Languages Resource Center (NALRC)
- African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Michelle Moyd serves as Interim Director of the Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES) for the academic year
- Dr. Verlon Stone, Special Advisor to the IU Librarians Liberian and African Studies Collections serves as consultant to the Liberian Center for National Documents and Records Agency under a jointly funded NSF and Carnegie project
- African Studies Affiliate Faculty Patrick R. McNaughton serves as Humanities Advisor for the UCLA Fowler Museum exhibition and catalogue, *Striking Iron*
- Wayne Parkinson receives the inaugural School of Global and International Studies Staff Award
- Throughout the year, African Studies Faculty and Staff conduct Outreach into the community, including language and culture presentations for schools, community organizations, businesses and Ivy Tech
- African Studies Program Language Faculty host the *African Music and Dance Bonanza* for students and the community at large

February

- African Studies Program receives significant funding from OVPDEMA and CAHI for a series of events surrounding Land Rights issues globally and locally, organized by ASP Associate Director Tavy Aherne
- African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Michelle Moyd delivers keynote address at the University of Hamburg (Germany)

- African Studies Program welcomes Kaitlin Christenson, MPH, Director of Access Collaborative PATH for her lecture on “Partnerships, Politics, and People: Observations from an International NGO Worker” for the African Studies Graduate Seminar Public Lecture series

March

- African Studies Program welcomes internationally known musician Victor Gama as a Visiting Artist. While at IU, Gama performs his latest composition *Pieces for Acrux and Toha* at the Buskirk-Chumley to a full house
- African Studies Program welcomes the Honorable Jehan Mechak Deng, Consultant and Board Member of the South Sudan Women Empowerment Network (SSWEN) for her lecture on “Development vs. Humanitarian Aid: Race Amidst Conflict in South Sudan” for the African Studies Graduate Seminar Public Lecture series
- Graduate Students of African Studies hosts 8th Annual Symposium, Non-European Sources and Knowledge Production About Africa in the 21st Century. 2018 African Studies Association Herskovits Prize winner, Dr. Fallou Ngom (Professor of Anthropology and Director of the African Studies Center at Boston University,) provides the Keynote Lecture
- African Studies Program Associate Director Tavy Aherne organizes round table *People and Places: Conversations About the Meaning of Land* with seven invited guest speakers
- African Studies Program welcomes Dr. Greg Mitman and Emmanuel Urey (African Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison) for series of lectures and events surrounding their internationally award-winning documentary, *Land Beneath our Feet*

April

- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Betty Dlamini receives the IU Mentoring Services and Leadership Development Recognition Award for the 2017-2018 academic year
- African Studies Program cohosts lecture by Jonathon Glassman, Professor of History, Northwestern University
- African Studies Program welcomes Muthoni Muriu, Director, Oxfam America for her lecture on “Measuring NGO Success” for the African Studies Graduate Seminar Public Lecture series
- Cathryn Johnson, African Studies PhD minor and PhD candidate in Political Science receives the Carleton T. Hodge Prize, which recognizes annually an advanced Ph.D. student for their commitment to excellence in African Studies
- Taiwo Ehineni and Richard Nyamahanga receive the African Studies Graduate Student Research Awards
- Emily Stratton, African Studies Program PhD Minor and PhD candidate in Religious Studies receives College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award for the AAA conference *Africa in the World: Shifting Boundaries and Knowledge Production*

- Patrick O'Meara Conference Travel Awards are presented to three African Studies Program graduate students: Cheikh Lo, Emily Stratton, and Samson Ndanyi
- Taiwo Ehineni, African Studies PhD Minor, receives the African Research Award from the African Studies Program

May

- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Betty Dlamini is awarded the Statewide Faculty Academy on Excellence in Teaching Recognition by President Michael McRobbie for distinguished contributions to teaching and learning, and is admitted to the Faculty Academy on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) as a 2018 Distinguished Member.
- African Studies Program is awarded two Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (Yoruba and Swahili), 2018-2019, \$25,600
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Amadou Beidy Sow receives the 2018 Indiana University Trustees Teaching Award
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Betty Dlamini receives grants from the IU Center of Excellence for Women in Technology and IU Center for Language Excellence
- African Studies Program receives visit from Ambassador of Swaziland Njabuliso Gwebu

June

- African Studies Program Affiliate Faculty Dr. James Kelly (Associate Professor, School of Journalism) receives 2018 Award of Excellence in Education Abroad Curriculum Design from The Forum on Education Abroad for his curriculum-linked study abroad to Uganda
- African Studies Program supports six IU students through Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships to study languages in Morocco, Senegal, and Tanzania over the summer (Benjamin Ale-Ebrahim; Stuart Jones; Tonya Kenny; Avenel Rolfsen; Zawadi Rowe; Sara Swett)

July

- African Studies Program Faculty Beidy Sow is an invited speaker at the University of Bamako in Mali
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Alwiya Omar teaches at the State University of Zanzibar

August

- African Studies Program is awarded a Department of Education, Title VI National Resource Center, 2018-2022, \$1,027,303.00
- African Studies Program is awarded a Department of Education, Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies grant, 2018-2022, \$1,032,000.00
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Betty Dlamini leads a Teachers of English Writing Workshop in Rwanda in association with the IU Books & Beyond program

