From the Director’s Desk

The core faculty and staff of the Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) at Michigan State University are pleased to present the Fall 2006 issue of the CASID Update, a comprehensive newsletter on our programmatic activities.

CASID is a multidisciplinary unit housed in the College of Social Science and organized in cooperation with the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs. CASID promotes and coordinates the study of issues related to international development from the perspective of the social sciences and liberal arts. CASID and the Women and International Development (WID) Program at MSU have been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Comprehensive National Resource Center for Foreign Language and International Studies and receive funding under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. In addition to a wide range of Title VI-funded programmatic activities, CASID also provides assistance to the College of Social Science and other core faculty seeking external funding for cross-unit, cross-disciplinary, international development research and scholarship activities in collaboration with MSU’s Office of International Development (OID) and other international and area centers.

In this issue we feature a wide range of international development-related teaching, research and outreach activities that we have supported during the past year. We look forward to continuing our work in the coming year and the exciting opportunities that lay ahead.

Robert S. Glew
Acting Director


We are pleased to announce that MSU’s Center for Advanced Study of International Development, with the Women and International Development Program, has been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a National Resource Center (NRC) for international development studies for the four-year cycle 2006–2010. This award will provide support at MSU for programmatic activities related to international development and foreign language studies in the areas of teaching, research and outreach. The NRC award is in addition to the four-year Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program award that CASID and WID have received for 2006–2010. The NRC and FLAS awards are in recognition of the strength, depth and breadth of MSU faculty in the various fields of international development and institutional commitment to these areas.

CASID Receives U.S. Department of State Funding for Nigeria Exchange Program for 2006–2007

CASID, in collaboration with MSU’s African Studies Center and Women and International Development Program, will partner with the University of Jos, Nigeria and the Michigan Municipal League to strengthen institutional linkages between Nigeria and the United States and enhance the capacities of Nigeria’s democratic institutions and promote consolidation of their democratic governance. The governance partnership program will provide training for Nigerian local government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations and university scholars. Particular focus will be placed on how these representatives can more effectively collaborate to promote citizen participation in government decision-making and examine specific practices that promote an effective, accountable, transparent and responsive government and public administration. This collaboration seeks to improve the effectiveness and accountability of local government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations and university scholars from Nigeria by providing them with relevant capacity and skills to cope with the complex issues of governance and administration.

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CASID Acting Director Assists with Planning a Cultural Center in Techiman, Ghana

During July – August 2005, CASID Acting Director, Dr. Robert Glew, traveled to Ghana with Dr. Ray Silverman, University of Michigan, to explore a possible collaboration among Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, and the Techiman Traditional Council and community, to develop a cultural center in the city of Techiman. The local community envisions the proposed 10-acre site housing a museum, performance space, artisans in residence, and a library/research center. Techiman is about 150 kilometers north of Kumasi and is located at a major crossroad in the region. The cultural center will provide a space for the expression and celebration of Techiman’s diverse religious and ethnic diversity. The center will also serve as a hub for the promotion of regional tourism and provide information on sites of interest and activities in the area. The university partners plan to provide opportunities for faculty and students to conduct research in various fields related to the center’s activities including: social science, the humanities, agriculture, environmental science, and education.

MSU Global Encounter Engages the University Community

On April 30, 2006 over 350 MSU faculty, staff, administrators, graduate and undergraduate students, visiting international scholars and professionals, and emeriti faculty attended the Global Encounter in the Breslin Center. About half of the participants were faculty members. A broad cross section of the university was represented, including all 14 colleges, plus the libraries and a variety of centers and administrative units. Numerous deans and department chairs also attended.

Hosted by Provost Kim Wilcox and organized by the Office of International Studies and Programs, the Global Encounter was designed as a first step toward identifying strategic countries/regions, partners, and programmatic themes where the university can have transformational impact in the decades ahead.

The event brought together colleagues from wide-ranging educational units who shared similar country/regional or programmatic interests. A great amount of discussion focused on MSU and how we work with the world. A major outcome of the Global Encounter was that participants were very focused on the process for future international engagement. That is, they expressed concern about developing truly bilateral agreements that assure mutual give and take between MSU and partner institutions and other constituencies, covering research, teaching and engagement, and marked by respect for the potential contributions from each institution and group.

