

# CASID CURRENT

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MARCH 17TH, 2008

## EVENTS

**For the Week of March 17th:**

### Monday, March 17th

#### **Korean Instrumental Music: Traditional Music in a Modern Setting**

Jim Hi Kim will play both the traditional and electronic Komongos.

3:30pm, Fairchild Theatre

### Tuesday, March 18th

#### **“Conceptualizing God: A question and answer session about dominant religious traditions”**

Part of “India Week” events

9:00am - 1:00pm, Bharatiya Temple of Lansing

#### **“Changing Dynamics of Tropical Deforestation and Atmospheric Carbon Emissions”**

Rachel Carson Lecture Series

Speaker: Ruth DeFries, Department of Geography and Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center, University of Maryland

3:00pm, Red Cedar Room, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

#### **Series: “Silk and Sand: Women’s dance traditions of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Xinjiang”**

Asian Studies Center Colloquium

Speaker: Carolyn Krueger and the Gulistan Dance Theatre

4:00pm, Fairchild Theater, MSU Auditorium

### Wednesday, March 19th

#### **“The Language of Black Magic: Palo Monte and Afro-Cuban ritual tongues”**

LACS “Charla” Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Armin Schwegler, Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California-Irvine

3:00pm - 4:30pm, 201 International Center

### “Israel at 60 Years”

2nd Annual Serling Modern Israel Lecture

Speakers: Avishai Margalit and George F. Kennan

7:15pm, MSU Union Gold Room “B”

### Thursday, March 20th

#### **“The Representation of Zulus in America, 1880s to 1940s”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Robert Edgar, African Studies Faculty, Howard University

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

### Friday, March 21st

#### **“The President’s Malaria Initiative in Malawi”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dr. Rebecca Malouin, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development

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

#### **“Eating Disorders and Adolescent Angst in Girls: Genes, Environment, and Puberty”**

GenCen Colloquia Series

Speaker: Kelly Klump, Department of Psychology

1:30pm - 3:00pm, 303 International Center



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EVENTS *continued***International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

**Film, "Amar Te Duele"**

Romance Language Film Series (Spanish with subtitles in English)

5:00pm, 206 OHB Auditorium

**Film, "Route 181: Fragments of a Journey in Palestine and Israel"**

Part of "Cinema under Siege: Imperiled Visions from Beirut to Baghdad"

6:00pm, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall

**Travel India: A virtual tour with travel tips**

Part of "India Week" events

6:30pm - 8:30pm, 108 Bessey Hall

**Saturday, March 22nd****Film, "Gunner Palace"**

Part of "Cinema under Siege: Imperiled Visions from Beirut to Baghdad"

7:00pm, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall

**For the Week of March 24th:****Monday, March 24th****"Challenges Facing the Next President: Blowback From the Iraq War and the Middle East?"**

Speaker: Fawaz Gerges, International Affairs and Middle Eastern Studies at Sarah Lawrence College; Senior analyst for ABC Television News

4:00pm, 303 International Center

**Tuesday, March 25th****"Cultural Change in Uzbekistan:****Post-Colonialism or Globalization?"**

Asian Studies Center Colloquium

Speaker: Laura Adams, Department of Sociology, Harvard

4:00pm, 303 International Center

**Wednesday, March 26th****"Women poets of Portugal and Brazil"**

LACS "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Antonio Ladeira, Assistant Professor, Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures, Texas Tech University

3:00pm - 4:30pm, 201 International Center

**Thursday, March 27th****"Zimbabwe: Endgame or More of the Same?"**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Mike Bratton, Faculty, Dept. of Political Science, MSU

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

**Film, "This is Nollywood" (Nigeria)**

Nigerian video production is becoming recognized as a phenomenon with broad implications for Africa.

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillip Residential College

**Friday, March 28th****Panel Discussion, "Democracy in Pakistan: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Road Ahead"**

MSU professors and graduate students present varying viewpoints at a panel discussion on the future of Pakistan.

