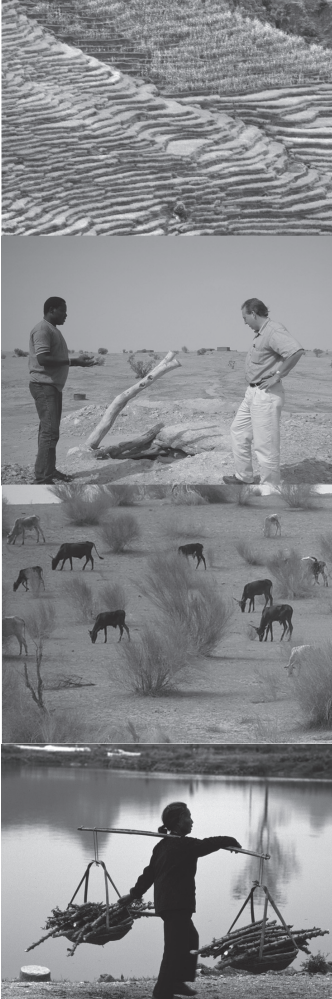


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## EVENTS



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### For the Week of October 13th:

#### Monday, October 13th

##### “The Amazon Dark Earth Project”

Speaker: Newton de Souza Falcão, INPA,  
Manuas, Amazon, Brazil  
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 126 Geography Build-  
ing

#### Tuesday, October 14th

##### “Biotechnological Means for Achieving Drought Tolerance”

Hanover Forest Science Seminars  
Speaker: Kyung-Kwan Han  
4:10pm, 225 Natural Resources

#### Wednesday, October 15th

##### “Crooked City Woman: A Reading of Race, Gender, Dominicanidad, and Migration in Josefina Baez’s Do- minicanish”

CLACS “Charla” Seminar Series  
Speaker: Danny Mendez, MSU Depart-  
ment of Spanish and Portuguese  
3:00pm, 305 International Center

##### “Staying Steady Come What May: Navigating Graduate School Effec- tively”

Presenter: Lisa Davidson, LMSW, Coordi-  
nator, Employee Assistance Program  
Registration is required for all workshops.  
Send an email to gradwrsp@msu.edu.  
5:00pm - 7:00pm, 6 Student Services  
Building

#### Thursday, October 16th

##### “MSU’s Elephantiasis and River Blindness Control Programs in

##### Africa: Stories of Success”

African Studies Center Brown Bag  
Speaker: Charles Mackenzie, Pathobiology  
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International  
Center

##### “HIV and Adolescent Risk”

INPEP 2008-09 Brown Bag Lecture Series  
Speaker: Matthew Decker, Abnormal Psy-  
chology, Western Michigan University  
12:00pm - 1:00pm, Patenge Room C105  
East Fee Hall

##### “Choices for a Warm and Hungry Planet: 25th Annual World Food Day Teleconference”

All are welcome to attend this teleconfer-  
ence which includes Dr. Nancy Birdsall,  
Dr. Siwa Msangi, and Mark Richie. Ray  
Suarez, of PBS’ Jim Lehrer Newshour, will  
moderate the conference.

12:00pm - 3:00pm, E118 Main library

##### “From Crops to Power: Electronic Bacterial Networks and Their Appli- cations”

Crop and Soil Sciences and Horticulture  
Seminar  
Speaker: Gemma Reguera  
4:10pm, A149 Plant and Soil Sciences  
Bldg

##### Film, “Lost in Beijing”

Part of “On the Edge: Contemporary Chi-  
nese Cinema” film series  
7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

##### Transatlantic Arias: Early Opera in Spain and the New World

Speaker: Chad M. Gasta, Hispanic Stud-  
ies, Iowa State University  
7:40pm - 9:00pm, RCAH Theater, C020  
Snyder Hall

EVENTS *continued***“Café con Leche”**

In conjunction with “Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement,” this event features free refreshments, live music, and gallery tours at the Museum.

9:00pm - 11:00pm, MSU Museum

**Friday, October 17th:****“Who Owns Organic? Consolidation in an Emerging North American Food Industry”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Phil Howard, CARRS

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

**Workshop, “Finding Academic Funding Electronically”**

Visit <http://www2.lib.msu.edu/general/events/workshops.jsp> to reserve a place.