Congratulations to MSU’s Student Fulbright Award Recipients

Congratulations to the MSU students who were awarded Fulbrights in 2005–06: Zermatie Deacon, Psychology; RoseAnna Downing-Vickland, Anthropology; Kimberly Perez, Sociology; Michael Perez, Anthropology; and Michael Stone, Forestry.

Michael Perez was supported during his studies at MSU by a U.S. Department of Education Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship from CASID and WID. Michael studied Arabic to prepare himself for his doctoral research on violence, conflict, and refugee populations in the Middle East.

Curriculum Development Grants Awarded for International Development Courses

The following faculty received CASID and WID 2005–06 curriculum development grants to create and revise undergraduate and graduate courses related to international development and/or gender relations with Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Nwando Achebe, History. New graduate-level seminar on women and gender in African history.

Dr. Ermine Evered, History. New undergraduate course on histories of education and modernization in Islamic societies.

Dr. Kyle Evered, Geography. New undergraduate course on critical global geopolitics.

Dr. Mara Leichtman, Anthropology. New undergraduate course on the anthropology of the Middle East.

Dr. Sabrina McCormick, Sociology. New course on health and the environment in international perspective.


Dr. Sarah Nicholls, Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resources. New course on tourism and global change.

Dr. Folu Ogundimu, Journalism. New course, “Press, Politics, and the State in Africa: Nigeria and Ghana.”

Dr. Adan Quan, Anthropology. Created an international development-oriented module for the graduate course on Consumer Anthropology.
MSU HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated by President Carter in 1978 to honor the accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. It is a Fulbright exchange program funded by the United States Congress through the Department of State and implemented by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The Program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from developing countries to the United States to participate in professional development activities and graduate-level academic coursework. A five-year agreement with the Department of State and IIE designates MSU as one of two host institutions in the area of economic development. CASID is the host unit that administers the Humphrey Fellowship Program at MSU.

The aim of the Humphrey Fellowship Program is to foster knowledge, mutual understanding, and a basis for long-lasting relationships between citizens of the United States and their professional counterparts in other countries. Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to service in both the public and private sectors.

The MSU Humphrey Fellows for the 2005-06 academic year:

Mr. Krishna Gyawali, Nepal, Joint Secretary of His Majesty's Government of Nepal and the Head of the Economic Affairs and Policy Analysis Division of the Ministry of Finance. Mr. Gyawali studied emerging issues in economic development, concentrating on the merger of good macroeconomics with larger concerns of inclusive governance, social justice, and equity.

Ms. Yuderka Chong Franco, Dominican Republic, Technical Assistant of Administration and Finances for private NGOs and the Ministry of Health through CONECTA/USAID in the Dominican Republic. Ms. Chong explored the financial impact of economic policies and program management as well as the development of programs to decrease dependency on international aid.

Mr. Janak De Silva, Sri Lanka, State Counsel to the Attorney General of Sri Lanka. Mr. De Silva focused on broadening his understanding of the law of the World Trade Organization and its impact on human rights and the environment in developed and developing countries.

Mr. Olusola Olubode, Nigeria, Regional Executive for NBM Bank Limited in Nigeria. Mr. Olubode's interests included the best practices in finance and banking business in the U.S., so as to contribute effectively to the industrial and economic development of Nigeria.

Mr. Donald Rossette, Bangladesh, Program Consultant for the Bred for Bangladesh Society. Mr. Rossette studied economic development focusing on project planning, management, monitoring and evaluation.

Mr. Rustam Saidaliyev, Uzbekistan, Manager for the Product Engineering Division of Daewoo Auto Company in Uzbekistan. Mr. Saidaliyev focused on the American automobile industry with the goal of accenting economic development of the industry in Uzbekistan.

Mr. Carlos Sampaio, Brazil, State Auditor for the State of Bahia (Brazil) Tax and Treasury Department. Mr. Sampaio conducted academic and field research in detection of tax fraud using computerized tools.