10:00am, 303 International Center

**CASID/WID Friday Forum**

Speaker: Dr. DeBrenna Agbeniyiga, Assistant Professor, Social Work

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

**"Perceptions of Economic Insecurity: Evidence from Rural and Urban Workers in Russia, 1995-2004"**

Speaker: Susan Linz, Economics

Sponsored by the Center for European and Russian Studies (CERS)

12:00pm, 305 International Center

**Film, "Mon Meilleur Ami"**

Romance Language Film Series (French with subtitles in English)

5:00pm, 206 OHB Auditorium

**Film, "The Dreams of Sparrows"**

Part of "Cinema under Siege: Imperiled Visions from Beirut to Baghdad"

7:00pm, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall

**International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

**"Can Science Save Wilderness... or Anything for that Matter?"**

Fisheries and Wildlife Spring 2008 GSO Seminar Series

Speaker: Michael Nelson, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University

3:30pm, 1 Natural Resources

**Saturday, March 29****Film, "Lessons of Darkness"**

Part of "Cinema under Siege: Imperiled Visions from Beirut to Baghdad"

7:00 p.m. C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## International Awards Ceremony

The 2008 ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 from 3pm to 5pm on the third floor of the Delia Koo International Academic Center on the Michigan State University campus. The International Awards Ceremony is hosted annually each spring by the Dean of International Studies and Programs. Its purpose is to bring together MSU faculty, staff, students, community volunteers, and others from the wider Michigan community to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions toward international understanding.

2008 Award Descriptions:

- \* Ralph Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs
- \* John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award
- \* Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award
- \* Gill-Chin Lim Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Global Studies
- \* Glen Taggart Award for Community Contribution to International Understanding
- \* The MSU Award for Outstanding Service to Study Abroad
- \* The Homer Higbee International Education Award
- \* Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding

For more information visit <http://www.isp.msu.edu/iac>.

## MSU Students for Fair Trade Bash

April 8, 2008, 6:30pm – 10:30pm, 303 International Center  
 Speakers include: Dean Cycon, Founder of Dean's Beans and supporter of the Coffeelands Landmines Victims' Trust; Michael Lundquist, Chief Executive Officer of the Polus Center for Social & Economic Development; Gail Catron, Fair Trade advocate and retailer, owner of new local 100% Fair Trade store, Kirabo; and Rebecca Meuninck, Ph.D. Student specializing in Gender, the Environment, and Fair Trade Coffee, MSU Department of Anthropology.

Please RSVP to Vice President Scott Dombrowski, e-mail: [dombro38@msu.edu](mailto:dombro38@msu.edu) as soon as possible. Due to limited availability, those wishing to set up displays will be given tables on a first come basis. Please indicate a preference in your RSVP, as well as an individual and/or organization name. A donation of \$25.00 or one Fair Trade item as a door prize is encouraged.

## East Lansing Film Festival

March 12th - 20th, Hannah Community Center (E. Lansing)

and MSU's Wells Hall

The East Lansing Film Festival (ELFF) is the largest and most diverse film festival in Michigan to screen independent and foreign feature, documentary, short and student films from around the world. ELFF is dedicated to bringing quality foreign and independent films to the state of Michigan in order to expose our audience to diverse cultures, ideas, and creative works. Call 517-336-5802 or see <http://www.elff.com> for more information.

## Racism and Reconciliation Forum

Kalamazoo, MI

"Racism in our Community: Seeing Ourselves in Both the Problem and the Solution," presentation by DeMarra Gardner, Change Agent Consulting. The lecture will end with a discussion on diversity and refreshments. Visit <http://www.forumchurch.org/> and click on Forums for more information or call (269) 342-5852. The address is: 2208 Winchell Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008.

## Fulbright Scholarship Program Informational Workshop

The Office of International Studies and Programs cordially invites MSU graduate students to attend the 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholarship Program Informational Workshop on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, in Room 303 International Center from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The workshop will give participants an opportunity to learn about:

- \* Fulbright Programs in more than 140 countries and the application process
- \* Experiences of previous MSU Faculty Fulbright Award Recipients
- \* How a Fulbright experience can enhance your career and enrich your life
- \* How to prepare a competitive Fulbright application proposal
- \* How to solicit winning letters of recommendation
- \* How to choose a host country and make contacts abroad
- \* How to identify and enlist helpful MSU advisers

Depending on the selected host country the grants provide between \$25,000 and \$40,000 to cover round trip air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance, and, in some cases, tuition waivers and research allowances. Please share this notice with interested students and contact Frank M. D'Itri, MSU Fulbright Program Adviser ([ditri@msu.edu](mailto:ditri@msu.edu)) with any questions or if you would like additional information. If you plan to attend a workshop please RSVP Kathy Riel at 355-2350, or [riel@msu.edu](mailto:riel@msu.edu), no later than March 28, 2008 to ensure that sufficient resource materials and refreshments will be available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***STUDY OPPORTUNITIES AND FELLOWSHIPS****World/Teach - Harvard University**