3:00pm - 4:30pm, EG2 Main Library

**International Coffee Hour**

Sponsored by OISS

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

**Film, “Saneamento Basico”**

Romance Language Film Series

A light comedy. In Portuguese with English subtitles.

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Bldg

**“Waging War, Making Peace: Reparation and Human Rights”**

Speaker: Barbara Rose Johnston, Center for Political Ecology, Santa Cruz, Anthropology, MSU

7:00pm, 303 International Center

**Tuesday, October 21st****“Adaptation of U.S. Agriculture to Climate Change”**

Elton R. Smith Distinguished Lecture  
Speaker: John Antle, University of Montana

3:30pm - 5:00pm, 75 Agriculture Hall

**“Historical Fiction and Literary Memory: War Atrocity in Hotta Yoshie’s Jikan and Beyond”**

Part of “History and Memory in Asia”

Speaker: Daqing Yang, George Washington University

4:00pm, 303 International Center

**Wednesday, October 22nd****“Environmental Impacts of Out-migration from Michoacan State, Mexico”**

CLACS “Charla” Seminar Series

Speaker: Gerardo Bocco, UNAM, Mexico

3:00pm, 305 International Center

**“Tibetan Buddhism and the Cultural History of Tibet”**

Annual Joseph Lee Memorial Lecture

Speaker: Charles Willemen, International Buddhist College

7:00pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium

**Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa**

The Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa has gained great notoriety around the world due to their unique fusion of traditional folklore with contemporary themes that mold the amazing culture of Mali.

7:30pm - 9:00pm, Wharton Center

**UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development Lecture**

Speaker: Richard Louv, Author

7:30pm, MSU Auditorium

**Thursday, October 23rd****“Metals or Management? Explaining Africa’s Recent Economic Growth Performance”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Lisa Cook, Economics

12:00pm, 303 International Center

**Film, “Kamikaze Girls”**

Part of the Japanese Film Series

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

**Friday, October 24th****“Who Drives Resettlement? The Case of the Lesotho Highlands Water Project”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Robert Hitchcock, Chair, Department of Anthropology

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

**“Women’s Preferences and Sexist Oppression: Beyond Choice-Based Liberalism”**

Part of GenCen’s Colloquia Series

‘New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives’

Speaker: Lisa Schwartzman, Philosophy

1:30pm - 3:00pm, 302 International Center

**International Coffee Hour**

Sponsored by OISS

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

**Film, “Io Non Ho Paura”**

Romance Language Film Series

The tale of a kidnapping in a rural village. In Italian with English subtitles.

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Bldg

**For the Week of October 20th:**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPRING 2009 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

### Culture and Politics in India, ANP 491

Professor Karin Zitzewitz

Tue and Thu 12:40pm - 2:00pm, 120 Berkey Hall

This course examines the intersection of culture and politics in India. Looking at everything from music to clothing to sex to film, we will explore ways that cultural norms and modes of expression account for the particular forms that political practice has taken in India. We will also seek to understand how political regimes, both colonial and post-colonial, have transformed Indian cultural forms. Course objectives include: to explore the relationship between the definition of Indian culture and colonial, nationalist, and neoliberal political regimes; to outline the role of colonialism and nationalism in India's contemporary political landscape; to provide a deeper understanding of the workings of political power; to elaborate a wide and rich definition of Indian culture; to define politics as a realm of social and cultural practice; to introduce various forms of Indian expressive culture, including photography, music, dress, wrestling, television, and film.

## FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

### Fulbright-Hays DDRA Fellowship Opportunities

The US Department of Education 2009 Fulbright-Hays DDRA fellowship grant competition is now open. Students interested in submitting an application must contact Frank M. D'Itri, the MSU Fulbright Program Adviser (432-8244 or [ditri@msu.edu](mailto:ditri@msu.edu)), at their earliest convenience.