Mr. Dong Luu Tran, Vietnam, Expert on Foreign Affairs in the Khanh Hoa Provincial Government as an Expert on Foreign Affairs in the area of international economics and international relations policies. Mr. Tran focused on broadening her knowledge of and experience in public economic policy, analysis, and management, with particular emphasis on economic development strategy and implementation in local government.

Mr. Jae-Choel (David) Yoo, Korea, First Deputy Director for the Value Added Tax Division of the National Tax Service in Seoul. Mr. Yoo's interests include the tax systems of advanced countries and the causes of the difference in taxpayers' compliance.

During the Program, Fellows take graduate-level courses and are paired with MSU faculty mentors with similar international development interests. Fellows also participate in workshops and conferences that provide interaction with leaders from U.S. federal, state, and local governments, multinational organizations and the private sector. MSU does not accept or process Fellowship applications, but more information can be found at the CASID website.
LATTICE: Continuing to Promote Cross-Cultural Education Among K-12 Teachers and Administrators

Linking All Types of Teachers to International and Cross-Cultural Education (LATTICE) continues its ongoing project of assessing a global perspective in K-12 classrooms. The monthly half-day sessions, which include local K-12 teachers, administrators, and MSU faculty and international graduate students, focused on issues of the challenges and opportunities of globalization. By exploring topics as diverse as economic development, the UN Millennium Goals, environmental issues, and the globalization of art and culture, the LATTICE team works to internationalize education in Michigan classrooms. LATTICE is a collaborative project designed to link K-12 teachers with a cross-cultural education network that involves dynamic interactions on issues that concern educators throughout the world. The program is supported by CASID and MSU's College of Education, the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs, African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Women and International Development Program, the Graduate School, and ten mid-Michigan school districts. LATTICE provides Michigan teachers the opportunity to enrich their students' understanding of other countries and integrate this information into their curricula.

For more information on how to become a LATTICE member contact CASID Outreach Coordinator, Pamela Galbraith, at 353-8571.

MSU Strengthens Linkages with Thailand

Acting ISP Dean and CASID Director Jeffrey Riedinger accompanied an MSU delegation to Thailand in January, 2006. The trip aimed to strengthen ties between the university and Thailand’s government, institutes of higher education, and with MSU alumni in Thailand. Provost Kim Wilcox, Vice President for Global Engagement and Strategic Projects John Hudzik, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine Christopher Brown, and Chris Wheeler of the College of Education represented the university.

CASID and WID sponsor the 22nd Annual World Food Day Teleconference: Reflections on Fighting Hunger

Over 30 people attended the 22nd annual World Food Day Teleconference, Reflections on Fighting Hunger: Roads Not Taken, Goals Not Met, The Journey Ahead, held on Friday, October 14, 2005 in the International Center. World Food Day is a worldwide event designed to raise awareness and understanding of hunger issues and to promote year-round activism to alleviate hunger. This year’s event examined a range of solutions proposed to solve one of the world’s most enduring human tragedies. The featured speaker of the national teleconference, Frances Moore Lappé, a long-time food activist and author of Diet for a Small Planet, provided her perspective on the human-made causes of hunger and the significance of our everyday choices in creating a world free of hunger.

Following the one-hour national teleconference, MSU Professors Dr. Lawrence Buchar, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for Food and Agricultural Standards at MSU, and Dr. John Bienbaum, Professor of Horticulture and founder of the student organic farm on campus, discussed their research and addressed the issues raised during the teleconference. A video of the teleconference is available to MSU faculty for use in classes or at no charge and can be reserved by contacting the CASID office at 353-8570. Information packets on the World Food Day Teleconference are also available from CASID upon request. For other information on World Food Day activities or resources contact: Patricia Young, National Coordinator for the U.S. National Committee for World Food Day at (202) 653-2404.

CASID and WID 2005–2006 Friday Forum

The 2005–2006 Friday Forum included presentations by MSU and visiting scholars on a number of important issues related to international development.

