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## EVENTS



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### For the Week of March 3rd:

**March 3rd - March 7th is Spring Break at Michigan State University. Have a nice break!**

### Tuesday, March 4, 2008

#### The Great Lakes: An Ecosystem in Transition

Climate change, changing water levels, and introduced species may have both positive and negative effects on the Great Lakes ecosystem. This Great Lakes conference, now in its 18th year, will present current and new information on a variety of these issues and address actions being taken to protect and enhance this fragile ecosystem. The conference is free but registration is required. See <http://www.iwr.msu.edu> or call 517-353-3742.

9:00am - 4:00pm, Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center

### Friday, March 7th

#### MSU's 1st Friday Land Use Luncheon

Speaker: Eric Schertzing, Ingham County Treasurer; Sponsored by the Office of Campus Sustainability

The talk is about the Ingham County Land Bank-A Tool for Re-building Cities. Enjoy a light buffet lunch along with a talk by expert guests

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Central United Methodist Church in Lansing, Michigan

### Sunday, March 9th

#### Film, "The Corporation"

7:00pm, Edgewood United Church, 469 North Hagadorn Road

### For the Week of March 10th:

### Monday, March 10th

#### "Assessing Environmental Impact of Agriculture with Insect Diversity Estimates in a Tropical Forest of the Soconusco Region of Chiapas, Mexico"

Entomology Spring 2008 Seminars  
Speaker: Ricardo Magallanes-Dedeno, State University of Chiapas, Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico  
4:00pm, 244 Natural Science Building

### Tuesday, March 11

#### "A Critical Geopolitics of Eurasianism Today: Examples from Kazakhstan and Turkey"

Asian Studies Center Colloquium Series, "Focus On Central Asia: Social And Cultural Transformations"  
Speaker: Kyle Evered (Geography, MSU)  
4:00pm, Rm 303 International Center

#### "Vulnerability of High Latitude Wetlands and Forests to a Changing Climate"

Hanover Forest Science Seminar Series  
Speaker: Merritt Turetsky, Department of Plant Biology and Department of Fisheries & Wildlife  
4:10pm, 221 Natural Resources Building

#### "From Territory and City to the Known World: Roman Mapping on the Grand Scale"

Speaker: Richard Talbert, Professor of History and Classics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
7:30pm, 108 Kresge Art Museum

EVENTS *continued***Wednesday, March 12th****“On the Politics of Globalizing Latin America Cinema, from Like Water for Chocolate to Babel”**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
Spring 2008 “Charla” Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Joseba Gabilondo, Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

3:00pm - 4:50pm, 201 International Center

**Department of Art & Art History Guest Lecture Series**

Speaker: Eleanor Heartney, contributing editor for *Art in America*

7:00pm, S105 South Kedzie Hall

**Thursday, March 13th****“Moctezuma Meets Gaia: Challenges to Latin American Animal Agriculture”**

Department of Animal Science Seminar

Speaker: Dr. Robert Blake, Cornell University

10:30am, 1240 Anthony Hall

**“The New Global Economy and the Emerging Financial Services Industry in Africa”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Adesoji Adelaja, Faculty, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

**“Confessions of a Hip-Hop Feminist”**

Speaker: Dr. Mark Anthony Neal, Professor of Black Popular Culture, Department of African and African-American Studies, Duke University, Director of the Institute for Critical U.S.

Studies

6:00pm - 8:00pm, MSU Union Building (2nd Floor), Gold Room B

**Film, “Amsterdam Diary” (Ghana)**

Written, produced and directed by Socrate Safo, one of Ghana’s leading video producers, The film is an exemplar of West Africa’s popular video production where over 10 new feature-length narrative videos are released each month. Its message is clear: Ghanaians tempted by the opportunities and conveniences of Europe’s global modernity are better off staying at home.

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillip Residential College

**Friday, March 14th****Indian Breakfast**

Part of “India Week.” For more information, contact Punya Mishra (punya@msu.edu)

9:00pm, Erickson Hall

**Shigaraki Pottery of Japan**

Presenters: Shizuo Tamura and Eizan Kiuda

Shigaraki potters began commercial production in the 13th century, attracted Zen tea masters beginning in the 16th century, and since then has been associated with the tea ceremony. Today, Shigaraki potters continue to make beautiful wares in this traditional art.

