



Center for Advanced Study of International Development

Week of January 24

Tuesday, January 26

Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:00–5:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students in the Arabic program where they can practice speaking the language while learning about the culture in a relaxed environment. Students from all Arabic levels are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, January 27

“What Was Useful (and What I Wish I Learned) From My Graduate Studies”

Sponsors: Economics and Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
12:00–1:00 p.m., Koo Room of Marshall-Adams Hall

Fenton Sands, a senior food security officer with USAID-Ghana who received his doctorate in Agriculture Economics from MSU, will be

speaking as part of the Department of Economics and the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics’ Development Lunch Seminar Series.

“Negotiating Policy Reforms for Development in Ghana: Perspectives and Reflections on Process and Outcomes”

Sponsor: African Studies Center
4:00–5:30 p.m., 303 International Center

Fenton Sands, a senior food security officer with USAID-Ghana who received his doctorate in Agriculture Economics from MSU, will be speaking as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

Thursday, January 28

“China’s Growing Security Relationship with Africa”

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00–1:30 p.m., 303 International Center

David Shill, the former U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia and Burkina Faso, will speak as part of the Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

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African Tea

Sponsor: African Studies Center
4:00–6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

This is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Botswana and Namibia will be the focus of this tea.

Broad Study Abroad Fair

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
11:00–4:00 p.m., First floor of the Business Center Complex

The Broad Study Abroad Fair will showcase all study abroad programs sponsored by the Eli Broad College of Business.

Friday, January 29

“Danced Pluralities: Performance of Muslim Identities in Asia”

Sponsor: Muslim Studies
3:00 p.m., C-20 Snyder Hall

Munjulika Rahman will be speaking as part of the Muslim Studies’ spring semester seminar series.



Week of January 31

Monday, February 1

Musique 21 with Guest Composer Feliu Gasull

Sponsor: College of Music and Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center
7:30 p.m., Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium

A contemporary music ensemble, Musique 21 uses flexible instrumentation and is devoted to the performance of works written by composers of the twentieth- and twenty-first centuries. Winner of the 1991 Premi Ciutat de Barcelona, Feliu Gasull is one of today’s most sought-after composers from Catalonia. Gasull’s compositions are driven by his idiosyncratic style of playing and writing for the guitar, having endowed this instrument with some of the most exquisite and technically challenging works of the 21st century.



Tuesday, February 2

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“The Rise of Islam in a Judeo-Christian Context”

Sponsor: Muslim Studies
7:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Jonathan Brockopp, an associate professor of history and religious studies at Penn State University, will speak as part of the Muslim Studies’ spring semester seminar series.

Wednesday, February 3

“Qualitative-Quantitative Methods in Development Economics: A Migration Story from Tanzania”

Sponsor: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
11:50–1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Ayala Wineman, a graduate research assistant in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE), will speak as part of the AFRE Brown Bag Seminar Series.

“Cuba: Sustainability and Business Perspectives in the 21st Century”

Sponsor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center
3:00–4:30 p.m., 303 International Center

Paulette Stenzel, a professor in the Department of Finance, will speak.

Thursday, February 4

“African Hip Hop, Youth, and Politics of Change in an Era of Rapid Globalization”

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00–1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Mwenda Ntarangwi, the vice president of development and communications for Theological Book Network in Grand Rapids, will speak as part of African Studies Center Youth Conference and the Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

Friday, February 5

“Financing your Study Abroad Program”

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
2:00–4:00 p.m., TBA

Learn about the various ways you can help find funding for your study abroad program. From 3:00–4:00 p.m., Pell-eligible students can find out more about the Gilman Scholarship.

Study Abroad Information Sessions

Information meetings are an opportunity to learn about a program from the program leader, find out about applying to study abroad, ask questions and meet with fellow study abroad participants.

China Summer School: Technology, Identity and Culture in Chengdu

Tuesday, January 26
3:30–4:30 p.m., B243 Wells Hall

English Department Summer Program in Dublin and Western Ireland

Tuesday, January 26
5:00–6:00 p.m., A116 Wells Hall

Comparative Law and Legal Systems in the Caribbean

Wednesday, January 27
4:30–5:30 p.m., C203 Snyder Hall

Technology, Humanities, and the Arts in London

Friday, January 29
1:00–2:00 p.m., Main entry of Snyder-Phillips Hall

China Summer School: Technology, Identity and Culture in Chengdu

Monday, February 1
4:00–5:00 p.m., B243 Wells Hall

Technology, Humanities, and the Arts in London

Thursday, February 4
12:00–1:30 p.m., Brody Hall Grotto, near the entrance

China Summer School: Technology, Identity and Culture in Chengdu

Friday, February 5
9:00–10:00 p.m., B243 Wells Hall



Announcements

International Academic Orientation Program Leaders 2016

Sponsor: Office of International Students and Scholars

Application Deadline: January 24, 2016

The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) at Michigan State University is now accepting applications for paid positions as an orientation leader for the fall 2016 International Academic Orientation Program (IAOP) taking place from August 20-26, 2016. Mandatory all-day trainings will be held on Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19, 2016. This position is an exciting opportunity to help OISS welcome more than 1,000 new international undergraduate students to the MSU campus and East Lansing area while making some extra money. If you are unable to commit to the OL trainings and IAOP, please consider helping new students upon arrival and during IAOP by volunteering with OISS. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Joy Walter at joyw@msu.edu. Apply to be an OL online through this Google Form (<http://goo.gl/forms/EF55glGvo>) after you read the attached job description. See the event URL: <https://www.facebook.com/oissmsu/posts/1196561173706501>.





