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Focus on *Africa*



In this edition of the newsletter, we're pleased to highlight the broad spectrum of events, programs, and research that have expanded our visibility, impact, and reach around the continent, and deepened meaningful discourse on Africa at Yale. From the conferment of honorary degrees to Yale faculty by the University of Ghana; the second run of AFRICA SALON, Yale's Contemporary African Arts and Culture Festival; the arrival of the second cohort of the innovative African Women Leaders Program; to the inaugural Yale Africa-China Conference at Lagos Business School, we hope you will appreciate the sustained effort to strengthen the Yale Africa initiative. Enjoy the issue!

- Eddie Mandhry, Director for Africa



\$7.5 million for health care in Ethiopia

The Yale Global Health Leadership Institute (GHLI) has been awarded \$7.5 million from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to revolutionize the management and leadership of primary health care in Ethiopia. [More >>](#)



"It's about tenacity"

Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro spoke to the eleven African women, all public officials, who attended the Leadership Forum for Strategic Impact last week at Yale to discuss issues faced by women in leadership roles around the globe . [More >>](#)



Africa Salon returns to Yale

Yale's annual festival of contemporary African arts and culture returned to campus March 28 through April 3. Organized by The Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale, the Salon brought artists, musicians, dancers, and thinkers to New Haven to expand perceptions of Africa . [More >>](#)



Professors receive honorary degrees

In March, at a special congregation led by Kofi Annan, the University of Ghana conferred honorary degrees upon Yale professors Ian Shapiro and Christopher Udry . [More >>](#)



Yale Africa-China Conference in Lagos

Representatives from academia, business, and the policy world met in March to discuss the deepening economic ties between China and the continent, which have generated optimism about opportunities for investment in Africa, and concern about irresponsible lending and potential dependency on China . [More >>](#)



Yale at the Next Einstein Forum

In March, Yale participated in the Next Einstein Forum , the first global science forum to be held in Africa. 700 participants from 80 countries came together in Senegal to spur global partnerships aimed at developing a strong science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) network in Africa . [More >>](#)



Yale Library's Amistad archives

March 9 marked the 175 th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that granted the Amistad captives their freedom and enabled their return to Africa. Yale's libraries host a wealth of Amistad-related materials . [More >>](#)



Gai Doran's African Fellowship

Director of Research at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies Gai Doran received a global fellowship from the National Council of University Research Administrators, and traveled to the University of Witwaterstrand in South Africa to share best practices of research administration .

Yale Africa Student Association's Letter from the President

To read YASA's Spring 2016 newsletter, visit [here](#) .

Yale GALE trip to South Africa, Summer 2016

Seven representatives from African universities attended Yale GALE @Yale last fall to discuss best practices in alumni relations. Yale alumni are encouraged to travel to South Africa with Yale GALE this summer to continue the conversation. For more information, visit [here](#) .

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS ON CAMPUS

Zambian ambassador Palan Mulonda: "Africa is Rising"

Speaking to MBA students, Mulonda said that his country is ripe for investment, and urged students to visit Africa rather than relying on preconceptions about the continent . [More >>](#)

Will Africa Feed China?

Deborah Bräutigam, a leading expert on China in Africa, gave the MacMillan Center's Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale Lecture in November. She discussed the rumors and realities behind media reports claiming China is seeking land in Africa to grow food to quell its food shortage . [More >>](#)

Gender and Sexuality in Africa

In February, the Yale Council on African Studies hosted a symposium on gender and sexuality in Africa, aimed at making gender a consideration on African research at Yale, and addressing the many critical issues raised by considerations of gender and sexuality in the African context.

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