



Student participants from CollAB field school in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Summer 2019.

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KANSAS AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

2019 | FALL EVENTS

FRI. SEP 13

MAAAS Keynote Address:
“Africa Rising or Repackaged Coloniality? Re-emerging Players and Enduring Risks”
Dr. Lina Benabdallah,
Assistant Prof., Politics & International Affairs,
Wake Forest University
Kansas Room, KU Memorial Union
3:30 pm

Dr. Benabdallah will deliver the keynote speech at this year’s MAAAS (Mid-America Alliance for African Studies) Conference. Her research focuses on international relations theory, foreign policy, critical theories of power, and rising powers. Her forthcoming book is *Shaping the Future of Power: Knowledge Production and Network-Building in China-Africa Relations*. This year’s conference examines the theme “The Narrative of Africa Rising: Real or Fiction?” Free and open to the public.

SAT. SEP 21

Children’s Book Author
Jen Cullerton Johnson
Children’s Discovery Center
Topeka
10:30 am and 1:30 pm

Award-winning author Jen Cullerton Johnson will present her book *Seeds of Change* about Wangari Mathai, a Kenyan environmental activist and Nobel Peace Prize Winner.

TUE. NOV 5

“Exhibiting Africa: Anthropology, Museums and the Persistent Western Imagination”
Dr. Monique Scott, Bryn Mawr College
Hall Center for the Humanities

This talk rethinks the representation of race in museums and national monuments to combat anti-Black racism, reimagining new possibilities for people of the African Diaspora.

Reception to follow.

THURS. NOV 7

2nd Annual AAAS
Food & Film Festival
Forum C, Burge Union
4:00 - 7:00 pm

A delectable selection of East African Cuisine will be served at the screening of the Kenyan film *From a Whisper*, based on real events surrounding the 1988 bomb attacks on the US Embassy in Nairobi. Discussion to follow. Organized by the Department of African and African-American Studies.

FRI. NOV 8

2nd Annual AAAS
Food & Film Festival
Forum AB, Burge Union
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Delicious Arab Cuisine will be provided during the screening of *Black Honey: Asal Eswed*. The film is about an Egyptian American who returns to Egypt with naïve enthusiasm after twenty years abroad. Discussion to follow. Organized by the Department of African and African-American Studies.

KENYA’S KIDS EXHIBITION

Sept 13, 2019 - Jan. 4, 2020
Kansas Children’s Discovery Center, Topeka

In this new cultural exhibit, families can discover what life is like for children in Kenya today, a country both technologically-advanced and filled with longtime traditions. As they travel through five immersive environments, children can compare the similarities and differences between their lives and those of children in East Africa. Presentations by KU students of Kiswahili will take place. Check the KCDC website calendar for details.

The Grand Opening on Friday, September 13 features a performance by KU’s African Drum Ensemble (ADEKU) at 9:00 am.

Check out www.kansasdiscovery.org/kenyaskids to learn more!

FLAS INFO SESSIONS

THU. 9/26 | WED. 10/23 | TUE. 11/12
318 Bailey Hall

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships provide tuition support and a stipend to fund your interest in African Studies. Find out more and ask questions at one of these information sessions.
More at flas.ku.edu.

NEW Application deadline
December 20, 2019!

Sawyer Seminar Series

KU will host its first ever Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar under the theme *Chronic Conditions: Knowing, Seeing & Healing the Body in Global Africa*. *Chronic Conditions* is a year-long seminar series investigating the historical, cultural, and structural processes that have given rise to chronic health conditions among Africans, African immigrants, and African-Americans. Through discussions, lectures, performances, and humanities-based labs, *Chronic Conditions* will set a new agenda for interdisciplinary research in the medical humanities, while amplifying the voices of diverse senior and emerging scholars from across the globe.

Sponsored by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and led by the Hall Center for the Humanities, Spencer Museum of Art, and the Kansas African Studies Center at the University of Kansas.

Guest presenters include:
Yagazie Emezi, Lundy Braun, Paul Mkandawire, Moya Bailey, Ama de Graft Aikins, Deborah Willis, Charly Evon Simpson, Duana Fullwiley, Therí Pickens, and Rana Hogarth

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