

CAMPUS THIS WEEK

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The Vice Chancellor Prof. Paul Zeleza (center) met with the Dean for International Education and Vice Provost for Global Strategy Dr. Harvey Charles (left) and Associate Paul Gumpper (right) both from the State University of New York (SUNY) Center for International Education and Global Strategy, on Friday, October 14. They discussed opportunities to expand the decade-long partnership between SUNY and USIU-Africa to include collaboration on academic programs. Currently, the university has been managing SUNY's Agile and Harmonized Assistance for Devolved Institutions (AHADI) program for the last three years.

Students and faculty head to U.S. for workshop series

Assistant Professors of International Relations Dr. Elvis Munyi and Dr. David Mwambari will lead a team of seven undergraduate and graduate students to the Oxford Consortium Workshop Series on Human Rights and Development in New York and New Haven from October 22 to 30, 2016.

Ms. Afrikana Njuru (M.A. International Relations) will be on a student's panel "Youth, Action, and Human Rights: New Directions from Around the World", while Dr. Mwambari will be presenting a paper on "Negotiating Africa's voice in World Parliament/World Government" at a Yale University conference themed "Protecting the World's Most Vulnerable Persons."

The two members of faculty will also meet with organizers of the workshop series, to pitch USIU-Africa's capacity to host next year's workshop series, right here on campus.

Dr. Mwambari receives second award for doctoral thesis

Assistant Professor of International Relations Dr. David Mwambari is the recipient of the 2015 Rhys Issac Prize awarded by the University of La Trobe "to a student in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences who has developed a PhD thesis that is judged to be outstanding". His doctoral thesis was first awarded the Nancy Mills Award "for theses of exceptional merit" during his graduation in December 2015.

Dr. Otieno publishes malaria research

Dr. Gabriel Otieno, Lecturer of Mathematics and Statistics had his Ph.D. dissertation: "Transmission Dynamics and Optimal Control of Malaria in Kenya" published in the Discrete Dynamics in Nature and Society Volume 2016 journal.

The paper proposed and analyzed a mathematical model for the transmission dynamics of malaria with four-time dependent control measures in Kenya: insecticide treated bed nets, treatment, indoor residual spray, and intermittent preventive treatment of malaria in pregnancy.

Dr. Otieno's numerical simulations of optimal control problems, recommended a combination of control measures with respect to the level of malaria prevalence in a particular environment. The paper was co-authored by Dr. Joseph K. Koske and Dr. John M. Mutiso.

Dr. Namada to represent Africa at management academy



Dr. Juliana Namada

Assistant Professor of Strategic Management, Juliana Namada has been appointed to represent Africa as an executive member in the Academy of Management.

This followed a recommendation from Business Policy and Strategy (BPS) – a global professional organization dedicated to the advancement of management and administration.

During her three-year appointment Dr. Namada is expected to be part of the Academy's vision to inspire and enable a better world through scholarship and teaching about management and organizations. The opportunity affords the Chandaria School of Business and the university increased global visibility, as well as create linkages and collaboration between the university and other global partners.

Congratulations Dr. Namada!



Mr. Stanley Gichobi leads students during a Design Thinking for Entrepreneurs Workshop organized by the New Economy Venture Accelerator (NEVA) in Classroom B2 on Friday, October 7.

Students invited to apply for innovation awards

Applications from students are invited for 2016 Ericsson Sub-Saharan Africa Innovation Awards. The awards whose theme is "The Future of Food", will attempt to find innovations that promote sustainability in the future of food, in terms of food production, packaging, information availability or distribution.

This year's grand prize of US\$10000 is intended to encourage young innovators and start-ups to use this opportunity to make a real difference by using technology and ICT to make a positive contribution towards sustainability in the food sector in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Innovation Awards recognizes thought leaders who create innovative technological solutions to empower communities and individuals, while working towards the goal of a fully networked society. Participants in the awards are promised the chance to showcase their ideas, grow their networks and reputations, and receive start-up support and guidance from 'leading African businesspeople'.

Entry forms are available on the competition website (www.innovationawardssub Sahara.com)

Invitations issued for 2016-17 USIU-Africa grants

Full-time faculty have been invited to apply funding to conduct research on topics in the areas of their interest for funding by the university. The university research grants are only available to full-time faculty (who must fit the selected criteria to be eligible), and have a ceiling of KES 500 000 per grant for all schools apart from the School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (whose maximum amount is KES 1 million).