The World/Teach organization is based at the Center for International Development at Harvard University. Following is information about the unique teaching opportunities offered by World/Teach in Kenya, Rwanda, South Africa, and Namibia. World/Teach offers several summer teaching opportunities lasting two months, directed at undergraduate students. Additionally, they offer numerous year-long teaching assignments for college graduates. Both offer complete immersion and hands-on education in the culture of the destination country that would prove invaluable to someone with an interest in the African continent. Please visit the following websites which provides information on the World/Teach African program:

Year long programs:

[http://www.worldteach.org/programs/south\\_africa\\_year/](http://www.worldteach.org/programs/south_africa_year/)

[http://www.worldteach.org/programs/rwanda\\_year/](http://www.worldteach.org/programs/rwanda_year/)

[http://www.worldteach.org/programs/namibia\\_year/](http://www.worldteach.org/programs/namibia_year/)

Summer programs:

[http://www.worldteach.org/programs/namibia\\_summer/](http://www.worldteach.org/programs/namibia_summer/)

[http://www.worldteach.org/programs/south\\_africa\\_summer/](http://www.worldteach.org/programs/south_africa_summer/)

**African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship**

The African Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowships (ADDRF) is a new fellowship program designed to support doctoral students at African universities whose theses address issues relating to health systems strengthening in Africa. One of these fellowships will support doctoral research that focuses on the broad field of sexuality research. The ADDRDF will award a maximum of 16 fellowships in the first year.

These fellowships will be awarded to advanced doctoral students who are within two years of completing their doctoral thesis at an African university. Dissertation topics addressing health systems-related issues or sexuality from any disciplinary perspective are eligible for consideration. Potential applicants are welcome to send queries and applications to the following email address: [addrf@aphrc.org](mailto:addrf@aphrc.org). The deadline for applications is March 29, 2008.

**Pre-Doctoral Fellow in African-New World Studies**

African-New World Studies Program at Florida International University seeks a Pre-Doctoral Fellow for the Academic year 2008-2009. Applicants must have finished their course work and already begun dissertation writing. They

must be conducting or have conducted research on Africa or/and the African Diaspora. The successful applicant will come from either the social sciences or the humanities. S/he will be expected to teach the undergraduate course "Introduction to African Worlds" during one semester and one other course related to the candidates's expertise during the second semester. The pre-doctoral fellow is also expected to support the academic and outreach activities of the program. Salary will be determined according to accomplishments and experience. Please send a letter of application, a vitae, one writing sample of not more than 30 pages, and three sealed letters of recommendation by March 14, 2008 to Director, ANWS, Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Florida International University, African-New World Studies Program, 3000 NE 151 Street, AC1-162, North Miami, Florida 33181.

**UNU-IAS Fellowship Programmes**

Every year UNU-IAS offers PhD and Postdoctoral fellowships to provide young scholars and policy-makers, especially from the developing world, with a multi-disciplinary context within which to pursue advanced research and training that is of professional interest to the successful applicant and of direct relevance to the research agenda of their selected UNU-IAS or UNU programme. The fellows are resident at UNU-IAS in Yokohama or UNU in Tokyo, Japan for the full term of the fellowship. This gives the PhD and Postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to gain from the broader research programme of lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences arranged by the UNU-IAS and UNU. UNU's close institutional links with Japanese affiliated professors and visiting professors from key universities and think tanks in Japan also allows fellows to link into the broader Japanese academic and research community. Since the start of the fellowship programme at UNU-IAS in 1996, more than 160 young scholars, 70% of which from the developing world, have benefited from collaboration with UNU-IAS/UNU and Japanese scholars in this way.

**To Apply**

An essential part of the application for both the PhD and Postdoctoral fellowships is a research proposal outlining the intended work at UNU-IAS and UNU. Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- (i) The research objectives of the applicant and the quality of the research proposal;
- (ii) The relevance of the research proposal to the ongoing or planned research activities of the applicant's selected Research Programme at UNU-IAS or UNU;
- (iii) The applicant's academic merit and the potential for successful research while at UNU-IAS or UNU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued*

The application deadline is 25 April 2008 (17h00 Tokyo time). Applications are invited for the following three fellowship types:

1. UNU-IAS PhD Fellowship (10 months, starting in October)
2. UNU-IAS Postdoctoral Fellowship (10 months, starting in October)
3. JSPS-UNU Postdoctoral Fellowship (12-24 months, starting in November)