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S.C. Lee Scholarship and Paper Competition

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center

Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

In honor of the late professor Shao-Chang Lee, an advocate of U.S.-East Asia relations, the S.C. Lee Endowment sponsors students with outstanding accomplishments in Asian studies by awarding scholarships and paper prizes. The scholarship is open only to undergraduate students for up to \$5,000. The paper competition is open to both graduates and undergraduates with paper prizes up to \$1,000. Stop by the Asian Studies Center in room 301 of the International Center or visit our website to download the application materials. For questions, please call (517) 353-1680 or email asiansc@msu.edu.

Call for Nominations for the 2016 Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize

Sponsor: Michigan State University

Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

The Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize seeks to identify the most outstanding graduating senior, based on the criteria below, and to grant an award to be used for “future growth and development, travel, graduate study, or meditation,” to quote one of the prize founders, Gerald Faverman. In 2016, the amount awarded will be \$4,000. For further information, contact the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at (517) 353-5380 ([email: lfrechen@msu.edu](mailto:lfrechen@msu.edu)) or the Featherstone Society representative, Dr. Jackie Taylor (jdiane@concast.net).

1) The award recipient must be a Michigan State University senior, majoring in any discipline, who is expected to graduate during 2016 (spring, summer, or fall). 2) The award recipient will exhibit an open, curious, creative approach to education and ideas, and intellectual ingenuity will be evident. More weight will be given to intellectual curiosity and innovation than to grades attained, although a cumulative GPA above 3.0 is preferred. 3) The award recipient will have demonstrated exceptional character and leadership in furthering her/his own progress and in enriching the lives of others, especially in intellectual and international dimensions. She/he will have utilized innovative approaches in these efforts. A commitment to community service and to lifelong learning should be evident





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Call for Abstracts for the African Graduate Students Association First Annual Research Conference

Sponsor: African Graduate Students Association

Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

The African Graduate Students Association (AGSA) is calling for abstracts from all African MSU students and Africanists from different disciplines who are conducting research in Africa with a focus on the following sub themes: education, health, food security, agriculture, environmental issues, leadership and governance, and information and communication technology. Research is fundamental to the development process of Africa. It plays a key role in informing development interventions in every sector. Yet, the relationship between researchers and decision makers is not without tension and has been a subject of considerable debate, with a focus on how research can better influence policy makers and how policy makers can use good research to inform development interventions. The AGSA realizes the real potential of research to promote the emergence of new ideas and skills, and for their dissemination to inform formulation of effective policies for development. It is in this light that this first ever AGSA Annual Research Conference seeks to provide a platform for creating new ideas to the larger thematic orientation and promote proactive dialogue among researchers, decision makers and civil society stakeholders. The main purpose is to share ideas arising from research conducted by graduate students working on African issues and deliberate on ways to create and strengthen networks among researchers, decision makers and civil society. Ultimately, such interaction can improve the intellectual framework surrounding decision-making, especially in the policy arena.

Abstracts are invited from completed research or research in progress. As this will be a multidisciplinary conference, presenters are urged to put emphasis on the significance and impact of their research in their respective study areas and addressing the problem(s) of focus. Abstracts should be a maximum of 250 words and should include the broader problem in which the research is situated. The presenter's nationality, the country in which the research is conducted, the department at MSU and name of the academic supervisor should be indicated on the abstracts. Accepted submissions will be allotted oral or poster presentation, both of which are equally significant. Email abstracts to: agsa@msu.edu. All submitted abstracts will be subjected to a blind peer review process and authors will be notified of abstract acceptance by March 2, 2016.

World Language Day Proposal Submissions

Sponsor: World Language Day, Michigan State University

Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

The World Language Day Committee is seeking presenters willing to share their expertise in world cultures, foreign languages, or other global topics by doing a session for the ninth celebration of World Languages Day. This fun event brings hundreds of high school students, teachers, and parents from all over Michigan to celebrate world languages and cultures with the MSU and Greater Lansing communities. The annual event will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. In order to gain a better sense of World Languages Day, we invite you to take a look at the short promotional video at the bottom of our home page (<http://worldlanguagesday.org>), browse past session descriptions (<https://wld.clear.msu.edu/schedule-sessions/past-sessions>), or click through photos from past years (<https://wld.clear.msu.edu/photo-gallery>).



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Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) Program

Sponsors: Center for Advanced Study of International Development and the Center for Gender in Global Perspective

Application Deadline: February 5, 2016

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) at Michigan State University award undergraduate and graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Program of the U.S. Department of Education (US/ED) to students enrolled in a program that combines the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training in international development studies or in the international development aspects of professional or other fields of study. 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: a) in training others; and b) in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures.

CASID and GenCen welcome qualified undergraduate and graduate students who are currently studying at MSU or who have applied for study beginning fall 2015 to apply for these awards. FLAS Fellowship funds are available to support students interested in issues related (but not limited) to the following thematic foci: global food; agriculture; the environment; livelihood strategies; economics; governance; education; health disparities; violence, conflict, and conflict resolution; and identities and representations. Undergraduate awards are worth up to \$15,000 per academic year. Graduate awards are worth up to \$33,000 per academic year. Summer awards are worth up to \$7,500.

For more information about the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program, please contact:

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Applications due February 5, 2016