

# CASID CURRENT

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## EVENTS

### For the Week of March 31st

#### Monday, March 31st

##### **"Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in Africa in a Changing Global Climate"**

Speaker: Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

A reception will follow the seminar  
2:00pm, Big Ten Room C, Kellogg Center

#### Tuesday, April 1st

##### **Fulbright Informational Workshop**

For MSU Students Graduating in 2009  
5:00pm - 7:00pm, 303 International Center

#### Wednesday, April 2,

##### **"The Origin(ality) of Latin America Transculturation: A Carnavalesque Revolution"**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
Spring 2008 "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Song No, Assistant Professor, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue University

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

##### **Fulbright Informational Workshop**

For MSU Graduate Students  
5:00pm - 7:00pm, 303 International Center.

#### Thursday, April 3, 2008

##### **"Africa's Future"**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (Dept. of State, U.S.A.)

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

##### **"Darfur"**

Discussion with Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs

3:00pm, Room 1961 North Case Hall, James Madison College

##### **Fulbright Informational Workshop**

MSU Faculty and Professionals

2:00pm - 5:00pm, 204 International Center

##### **"Africa's New and Old Conflicts"**

Public lecture by Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs,

5:15pm, 2nd Floor MSU Union Parlor C

##### **"Blasphemy and Bigotry in contemporary Freedom of Speech Debates"**

Muslims, Race and the Public Sphere

Speaker: Mahmood Mamdani, Professor of Anthropology at Columbia University.

4:00pm - 5:30pm, International Center 3rd Floor

##### **Film, "Les Noms n'habitent nulle part" (Names live Nowhere)**

New Films from Africa Series

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillips residential college theater

#### Friday, April 4, 2008

##### **"Long-term implications and sustainability of land reform in India - Preliminary Evidence from West Bengal"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dr. Songqing Jin, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics

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



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EVENTS *continued***“The Dark Matter: What’s New About Race in the 21st Century”**

Muslims, Race and the Public Sphere  
 Speaker: Howard Winant, professor of sociology at UC Santa Barbara  
 4:00pm - 6:00pm, International Center 3rd Floor

**International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars  
 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

**“Between Faith and Country: Muslims in America After 9/11”**

Muslims, Race and the Public Sphere  
 Speaker: Geneive Abdo, journalist and political analyst  
 7:30pm - 9:00pm, International Center 3rd Floor

**Film, “Bufo & Spallanzani”**

Romance Language Film Series  
 Ivan is a writer who investigates deaths involving Bufo Marinus, a frog poison that causes catalepsy. (Portuguese with subtitles in English)  
 5:00pm, 206 OHB Auditorium

**For the Week of April 7th:****Monday, April 7th****“Gender, U.S. Counterinsurgency, and Resistance in the Philippines, 1899-1902”**

Asian Studies Center Graduate Research Forum  
 Speaker: Dawn Nickeson, History  
 1:00pm, 305 International Center

**Tuesday, April 8th****“Water Resource Management in the Kyrgyz Republic”**

Asian Studies Center Colloquium Series, “Focus On Central Asia:

Social And Cultural Transformations”  
 Speaker: Kunduz Masykhanova, MSU Humphrey Fellow  
 4:00pm, 303 International Center

**MSU Fair Trade Bash**

Speakers include: Dean Cycon, Gail Catron, and Rebecca Meuninck  
 Please RSVP to dombro38@msu.edu  
 6:30pm - 10:30pm, 303 International Center

**Wednesday, April 9th****“Democracy and Citizenship in Latin America: Examining the Role of the Media”**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies Spring 2008 “Charla” Seminar Series  
 Speaker: Dr. Manueal Alejandro Guerrero, Universidad Iberoamericana  
 3:00pm - 4:50pm, 201 International Center

**Thursday, April 10th****African Studies Center Brown Bag**

Speaker: To Be Announced  
 12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

**“The Role of Green Roofs in Sustainable Development”**

Horticulture and Crop & Soil Sciences Spring 2008 Seminar Series  
 Speaker: Brad Rowe, Horticulture  
 4:10pm, A149 Plant & Soil Sciences Bldg

**Film, “Abduction: The Megumi Yokota Story”**

Part of the MSU Japanese Language program and Japan Club Japanese film series  
 7:00pm, Room 104-B Wells Hall

