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### Monday, January 23

#### **“Putting Two Continents on Track: African and Chinese Railroad Builders During the Cold War”**

Sponsor: MSU Museum, School of Human Resources and Labor Relations, African Studies Center, and the Asian Studies Center  
12:15 p.m.-1:30, MSU Museum Auditorium

Jamie Monson, the director of the African Studies Center, will speak as part of the Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series. The lecture series is a cooperative project that focuses on the cultural traditions of workers, workplaces as contexts for the expression of workers’ culture, and the diversity of historical and artistic presentation of workers’ lives.

#### **“Nationalized Humanitarianism: Shina Koji (Chinese Orphans) in Japan”**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
4:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Mariko Tamanoi, a professor in the Department of Anthropology at

UCLA, will speak as part the Asian Studies Center’s Transnational East Asia Colloquium. Dr. Tamanoi will be discussing Shina koji, which refers to Chinese children displaced by the Japanese military’s bombing on northern China during the Japan-China War (1937-1945). In 1938, a tiny fraction of them were brought to Japan, after a small group of Japanese philanthropists and social workers in Osaka extended their “humanitarianism” to them. Though this incident has been almost totally forgotten in postwar Japan, this lecture aims to explore who was involved, how they engaged in this task, and for what purpose. The ultimate goal is to reconsider the nature of Japanese nationalism, which has been explored now by numerous scholars, through the lens of those people who were part of this “nationalized” humanitarian effort.

### Thursday, January 26

#### **“Participatory Mapping of Environmental Resources: A Comparison of a Tanzanian Pastoral Community Over Time”**

Sponsor: African Studies Center  
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 201 International Center

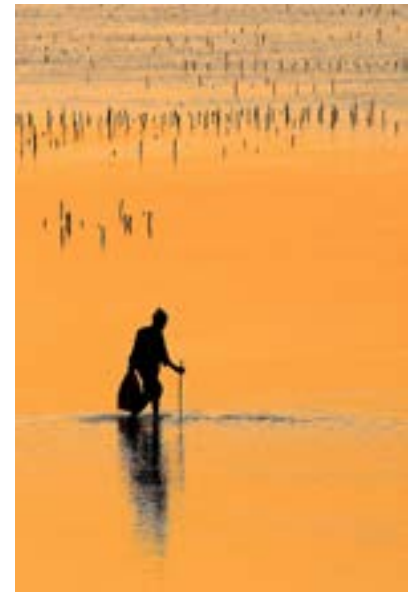
Amber Pearson, an assistant professor in the Department of Geography, and Amanda Rzotkiewicz, a graduate student in the Department of Geogra-

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phy, will speak as part of the African Studies Center's Eye on Africa seminar series.

### **African Tea Time**

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

Each month the African tea times focus on different countries. African tea times are an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. The tea times open to everyone. Botswana and Namibia are the focus of this tea time.

### **“Great Decisions: Saudi Arabia in Transition”**

Sponsor: People's Church

4:30-6:00 p.m., Robertson Room, Peoples Church, East Lansing

Russell Lucas, an associate professor of Arabic Studies in the Department of Linguistics and Languages, will speak as part of People's Church's Great Discussions program. As Saudi Arabia struggles to adjust to the drastic decline in oil revenue, Deputy Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman attempts to boldly transform the country and shift more power to the younger generation. At the same time, many countries such as the U.S. point out the lack of democracy, women's rights and human rights in Saudi Arabia, and blame its promotion of Wahhabism, an extremely conservative version of Islam, for creating jihadists. Bipartisan criticism of Saudi Arabia is rising in Congress. Both countries need each other, but they are at a crossroads in bilateral relations.

### **Finding Funding in Latin America and the Caribbean and Faculty Networking Event**

Sponsor: Office of International Research and Collaboration, International Studies and Programs, and the Center for Latin and Caribbean Studies  
3:00-5:00 p.m.m, Spartan Rooms, International Center (attached to the food court)

Panelists will provide information on funding opportunities and trends in Latin America and the Caribbean, followed by an opportunity for faculty to share their research interests and network with potential new collaborators from across campus. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.



## **Week of January 29**

### **Thursday, February 2**

#### **“Environmentalism in South Africa”**

Sponsor: African Studies Center and Environmental Studies and Public Policy  
12:00-1:30 p.m., International Center, third floor

Sven “Bobby” Peek, CEO of the South African environmental organization groundWork and winner of the Gold-



man Environmental Prize for Africa in 1998, will speak as part of the African Studies Centers' Eye on Africa seminar series.