Questions regarding the different fellowships should be directed to: UNU-IAS Fellowship Committee, [fellowships@ias.unu.edu](mailto:fellowships@ias.unu.edu)

### Freshman Seminar Abroad Study Abroad Scholarships

The Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education (APUE) and the Office of Study Abroad (OSA) offer a limited number of scholarships specifically for eligible FSA participants. In all cases, to be eligible for the award a student must be (1) admitted to MSU with their deposit paid, (2) have submitted their application to an FSA program, and (3) have on file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the MSU Financial Aid Office. Students must submit a scholarship application form located at: <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/scholarships/scholarapp.pdf>. Awards funded through the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education (APUE) are for \$1,000, and require applicants to be Pell grant eligible and to have demonstrated high academic merit. The priority deadline for APUE awards is April 15, 2008.

### CONFERENCES

#### Justice, Power, and Health Care

Philosophy Department, MSU

March 25-26, C-102 East Fee Hall

A 2-day workshop exploring the ethical issues surrounding health care, focusing on the impact of racism on health care in the US and elsewhere. Keynote speakers are Dorothy Roberts and Alex John London. For more information email [pic.phl@msu.edu](mailto:pic.phl@msu.edu) or call 517-355-4490

#### 2nd Biennial African American and African Studies Conference: The Black Black Scholar and the State of the Black World

March 27-29, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, MSU Sankofa, the graduate student association for the African American and African Studies Program at Michigan State University, is calling all graduate students to participate in a discussion on issues confronting the State of the Black World. While this conference is geared towards graduate scholars, we strongly encourage the participation of profes-

sionals, undergraduate students and community leaders. This conference is free and open to the public. For more information see <http://www.msu.edu/~aaas/> or contact [tetenskr@msu.edu](mailto:tetenskr@msu.edu).

#### African Languages & Globalization: Challenges, Expectations, and Possibilities

The African Language Teachers Association (ALTA) 12th Annual Conference

April 24-27, Madison, WI

This conference will convene at the Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin. The conference will be in conjunction with the 11th Annual Conference of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL). Language-specific panels will be conducted in Swahili, Yorùbá, Zulu/Nguni. For details, please visit the ALTA website: <http://lang.nalrc.wisc.edu/alta/> or the NCOLCTL website at: <http://www.councilnet.org>.

#### 2008 GLCA Conference on Transnational Feminisms

Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, September 26-28, 2008

The internationalization of local feminisms has significantly impacted how, in recent years, research agendas are structured in the U.S. and elsewhere. Feminists from all over the globe are addressing how globalization brings about new forms of gender inequality that, in many cases, are rooted in older histories of colonialism and racism. These transnational approaches move across national boundaries to assess political, economical, and cultural shifts affecting women's lives, and emphasize connections without necessarily creating similarities. Within the U.S., feminists of color who had experienced first-hand race and class biases were the first ones to create a network that included new social movements and transnational alliances.

The exclusion that women of color from different racial, ethnic, physical, national, or sexual identities experienced created the conditions that generated novel coalitional movements. Academic debates have tended to ignore other overarching issues that have produced their internationalization. Local feminisms went global during the 1990s and produced contentious debates over the goals and strategies of feminist politics. These transnational dialogues resist essentialism and universalism and propose theories and methods that go beyond the exclusive focus on gender to make visible other forms of oppression where issues of race, class, culture, and sexual orientation intersect. This conference seeks to engage scholars from various areas of the globe in a dialogue to challenge exclusions and omissions of these debates in mainstream academia and college curricula.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***Lives in Motion: The Transitional and Transnational Status of Displacement**

Annual Graduate Student Conference at the Centre for Refugee Studies

York University, Toronto, Canada, April 24th and 25th, 2008

Keynote speaker: El-Farouk Khaki, immigration lawyer and human rights activist

Following on the success of last year's Graduate Student Conference hosted by the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), the Centre's student caucus is pleased to announce that this year's conference will take place on April 24th and 25th, 2008 at York University, Toronto. This event offers graduate students across disciplines the opportunity to present and discuss their research ideas on the subject of Forced Migration with fellow students in a professional, non-intimidating forum. We hope last year's participants, as well as students who missed last year's, join us for an engaging two days of intellectual debates and discovery and the chance to win one of two prizes. For more info please contact the conference co-ordinator Paula Popovici, at paulap@yorku.ca

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on March 24th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: christianreed@gmail.com; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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