**Friday, April 11th****“Poststructural Development and the Role of SMO’s in Improving Rural Livelihoods Through Agrarian Reform”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum  
 Speaker: Dr. Cynthia Simmons, Associate Professor, Geography  
 12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

**“Experimental Methods in the Context of Agricultural Economics”**

Speaker: Professor Rob Shupp  
 12:00pm - 1:00pm, 75 Agriculture Hall

**“Love, Death, and Taxes: Gender and Murder in Fifteenth-Century Japan”**

GenCen Colloquia Series-New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives  
 Speaker: Ethan Segal, Assistant Professor, Department of History  
 1:30pm, 303 International Center

**International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars  
 4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

**Film, “La Doublure”**

Romance Language Film Series  
 The tale of a billionaire industrialist who is caught on camera with his mistress by paparazzi. (French with subtitles in English)  
 5:00pm, 206 OHB Auditorium

**Ghada Amer**

Egyptian artist Amer creates hand-embroidered paintings encompassing both elements of Western and Islamic Culture.  
 7:00pm, S107 South Kedzie Hall

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## African Children's Choir

The African Children's Choir features delightful children ages 7 through 11, from Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda. Many have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine and disease, and in spite of the tragedy that has marred their young lives, these musically-gifted children are radiant with hope and wonderfully entertaining. They melt the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles and joyful African melodies and dance. Their voices sing out on behalf of Africa's 12 million AIDS orphans. They represent the future of the entire continent, demonstrating the potential to become strong leaders for a better future in their homeland. Minimum cost is \$18, and this Wharton Center event begins at 8:00pm. See [www.whartoncenter.com](http://www.whartoncenter.com) for more information and to purchase tickets.

## Team MSU Sends Treated Nets to Africa

Malaria kills a million kids every year. \$10 will buy a bed net and save a life. Help Team MSU send treated nets directly to Africa. See <http://special.newsroom.msu.edu/nets/index.php> and also <http://msunothingbutnets.blogspot.com/>.

## Dissertation Support Group

This group is to support graduate students who are currently working on their doctoral dissertations. A process of sharing, goal-setting, and mutual accountability is used to assist ABDs in becoming Ph.D.s. Please send an e-mail to [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu) to register. Begins March 25, 2008 to April 22, 2008 each tuesdays from 12:00pm - 1:00pm at the Graduate School, 113 Linton Hall.

## FALL 2008 NEW COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### China and Globalization: GEO 890

Dr. Guo Chen, Wed 6-8:50pm, 120 Geography Bldg  
This course engages up-front with the ongoing social, economic, environmental, and spatial challenges facing contemporary urban China. Thematic topics will include rural-urban migration, housing development, poverty and inequality, new economic spaces, urban sprawl, and sustainability. Course materials will be drawn from classic and popular texts, representing inside and outside perspectives on these urban processes by urban economic geographers, China specialists, and social and political scientists. Course discussions will be situated within the context of theoretical debates about the neoliberal state, economic globalization, and place and space. The course addresses both contemporary academic research and media commentary that has captured the spatial transformations in urban China. This course is offered jointly by Geography and Global Urban Studies in Social Science.

## CONFERENCES

### MSU 3rd Annual Muslim Studies Conference: Muslims, Race and the Public Sphere

April 3-5, International Center 3rd Floor

See the events section in this CASID Current for keynote speaker presentations. Panels include the following as well as a final plenary session:

- \* Re-Visiting Orientalist Discourses
- \* Mapping Muslims: Race in Overlapping Diasporas
- \* Muslims and Racial Politics
- \* Islamophobia
- \* Muslims, Islam and State Discourses
- \* Muslims on Display

A complete conference schedule can be found at:

[http://asianstudies.msu.edu/events/fliers/Muslim\\_Studies\\_Conference.pdf](http://asianstudies.msu.edu/events/fliers/Muslim_Studies_Conference.pdf)

### Conference on the Undefended Childhood in a Global Perspective

April 3-4, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

The undefended childhood conference will focus on the various issues of vulnerable children around the world. Conference tracks include child labor, child education, indigenous education, indigenous children's right, world health, HIV/AIDS, refugee/immigrants, children in conflict, poverty, identity/well-being, and language/culture. Conference sessions and speakers may be found at <http://undefendedchild.msu.edu>

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Fellowships

The GJEC Program, in the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce two new fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2008-09 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of three \$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following categories:

GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship:

Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

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Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree program including dissertation research. Applicants' dissertations must focus on gender or other social inequalities as they relate to environmental and/or agricultural change.