## Friday, February 3

### “Yiddish Memory around the Holocaust”

Sponsor: Jewish Studies; College of Arts and Letters; James Madison College; and the Center for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies

In this seminar, three historians who utilize Yiddish language in their teaching and research will discuss the intersection of language and memory. Jeffrey Veidlinger, the director of the Frekel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, will present a multimedia exploration of how Ukrainian Yiddish-speaking Jews remember Jewish life in the prewar Soviet Union. The William and Audrey Farber Family Endowed Chair of Holocaust Studies and European Jewish History Amy Simon, an assistant professor in the MSU Department of History and James Madison

College, will examine how Yiddish diary writers during the Holocaust made sense of their experiences through the collective memory of the history of Jewish suffering. Dr. Anya Quillitsch, a lecturer at the University of Michigan, will explore how Yiddish language helps us understand Ashkenazi culture after the Holocaust. Margot Valles, an assistant professor of comparative literature and Jewish studies at MSU, will moderate the panel. Lunch will be provided afterwards from 12:00-1:00 p.m..





## Announcements

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### College of Education Scholarships for Study Abroad

Applications are being accepted for the Dean's Scholarship for Undergraduate Study Abroad and the Ian J. Render Memorial Scholarship for Study Abroad to South Africa. The scholarships are designed to help students cover expenses that exceed on-campus costs related to their College of Education study abroad program. The deadline is January 31, 2017. To download scholarship information and the application please visit the College of Education website.

#### Eligibility

- Undergraduates enrolled in College of Education credit-bearing study abroad programs during the summer of 2017, fall 2017, or spring 2018.
- International students are eligible for these scholarships.

### The Asian Studies Center's S.C. Lee Scholarship and Paper Competition

**Competition opens November 7, 2016, applications are due February 3, 2017**

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 to undergraduate students only, while the paper competition is open to both graduates and undergraduates. For application materials visit the Asian Studies Center website. For questions, please call (517) 353-1680 or email at [asiansc@msu.edu](mailto:asiansc@msu.edu).





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### CASID and GenCen Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS)

**Applications are due February 10, 2017.**

The Center for Advanced Study in Interational Development (CASID) and the Center for Gender in Global Context are pleased to announce their 2017-18 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) competition. The fellowships, provided by the U.S. Department of Education, are avaiable for both undergraduate and graduate students currently attending MSU or who have applied to atted by the fall of 2017. Undergraduate awards are worth up to \$15,000 per academic year; graduate awards are worth up to \$33,000 per academic year. Summer awards for all students are worth up to \$7,500.

The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet the critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. FLAS fellowships are awarded 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. Funds are available to support students interested in issues related (but not limited) to the following thematic foci: global food, agriculture, and environment; livelihood strategies, economics, and governance; education and health disparities; violence, conflict, and conflict resolution; and identities and representations. For more information, please see the CASID website at [casid.isp.msu.edu](http://casid.isp.msu.edu) or contact Jennifer Brewer, the CASID International Program Coordinator, at [brewer13@msu.edu](mailto:brewer13@msu.edu).





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### **Schoenl Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas**

**Applications are due February 25, 2017.**

The purpose of the Schoenl Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas is to identify and fund the most outstanding projects that will serve dire human needs in countries other than the U.S. The grants must be used within a 12-month period to make an impact that will help alleviate dire human needs. The amount awarded depends on available funds and project scope. Typical grant funding is \$1,200 for a level I award and \$1,800 for a level II award. Applications are available August 31. Inquiries should be directed to [hcglobal@msu.edu](mailto:hcglobal@msu.edu).

### **MSU Museum and The Graduate School—Summer/Fall 2017**

The Nelson Mandela Museum/Michigan State University Museum Curatorial Fellowship Program (NMMMSUMCFP) is one of many MSU programs that help meet post-apartheid South Africa's challenge to document, preserve, and interpret history and expressive culture. The NMMMSUMCFP springs from a history of two museums (Michigan State University Museum and the Nelson Mandela Museum) working together and independently on similar activities and the desire of both institutions to work on new projects that further their respective missions.

Curatorial fellowship projects will be conducted during the summer and fall semesters. Ten weeks of the summer semester will be spent in South Africa (with at least eight weeks working full-time at the Mandela Museum based in Mthatha) and the following fall semester will be spent working part-time at the MSU Museum. Curatorial fellows will be expected to plan and complete projects in collaboration with and mentored by MSU faculty and professional museum staff at each institution. Projects must reflect the educational and research missions of the two museums, address identified needs of the museums, ideally incorporate technology, and be in compliance with international standards of museum practice. Special emphasis is given to projects that demonstrate the spirit of ubuntu, the traditional South African humanist philosophy focusing on people's allegiances and relations with each other.

