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Fall 2010 is coming to a close. As the semester winds down, there are still some great events on the horizon. Stay tuned for more exciting options in 2011!

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## Events: Week of 6 December

### Wednesday, 8 December

*Re-engaging with Agriculture in Central America: Insights from Recent Research*

Speakers: Dave Tschirley, Professor, Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics; MSU Food Security Group; and Ricardo Hernández, PhD Candidate, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics

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3pm, 201 International Center

### Thursday, 9 December

*Writing an Eritrean-African History from an Insider's Perspective*

Speaker: Alemseged Tesfai, Author (Research and Documentation Center, Eritrea)

[African Studies](#)

12-1pm, 201 International Center

## Announcements

### SASLI APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) based at the University of Wisconsin - Madison is offering intensive summer courses in the following South Asian languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Pali, Pashto, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan and Urdu. Applications for Summer 2011 are now being accepted.

Applications and instructions can be found on the SASLI web site at <http://www.sasli.wisc.edu/>

Please apply or encourage your students to apply as soon as possible as faculty hiring is based on student interest. Students eligible for FLAS funds may find information at on the SASLI web site at <http://www.sasli.wisc.edu/funding/index.htm>. In addition, all SASLI students are eligible to apply for a full or partial Fee Remission, Information about this funding is also available at <http://www.sasli.wisc.edu/funding/index.htm>

The application deadline for both forms of funding is February 1, 2011. If you have questions about SASLI, the application process, or FLAS and Fee Remissions, please review the FAQ pages on the web site at <http://sasli.wisc.edu/faq/index.html>. If you need additional information, please contact SASLI by phone at (608) 261-1194 or by e-mail at [sasli@southasia.wisc.edu](mailto:sasli@southasia.wisc.edu)

### CALL FOR PAPERS

Diminishing Latin America's Inequalities: Land, Food and Human Health Strategies, April 20-21, 2011

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Michigan State University invites participation from undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, researchers and practitioners to examine the issues and actions needed to shrink inequalities plaguing Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition to a plenary keynote address and invited presentations by an international panel, student and faculty submissions will be selected for presentation in oral and poster sessions. The keynote address will be announced soon.

Featured speakers to help bring authentic voices into the conversation include **Professor Lois Meyer**, Department of Language, Literacy and Sociocultural Studies, University of New Mexico, and Mexican anthropologist **Benjamin Maldonado**, a specialist in indigenous education and ethnographic studies in original peoples of Oaxaca.

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Family and gender equity
- Family health (esp., women and children; poverty-related and infectious diseases)
- Disadvantaged and underprivileged social groups
- Humanistic expression of the human condition and cultural diversity
- Rural food, livelihoods and natural resource management
- Market competitiveness, social capital and employment creation, e.g., campesino agriculture commodity chain networks
- Nutritional diversity and health, e.g., heritage foods from healthy landscapes
- Achieving Millennium Development Goals
- Land use strategies that ameliorate global effects of climate change
- Water capture, use and quality
- Managing biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Networks and facilitating development of social capital
- Education for human development, communities and cultural diversity, e.g., bilingual education, interculturalidad, cultural reciprocity
- Community livelihoods frameworks

This symposium is especially intended for Michigan State students and faculty to present and discuss works in progress. Presentations by others also will be considered. Due to time constraints, many accepted papers will be assigned for presentation in a poster format. Submitters must be prepared to accept either

mode of presentation. Poster sessions in the 2010 symposium were occasions for fruitful interaction with exchange of ideas. **Deadline for Abstracts: January 21, 2011.**

Submit electronically (Word document) an abstract of 250 words or less to [clacs@msu.edu](mailto:clacs@msu.edu) (please include in the subject line of your e-mail: SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL. Outside presenters should obtain their own financial assistance for travel and lodging. For more information contact Kristin Janka Millar ([kristin@msu.edu](mailto:kristin@msu.edu)) or Robert Blake ([rwblake@msu.edu](mailto:rwblake@msu.edu)).

#### MEXICAN CONSULATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) and the Chicano/Latino Studies Program (CLS) at Michigan State University were recently awarded the 2010-2011 IME-Becas Higher Education Grant, sponsored by the Government of Mexico (*Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior/IME*) and the University of California-Berkeley.

The purpose of this newly awarded 2010-11 IME-Becas Fellowship Program is to enable exceptional MSU students (**undergraduate and graduate**) of Mexican descent to undertake research and complete their degrees. We anticipate awarding approximately eight scholarships of up to \$2,500 each.

The first round of MSU student applications will be **due January 15, 2011 by noon.**

Please see attachments for more information and application form. More information is available at: [http://latinamerica.isp.msu.edu/Mexican\\_Consulate\\_Research\\_Fellowship.htm](http://latinamerica.isp.msu.edu/Mexican_Consulate_Research_Fellowship.htm)

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