Submission Deadlines-

- \* Preliminary DDRA Budget: October 22
- \* DDRA Internal MSU Application Deadline: November 10
- \* National DDRA Deadline: November 13

### Public Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowship Program

This Collaborative will grant up to four Public Arts and Humanities Faculty Fellowships. Each fellow will receive funds for sufficient for a course release (or equivalent buy-out, depending on appointment status) in Spring Semester 2009 and support for professional development. These competitively awarded fellowships establish and facilitate a model of faculty development and collegiality that spans, connects, and strengthens rigorous research, innovative teaching, community-based learning, and cultural work in the public interest. This year, the focus of the Fellowship Program is cross-disciplinary, cross-college, or organization collaborations and sustainable engagement. For further information and application materials, please contact the Public Humanities Collaborative office at [phc@msu.edu](mailto:phc@msu.edu) or

call 432-3910. For application information visit the PAH Fellowship page: [www.phc.msu.edu/programsfellows.php](http://www.phc.msu.edu/programsfellows.php).

\* Deadline for applications: October 13, 2008

### Michigan Circumnavigator Scholarship

By January, 2009, a student with junior standing from Michigan State University, Wayne State University, or University of Michigan will be awarded a grant to travel around the world. The Michigan Chapter of Circumnavigators is sponsoring this award, and Chapter President, John Carroll, is inviting college juniors to apply between now and November 1, 2008. Since 1981, Michigan Circumnavigators, through its Foundation, have sponsored 13 students on an around the world trip during the summer between the junior and senior years. For more details concerning the Foundation and this grant, please look at the link on the Circumnavigators web site: <http://www.circumnavigators-club.org>. Now would be a great time to investigate a topic and think about a possible itinerary. Examples of research grants are listed under The Foundation on the aforementioned website. This grant/scholarship is worth \$9,000. The application can be downloaded from the Michigan Circumnavigator's website: <http://www.circumnavigators.homestead.com>. Interested students will apply for the 2009 Around The World Grant through John Carroll. He can be reached by email at [mdwc31a@yahoo.com](mailto:mdwc31a@yahoo.com) or by phone at 313-824-6564.

\* Deadline: November 1, 2008

### Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program

The Congressional Hunger Center seeks applicants for the Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program. This two-year commitment begins with a one-year field placement in countries throughout Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The second year of the program places Fellows in a policy setting (often in the field organization's headquarters) to focus on public policy and its effects on hunger, food security, and poverty. See [www.themcc.wordpress.com](http://www.themcc.wordpress.com) for more information.

Deadline: December 1, 2008

### The African Women Public Service Fellowship

A fellowship opportunity is available for African women at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. The African Women Public Service Fellowship is for prospective female applicants from Africa who have completed an undergraduate level degree. The program was established through an endowed gift by the Oprah Foundation and it serves to expand the opportunity for African women to prepare for public service leadership



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roles in their home countries. A letter and information sheet from NYU Wagner is available at [www.wagner.nyu.edu/international/awpsf.php](http://www.wagner.nyu.edu/international/awpsf.php).

\* Deadline: January 15, 2009

**CONFERENCES****2008 NCCLA Conference, Latin America's Cultural Diversity: Art, Politics and History**

Oct 31 - Nov 1, 2008, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, Wisconsin

The North Central Council of Latin Americanists (NCCLA) is a vibrant, interdisciplinary organization, dedicated to research and teaching about Latin America and the Caribbean. The strength of NCCLA lies in its engaged membership network of academics, students and other professionals from the upper Midwest. See <http://www4.uwm.edu/clacs/nccla> for more information.

**Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies Conference**

Nov 7-8, 2008, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Founded in the 1950s, the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies (PCCLAS) is an interdisciplinary organization composed of academics, professionals, students and other persons interested in promoting scholarly research and dialogue between the US, Latin America and the Caribbean. Email [pcclas2008@cmc.edu](mailto:pcclas2008@cmc.edu) and visit the website at <http://pcclas.org> to learn more about the conference including registration details.