10:00am - 12:00pm, 303 International Center

**“The President’s Malaria Initiative in Malawi”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Malouin, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

**“Plantation Agriculture in Hawaii and the ILWU”**

Speaker: Dionicio Valdes, MSU Department of History

Sponsored by the Multicultural Center of Michigan State University

12:15pm - 1:30pm, MSU Museum Auditorium

**Shigaraki Pottery Hands-On Workshop**

This workshop is available by registration only to 16 MSU students. Each of the registrants will have the opportunity to create their own traditional Shigaraki pot. This experience is open to students of any major, but pre-registration is required. All materials will be provided and the workshop is free of charge. To preregister, please contact Marilyn McCullough at [mccull67@msu.edu](mailto:mccull67@msu.edu) or 517-353-1680.

1:00pm - 4:00pm, Studio 19, Kresge Art Center

**International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

**Film, “Cabre Cega”**

Romance Language Film Series (Portuguese, with subtitles in English)

Fighting against dictatorship in Brazil, Thiago is wounded and isolated in another man’s apartment, where he meets Rosa. Together they continue to fight against the regime.

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Auditorium

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Scholarships for Undergraduate Study Abroad**

The competition is open to undergraduate students enrolled in the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Specialization and/or the Global and Areas Studies—Latin America and Caribbean major. Applicants must have an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher. The scholarships may be used to defray the costs of an MSU sponsored study abroad program in Latin America or the Caribbean during summer or fall semester, 2008. Financial need is not a factor in awarding these scholarships. Scholarships for variable amounts ranging from \$200 to \$400 will be awarded. The deadline for applications is Friday, March 14. Please see <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs/> for more information or contact Kristin Janka Millar, Undergraduate Coordinator, 300 International Center, 517-353-1690, [kristin@msu.edu](mailto:kristin@msu.edu)

## **Global Educators Cohort Program**

The goal of this program is to prepare teachers for a variety of cultural settings. Graduates are prepared to teach students to be global citizens. Graduates will be prepared to infuse their teaching with global content, regardless of their content specialization. We seek to ground the preparation and commitment of prospective teachers by providing early experiences with successful international educators and guided field experiences in multicultural and international settings. Candidates for this program are incoming freshmen with an interest in multicultural or international education at the elementary or secondary level. Given that global issues are of concern to all educators, all majors are enthusiastically welcomed in this program. For more information contact the Department of Teacher Education at 517-355-8534 or see <http://www.educ.msu.edu/globalcohort>

## **Illinois/Indiana National Dissertation Workshop: "East Asian Education"**

Indiana University Bloomington, May 8-9, 2008

The Illinois/Indiana East Asia National Resource Center Consortium (IL/IN East Asia NRC) is pleased to announce its second annual IL/IN National Dissertation Workshop in the field of East Asian education. The workshop will be held May 8-9, 2008 on the campus of Indiana University Bloomington. Doctoral students in education, history, sociology, anthropology, and other disciplines whose dissertation projects concern education in East Asia are invited to apply. The workshop is designed to enable students just beginning work on their dissertations, as well as those farther along, to engage in intensive discussions of their own and each other's projects. Possibilities for continuing networks among interested students and faculty will also be explored. The workshop will be limited to 8 participants, and

the cost of the workshop, meals, accommodations, and travel costs (airfare or mileage up to \$500) will be covered by the IL/IN East Asia NRC.

Eligibility and application: Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a doctoral program and must have drafted a dissertation research proposal, although they need not have advanced to candidacy. Those in the early phases of writing are also encouraged to apply. In order to prepare the ground for a productive exchange, participants must come to the workshop having read and commented on the other participants' proposals. The application deadline is March 1. Application materials consist of 2 items: (1) a current CV and (2) an 8-10-page double-spaced dissertation proposal (including a description of the specific issues being addressed, the intellectual approach, and the materials being studied) or an 8-10-page excerpt from the dissertation in progress. Applications should be submitted by e-mail attachment to [easc@indiana.edu](mailto:easc@indiana.edu). Applicants will be informed whether or not they have been selected for the workshop by late March.

## **CALLS FOR PAPERS**

### **Articulate: Undergraduate Scholarship Applied to International Development**

Deadline for submission: February 29th at 5pm.

S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A., in conjunction with Michigan State University's African Studies Center and Office of International Development, invites you to submit a manuscript to Articulate: Undergraduate Scholarship Applied to International Development. Articulate is a new undergraduate scholarly journal that publishes academic papers and writings (research papers, field work, interviews, etc.) on issues in international development, focusing primarily on African studies and health care issues. Articulate seeks to educate, motivate, and activate the public about its mission and vision working towards solutions for Africa's health care crisis. Our journal focuses on relationships between development, foreign aid, health care and Africa. Articulate is a forum for students to contribute to, as well as make, the debates in international development. Undergraduate students remain a vital, untapped force that can bring new ideas, perspectives, and concepts into the development dialogue. Our goal is to spark, share, and spread knowledge to create innovative change now. Articulate is peer-reviewed by an editorial committee consisting of undergraduates and a faculty advisor. We ask for submissions that are roughly 10-15 pages long, preferably in Chicago Manual Style. In addition, we ask that the author's name, major, college, and university appear on a separate cover sheet, with no reference to the author within the manuscript.



