February 14

FLAS Application Deadline
The US Department of Education has awarded funding to the Kansas African Studies Center for Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowships for the 2014-2018 grant cycle. FLAS funds are awarded in a competitive process open to graduate and undergraduate students. Students must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents to be eligible to apply. FLAS awards are available for the study of Amharic, Arabic, Hausa, Kiswahili, Somali and Wolof, with additional African language requests considered. Awards are contingent on federal funding. Applications are due by February 14th. For more information, and to apply go to: http://flas.ku.edu/

March 30

Ujamaa Food for Thought: “Journalism in East Africa”
Malcolm Gibson, Journalism, Retired
12:00 - 1:00 pm, Bailey 318
After an extensive career as a journalist and professor, Gibson most recently served as the executive editor for Monitor Newspapers in Kampala, Uganda. During this talk, Gibson will discuss the role of journalism in East Africa, and his particular experience with the Nation Media Group. Light lunch provided.

April 1

6th Annual KASC Graduate Research Workshop
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Centennial Room, Kansas Union
This forum will provide an opportunity for graduate students with research interests in African settings to present their research to an interdisciplinary African Studies audience. Non-presenting students and faculty members are invited to attend for part or all of the day. Abstracts (up to 250 words) are due by February 29 to kasc@ku.edu. For more information, contact the co-conveners Dr. Byron Caminero-Santangelo (bsantang@ku.edu) or Dr. Peter Ojiambo (ojiambo@ku.edu).

April 14

African Language Festival
5:00 - 7:00 pm, The Commons
The festival highlights KU students studying African languages (Amharic, Arabic, Kiswahili, Somali, and Wolof) as they showcase what they have learned through poetry, music, skits, and more. Join us for a fun language learning celebration.

April 1

Stories About Migration: A Public Forum
7:00 PM, Unity Temple, Kansas City
This community forum, featuring Marta Caminero-Santangelo, Garth Myers, and Chris Abani, will discuss the power of stories about migration in the Midwest, and will be teleconferenced to Garden City, Kansas. The forum is part of a larger project that will facilitate the sharing of migration stories about Africans within Midwestern communities. The project is funded through a new program of the National Endowment for the Humanities called “Humanities in the Public Square.” The initiative puts humanities scholars in direct dialogue with the public about some of the most pressing issues of today.

March 23

Hall Center Resident Fellows Seminar: “Remembering Slavery in Africa”
Elizabeth MacGonagle, History/AAAS/KASC
12:00 PM, Hall Center Conference Hall
This project engages with the tensions among history, memory, and identity that arise in Africa from enduring legacies of enslavement, racism, and colonialism. The focus is on several powerful spaces connected to the heritage of slavery in Ghana, South Africa, and Mozambique. These African sites of memory serve as deep memory pools, but the heavy burden of remembering slavery complicates understandings of the violent histories and unsettling memories of slavery. Open to all interested faculty, staff, and graduate students. RSVP to the Hall Center is required at least one week in advance.