- African Studies Collection Librarian Mireille Djenno co-presents with Theresa Quill (IU GIS Librarian) on the Africa Image and Map Portal (AIMP) at the Free and Open Source for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- Kristin Otto, African Studies PhD Minor, curates the exhibition *Shapes of Our Ancestors* for the Mathers Museum (runs through December 2018)
- African Studies Program welcomes Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants Ibrahim Odugbemi (Nigeria) and Barakaeli Mbise (Tanzania)
- African Studies Program supports eight IU students through academic year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships in six languages (Issac Agbetuyi; Erin Anderon; Tonya Dodez; Rene Lloyd; Madison O-Day; Sydney Pleak; Avenel Rolfsen; Ana Stahlman)

September

- African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Jennifer Brass (Associate Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs) is awarded the Outstanding Book Award in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research for her publication, *Allies or Adversaries: NGO and the State in Africa*, from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

October

- Dr. John Hanson, African Studies Director and Professor of History, is an invited participant for *The Different and the Similar: Africa in an Ever-Changing, Multi-faceted and Multi-layered World* international conference (co-sponsored by National Research Foundation of Korea, Korean Association of African Studies, Korea Institute of International Economic Policy, Institute of African Studies-HUFS and the Institute of African Studies of Bayreuth University, Germany)
- African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Bárbero Martinez-Ruiz (Associate Professor and Tanner-Opperman Chair of African Art History) presents the Keynote Annual Lecture for the Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS) at the Brunei Gallery SOAS, University of London
- African Studies Program welcomes Tamás Gerocs, Research Fellow at the Institute of World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences and Visiting Scholar, IU Department of Sociology to present on *Russia's Scramble for Africa*
- African Studies Program Faculty and students hold a Celebration of Life for internationally known musician and IU ASP Alumnus, Bernard Woma

November

- African Studies Program cohosts Dr. Janet Roitman (Professor of Anthropology at The New School for Social Research, New York for *Crisis/Anti-Crisis: Conflicting Views and Inside the Ethnographer's Studio: A Conversation with Janet Roitman*
- African Studies Program hosts IU ASP Alumni gathering at the African Studies Association Meeting international conference in Atlanta, Georgia

- African Languages Festival, organized by students in the African Studies Language Program, offers performances of singing and dancing from eight African cultures for several hundred students and members of the IU and Bloomington community
- African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Alwiya Omar teaches at the State University of Zanzibar
- African Studies Program cohosts lecture by Emily Stratton, PhD candidate in Religious Studies, on *It's Hard Work to be a Gameboy, and Other Lessons on Money, Magic and Masculinity in Ghana*.
- IU ASP Alumna Dr. Joanna Grabski is a finalist for the African Studies Association Melville. J. Herskovits Prize (best publication in English in African Studies for 2018) for her work, *Art World City: The Creative Economy of Artists and Urban Life in Dakar* (Indiana University Press)

December

- African Studies Program cohosts the international workshop at IU, *A Double Colonialism: New Directions in the History and Culture of Namibia and South West Africa*

Countries and description of ASP involvement:

- **Germany:** African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Michelle Moyd delivers keynote address at the University of Hamburg (Germany)
- **Kenya:** African Studies Program Affiliate Faculty Dr. James Kelly (Associate Professor, School of Journalism) named a Fulbright Scholar for 2018-2019
- **Korea:** Dr. John Hanson, African Studies Director and Professor of History, was an invited participant for *The Different and the Similar: Africa in an Ever-Changing, Multi-faceted and Multi-layered World* international conference (co-sponsored by National Research Foundation of Korea, Korean Association of African Studies, Korea Institute of International Economic Policy, Institute of African Studies-HUFS and the Institute of African Studies of Bayreuth University, Germany).
- **Mali:** African Studies Program Faculty Beidy Sow is an invited speaker at the University of Bamako in Mali
- **Rwanda:** African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Betty Dlamini leads a Teachers Writing Workshop in Rwanda in association with the IU Books & Beyond program
- **Tanzania:** African Studies Collection Librarian Mireille Djenno co-presented with Theresa Quill (IU GIS Librarian) on the Africa Image and Map Portal (AIMP) at the Free and Open Source for Geospatial (FOSS4G) Conference in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
- **Uganda:** Curriculum-linked study abroad to Uganda, led by African Studies Program Affiliate Faculty Dr. James Kelly (Associate Professor, School of Journalism)
- **United Arab Emirates:** African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Bárbero Martinez-Ruiz is in Dubai for research on *Unknown Union*, the guest fashion house for the Dubai Fashion Week
- **United Kingdom:** African Studies Affiliate Faculty Dr. Bárbero Martinez-Ruiz, Associate Professor and Tanner-Opperman Chair of African Art History, presented the keynote Annual Lecture for the Journal of Southern African Studies (JSAS) at the Brunei Gallery SOAS, University of London
- **Zanzibar:** African Studies Program Faculty Dr. Alwiya Omar taught at the State University of Zanzibar