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**Week of March 17th**

**Monday, March 18th**

**“Optional Practical Training (Webinar)”**
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Online
Join OISS for an online Optional Practical Training (OPT) information session by logging in to our OPT webinar. F-1 students may apply for one year of U.S. work authorization, called Optional Practical Training (OPT), for use after graduation. We recommend that applications are submitted at least 3 months before your program completion. Log on for more information about how you can apply for OPT, and get your questions about the process answered. There is no pre-registration required for this webinar.

**“Japan Month: Japan’s Triple Disasters: Hope and Recovery, Challenges and Concerns”**
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 303 International Center
A discussion of the 88 Temple Pilgrimage in Japan, a 900-mile route around the island of Shikoku commemorating Buddhist Saint Kōbō Daishi. Two women share their experiences biking the pilgrimage and the book that consequently emerged.

**Wednesday, March 20th**

**“Bioarchaeological Research on the Classic Period Maya of Central Belize”**
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 201 International Center
Dr. Gabriel Wrobel will present “Bioarchaeological Research on the Classic Period Maya of Central Belize” for the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series. Dr. Wrobel, Professor, Anthropology, College of Social Science.

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**Tuesday, March 19th**

**“Life in the U.S.: Healthy and Safe Romantic Relationships”**
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 305 International Center
Dating in one’s own culture can be confusing enough, but it is even more complicated to understand romantic and sexual relationships outside of your home country. Experts will talk with you in a mature and candid way about dating, sexual health, sexual orientation, staying safe and navigating the sometimes exciting, sometimes confusing, sometimes frustrating world of romantic relationships in the U.S. Lunch is included. Please register at:
http://www.isp.msu.edu/events/?id=44732
Dr. Hashini Galhena will present for the Asian Studies Center. Dr. Wrobel works with the World Technology Access Program at Michigan State University.

Friday, March 22nd

“Women Abroad”
Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad and the College of Arts and Letters
12:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Online
Representatives from the Office of Study Abroad and College of Arts & Letters will be hosting an information session on Women Abroad: What every woman should know about traveling abroad. This session will provide useful information and resources to female students regarding specific women’s issues abroad. Topics presented will address cultural, safety, and health concerns of women while traveling abroad. A panel of past study abroad participants will also be available to discuss their own experiences abroad. Handouts of information will be provided for students in attendance to help plan for a fun and safe study abroad experience.

Please RSVP via email to: tuppers@msu.edu. Include your name and the name of the program and location where you will be studying abroad or plan to study abroad.

Week of March 24th

Wednesday, March 27th

“Discursive Conflicts on Social Identity, Environment, and Development in Peru”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 201 International Center
Dr. Bruno Takahashi will present “Discursive Conflicts on Social Identity, Environment, and Development in Peru” for the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series. Dr. Takahashi, professor of Journalism, College of Communication Arts & Sciences.

Thursday, March 28th

“Curricular Practical Training”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Online
Join OISS for an online Curricular Practical Training (CPT) information session by logging in to our CPT webinar. F-1 students may apply for CPT after they have been a full-time student for 2 semesters. CPT allows students to work off-campus in their field of study, or to work more than 20 hours a week on-campus. Log on for more information about how you can apply for CPT, and get your questions about the process answered.

“The Girl from Foreign’ and ‘In Search of the Bene Israel’”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum, Global Studies in Arts and Humanities Program, Muslim Studies, Jewish Studies, and Kehillat Israel
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 303 International Center
Sadia Shepard, documentary filmmaker and author, will be presenting her memoir, “The Girl from Foreign” (Penguin 2008) and “In Search of the Bene Israel” (2008).

“Dramatic Representations of Nigerian Police in Nigerian Films”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center
The African Studies Center “Eye on Africa” speaker series welcomes Cornelius Onyekaba. Onyekaba is affiliated with Theatre & Film Studies, Department of Creative Arts, University of Lagos, Nigeria.

“Fluid”
Manikganj, Bangladesh, June 2007
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Sustainable Community Development in Tanzania

What is development? This six week study abroad program in northern Tanzania focuses on the study and practice of development in a Tanzanian context. Students will learn about the history of development in Tanzania, various approaches to development work, and MSU’s current development initiatives in Tanzania. Students will have a chance to apply what they learn in the classroom through a hands-on community engagement program in a Tanzanian village, in partnership with local community members, and faculty and students from the University of Dar es Salaam. Together teams will address pressing development need within the village.

Program details:
• First Summer Term (May—June) 2013
• Estimated Program Costs to Students: $500
• Other student costs include: Tuition, airfare, and other miscellaneous costs (price of passport, vaccinations, etc)
• For more information, please contact: Program Leader, Dr. Betty Okwako, okwakobe@msu.edu

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