FALL, 2005

9-9
Upgrading Informal Settlements in Sub-Saharan Africa
Dr. Ellen Bassett, Geography
9-16
AIDS Policies for Markets and Warriors: Dispossession, Capital and Pharmacy in Nigeria
Dr. Kristin Peterson, Anthropology
9-21
Economic Challenges and Reforms in an African Oil-Producing Nation: Nigeria
Olusola Olubode, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
10-7
The Important Role of Women in the Control of Lymphatic Filariasis
Dr. Charles MacKenzie, Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation
10-21
The Social and Economic Impact of Epilepsy among Women in Zambia
Dr. Grichten Birbeck, Neurology and Ophthalmology/Epidemiology
10-28
HIV/AIDS in the Dominican Republic: Controlling the Pandemic
Yuderkia Chong-Franco, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
11-4
Study Abroad in Ghana: Exposing Youth to International Health Disciplines
Dr. Connie Currier, College of Nursing
11-11
Economic Development in Uzbekistan Rustam Saddalayev, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
11-18
Shifting State Ideologies, Incipient Capitalism, and Changing Therapeutic Itineraries in Cuba’s “Special Period”
Dr. Sam K. Varghese, Animal Science
11-25
Assistance to Tsunami Survivors in the Southeast Asia: Raising Japanese Quail for Food and Profit
Dr. Sam K. Varghese, Animal Science
11-28
Evolution of Bilateral Diplomatic, Trade, and Investment Relationships since 1975
Chun-Long Tran, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
12-2
The Environment and Economic Development in Chad: Impact of Oil Exploitation
Kladoumbaye Modjingar, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
12-7
Ecological Rehabilitation in China: Initiatives, Impacts, and Imperatives
Dr. Runsheng Yin, Forestry
2-3
Economic Development in Nepal: Issues and Challenges
Krishna Gajwali, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
2-10
Economic Restructuring in Korea since the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997
Jae-Cheol Yoo, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
2-12
Therapeutic Assistance to Tsunami Survivors in Indonesia
Lukas Lahue, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
2-17
Economic Restructuring in Korea since the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997
Jae-Cheol Yoo, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
2-19
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Jae-Cheol Yoo, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
2-21
Economic Development in Brazil
Donald Rossette, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
2-28
The Electrical Energy System in Turkmenistan: An Expanding Infrastructure for Economic Development
Jennet Atabayera, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
3-1
Vietnam and the United States: Evolution of Bilateral Diplomatic, Trade, and Investment Relationships since 1975
Donald Rossette, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
3-8
Tax System and Economic Development in Brazil
Joao Carlos M. Sampaio, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
4-7
Economy of Bangladesh: Agriculture Sector Challenges in the Face of WTO Agreements
Donald Rossette, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
4-13
Vietnam and the United States: Evolution of Bilateral Diplomatic, Trade, and Investment Relationships since 1975
Donald Rossette, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
4-21
Economic Restructuring in Korea since the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997
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4-28
Humphrey Forum: Returning Home with Ideas and Insights about Economic Development
Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows, 2005–2006
MSU Hosts Ethics and Development Conference

CASID and WID provided support for an international conference and workshop on ethics and development designed to explore the practical value of the “Capability Approach” which was held at Michigan State University April 11–13, 2005. Over 200 development-focused researchers and practitioners attended the East Lansing event.

The conference and workshop consisted of one evening panel discussion and five half-day sessions that focused on the “Capability Approach” in theory and practice in the areas of human rights and political development, economic and environmental development, and social development. There was also a final half-day session organized and guided by MSU graduate students addressing MSU’s new interdisciplinary doctoral specialization in ethics and development.

Speakers included Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Harvard University, former director of the United Nations Human Development Program; Sabina Alkire, Harvard University; Daniel Little, University of Michigan-Dearborn; David A. Crocker, University of Maryland, and Des Gasper, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague.

The conference grew out of a 2002–2003 Global and Area Thematic Initiative (GATI) Grant led by Dr. Stephen Esquith, Harvard University, former director of the United Nations Human Development Program, Sabina Alkire, Harvard University; Daniel Little, University of Michigan-Dearborn; David A. Crocker, University of Maryland, and Des Gasper, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague.

Dr. Kwasi Adarkwa Receives the 2006 Outstanding Alumni Award

Dr. Kwasi Adarkwa, the 2006 College of Social Science Outstanding Alumni Award Winner, came to campus in May to receive the award and discuss opportunities and possibilities for collaborative projects between Michigan State University and Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana’s flagship institution for science and technology. During his visit he met with Provost Kim Wilcox, Dean Marietta Baba of the College of Social Science, and numerous faculty with research interests in Ghana.

