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## Quick Links

Welcome back! Spring Semester 2011 has kicked off and so have some events to start out the new year. Hope to see you out and about around campus!

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## Events: Week of 31 January

### Monday, 31 January

*Urban Sustainability in China: Are We Moving Toward the Right Direction?*

Speaker: Peilei Fan, Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning

[Asian Studies](#)

4-5:30pm, 207/208 Eustace-Cole Hall

### Wednesday, 2 February

*Traditional Masks of Mexico and a Few Fakes*

Speaker: David Thompson, East Lansing writer specializing in history and Latin America

Introduction by Gary Morgan, MSU Museum

[CLACS](#)

3-4:30pm, 201 International Center

### Thursday, 3 February

*MSU Subsurface Water Retention Technology (SWRT) Improvements in Food Security among Millennium Villages and Beyond*

Speaker: Alvin Smucker, Faculty, Soil Biophysics, MSU

[African Studies](#)

12pm, 201 International Center

### Friday, 4 February

*Do-it-Yourself Foreign Aid - De-professionalized Responses to Malawi's Orphans*

Speaker: Andrea Freidus, GenCen

### [CASID/GenCen Friday Forum](#)

12-1pm, 201 International Center

#### *International Coffee Hour*

A great place to make friends, be involved and start the weekend... and the coffee is free!

#### [OISS](#)

4-6pm, Spartan B and C International Center

## Events: Week of 7 February

### **Wednesday, 9 February**

*Politics and Public Health: Costa Rica's Pineapple Plantations*

Speaker: Fred Gifford, professor and associate chair, Philosophy, College of Arts and Letters

#### [CLACS](#)

3-4:30pm, 201 International Center

### **Friday, 11 February**

*International Coffee Hour*

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#### [OISS](#)

4-6pm, Spartan B and C International Center

## Announcements

### TRAVEL PROGRAM FOR EDUCATORS

Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that runs professional development travel programs designed for teachers.

GEEO is offering 13 different travel programs for the summer of 2011: India / Nepal, China, Vietnam, Egypt, Turkey / Syria / Jordan / Egypt, Ethiopia, South Africa / Mozambique / Zimbabwe / Botswana, Morocco, Argentina / Uruguay / Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Costa Rica and Guatemala / Belize / Mexico.

Educators have the option to earn graduate school credit (3 credits through Indiana University) and professional development credit while seeing the world. The trips are designed and discounted to be interesting and affordable for teachers. GEEO also advises teachers on how to find funding to subsidize the cost of the trips. GEEO provides teachers educational materials and the structure to help them bring their experiences to the classroom. The trips are open to all nationalities of K-12 and University educators and administrators, as well as retired educators. Educators are also permitted to bring along a non-educator guest.

Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs, travel dates, and more can be found at

[www.geeo.org](http://www.geeo.org)

GEEO can also be reached 7 days a week, toll free at 1-877-600-0105 between 9AM-9PM EST. To sign-up for GEEO's listserv, please send an email to [listserv@geeo.org](mailto:listserv@geeo.org) with the subject line "subscribe."

#### NEW COURSE

PDC491 Section 302: Global Professional Practice in Planning, Design and Construction

1 Cr Spring 2011 - (Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday 10:20a-12:10p  
309 HE

(Seats are limited so enroll quickly)

Global Professional Practice is a one credit course designed to introduce students to standards and practices that influence international business and professional activities. Employers want candidates who have a basic understanding of international work, who are able to link their specialized knowledge and skills to practical know-how internationally. The course recognizes the role played by culture, local laws and codes, financial systems and business customs in the conduct of international professional practice. The course is designed for students likely to work internationally, or in collaboration with colleagues in other countries. Assessment will include a class presentation and country report on business and professional practice.

Please contact email for an override, please include your PID. [daughenb@msu.edu](mailto:daughenb@msu.edu) or [hanjong@msu.edu](mailto:hanjong@msu.edu)

#### LIBRARY TRAVEL RESEARCH GRANT

The University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies will sponsor Library Travel Research Grants for summer 2011. Their purpose is to enable faculty researchers from other U.S. colleges and universities to use the extensive resources of the Latin American Collection in the University of Florida Libraries, thereby enhancing its value as a national resource. Six or more travel grants of up to \$1250 each will be made to cover travel and lodging expenses. Grantees are expected to remain in Gainesville for at least one week and, following their stay, submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project and offer suggestions for possible improvements of the Latin American Collection. All applications must be filed electronically. Application deadline is March 2, 2011. To apply for a Library Travel Grant, send a letter of intent, brief library research proposal, travel budget, and CV to:

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