Commencement has come and gone over the last weekend, and the transition of some of our African students from campus life to the next stage of the journey gave us perfect pause to reflect on our Africa efforts on campus. The Africa conference hosted by the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization brought together experts from Africa and other parts of the world to discuss key drivers in Africa’s growth and development. And just as spring was upon us, we were graced by the presence of Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Laureate and Liberian peace activist, who gave a presentation on her life and work. Lola Ogunnaike, senior anchor at Arise TV, spent a day on campus as a Poynter Fellow and was impressed by the Yale University Art Gallery, where she had a chance to explore our Africa art collection. If you are on campus, be sure to see Contemporary Art/South Africa, which will be on exhibit until 14th September.

You will see in this issue that we have strengthened several of our partnerships in Ghana. We are also energized by the popularity of the soon-to-be launched Yale Young African Scholars Program. Piloting in Accra and Addis this year, the program will bring together 50 star students in each city for lectures, mentorship and coaching. We are also privileged to be hosting, for six weeks this summer, 24 delegates from 16 African countries as part of President Obama’s Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI).

As we celebrate the great strides that we have made, we hope that you will continue to partner with
Fox Fellowship Partnership Extends to the University of Ghana

Yale’s partnerships in Africa continue to deepen, this time with the signing of an agreement by Yale President Peter Salovey and University of Ghana Vice Chancellor Ernest Aryeeetey on April 14. This agreement made the University of Ghana a partner university for Yale’s Fox Fellowship program, a two-way student exchange partnership between Yale University and thirteen other leading universities around the world.

Ghana and Yale Work to Eliminate Mother-to-Child HIV Transmission

Yale University is collaborating with the government of Ghana and other high-profile organizations to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Ghana. Through the Ghana-Yale Partnership for Global Health, Yale faculty and students engage in HIV research, education, and training to support care providers and public health officials. More >>

Coming to Ghana: A concert to benefit the Ghana-Yale Partnership for Global Health

Featuring: National Symphony Orchestra of Ghana, Yale Concert Band, and Yale Percussion Ensemble

When: May 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: National Theatre in Accra, Ghana
*Tickets are now available for purchase

Contact: Yale Club of Ghana at info@yaleclubghana.com

Improving Mental Health Care in Ghana

Andres Barkil-Oteo, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine, and his team were invited to Ghana by the Global Health Leadership Institute (GHLI) to discuss the incorporation of a mental health component, known as the "Psych Corps," into Ghana’s National Health Service. Professor Barkil-Oteo and his team spent the week with their Ghanaian counterparts exchanging ideas and researching ways to improve mental health care in the country. More >>

Yale School of Management Extends Africa Partnerships

David Bach, Senior Associate Dean for Executive MBA and Global Programs at the Yale School of Management, recently traveled to Nigeria and Ghana to connect with local business leaders and to meet with Yale alumni and prospective students. During his visit to Nigeria, Dean Bach visited the Lagos Business School, the newest member of the Global Network for Advanced Management. More >>
Water, Waste, and Sanitation: A Visit to Accra

Marian Chertow, Associate Professor of Industrial Environmental Management at Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, visited Accra, Ghana over spring break. Professor Chertow is inspired to identify ways to increase access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation in West Africa. More >>

Top Women Represent Africa in the Yale World Fellows Program

The Yale World Fellows Program is a highly selective and intensive four-month period of academic enrichment and leadership training at Yale for mid-career professionals. This year, three emerging leaders will come from Africa: Biola Alabi from Nigeria is Director of Special Projects for the Electronic Media Network; Susana Edjang, originally from Equatorial Guinea, is the H4+ Coordinator of the UN Population Fund; and Amira Yahhaoui from Tunisia, is the founder of Al Bawsala. Meet the fellows >>