



Expanding Horizons

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International Education Week at UM, November 15 - 20 This Year: Africa

November 15, 2004 marks the fifth annual commemoration of International Education Week. The U. S. Department of State and the U. S. Department of Education have joined to mark this occasion. Celebrated worldwide, International Education Week provides an opportunity to highlight the benefits of international education, and to teach the students at The University of Montana about the various regions of the world, as well as their diverse cultures and civilizations. The theme this year is "Africa at UM." Our goal is to provide an opportunity for UM faculty to share their research on Africa, and to educate their colleagues, students, and fellow Montanans about contemporary issues affecting the African continent. Learning about this continent of diverse peoples with their rich historical, cultural, and artistic traditions will underscore the importance of international education. In a statement marking this year's International Education Week, Secretary of State Colin Powell writes, "The more we learn about and understand each other, the more effective we will be in creating a world of global citizens, and the better our chances of achieving peace in our increasingly interdependent world." In a similar vein, the Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, writes:

"Earlier this year, our nation celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. *Brown* effectively denied the legal basis for segregation in classrooms and changed race relations in the United States. This decision is a constant reminder to many Americans of the value of educational opportunity. In addition, this decision was, and remains today, a statement of hope and expectation, a belief that people will rise above prejudice, ignorance, and classification to find our common humanity.

"In the same way, teaching our students about the world beyond the United States and encouraging them to travel abroad, allows them to find the common humanity that binds

all world citizens. When we form meaningful relationships with our friends around the world, we can work together and cooperate with one another to eliminate ignorance, hatred, and violence. It takes courage and conviction to step into a culture that is different from ours, and to immerse ourselves in languages and traditions that are unfamiliar to us."

Please join us in celebrating Africa's rich history, cultures, music, and artistic traditions during this week of International Education, which begins November 15 on the UM campus.

Africa Week Movie Schedule

Monday, 5:00 pm, UC Theater

The Japanese Version

Tuesday, 5:00 pm, UC Theater

Pieces d'identites (Mweze Ngangura, 1998, Congo/Belgium)

Wednesday, 5:00 pm, GBB 122

Hyenas (Djibril Diop Mambety, 1992, Senegal)

Friday, 5:00 pm, GBB 122

Frantz Fanon: Black Skin, White Mask (Isaac Julien, 1996, United Kingdom)

Saturday, 2:00 pm, GBB 122

Lumumba Death of a prophet (Raoul Peck, 1992, France/Germany/Switzerland)

Saturday, 4:00 pm, GBB 122

Afrique, je te plumerai (Jean-Marie Teno, 1992, Cameroon)

International Education Week Africa at UM

Monday, November 15

Multicultural Training & Global Career Conference, 8:30 am, Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall

Movie: *The Japanese Version*, 5:00 pm, UC Theater

***Genocide, Killing and the Human Dimensions of War*, 7:00 pm, UC Theater**

Philip West, Professor of Modern Asian Affairs, Mansfield Center, will present *Reflecting on the Iraq War Today: Killing and Evil in Modern Warfare*.

Paul Haber, Professor of Political Science, will present *War and Genocide: The United States in the World*.

Tuesday, November 16

Multicultural Training & Global Career Conference, 8:30 am, Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall

Movie: *Pieces d'identites* (Mweze Ngangura, 1998, Congo/Belgium), 5:00 pm, UC Theater

***Africa in Transition: Contemporary Perspectives*, 7:00 pm, UC Theater**

Moderator: **Otto Koester**, Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program

Kimber McKay, Professor of Anthropology, and **Joyce Mphande** – *Coping with AIDS in Africa: Finding a Way Forward*.

Jeffrey Bookwalter, Professor of Economics – *Darfur: A Tragedy in Need of Response*.

Jeffrey Gritzner, Professor of Geography – *Failed Paradigms, Neglected Wisdom, and Environmental Reality in West Africa*.

Tobie Weist, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology – *South Africa: Transformation from Apartheid to Unity in Diversity*.

Tunde Adeleke, Professor of African-American Studies and History – *American Perceptions of Africa*.

Wednesday, November 17

Movie: *Hyenas* (Djibril Diop Mambety, 1992, Senegal), 5:00 pm, GBB 122

***UM scientists present - Research and Education Conducted in Africa*, 7:00 pm, Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall**

Ken Dial, Professor of Biological Sciences – *Natural History of East Africa*.