**The 11TH AWID International Forum on Women's Rights and Development: The Power of Movements**

Nov 14 - 17, 2008, Cape Town, South Africa

The International Forum on Women's Rights and Development is both a conference and a call to action. The largest recurring event of its kind, the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) Forum brings together women's rights leaders and activists from around the world every three years to strategize, network, celebrate, and learn in a highly charged atmosphere that fosters deep discussions and sustained personal and professional growth. Delegates to the Forum participate in four days of plenary speeches, interactive sessions, workshops, debates, and creative sessions geared to powerful thinking on gender equality and women's human rights. Delegates also participate in informal caucuses, gala events, cultural activities, and social and political events geared to global and regional networking and alliance-building. For more information, visit [www.awid.org/forum08](http://www.awid.org/forum08).

**Battleground State 2009: The Future**

Feb 26-28, 2009, BGSU, Bowling Green, Ohio

As the first decade of the new millennium draws to a close, the fourth annual Battleground States Conference looks towards the future. The conference seeks to address the future from cultural, ideological, political, and technological perspectives as well as reflect on contested visions of the future. We welcome creative interpretations of the conference theme such as, but not limited to: environmental change(s) and their impact on local, regional, national, and global societies as well as their effects on future generations; the potential radical impact of emerging technologies in the fields of medicine, information, science, culture, and the arts; narratives of modernism alongside anti-teleological narratives representative of postmodernism; apocalyptic finality and post-apocalyptic renewal. We invite proposals from graduate students, emerging and independent scholars, junior faculty, artists, activists, filmmakers, and educators. Abstracts of 300 words or less should be sent to [battlegroundstates@gmail.com](mailto:battlegroundstates@gmail.com) and should include the title, abstract, presenter's name, institutional affiliation (if applicable), contact information, AV equipment requests, and special needs. Panel proposals are also welcome and should include information and abstracts for all participants and the panel as a whole. Please visit our website for information at [www.battlegroundstates.org](http://www.battlegroundstates.org).

\* Call for papers deadline: December 1, 2008

**Title VI 50th Anniversary Conference**

Mar 19 - 21, 2009, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, D.C.

The Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs at MSU and the US Department of Education are pleased to announce a national conference to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title VI funding. The original 1958 legislation continues today to support the National Resource Centers (NRC) program, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) program, and the International Research and Studies (IRS) program. Over time, new programs have been added to Title VI to address the nation's growing need for international education in developing business expertise, strengthening undergraduate education, advancing international as well as area studies, cultivating technology use, and improving foreign language training and assessment. More information about the conference can be found at <http://titlevi50th.msu.edu>. Questions about the conference should be sent to the conference e-mail address: [titlevi50th@msu.edu](mailto:titlevi50th@msu.edu).

\* Call for papers deadline: November 3, 2008

**9th Annual Global Perspective Conference**

Mar 30 - Apr 2, 2009, Lansing Community College, Lansing, Michigan

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The Center for International and Intercultural Education (CIIE) at Lansing Community College is seeking proposals from potential presenters for the 9th Annual Global Perspectives Conference. The theme for the 2009 conference is "The Realities of Globalization: Past, Present and Future." Proposal forms or more information can be obtained by phone at 517-483-9963 or 483-1006, or by sending an email to hayhoe@lcc.edu.

\* Calls for papers deadline: October 31, 2008

### **Gaps, Trends and Current Research in Gender Dimensions of Agricultural and Rural Employment: Differentiated Pathways out of Poverty**

Mar 30 - Apr 3, 2009, Rome, Italy

The Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labour Organization, and the International Fund for Agricultural Development of the United Nations announces this call for papers. Rural employment is currently the subject of considerable discussion in international policy circles particularly in the context of the global food crisis, the drive to reduce poverty through the Millennium Development Goals and concerns about climate change impacts. It is increasingly recognized that rural employment is central to achieving equitable growth and poverty reduction but offers different opportunities for, participation in and conditions of employment to men and women. This technical expert meeting can thus provide important follow up to these recent international policy discussions in terms of analyzing trends and issues, identifying knowledge gaps, and compiling innovative gender sensitive policy measures and good practices to strengthen rural labour markets. Abstract submissions should be sent electronically to the attention of Eve Crowley (info@fao-ilo.org). See the website for more information at <http://www.ifad.org/gender/call/index.htm>.

