In this edition of Focus on Africa, we seek to capture many of the compelling highlights from the 2018 summer and fall semesters. We have been excited and inspired by distinguished visitors on campus, groundbreaking faculty research and news, student and alumni successes, and promising educational programs on the continent. In this issue, we share stories of Ghanaian president Nana Afuko-Addo's visit to campus, the inaugural Yale Africa Film Festival, and much more. This newsletter exemplifies the incredible work being done every day by remarkable individuals across our campus and beyond, all of whom are committed and contributing to fulfilling the mission of the Yale Africa Initiative. We are honored to showcase them in this edition of Focus on Africa. We hope you enjoy this issue.

- Eddie Mandhry, Director for Africa

**SPOTLIGHTS**

**Ghanaian President Nana Akufo-Addo Discusses Democracy and Development in Africa**

A new age is dawning on the African continent, one that will utilize democratic processes and economic development to create a prosperous, independent future for the African people, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, president of the Republic of Ghana, told an audience at the Yale School of Management on September 27. [More >>]

**Rwanda and Yale Partner to Advance Sustainable Development, Environmental Conservation**

The government of Rwanda and Yale have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to foster greater cooperation and collaboration in the areas of education and research in sustainable development and environmental protection and
Yale Alumni Couple & Startup Founders Use Tech to Improve Global Healthcare Access

Two Yale graduates (now a married couple) from Yale's School of Public Health, Kaakpema "KP" Yelpaala '06 M.P.H. and Sara (Shamos) Yelpaala '07 M.P.H., are leading access.mobile, a health technology company that provides a multi-channel engagement solution to enable tailored communication, support, and insights for underserved and multicultural populations globally. More >>

New Institute Named for Lamin Sanneh to Focus on Study of Religion and Society in Africa

A new research institute for the advanced study of religion and society in Africa has been named for Lamin Sanneh, D. Willis James Professor of Missions and World Christianity at Yale Divinity School, Professor of History at Yale University, and Director of the Project on Religious Freedom and Society in Africa at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale. The Sanneh Institute will be headquartered at the University of Ghana, Legon, in Accra. More >>

FACULTY RESEARCH

Yale Establishes Tanzania Interventional Radiology Initiative

When Frank Minja, MD, traveled to his native country of Tanzania, East Africa in 2014 to help improve radiology services at the Muhimbili National Hospital campus in Dar es Salaam, he knew the task would be complex and demanding. Minja, an assistant professor of neuroradiology in the Department of Radiology & Biomedical Imaging at Yale School of Medicine (YSM), established the Yale Radiology Global Outreach Program that year to help address the shortage of well-trained diagnostic and interventional radiologists around the world. More >>

Yale Joins the 'Surge' to Prepare African Scientists to Lead HIV Treatment and Prevention
Yale has partnered with the Aurum Institute and the University of the Witwatersrand to accelerate the pipeline of HIV/AIDS and TB researchers by developing mentorship and leadership capacity among mid-career scientists. Through the Clayton-Dedonder Fellowship for Research Leadership, which launched in June, Yale experts will build on multiple strengths in South Africa and at Yale, including the proven models for management and leadership education created by the Yale Global Health Leadership Initiative (GHLI).

Yale Research Associates PEPFAR Funding in Kenya with Decreased Infant Mortality

New research by a team of scientists at Yale and Harvard evaluated whether PEPFAR's heavy investments in a Kenyan program to train expecting mothers in HIV prevention in more than 10,000 clinics contributed to reduced child mortality. They determined the funding was a significant determinant of the observed mortality drop.

New Management Training for Immunization Leaders Launches in Rwanda

The Yale Global Health Initiative joined the Rwanda-based University of Global Health Equity (UGHE), PATH, and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance to strengthen management of national immunization programs around the world. The Expanded Program on Immunization Leadership and Management Program (EPI LAMP) is a training course to improve the managerial capacity of governments to support Gavi's mission to ensure every child is protected with life-saving vaccines.