Dr. Adarkwa, a MSU Department of Urban and Regional Planning alum, is currently the Pro Vice-Chancellor of KNUST, a role in which he is actively working to make higher education more available to students in Ghana and substantially increase female enrollment. On October 1, 2006 Dr. Adarkwa will begin serving a four-year term as Pro Vice-Chancellor of KNUST. He was nominated for the Outstanding Alumni Award by CASID Acting Director Dr. Robert Grew.

Dr. Adarkwa’s visit was sponsored by the College of Social Science, CASID, International Studies and Programs, African Studies, Global and Urban Studies Program, and Urban and Regional Planning.

CASID Facilitates School of Social Work Linkage with the University of Ghana

Social Work faculty member DelBrenna Aghenyiga, Michigan State University and the University of Ghana at Legon, in cooperation with the Zonta Club of Lansing and the Zonta Club of Accra, Ghana, implemented a training program to strengthen institutional linkages between Ghana and the United States and enhance the capacities of Ghanaian institutions to promote and develop women’s workforce participation by providing entrepreneurial training to Ghana. “Entrepreneurship Training Program: A Ghana-United States Exchange”, funded through the U.S. Department of State, enabled the University of Ghana to develop and implement a workforce development program that will serve traditionally underprivileged women. Particular focus was placed on establishing effective collaboration between the public and private sectors, including the NGO community, to enhance women’s workforce development participation. This collaboration built upon the training expertise, information technology systems, and facilities of U. of G. and the Zonta Club of Accra, as well as MSU’s extensive expertise in providing technical assistance to local leaders and managers worldwide via in-country training and distance education. The program aimed to support Ghana’s expanding democracy and improve individual well-being by supporting micro-entrepreneurship among underprivileged women.

Seven participants were selected for travel to the United States and seven Michigan trainers traveled to Ghana. Following a pre-departure orientation in Accra, the Ghanaians’ visit to the United States, two MSU staff members accompanied a seven-member delegation of Michigan trainers, including business leaders, public officials, and others, to Ghana to conduct in-country training workshops and consultations. The program worked to build long-term partnerships among academics, business leaders, public officials, and NGO leaders in Ghana and the United States.
CASID and WID Support the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education’s Summer Workshop

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIIE) 2005 Summer Workshop, Human Rights and Global Healthcare Issues, offered faculty from post-secondary institutions an intensive week-long learning environment in which they could discuss ways in which to internationalize the curriculum at their home institutions. MSU faculty Dr. Libby Bogdan-Lovis, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences; Dr. Connie Currier, College of Nursing; and Dr. Michael Bratton, Political Science and International/Intercultural Education’s Natural Resource Center Program. The panels and presentations at this event helped to strengthen the capability and performance of American education in area, international, and global studies. Successful outreach models and best practices from all over the U.S. were presented and discussed, along with approaches appropriate to all world regions and all grade levels. MSU Area and Thematic Center faculty and staff served as organizers for five panels highlighting MSU’s efforts to internationalize teacher education through the TE 250 project, and internationalize the K-12 curriculum through programs such as LATTICE and Group Projects Abroad. They also conducted panels suggesting best practices for Community College collaborations and outreach, and displayed the wide range of web-based resources maintained and made available to educators through MSU. Other MSU faculty and staff served on panels discussing best practices in outreach to government and business.

MSU Area and Thematic Centers Attend National Outreach Conference

A National Outreach Conference held in Madison, Wisconsin in April 2006 provided an opportunity for MSU’s international and area studies centers, College of Education, and affiliate programs to highlight their ongoing outreach efforts to internationalize K-12 and post-secondary education. The conference was intended as a resource for anyone involved with international outreach, especially those professionals under the umbrella of the U.S. Department of Education’s Natural Resource Center Program. The panels and presentations at this event helped to strengthen the capability and performance of American education in area, international, and global studies. Successful outreach models and best practices from all over the U.S. were presented and discussed, along with approaches appropriate to all world regions and all grade levels. MSU Area and Thematic Center faculty and staff served as organizers for five panels highlighting MSU’s efforts to internationalize teacher education through the TE 250 project, and internationalize the K-12 curriculum through programs such as LATTICE and Group Projects Abroad. They also conducted panels suggesting best practices for Community College collaborations and outreach, and displayed the wide range of web-based resources maintained and made available to educators through MSU. Other MSU faculty and staff served on panels discussing best practices in outreach to government and business.