Poster presenters include: Erick Green – Natural History of the Okavango Delta, Botswana, **Jim Gannon and Philip Ramsey** – Influence of the wet and dry cycles on soil microbial processes in the Okavango Delta, Botswana, **Ray Callaway** – Invasive Weeds in the Okavango Delta, Botswana, **Steve McCool and Wayne Freimund** - Protected area stewardship in South Africa

Thursday, November 18

Contemporary Issues of Africa, 6:00 pm, GBB 122

Presentations and panel discussion by African Student Association members including **David Gachigo** and **Sico Stevens A. Yao**

Managing Protected Areas in Southern Africa, 7:30 pm, Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall

Speakers and topics will include:

Lynn Foden, Program Technical Director, African Wildlife Foundation, Washington, D.C. – *Challenges and Success in Southern African Conservation.*

Steve McCool, Professor, Society and Conservation – *The University Response through Joint Education and Research.*

Additional panel members will include: **Wayne Freimund, Chair, Society and Conservation, Laurie Ashley, M.S. student** studying land restitution and joint management of protected areas in South Africa, **Randy Tanner, Ph.D. student**, Society and Conservation, studying trans-boundary park policy, and **Chad Dear, Ph.D. student** and former Fulbright Fellow in Swaziland.

Friday, November 19

Movie: *Frantz Fanon: Black Skin, White Mask* (Isaac Julien, 1996, United Kingdom), 5:00 pm, GBB 122

Cultural Production in Africa, 7:30 pm Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall

Moderator: **Tunde Adeleke, Professor of African-American Studies and History**

The panel will include the following speakers and topics:

Michel Valentin, Professor of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures – *Another Gaze or Gaze of the Other in African Cinema.*

Chris Anderson, Professor of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures – *The Colonial History of the Congo.*

Fazia Aitel, Professor of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures – *The Question of Language in African Literature.*

The poetry reading will include the following participants: **Samir Bitar** (Arabic), **Joyce Mphande-Finn** (Chichewa, Tonga), **Mbaye Seck** (Wolof), **Funmi Johnson** (Yoruba), **Fazia Aitel** (Berber), **Jean-Louis Etoga** (Beti), **David Gachigo** (Swahili)

Saturday, November 20

Movie: *Lumumba Death of a prophet* (Raoul Peck, 1992, France/Germany/Switzerland), 2:00 pm, GBB 122

Movie: *Afrique, je te plumerai* (Jean-Marie Teno, 1992, Cameroon), 4:00 pm, GBB 122

African Culture Night, 7:00 pm, UC Ballroom

Africa week will conclude with a public celebration of the music, art, and diversity of Africa, and UM's weeklong tribute to this immensely important continent. *Unity Dance*, a Missoula-based African music group, will provide West African drumming, singing, and dancing as well as dance lessons. Recorded contemporary music from across Africa will be played between the sets and at the beginning and end of the evening. In addition to the music, there will be an exhibit of African art, as well as cultural exhibits put together by UM students from various African countries.

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The University of
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International Programs
International Center (MIP005)

First Multicultural Training Conference at UM

The inaugural *Multicultural Training & Global Career Conference*, organized by IP and The Maureen & Mike Mansfield Center, will kick-off International Education Week at UM. The conference theme is *Building Cultural Competence – Enriching Education with Multicultural Thinking and Global Awareness*.

The two-day conference will take place November 15 & 16, in the Dell Brown room in Turner Hall and feature over 20 presenters. The first day will center around curriculum internationalization at UM. Tuesday will focus on global careers and professional opportunities for students. Keynote speaker on international business is Kyle Washington, Executive Chairman of Washington Marine Group, Canada's largest marine transportation company.

The conference will consist of presentations by representatives of various departments and organizations working to promote cross-cultural awareness at UM, by international students, scholars and researchers, all with the intent of expanding multicultural thinking and global mindedness in the academic, professional, and personal context. "The conference specifically explores why global mindedness and multicultural awareness are critical skills to have in today's internationally connected world and why the enhancement of these skills is a key component in a global job market" says Udo Fluck.

For more information about the program and the presenters, please visit www.umt.edu/mtgcc. Conference brochures are available in the Maureen & Mike Mansfield Center. We hope to see you at the conference!

We welcome items of international or intercultural interest for the next newsletter. Please send them to International Programs, International Center, or email us (goabroad@mso.umt.edu).

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