Yale, South African Researchers Partner to Prevent and Treat HIV and TB

The Tugela Ferry Care and Research Collaboration (TF CARES) is an international non-governmental organization committed to improving prevention, care, and treatment for adults and children with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis through clinical care, research and capacity building in Tugela Ferry, South Africa. The program - led by Yale professor Dr. Gerald Friedland, professor emeritus of medicine (infectious diseases), epidemiology, and public health, and South Africa colleagues - is based on a strategy of integrated TB/HIV diagnosis, care, and treatment intended to improve the outcomes of both diseases. The strategy was first implemented in Durban, the largest city in KwaZuluNatal and the third largest in South Africa.

CAMPUS NEWS
University Hosts First Yale Africa Film Festival

The MacMillan Center's Council on African Studies, in partnership with Yale African Graduate & Professional Students and the Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale hosted the inaugural Yale Africa Film Festival this weekend. From Friday to Saturday, the festival screened three main movies - "Mma Moeketsi", by award-winning South African director Rea Moeti; "Kasala" by Nigerian Ema Edosio; and "Bigger than Africa" by Toyin Adekeye. Q&A sessions with the movies' respective filmmakers followed each film screening. The festival also showed two documentaries: "Ephasini Lamabhudango" - "My Dream World" - and "Awani: A Colonial History of Women." The festival featured a panel discussion on "Impact and Opportunities in African Filmmaking" and other social events. More >>

'Africa Salon' Brings Culture and Art from the Continent to Yale

Africa Salon is Yale's signature African arts and contemporary culture festival. Held every year in April, this year's event featured panels on the politicization of black hair, African representation in superhero comics and movies, a performance by a prominent African LGBTQ activist, a food tasting with "did you know" cards for each dish, a dance class taught by a popular Nigerian choreographer and dancer, and more. More >>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Okwui Okpokwasili '96 Named MacArthur Fellow

Performer, choreographer, and writer Okwui Okpokwasili was among the 25 individuals chosen as 2018 MacArthur Fellows. Okpokwasili creates multidisciplinary performance pieces "that draw viewers into the interior lives of women of color, particularly those of African and African American women, whose stories have long been overlooked and rendered invisible," says the MacArthur Foundation of her work. She is the child of immigrant parents from Nigeria who was raised in the Bronx. More >>

Famous Chef Celebrates "New African Cuisine"

Chef Selassie Atadika presented to members of the Yale community at an event put on by Yale Hospitality at Yale on York on October 25. During the event, Atadika, renowned for her ability to inspire a more communal dining experience, shared details of her personal career ranging from her engagement in humanitarian work for various United Nations peacekeeping missions to ultimately becoming a culinary tastemaker and pioneer of unique African cuisine. More >>

Forum Amplifies Effectiveness and Influence of
Women in African governments

The following video illustrates how the Leadership Forum for Strategic Impact - supported by La Fundación Mujeres por África (the Women for Africa Foundation) and Banco Santander - helps to successfully amplify the effectiveness and influence of women in African governments. More >>

YYAS Helps African Students Navigate Path to Higher Education Abroad

Yale Young African Scholars (YYAS), a flagship program of the Yale Africa Initiative, held sessions with in Kigali, Rwanda July 29-Aug. 7, and in Accra, Ghana Aug. 11-20. This year, the program, which aims to make higher education more accessible to Africa's most talented student leaders, included a cohort of more than 300 students who were chosen from nearly 2,000 applicants from 34 African countries. More >>

Making a Difference in Cape Town: All the News That's Fit to Share

This summer, a group of 90 volunteers traveled to the Philippi Township of Cape Town, South Africa, on a Yale Alumni Service Corps trip, undertaking a broad range of service initiatives. In this first-person account, one of those volunteers, Monisha Merchant '04 M.B.A., describes her work helping students launch a series of student newspapers. More >>

OPPORTUNITIES
Yale: Focus on Africa - Fall 2018

Young African Scholars Program

Program Dates & Sessions

GHANA
25 July – 01 August

KENYA
07 August – 14 August

ZIMBABWE
18 August – 25 August

*Instructors must be able to commit to all three sessions.

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• Fully-funded 4-week trip to Africa, including airfare, visa fees, vaccinations, meals, and accommodations

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