CASID Supported Initiatives Cited in College of Education Award

The American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AATE) chose MSU’s College of Education for its Best Practice Award for Global and International Teacher Education in February. The ongoing and comprehensive efforts of the college to internationalize teacher education, including the TE 250 project, which helps provide instructors with the skills and resources they need to internationalize the curriculum of the mandatory course for education majors, has resulted in the recognition of the college’s excellence and commitment to this important facet of internationalizing education. CASID co-sponsors the TE 250 project along with the College of Education, African Studies, Asian Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Women and International Development, and International Studies and Programs.

CASID Co-Sponsors “Michigan and the International Economy” Forum for State Legislators

A collaborative forum for state legislators and policy makers titled “Michigan and the International Economy: The Impact of Immigration” was held on April 19, 2006. MSU faculty and community experts discussed issues related to immigration. The forum was the third in the ongoing series “Michigan and the International Economy.” The forum explored a contentious topic facing state and federal governments, and aimed to separate fact from fiction regarding immigrants to Michigan, reviewed related policies and state-level services, looked at the impact of immigration on Michigan demographics, and considered the role immigration plays in the economy of the state.

Panelists included: Dr. Peter Antone, MSU College of Law; Peter Briggs, Director of MSU’s Office of International Students and Scholars; Kristin Enstice, Diocese of Kalamazoo Immigration Assistance Program; Dr. Brendan Mullan, Department of Sociology; and Dr. Rene Rosenbaum, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies.

In addition to CASID, the forum was sponsored by the following MSU programs and centers: African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and the Women and International Development Program.
CASID and WID Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

CASID and WID award graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program of the U.S. Department of Education. The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. CASID and WID FLAS Fellowships are awarded to graduate students enrolled in programs which combine the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training and research in international development studies. Academic Year Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to $11,500 per academic year) and a stipend of $14,500 for the academic year. Summer Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to $4,000) and a stipend of $2,500. For information and application materials please visit the CASID website at: http://www.casid.msu.edu/academicfellowships.shtml

CASID and WID FLAS Fellows, Academic Year 2005–2006

Pamela Bartholomew, Anthropology: Advanced Hindi; linkages between agriculture and women's health in India.
Charlotte Cable, Anthropology: Intermediate Arabic; gender, identity, and international development in Jordan and Syria.
Mariza Ebi, Anthropology: Advanced Swahili; HIV/AIDS and medical anthropology in Tanzania.
Andrea Freidus, Anthropology: Elementary Chewa; HIV/AIDS and tourism in East Africa.
Sarah Halter, Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, Intermediate Swahili; community, food, agricultural systems in East Africa.
Lexine Hansen, Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, Advanced Arabic; gender, power, and development in the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia.
Rebecca Meuninck, Anthropology: Elementary Portuguese; relations between Latin American coffee growers and international sustainable development organizations.
Deborah Wilson, Sociology: Advanced Mandarin Chinese; aging, age relations, and rural development in China.

CASID and WID FLAS Fellows, Summer 2006

Pamela Bartholomew, Anthropology: Advanced Hindi; linkages between agriculture and women’s health in India.
Andrea Freidus, Anthropology: Elementary Chewa; HIV/AIDS and tourism in East Africa.
Lexine Hansen, Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, Advanced Arabic; gender, power, and development in the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia.
Nidal Karim, Psychology: K’iche’ gendered violence and micro-credit programs among indigenous women in Guatemala.
Rebecca Meuninck, Anthropology: Intermediate Portuguese; relations between Latin American coffee growers and international sustainable development organizations.

