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**EVENTS**

**Week of September 26, 2011**

**Monday, September 26th**

“Ties that Bind: Toxic Pollution, Urban Brownfields and the Embodiment of Class and Gender in Post-industrial Southeast Chicago”

Sponsored by The Center for Gender in Global Context

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, 303 International Center

Speaker: Christine Walley, MIT

Christine Walley is an associate professor in the Anthropology Department at MIT. Her research and teaching interests include: the environment, development, gender, documentary/ethnographic film and theories of globalization and capitalism.

**Tuesday, September 27th**

“Optional Practical Training”

Office of International Studies and Scholars

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, 303 International Center

F-1 students may apply for a one year of work authorization. We recommend that applications are submitted at least 3 months before graduation. Come learn more about how you can apply for OPT.

**Wednesday, September 28th**

“India Students, Scholars and Faculty Welcome Reception”

Sponsored by: The Asian Studies Center

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 303 International Center

Interested in India? Join new students and faculty with the same interest for good food and conversation. Free and open to all!

“Mexican Consulate Research Fellows (IME-Becas) Panel”

Sponsored by: Latin American & Caribbean Studies

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, 201 International Center

Speakers: Yareth Fernandez, Jesse Anguiano, and Evangelina Palma-Ramirez

“Locating Gender and Disability within Women’s and Disability Rights Discourses in India”

Sponsored by: The Center for Gender in Global Context

Nilika Mehrotra, Center for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Gender and disability issues have increasingly taken center stage within disability rights discourses in India in recent past. This presentation tries to chart the trajectory of issues and debates around these discourses with reference to transnational global discourses leading to challenges within women’s movements and also disability rights movements.

**Thursday, September 29th**

“Excluded Intellectual Traditions in Africa and the African Diaspora: Transdisciplinary Research Procedures, Methodologies, Bibliographies and Allies”

Sponsored by: The African Studies Center

12:00 pm, 201 International Center

Friday, September 30th
“I am Woman: The Protective Role of Gender Identity for Women in Science”
Sponsored by the Center for Gender in Global Context
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, 201 International Center
In this talk, the results of several studies will be presented that illustrate the protective role of gender identity for women in science who perceive that their academic climate is poor and for those who experience difficulty integrating their woman and scientist identities.

“International Coffee Hour”
Sponsored by: The Office for International Studies and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan rooms B & C
Our weekly coffee hour is a great place to make new friends (and reconnect with old friends), practice your language skills and get free coffee and tea.

Thursday, October 6th
“Chris Abani’s ‘Song of Night’ and Newton Aduaka’s film ‘Ezra’ and ‘The New Nigerian Literature’”
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Room 201 International Center
African Studies Center Brown Bag Talk with Ken Harrow and Salah Hassen, Faculty MSU

Friday, October 7th
“International Coffee Hour”
Sponsored by The Office of International Students and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court, International Center

“Friday Forum”
Sponsored by: The Center for Advanced Study of International Development and The Center for Gender in Global Context
12:00 pm-1:00 pm, 201 International Center

Week of October 3, 2011

Wednesday, October 5th
“Working with Local Experts to Survey Nicaragua’s Baird’s Tapirs”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Carribean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Room 201 International Center

Presented by Christopher Jordan, doctoral student, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, MSU

International Photo Contest

International Studies and Programs, in partnership with the Michigan State University Alumni Association, have opened the call for entries to the 2011 international photo competition, Global Focus.

For the first time this year, photos can be uploaded via an online entry form. Contest organizers hope this will encourage more entries, especially from international participants. Submissions are due by Friday, October 7, 2011.

Launched in 1999, Global Focus has presented more than 200 awards to members of the Michigan State University family who have taken exceptional photographs while on work assignments, study abroad programs, or during personal travels abroad. The internationally-themed photo contest aims to recognize MSU faculty, staff, students, and alumni who have captured memorable images from around the world and are interested in sharing their photographs with the entire MSU campus.

To enter the competition, learn about rules and eligibility, and to vote for the people’s choice winner, visit the Global Focus website at: www.isp.msu.edu/awards/photocontest or call 517-884-2134

Mandalay Stroll
Myanmar, February 08
Ben Henshaw
1st Place Winner 2010
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MASK - Secrets and Revelations Exhibit - MSU Museum

The MSU Mask exhibit includes “Great Dance” featuring striking images of the gule wamkulu (pronounced “goolay wumkooloo”), or “great dance,” practiced by villagers throughout Malawi, Mozambique and Zambia. A gule wamkulu performance brings the community together in times of celebration and of mourning: masked and woven characters represent the ancestors of the people who have come back to the land of the living to instruct the community in proper behavior. In the exhibit “Great Dance,” more than 30 of the characters will be featured through the photographs, multimedia presentations, and real gule wamkulu masks. The exhibit will be displayed at the MSU Museum Heritage Gallery until October 2, 2011.

Study Abroad Fair

We’re bringing the world to YOU! If you’ve ever thought about studying abroad, now is your chance for a “one-stop shopping” experience to see all that MSU has to offer! The Breslin Center will be filled with hundreds of tables displaying information about MSU’s study abroad program and various support services.

Wednesday, September 28th, 2011
12:00pm - 6:00pm
Breslin Center

For more information:
www.studyabroad.msu.edu/safair

International Awards

With the 2012 International Awards Ceremony scheduled for March 21, the Office of the Dean of International Students and Programs at MSU will continue our tradition of recognizing the talents of faculty, staff, the community members with a global vision. You can be part of this celebration by nominating a colleague, student or alumni for one of the awards listed below.

Ralph Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs

The John K Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award

The Gill-Chin Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Global Studies

The Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award

The Charles A. Gliozzo International Award for Public Diplomacy

The Glen Taggart Award for Community Contributions

The Award for Outstanding Service to Study Abroad

Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding

The Homer Higbee International Education Awards

For full descriptions please go to www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards. Nominations are due: Wednesday, December 15, 2011 at 5:00pm.
Invisible Children

On Thursday September 22nd at 7pm in room 118 of the Psychology Building, the non-profit organization, Invisible Children Inc., will be presenting their latest documentary which looks at what those affected by the Lord’s Resistance Army are experiencing and feeling. The non-profit gives individuals an opportunity to help fund-raise for the long term goals of rehabilitation and education for those affected by the violence. The organization raises awareness about the conflicts going on in Central Africa through the use of media and youth involvement. There will be three U.S. interns and a young man from Uganda giving the presentation. To learn more about the organization, please visit: www.invisiblechildren.com.