PRESENT A JOINT WEBINAR
“The African Iron Age”

Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Time: 6:30 pm (EDT)

Register: Please contact Ms. Debbie Aliya, FASM, at daaliya@itothen.com, to register and obtain the call-in information

Cost: Free

Speaker: Dr. Judith A. Todd, FASM, P.B. Breneman Chair and Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics at the Pennsylvania State University

The ASM West Michigan Chapter will be hosting Dr. Judith A. Todd, FASM, P.B. Breneman Chair and Professor of Engineering Science and Mechanics at the Pennsylvania State University and 2017-2020 ASM Trustee. Dr. Todd will present The African Iron Age via RingCentral meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at 6:30 pm.

Please start trying to hook up around 6:15, especially if you have not done very many online programs. We'll try to get started right on time!

The West Michigan SAE Section, a usual partner for ASM local programs, will also be joining. We look forward to your participation.

Abstract: In 1972, Dr. Todd lived for a year in the remote highlands of South-West Ethiopia, with the Deemay people, who were still producing iron by methods used over 2000 years ago. This talk will take the audience on a travel back to the African Iron Age to learn about: (1) The bloomery iron process; (2) The importance of iron not just for tools but in warding off the “evil eye”, the day to day life of the Deemay;, and (3) The position of the smith caste in society. The role of inclusion analysis in determining patterns of trade in iron artifacts will also be discussed.