Funding must be used during the 2008-09 academic year. Students must apply for the fellowships by April 15, 2008. Applications are available online at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/fellowship.htm>. Contact at [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) or 517-353-5040.

**World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Women's Postdoctoral Research Fellowships**

The World Agroforestry Centre is establishing a Women's Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme, with guidance from the CGIAR Gender & Diversity Program. In order to provide immediate opportunities to women entering research and to retain women who do research the World Agroforestry Centre is in the first instance committing US\$300,000 annually from its modest core budget to launch the scheme. Women postgraduates are expected to hold a Doctoral degree in a field related to agriculture, agroforestry, biodiversity, biometrics, capacity building, climate change, ecology, economics, environmental policy, forestry, genetic resources, geography, hydrology, impact assessment, institutional strengthening, land degradation, marketing, natural products, natural resource management, or sociology.

The minimum term for employment is two years. The request from the program for each Fellow should cover salary, benefits, transport, women's leadership courses, computing needs, office needs, travel and research expenses. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through one of our five Regional Coordinators or six Global Research Project Leaders identified in the application form. However, applications can also be made via email: [icrafhru@cgiar.org](mailto:icrafhru@cgiar.org). ICRAF is seeking to support both women post-docs from previous interactions as well as new individuals who may help contribute to our new strategy. Applications will be considered throughout the year although the first round will likely be decided by applications received before 4 April 2008. See <http://www.worldagroforestry.org/> for more information.

**Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program**

The Graduate School at Michigan State University (MSU) and James Madison College (MSU) are sponsoring a

new opportunity for graduate students to prepare for such work—the Interdisciplinary Inquiry and Teaching Fellowship Program (IIT). The primary goal of the IIT Fellowship Program is to broaden and enrich the professional development experience of a diverse group of graduate students by placing them within an environment, James Madison College, with an established tradition in excellence in undergraduate teaching. Students selected for this full-year program will work closely with faculty at James Madison to engage in structured discussions on pedagogy and practice, on interdisciplinary course design and curriculum development, and on general interaction with undergraduates. Fellows will be mentored in reflecting on their own teaching experiences in a systematic way in light of these discussions. In addition, Fellows in the program will have an opportunity to work with select faculty teaching in the College's new major in Comparative Cultures and Politics to investigate questions concerning the intellectual coherence and viability of research and teaching that seeks to integrate the social sciences and the humanities. The IIT Fellowship Program is for doctoral students in the social sciences and humanities with an interest in interdisciplinary inquiry and undergraduate teaching. The program welcomes applicants from the Colleges Arts and Letters, Social Sciences, Education, and Communications Arts and Sciences. Each fellow will receive \$5,000 to help support project expenses and/or travel to a conference to disseminate findings. Applicants should be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a PhD, be in good academic standing, and making progress on their degrees; and, they must have previous teaching experience. Applicants should submit the attached application form; a CV; and, a brief essay that describes their career goals, their interest in interdisciplinary inquiry, and why they are interested in the IIT Fellowship Program. Applications must be submitted on or before March 31, 2008. Announcements of fellowship recipients will be made by April 11, 2008. For further information or questions regarding the program, please contact Dr. Colleen Tremonte in James Madison College, 371 North Case Hall, or by email ([tremonte@msu.edu](mailto:tremonte@msu.edu)).

**The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation/IIE Dissertation Fellowship (Africa)**

The Institute of International Education (IIE) is now accepting applications for the Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development. The two-year fellowships of up to \$20,000 per year will be awarded by The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and IIE. The fellowships are open to students currently enrolled in Ph.D. programs in sub-Saharan Africa. Students in economics, economic demography, geography, and epidemiology are especially encouraged to apply.