Each fellow will receive \$16,000. Up to an additional \$500 will be available to attend a cultural heritage conference in South Africa and up to an additional \$1000 will be available to cover travel and conference registration costs to present the results of fellowship experience or work to a professional or academic meeting in the U.S. Applicants should be enrolled full-time in a program leading to a terminal degree that is normally understood as a prerequisite for academic jobs (usually a PhD), be in good academic standing, and making progress on their degrees. Applicants must have taken, minimally, the Foundations of Museum Studies course at MSU (or completed a comparable course or had curatorial experience at a museum). Applicants should submit the attached application form; a CV; and a brief essay that describes their career goals, why they are interested in NMMMSUMGFC, and how they anticipate that participation in NMMMSUMGFC will enhance their professional development. Applications must be submitted on or before Friday, February 27, 2017. Announcements of the fellowship recipient will be made by March 31, 2017. For further information or questions regarding the program, please contact the program coordinators Dr. C. Kurt Dewhurst (517-355-2370 or [dewhurst1@msu.edu](mailto:dewhurst1@msu.edu)) or Dr. Marsha MacDowell (517-355-2370 or [macdowel@msu.edu](mailto:macdowel@msu.edu)).



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### The South Asia Summer Language Institute

The South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) based at the University of Wisconsin–Madison is offering intensive summer courses in the following South Asian languages: Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Pashto, Sanskrit, Sinhala, Tamil, Telugu, Tibetan and Urdu. SASLI will be offering Third-Year Hindi and Third-Year Urdu in addition to the elementary and intermediate level courses. All other classes will be offered at the elementary and intermediate levels only. Applications for Summer 2017 are now being accepted. The summer 2017 program will run from June 19 - August 11.

There are three funding options available to students:

- 1) \$1000 Fee Remissions, indicate interest when submitting the SASLI online application
- 2) SASLI Half and Full Fee Remission, deadline March 12, 2017
- 3) FLAS Fellowships, deadline February 13, 2017

Further information about funding and the SASLI FLAS and Half/Full Fee Remission applications can be found on the SASLI website at [sasli.wisc.edu/funding.html](http://sasli.wisc.edu/funding.html). Instructions for submitting a complete application packet and the SASLI web application can be found on the SASLI website at <http://sasli.wisc.edu/apply.html>. Please apply or encourage your students to apply as soon as possible, as faculty hiring is based on student interest. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2017. Any questions can be addressed to SASLI by e-mail at [sasli@southasia.wisc.edu](mailto:sasli@southasia.wisc.edu).



# FOREIGN LANGUAGE & AREA STUDIES



## Undergraduate and Graduate Language Fellowships for 2017-18

2017 summer awards for undergraduate and graduate students up to **\$7,500**

Undergraduate academic year awards up to **\$15,000**

Graduate academic year awards up to **\$33,000**

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and the Center for Gender in Global Context are awarding U.S. Department of Education FLAS Fellowships to support language study for students interested in fields related to development, such as global food and agriculture, the environment, livelihood strategies related to economics and/or governance, education or health disparities, conflict and conflict resolution, human rights, identity and representations. For more information, visit the CASID website, [casid.isp.msu.edu/research-and-funding/flas](http://casid.isp.msu.edu/research-and-funding/flas), or contact Jennifer Brewer at [brewer13@msu.edu](mailto:brewer13@msu.edu).

**Applications due February 10, 2017**

- ARABIC
- CHINESE
- FRENCH
- HINDI
- INDONESIAN
- JAPANESE
- KOREAN
- PERSIAN/FARSI
- PORTUGUESE
- RUSSIAN
- SWAHILI
- SPANISH
- TAMIL
- THAI
- TURKISH
- UZBEK



The Office of International  
Research Collaboration (OIRC) Presents:

# FINDING FUNDING FOR RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN & FACULTY NETWORKING

Thursday, January 26 3:00-5:00pm  
Spartan Rooms, International Center  
Attached to Food Court

Funding: US  
Government,  
Foundations,  
& More

Meet New  
Collaborators

Share your  
Research  
Interests

OIRC, The Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, and ISP Advancement will present information on funding opportunities and trends in Latin America and the Caribbean, followed by an opportunity for faculty to share their research interests and network with potential new collaborators from across campus.

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