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Potential topics, include, but are not limited to:

- \* The effectiveness of foreign aid
- \* Intersections of gender, ethnicity, and sexuality in African development
- \* Comparative studies of health care systems
- \* Ethics and development in African countries
- \* Land rights as a development policy
- \* Historical analyses of development programs in Africa
- \* Politics of water in Africa
- \* The role of African youth in development programs and projects
- \* Effects of conflict on health care and development

For submissions or more information, please contact Monica Mukerjee at [banana@scoutbanana.org](mailto:banana@scoutbanana.org). For more information check out [www.scoutbanana.org](http://www.scoutbanana.org)

### Global Women's Movements in Changing Societies

Deadline for Submissions: June 16, 2008

Women for Women International, a non-profit humanitarian organization, seeks submissions for the Fall 2008 issue of its bi-annual academic journal, *Critical Half*. This issue will focus on global women's movements and women's movements globally in various contexts, including politics, women's rights, social change, religion, and economic endeavors. Women's movements may be global in their organization or effects, as in the international feminist movement, or they may be global in their concerns but local or 'grassroots' in their organization and immediate impact. Papers might consider the genesis and logistics of women's movements; the underlying ideological concerns which give rise to and sustain, or counteract, these movements; or the interaction of women's movements with local, regional, and global organizations, such as religious groups, political parties, or local or international local women's groups. Papers which address issues of women's movements in conflict and post-conflict societies, developing countries, and trans-national contexts are particularly encouraged. Articles should be 2,000-2,500 words long. For further information, including topic suggestions, article possibilities, and submission guidelines, please see <http://www.womenforwomen.org/cfpapers.htm> or contact Women for Women International at [criticalhalf@womenforwomen.org](mailto:criticalhalf@womenforwomen.org)

### Michigan Futures Seminar - Bioeconomy Inventor's Day

Proposals for presentations are due no later than March 14th at 5:00pm.

The Michigan Futures Seminar, in conjunction with the Michigan Center for Innovation and Economic Prosperity, invite any interested undergraduate and graduate students at MSU to submit proposals for our upcoming Bioeconomy Inventor's Day. This conference will provide an opportunity for students to present their innovative research and ideas to, and network with, governmental leaders and business professionals from across the state and nation. After submitting a two-page proposal describing their research, innovation, or idea, and its impact on the alternative energy economy in Michigan, the student will be invited to present their work at a poster exhibition. The five most promising submissions will get the chance to give a formal, half-hour presentation at the conference and will be awarded a \$1000 cash prize. The conference will take place on April 11th at The Henry Center at Michigan State University. Registration begins at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided to conference attendees, and funds to help cover travel expenses will be available on a need basis. For more information or to submit proposals, please contact the Michigan Futures Seminar 2008 at [Inventorsday@gmail.com](mailto:Inventorsday@gmail.com).

### 5th Annual CLACS Undergraduate Conference

March 14 is the (extended) deadline for submissions. The conference will take place April 16-17, 2008 on the 3rd floor of the International Center at MSU. Undergraduate students may submit an individual presentation proposal or organize a panel. Please visit the CLACS web site for more information at <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs>.

## CONFERENCES

### Persistent Divides: Marginalization and Exclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean

Grand Rapids, MI, March 14-15, 2008

Grand Valley State University, Latin American Studies Program

Eberhard and Pew Campuses, Eberhard Center Auditorium

Panels: "States, NGOs, Ethnic Diversity, and Native Peoples: Historical and Contemporary Analyses of Marginalization and 'Inclusion' "

"The Politics of Racism and Identity Construction among Afro-Latin Populations"

"Reading Difference in Argentine and Chilean Film, Photography, and Fiction"

"Urban Landscapes of Power and Identity"

### Atlantic Studies Graduate Symposium

University of Michigan, Friday, March 21, 2008  
1:00pm - 5:00pm, room 5000 Thayer Building

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The Symposium will be a chance for students from various disciplines interested in Atlantic Studies across disciplines to share our work with each other and with our colleagues at Michigan State. The papers will be pre-circulated a week in advance. The goal of the Symposium is to use our texts as starting points in a series of round table discussion to help each other work through questions of methodology, theory, and content. It will be a chance to get feedback and comments from students with similar interests but who work on topics in different disciplines, geographic regions, or time periods. We welcome papers of varying degrees of completion that are concerned with Atlantic Studies, broadly defined. This may include topics or arguments that take on or complicate the idea of an Atlantic sphere as delineated by our disciplines in recent years.