Global and Area Thematic Initiative Awards for 2005–2006

The Global Area and Thematic Initiative (GATI) is an effort of five MSU international centers to foster comparative and thematically oriented multidisciplinary programs of research and undergraduate or graduate training which are likely to bring national prominence to MSU in international and area studies. GATI links MSU’s faculty and material resources in innovative ways to continue their national leadership in conceptualizing and acting on key transformations in international development. Initiatives funded by GATI, Academic Year 2005–2006 include:

Combining Science, Economics, and Institutional Innovation to Improve Water Resource Management, led by Dr. John Kerr (CARRS) and Dr. Michael Kaplowitz (CARRS)

Water quality and quantity are growing constraints to economic development and human well-being globally. Past efforts to overcome water shortages focused on augmenting supply, but there is increasing recognition of the need to better manage existing supplies. The objective of this project is to work toward producing interdisciplinary research proposals and articles on the topic of water management. The key theme is to integrate science, economics, and institutional approaches.

The Driving Forces and Environmental Consequences of Land Use and Land Cover Changes in the Upper Yangtze Basin, led by Dr. Runsheng Yin, Forestry; Dr. David Rothstein, Forestry; and Dr. Jiaguo Qi, Geography

Past land use and land cover changes have profoundly altered the earth’s surface and adversely affected ecosystem functions, carbon and water cycles, and human welfare. The goal of this project is to gain a clear scientific understanding of the driving forces and environmental consequences of land use and land cover changes using China’s upper Yangtze basin as an example.

Where Land Meets Water led by Dr. Antoniette WinklerPrins, Geography; Dr. Sieglinde Snapp, Horticulture; and Dr. William Dermer, Anthropology

Through a lecture series, an edited book, and graduate seminars, this initiative will focus on the intersection of land and water in Southern Africa and South America. The project will consider the land water interface in terms of how and by whom they are used, and examine the contestations of them arising in the context of new land, water and irrigation policies and legislation. The gender dimensions of these spaces and reforms will receive special attentions and articulation.

For more information on GATI, visit http://www.isp.msu.edu/gati/
Global and Area Thematic Initiatives (GATI) Supports “Globalization and Visual Culture” Conference

The conference, “Globalization and Visual Culture,” took place in March 2005 and focused on the film and television of North Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. It explored the ways that visual media are being used to express messages of nationalism, progress and unity, as well as resistance, indigenous tradition, radical protest or alternate being used to express messages of nationalism, progress and unity, as well as resistance, indigenous tradition, radical protest or alternate explanations for interactions.

CASID Supports MSU Faculty Development

With support from Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education, CASID and WID have allocated resources for faculty International Development Research Initiation Grants (IDRIGs). The purpose of the IDRIG program is to stimulate innovative research proposals and to promote new knowledge about international development. CASID and WID also provide support to MSU faculty to present papers and serve as a discussant or panel chair on topics related to international development and/or gender relations at national or international conferences. Grant recipients for the 2005–06 academic year, and the topics of their research and/or presentations addressed, included:

2005–06 CASID and WID Travel Grant Recipients:

Dr. R. Bhavnani, Political Science. Traveled to San Diego, CA in March 2006 to attend the International Studies Association Annual Convention. Papers presented: “Learning from Adversity: Ethnic Ties and Ethnic Domination” and “Using Agent-Based Models to Explore Alliance Dynamics in Closed Polities.”


Dr. Cristina Schmitt, Linguistics and Languages. Traveled to Barcelona, Spain in April 2006 to attend the Generative Linguistics in the Old World (GLOW) workshop. Papers presented: “Interpretable and Uninterpretable Number in Child Language Comprehension” with Dr. Karen Miller, and “Acquisition of Plurality in a Language without Plural” with Dr. X.A. Zhang.

Dr. C. Simmons, Geography. Traveled to Caracas, Venezuela in November 2005 as the U.S. Representative to the Geography Commission at the XVIII General Assembly and meeting of Consultations, Pan American Institute of Geography and History.

Dr. Susan Zhu, Economics. Traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota in June 2005 to attend the North American Ecomonic Society Meetings and present the paper entitled “U.S. Exports and Multinational Production.”

2005–06 CASID and WID IDRIG Recipients:

Dr. Laura Apol, Teacher Education. Dr. Apol traveled to Rwanda in June 2006 to work on a collaborative research project which aims to train Rwandan teachers in strategies to support and elicit from children creative writing products relating to genocide and its aftermath. The project will use writing and the telling of stories as a form of healing and empowerment.