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These fellowships will support dissertation research on topics that examine how population dynamics and family planning and reproductive health (FP/RH) influence economic development, including economic growth, poverty reduction, and equity. Dissertations that address population and development issues pertinent to the African continent are especially encouraged. The research must include a strong quantitative component, with an emphasis on rigorous data analysis. We encourage the development or use of new statistical methods. Finally, the research must have a strong policy-relevant component, demonstrating an interest in communicating research results with program managers, planners, and policymakers.

The deadline for applying is April 30, 2008. Please submit the following:

- \* Completed application cover sheet. (Attached)
- \* Curriculum Vita with full list of educational and other professional activities.
- \* Statement of intent to pursue a dissertation examining the linkages of population-family planning/reproductive health and economic development. Please identify the specific question to be addressed; provide a brief synopsis of the relevant literature demonstrating how your research will contribute to the Fellowship Program's research objective; describe the data you expect to use and how you expect to use it; and summarize expected outcomes (maximum of twenty pages).
- \* Schedule for completing the dissertation.
- \* Budget for use of the fellowship award.
- \* Two letters of recommendation. One from your academic adviser and one from another faculty member.
- \* Essay describing how you believe your work, when complete, will affect policy and improve people's wellbeing (maximum of two pages).

For more information please visit <http://www.iie.org/hewlett-foundationus>

### STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

#### The Center for Gender in Global Context Internships

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) Internship Program offers internship coordination services and support to MSU undergraduate and graduate students. Students may elect to participate in internships linked to the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Internship Program, or to those formerly coordinated by the Women, Gender, and Social Justice Internship Program. Through either of these programs, students will intern with leading organizations working at the local, national, and international levels on gender-related social justice or environmental issues. The internships are open to students from any MSU

department or college. Each student intern will work with a supervisor from the host organization and from within his or her department or college, benefiting from the supervisor's experience and expertise in gender, environmental, and/or social justice fields.

#### Internship Details:

- \* Work with the GenCen Internship Coordinator to find the right organization for you and to arrange for MSU credit
- \* Flexible schedules
- \* Fall and Spring internships are typically 10-20 hours
- \* Summer internships can be part-time or full-time
- \* Students can do international GenCen internships along with MSU study abroad programs
- \* Advanced undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply
- \* Most internships are unpaid, however some offer work-study to eligible students. Students are encouraged to contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator to discuss upcoming scholarship opportunities.

#### Benefits:

- \* Receive credit from your department of college for the internship
- \* Gain valuable academic and professional experience
- \* Find networking opportunities for your future career
- \* Organizations will involve students in interesting projects and programs not just clerical work!

#### Application Deadlines:

Fall 2008 Rolling Admission until March 31

International Internships -- Call for Info & Deadlines

#### Translating Academic Success into Expanded Career Opportunities Workshop

April 5, 8:45am - 3:30pm, Kellogg Center

This workshop is designed primarily for doctoral students who are considering traveling beyond the tenure-track or post-doc route. Four panelists in the morning session will tell you what your professors often don't know and can't answer. From a range of backgrounds (humanities, social, and natural sciences), they will talk about their career moves, and offer practical advice and strategies on learning a new culture and set of assumptions. Topics will include how to effectively present what you do know, how to identify what you don't know, how to present yourself in a resume and an interview, and how to adjust to expectations in different settings. The workshop will also include small group discussion and dialogue with the panelists. In the afternoon, short interactive workshops will engage students in practicing interviewing skills for non-academic positions, identifying

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and applying networking strategies for professional development opportunities, and learning how to find and apply for federal jobs.

This year's event also incorporates the Graduate School "Etiquette Training" workshop during our lunch session. The owner of First Impressions Training will focus on etiquette for the workplace, with special emphasis on creating a good impression at the "informal" stages of the interview: meals and receptions. Because of the logistics of the lunch session, workshop registration will be limited to 60 students. Registration is required. To register contact [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu). Please include your name, department, e-mail address, name of the workshop, and indicate which afternoon sessions you wish to attend. Also indicate if you will need a vegetarian option for lunch. Each registration includes a formal lunch; because we are providing these free to workshop participants, please register only if you plan to attend the workshop. If your plans change, contact [gradwrsp@msu.edu](mailto:gradwrsp@msu.edu) as soon as possible so that others can participate or we can cancel the ordered meal. The workshop will be limited to 60 students on a first come, first serve basis. Parking passes will be provided for the Kellogg Center parking structure.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on April 7th. 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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