### The Undefended Childhood Conference

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center  
East Lansing, MI, April 3-4, 2008

The Key Note Speaker will be the Honorable Dr. Judith Mbula Bahemuka, High Commissioner to Canada from Kenya. This international conference on the Undefended Childhood will focus on the various issues of vulnerable children around the world and will focus on the following sub themes:

- \* Child labor
- \* Education
- \* Indigenous rights
- \* Health and HIV/AIDS
- \* Refugee/immigrants
- \* Children in conflict
- \* Poverty
- \* Environment
- \* Language and culture

International, domestic and MSU Scholars will be presenting papers. Faculty and doctoral students are encouraged to submit abstracts (no more than 750 words) in the content areas for presentation at the conference. Poster session presentation opportunity is available for graduate students (submit an abstract of no more than 250 words) in the conference content areas. Registrations and presentation abstracts may be submitted electronically to Linda Hancock at hancoc31@mau.edu. Poster presentation abstracts may be submitted electronically to Yeon Soo Kim at kimyeon7@msu.edu.

Deadline: Abstract submission—March 1  
Poster submission—March 10

The conference is free to presenters and volunteers. Non-presenters will be charged a \$20 MSU Faculty and Staff Fee, \$50 fee for non-MSU visitors and \$10 Student (non

volunteer) fee that includes lunches, conference materials and conference tote. Presented by the School of Social Work, the Department of Human Ecology, and the Department of Anthropology. More information at <http://undefendedchild.msu.edu>

### Religion & Religious Identities in Africa and the African Diaspora

Kalamazoo, MI, May 22 - May 25, 2008

Religious beliefs and identities have among other things shaped the nature of human experience in Africa and the African Diaspora. It is also a known fact that religious beliefs and identities have influenced human behavior in both religious and non-religious ways in different societies. These influences have included positive and negative consequences in the ordering of society in Africa and the African Diaspora. Another critical aspect in trying to explore the concept of religion is what constitutes religion and religious beliefs? To date, scholars of religion have divergent views on this issue. To what extent is this applicable to Africans and peoples of African descent? What roles have religion and religious identities played in nation-building efforts in Africa and the African Diaspora? This conference will explore these and other related issues. In addition, participants are invited to explore other topics such as, but not limited to the following:

- \* Religion, gender and sexuality issues;
- \* Religion and conflicts;
- \* Religion, health and well-being;
- \* Religion, State and political participation;
- \* Religious denominations and community development;
- \* Current scholarship on religion and religious Identities;
- \* Religious identities in immigrant communities;
- \* Pentecostalism in Africa and the African Diaspora;
- \* Inter-religious encounters - Islam, Christianity and African Traditional Religions;
- \* Religion, Education and the making of the nation.

Conference participants are encouraged to submit abstracts (300 words at most) on any aspect of the broad themes identified above. The deadline for submitting paper proposals is April 15, 2008. All abstracts should include title, the author's name, institutional affiliation, address, telephone number, and email address. Please submit all abstracts by e-mail to: Onaiwu W. Ogbomo, Western Michigan University, e-mail: [onaiwu.ogbomo@wmich.edu](mailto:onaiwu.ogbomo@wmich.edu), Joseph Bangura, Kalamazoo College, e-mail: [bangura@kzoo.edu](mailto:bangura@kzoo.edu). For further details about the conference visit: <http://www.wmich.edu/blackamericanastudies/conferences.htm>.

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**Returning the Gift: Native Writers Conference**

MSU Union, March 13 - March 15, 2008

Price: \$20 for students, \$40 for all others

Presented by the American Indian Studies Program at Michigan State University and the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers. The conference will begin at 7pm Thursday with an evening of invited readings by Native writers, and continue Friday and Saturday with workshops on American Indian writing, including storytelling, tribal histories, fantasy novels, comic books, songs, poetry, publishing, children's literature, autobiographies and even rock art. The conference will conclude with a banquet and performance by Asani (Cree/Metis women singers) Saturday evening. This event is open to the public; registration is required (opens January 1, 2008).

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on March 10th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: christianreed@gmail.com; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.

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