Join us for a Taste of South Africa. October 10, 2019, 10:00-11:30am
Speaker: Zama Kaza
Professor of Theatre and Dance
Associate Professor of Theatre and Dance at University of Michigan. His research interests are in global theatre and ethnic studies. He also directs and writes for indigenous South African music, theatre, and dance in the National Arts Festival. His upcoming book is The First: A History of South Africa (2020).

Speaker's Synopsis: This first lecture, ‘A History of South Africa’ will provide an overview of the political, legal and moral failures of apartheid as well as the human rights, and international transitional justice processes.

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LIVING THE TRANSGENDER STRUGGLE

Speaker: Raevin Jimenez, Ph.D.

Celebrate and explore the spirit of resistance in this panel discussion with three transgender individuals who share their personal struggles and triumphs. Meet Raevin Jimenez, who was the father of three young transgender children. A transgender man who leads the University of Michigan Spectrum Center and identifies as gender non-conforming, Raevin will discuss how he navigates the world as a transgender man with two grown sons and four grandchildren. Stephanie currently is a small business owner in the Detroit area. She has been part of the LGBTQ community for 40 years and focuses her current work on the University of Michigan Spectrum Center. Will, a former small business owner in the Detroit area, has been part of the LGBTQ community for 40 years and focuses his current work on the University of Michigan Spectrum Center.

SOUTH AFRICA: PAST, PRESENT AND A LOOK AHEAD

Speaker: Kezia Ntombela, Ph.D.

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