Dr. Sabri Babana-Hampton, French, Classics, and Italian Studies. Dr. Babana-Hampton traveled to Morocco in May and June 2006 to conduct research focused on Beur and Maghrebian women writers’ relationship to the public space and their role in informing public opinion in view of promoting social action and change.

Dr. Emine Evered, History. Dr. Evered traveled to Turkey in June 2006 to conduct research examining the education of girls and women and the associated rise of vocational and teacher-training schools in Ottoman and Republican Turkey.

Dr. Kyle Evered, Geography. Dr. Evered traveled to Turkey in July 2006 to conduct a research project seeking to examine the local, regional, national-state, and global pressures exerted on specific localities that contribute to environmental conservation in Turkey’s “lakes region”.

Dr. Brenda Sternequist, Advertising, Public Relations, and Retailing. Dr. Sternequist traveled to Beijing and Shanghai in June and July 2006 to conduct a survey of retail buyer-supplier relationships, focusing on new product acceptance and comparing behavioral versus transaction cost analysis explanations for interactions.

CASID and WID offer Teach-In on Sudan, Darfur, and Conflict in Africa

Over 120 students, activities, faculty, and community members attended the September 2005 event to raise awareness of the situation in the Darfur region of Sudan, in which the U.S. government says genocide has occurred. Ali Ali-Dinar, of the University of Pennsylvania’s African Studies Center, Sudan Studies Association President, and Founder of Darfur Information Center on-line resources delivered the keynote address “The Genocide in Darfur: Local and International Responses.”

CASID and WID co-sponsored the event with the African Studies Center, International Studies and Programs Dean’s Office, Jewish Studies, James Madison College, and Students Taking Action on Darfur Now (STAND).

Muskegon Community College’s Global Awareness Festival: Focus on Europe

In November 2005, CASID participated in the Global Awareness Festival hosted by Muskegon Community College. The annual festival is designed to raise awareness of global issues, and was attended by over 200 of the local community, students, and faculty. This year’s events and lectures focused on Eastern Europe. CASID, in cooperation with the Center for European and Russian Studies, and Women in International Development Program, organized a panel in which Dr. Dara Bryant of Linguistics and Languages, Dr. Monica Dobos of CERS, and CASID Outreach Coordinator Pamela Galbraith discussed their current research on gender and development in Eastern Europe.

MSU Joins Peace Corps Masters International Program

Michigan State University, already a leading source of Peace Corps Volunteers, will offer a master’s level program combining campus coursework in East Lansing with Peace Corps volunteerism abroad. The new MSU Master’s International program is based on existing master’s science programs in the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. MSU was ranked 8th in the nation for 2005 Peace Corps Volunteers.
Ann Allegra Joins CASID Staff

We are pleased to announce that Ann Allegra joined the Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) staff in 2006. Ann holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Master of Arts degree in International Development.

Ann comes to CASID with nine years of experience in the nonprofit sector. This included work with the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, awarding grants to nonprofits for targeted areas such as community partnerships, violence prevention, immigration and naturalization, management assistance, and emergency services. She also worked with two human rights organizations in Zimbabwe, Amani Trust, and the Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum, documenting human rights abuses and political violence that occurred during the 2000 parliamentary election.

Ann assists faculty and staff with proposal preparation and works with the Office of International Development (OID) and the Institute of International Agriculture (IIA) to identify and pursue new opportunities. She identifies foundation and federal funding opportunities and administers international education and training programs.

Visit the CASID Staff in the International Center

CASID is co-located with the Office of International Development (OID) in Room 202 of the International Center. CASID continues to focus on its core missions of (1) enhancing its leadership role (in partnership with WID) as a U.S. Department of Education designated and funded National Resource Center (NRC) for Foreign Language and International Studies; and (2) diversifying and expanding the contract and grant portfolio of CASID, the College of Social Science, and MSU for cross-unit inter-disciplinary international development research, teaching, and outreach. CASID and OID provide complementary support to MSU faculty. CASID assists faculty in developing proposals to fund such initiatives with the College of Social Science; OID assists faculty to do the same across the university.