\* Call for papers deadline: October 15, 2008

### **18th Annual African/Diaspora Conference**

Apr 30 - May 2, 2009, California State University, Sacramento, California

The Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution & The Pan African Studies Program Present The 18th Annual African/Diaspora Conference "Religion, Race & Ethnic Relations in Africa/Diaspora: Creating Peace & Justice Dialogue." This conference examines the state of religion, race, and ethnicity in Africa and her diaspora, with a focus on advancing positive models or lessons for peace and justice dialogues--within and amongst groups/institutions, and agencies. Together, participants will analyze the prospects for bridging related gaps among Africans in Africa and the diaspora, and identify best practices and models of dialogues for strengthening the capacity for sustainable culture of peace and justice. Please email/fax/mail proposals to:

Ernest Uwazie, Director, Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution California State University, Sacramento 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6085, USA; Tel: (916) 278-6282; fax: (916) 278-3429; e-mail: uwazieeee@csus.edu. For more information, visit: <http://www.csus.edu/org/capcr>.

\* Call for papers deadline: November 29, 2008

### **The XXVII International Conference of Agricultural Economists**

Aug 16-22, 2009, Beijing, China

The conference theme this year is 'The New Landscape of Global Agriculture.' Global agricultural and food systems are experiencing major change. Increased urbanisation and the increased affluence in emerging economies combined with the demand for agricultural commodities for bio-energy are changing the landscape of global agricultural and food systems. The conference plans to address these issues and at the same time will consider what adjustments to the toolkit of agricultural economics are needed to address these complex issues. In addition to the opening ceremony, the Elmhirst Memorial Lecture and the Presidential Address, the program will include five additional plenary sessions covering the following themes: new driving forces in emerging economies shaping the global agricultural landscape; the new economics and politics of market power in the agricultural and food industry; global public goods and 21st century agriculture; the new landscape and the need for an extension to the agricultural economics toolkit, and energy and advances in technology. Please see [www.iaae-agecon.org](http://www.iaae-agecon.org) for more information.

\* Call for papers deadline: November 30, 2008

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **International Human Rights Training- Canada**

The International Human Rights Training Program (IHRTTP) is at the heart of the Equitas' activities. Since 1980, this annual three-week training session, which will be held June 14th - July 3rd, 2009 will take place in Montreal, Canada, brings together approximately 120 participants from over 60 countries. The IHRTTP provides a unique opportunity for human rights workers to deepen their understanding of human rights and of the essential role of human rights education in effecting change. As recognized by the United Nations: "There is a growing consensus that education in and for human rights is essential and can contribute to both the reduction of human rights violations and the building of free and peaceful societies. Human rights education is also increasingly recognized as an effective strategy to prevent human rights abuses. Read more at: <http://cambodijajobs.blogspot.com/2008/09/international-human-rights-training.html>.

\* The application deadline is November 21, 2008

#### **Africa Podcast - Dr. Bill Derman on AfriPod**

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Bill Derman, Professor of Anthropology at MSU, discussed his recent volume "Conflicts Over Land and Water in Africa" on the Africa Past and Present podcast (<http://afripod.aodl.org>). He described the role of government policies, local farmers, and chiefs in land reform in Zimbabwe and South Africa. Derman also reflected to the sensitive position of researchers working in the changing political context of southern Africa. This podcast about history, culture, and politics in Africa - is hosted by Michigan State University historians Peter Alegi and Peter Limb. It is produced by MATRIX - The Center for Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences Online at MSU (<http://www.matrix.msu.edu>). Listen and subscribe to the biweekly podcast at: <http://afripod.aodl.org/>. Direct inquiries to: [alegi@msu.edu](mailto:alegi@msu.edu) or [limb@msu.edu](mailto:limb@msu.edu).

**Wallenberg Medal to be awarded to Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

Oct 29, 2008, 7:30pm at the University of Michigan

Nobel Peace Prize winner and South African cleric Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be awarded the eighteenth University of Michigan Wallenberg Medal by UM president Mary Sue Coleman on Wednesday, October 29, at 7:30pm in Hill Auditorium on the University of Michigan campus. After the medal presentation, Archbishop Tutu will give the Wallenberg Lecture. For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.wallenberg.umich.edu/>.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on October 13th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: [christianreed@gmail.com](mailto:christianreed@gmail.com); telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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