

# 2019 | SPRING EVENTS

**KASC**  
KANSAS AFRICAN  
STUDIES CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

## THUR. JAN 31

### FLAS Info Session

English Room, Kansas Union  
4:00 - 5:30 pm

Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) fellowships provide tuition support and a stipend to fund student interest in African Studies. Find out more and ask questions at this final information session.  
*More at [flas.ku.edu](http://flas.ku.edu).*

Application deadline is February 8

## FRI. FEB 22

### Bridging Health Divides in East Africa

Conference Hall,  
Hall Center for the Humanities  
1:00 - 2:30 pm

An interdisciplinary panel featuring global medical humanities research from KU's first-ever Humanities Lab, CoLAB.

## THUR. APR 4 | FRI. APR 5

### Beyond Discourse Conference: Critical and Empirical Approaches to Human Trafficking

Hall Center for the Humanities

An interdisciplinary examination of critical research methods on human trafficking and related social problems that builds on the work of KU's Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative (ASHTI) formed in 2013. Kamala Kempadoo (York University), Amy Farrell (Northeastern University), and Sally Engle Merry (New York University) are featured speakers.

For more details, visit [beyonddiscourse.ku.edu](http://beyonddiscourse.ku.edu).

## THUR. APR 25

### Attaya Session Open House

Bailey 318  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join our Wolof language table to learn how to make Senegalese tea called Attaya. Meet Dr. Omar Ka, a specialist in African language instruction.

No knowledge of Wolof required.  
Tea and snacks provided.

## WED. FEB 13

### Somali Open House

Ecumenical Campus Ministries, ECM  
1204 Oread Ave.  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

An afternoon of food, dance, and information about Somali culture and language.

*Refreshments served.*

## THUR. MAR 7

### Religion and Power in Africa: A Conversation with Ebenezer Obadare

English Room, Kansas Union  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

A conversation between Stacey Vanderhurst (WGSS) and Ebenezer Obadare (Sociology) about his book *Pentecostal Republic: Religion and the Struggle for State Power in Nigeria*.

*Refreshments served.*

## MON. APR 8

### 4th Annual KU African Language Festival

Ballroom, Kansas Union  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Celebrate African languages at KU with performances in Arabic, Kiswahili and Wolof from our entertaining students.

Activities include Henna body art, a fashion booth, games, raffle draw, & Arabic calligraphy.

*Refreshments served.*

## WED. MAY 8

### Ujamaa Food For Thought: "From Ghandi and Mandela to Democracy in South Africa"

Bailey Hall 318  
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Visiting scholar Tony King will discuss the revitalization of a prison in Johannesburg that housed both Mahatma Gandhi and Nelson Mandela. The complex is now a center of public discourse on human rights and South Africa's authoritarian past that houses the Constitutional Court, the highest court in the country.

*Free light lunch served.*

## THU. FEB 21

### Migration in the Heartland

Conference Hall,  
Hall Center for the Humanities  
3:00 - 5:00pm

A film screening of *Strangers in Town* followed by a discussion with filmmaker Steve Lerner and Amy Longa of the International Rescue Committee. Longa is featured in this short documentary about how global migration transformed Garden City, Kansas. She will talk about her work with migrants in Kansas.

## MON. MAR 18

### Visiting Artist Doreen Garner

Marvin Hall Forum  
Time TBA

A talk with Garner, a sculptor and performing artist who explores where history, power, and violence meet on the body via beauty or museums.

## FRI. APR 12

### 9th Annual Graduate Research Workshop

318 Bailey Hall  
9:30 am - 3:00 pm

A showcase of junior scholars working on research about Africa and its diaspora with many examining themes of power, memory, and violence.

Abstracts due to KASC by March 25, 2019.

Lunch and snacks provided.

### Commemoration of the Victims of the Genocide in Rwanda

A series of events in April to recognize the passing of 25 years since the genocide began in Rwanda in April 1994.  
Events include:

- Reader's Theatre featuring *Voices from Rwanda*
- Talk by scholar Timothy Longman from Boston University
- An art exhibit of children's drawings curated by Reinhild Janzen
- Film screening of the historical drama *Sometimes in April*, directed by Raoul Peck and starring Idris Elba.

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