Research must focus on subject matter in disciplines taught at the university, including projects aimed at addressing concrete problems of the broader society. Applicants have until Thursday, 18 November to submit their proposals to the Research Office (bjonyo@usiu.ac.ke and pruto@usiu.ac.ke)

Sports teams take part in ongoing KUSA games



On Saturday, 8 October, the men's and women's volleyball, soccer and hockey teams participated in the Kenya Universities Sports Association (KUSA) 2016 games held at various venues in the city.

The men's soccer team won 2- 1 against Zetech University and National Youth Service in the first and second match at Mt. Kenya University Thika. The women's soccer and volleyball teams on the other hand lost 0-3 to Kenyatta University, while the ladies hockey team drew with Sliders at City Park.

This Saturday, October 15, the men's and women's soccer teams are face KCA University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, while the hockey and basketball teams will battle Kenyatta University and St. Paul's University respectively at Mt. Kenya University.

KUSA is mandated to run university sports in Kenya through creating opportunities and developing an environment for university students to participate in sports at all levels. All fifteen members and more than a thousand students take part in the annual national championships.

Research Fund calls for proposals

The UK's Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Department for International Development (DFID) are currently accepting proposals on behalf of the Development Frontiers Research Fund. The fund is set within the ESRC-DFID Joint Fund for Poverty Alleviation Research that funds world class social science research that addresses the goal of reducing poverty amongst the poorest countries and people globally.

The Development Frontiers Research Fund aims to innovative, strategic and catalytic research with the potential to radically impact on sustainable development concepts or practices, or lead to new thinking and action on poverty reduction.

Proposals must involve projects with a full economic cost value between £200,000 and £300,000 and last between 12 and 18 months. Additional information is available from the Academic Research Office (research@usiu.ac.ke).

Media mentions



October 14: USIU-Africa photo was featured in The Star newspaper in an article titled "KBF official Orero warns teams over participation fees." http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2016/10/14/kbf-official-orero-warns-teams-over-participation-fees_c1437801

October 14: The East African newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Water tech man who loves mentorship roles." <https://www.theafrican.co.ke/magazine/David-Gatende-loves-mentorship-roles/434746-3409442-m11jrz/index.html>

October 14: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star newspaper in an article titled "Lawyer in Moi, USIU land feud against probe." http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2016/10/14/lawyer-in-moi-usiu-land-feud-against-probe_c1437896

October 13: USIU-Africa was mentioned by the Daily Nation in an article titled "Get your hands dirty: Farming is cool and rewarding" <http://www.nation.co.ke/lifestyle/myNetwork/GET-YOUR-HANDS-DIRTY-Farming-is-cool-/3141096-3415500-x0h4gx/>

October 12: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Star Newspaper in an article titled "KPA'S Okumu aims higher." <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000219377/kpa-s-okumu-aims-higher-clubs-mvp-is-ready-to-take-her-team-to-greater-heights>

October 11: The Daily Nation newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Kin of man killed in road accident to sue driver." <http://www.nation.co.ke/news/Kin-of-man-killed-in-road-accident-to-sue-driver/1056-3412044-uk5w5/index.html>

October 11: The Standard newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Focus now shifts to KBF League after successful regional outing KPL, USIU and Ulinzi return to local basketball action" <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000219221/focus-now-shifts-to-kbf-league-after-successful-regional-outing-kpl-usiu-and-ulinzi-return-to-local-basketball-action>

October 11: The Star newspaper mentioned USIU-Africa in an article titled "Police arrest KCA university students at City Park Stadium." http://www.the-star.co.ke/news/2016/10/11/police-arrest-kca-university-students-at-city-park-stadium_c1435337

October 9: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The New Times in an article titled "Ubumwe miss ticket to FIBA-Africa Club Championships." <http://www.newtimes.co.rw/section/article/2016-10-09/204283/>

October 8: USIU-Africa was mentioned by The Standard newspaper in a sports article "Basketball KPA and USIU in unlikely marriage." <http://www.standardmedia.co.ke/sports/article/2000218889/kpa-and-usiu-in-unlikely-marriage>