Weekly Events: Week of October 9

Monday, October 10

“Exploring the Comparative History of the Mizrahi and African-American Migration Experience”

Sponsor: Asian Studies
6:00-7:30 p.m., MSU Union, Lake Superior Room

Bryan Roby, a visiting fellow at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, will be speaking. He has lectured throughout Europe, the Middle East, and the US. and received his PhD in Middle Eastern studies from the University of Manchester and completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at New York University. In his recently published book, The Mizrahi Era of Rebellion: Israel's Forgotten Civil Rights Struggle 1948–1966, Roby drew upon a wealth of declassified archival sources in order to provide one of the first comprehensive historical accounts of the Middle Eastern Jewish struggle for equality in Israel. His current research focuses on questions of Blackness, comparative migration experiences, and connections made between the African-American community and Mizrahi Jews during the 1960s and 1970s. He is currently a

Tuesday, October 11

“U.S. Assistance Policy in Africa—Exceptional Power”

Sponsors: Center for Advanced Study of International Development and the Center for Gender in Global Context
12:00-1:00 p.m., 201 International Center

Professor Emeritus Bill Derman and Fulbright Scholar Shai Divon will present a talk based on their upcoming book. What is the meaning of development assistance when it is used as a power tool to achieve the self-interests of states? How is development policy formulated, justified and then used as a tool for power projection, and what type of outcomes are associated with this sort of power projection? Using an eclectic theoretical framework based on power, this talk will examine the American assistance discourse, its formation and justification in relation to historical contexts, and its operationalization on the African continent. Refreshments will be served.

Film Screening: The Act of Killing

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
12:30-3:30 p.m., 305 International Center

The Act of Killing is a documentary, which challenges former Indonesian
deather-squad leaders to reenact their mass killings in whichever cinematic genres they wish, including classic Hollywood crime scenarios and lavish musical numbers.

“Political Revolution? Lessons From Spain”

Sponsors: Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities and the Department of Romance and Classical Studies 5:30-7:30 p.m., South Kedzie Auditorium

A conversation featuring Sebastiaan Faber (The Nation) and Erica Sagrans (In These Times), freelance journalists who have covered the dramatic political changes that have transformed Spanish politics in recent years, the event will explore Spanish politics together with prospects for political revolution in the United States.

Wednesday, October 12

“Pest and Insect Diversity in Three Corn Agroecosystems in the Lowlands of Ecuador”

Sponsor: Latin American and Caribbean Studies 3:00-4:30 p.m., 201 International Center

David Mota-Sanchez, an assistant professor in MSU’s Department of Entomology, will speak.

Diwan Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center 4:00-5:00 p.m., 305 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students who are in the Arabic program, where they speak the language and learn about the culture in a relaxed environment with our Fulbright teaching assistant. Students from all Arabic language levels are encouraged to attend. Also, we extend the invitation to the Arabic-speaking students at the English Center.

Film Screening: No le Digas a Nadie

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies 6:00-8:00 p.m., 117 Wells Hall

The film by Mikaela Shwer will be shown followed by a discussion on barriers facing undocumented students and survivors affected by sexual violence.

Thursday, October 13

“Africa from the Margins”

Sponsor: African Studies Center 12:00-1:30 p.m., 303 International Center

Dorothy Hodgson, a professor of anthropology at Rutgers University and president of the African Studies Association, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa seminar series.
Study Abroad Information Sessions

Information meetings are an opportunity to learn about a program from the program leader, find out about applying to study abroad, ask questions and meet with fellow study abroad participants.

MSU College of Music: Flute Performance in Ireland Summer 2017
Monday, October 10
6:00-7:30 p.m., Hart Recital Hall

Sustainability and Civic Engagement in Costa Rica Spring 2017
Monday, October 10
7:00-8:00 p.m., C210 Snyder Hall

Business and Culture in Spain Spring 2017
Tuesday, October 11
12:30-1:30 p.m., 7 Eppley Center

Italian Language, Literature, and Culture in Florence, Italy Summer 2017
Tuesday, October 11
4:00-6:00 p.m., B-443 Wells Hall

Literary Study in Dublin, Ireland Summer 2017
Tuesday, October 11
5:00-6:00 p.m., C608 Wells Hall

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Info Session for All German Programs 2017
Wednesday, October 12
4:00-6:00 p.m., B-243 Wells Hall

Molecular Biology Research in Dusseldorf, Germany Summer 2017
Wednesday, October 12
6:00-7:00 p.m., 101 Biochemistry Building

Technology, Humanities, and the Arts in London Summer 2017
Thursday, October 13
4:30-6:00 p.m., W101C MSU Library

India: Ecology of the Mountains Summer 2017
Tuesday, October 18
12:30-1:30 p.m., 320-A Natural Resources Building

Event, Hospitality and Retail Management - Stenden U, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands | Spring & Fall
Wednesday, October 19
4:30-5:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Gender, Sex, and Feminism in the UK Summer 2017
Wednesday, October 19
6:30-7:30 p.m., 204 International Center

Business in Scotland Summer 2017
Friday, October 21
10:30-11:30 a.m., 301 Eppley Center
“Gender Relations and Representations in Asian Muslim Contexts and Beyond”

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:00-7:00 p.m., 303 International Center


“Feeding the World by User-Inspired Science”

Sponsor: Environmental Science and Public Policy
2:00-4:00 p.m., 273 Giltner Hall

Robert Horton, a professor of agronomy at Iowa State University, will present the Environmental Science and Public Policy Distinguished Lecture.

Week of October 16

Tuesday, October 18

“Forestry and Human Health in Urban Environments”

Sponsor: Forestry
4:00 p.m., 225 Natural Resources Building

Emily Hugg, an assistant professor of forestry, will speak. When urban residents are asked to define or describe urban forestry many articulate a belief that ‘urban forest’ is a contradictory term. However, researchers and urban stakeholders are coming to understand the myriad benefits that an urban tree canopy and green spaces provide to residents and visitors. To better understand the benefits provided by a healthy and widespread urban tree canopy, it is important to quantify the links between urban trees and human health. This talk identifies potential research questions and themes that explore the intersection of urban forestry and human health outcomes, using quantitative social science approaches. The talk explores research potential in Michigan’s small and large cities as well as broader applications of urban forest and health research.

“The Fight Against Atrocities—the International Criminal Court”

Sponsor: James Madison College
7:00 p.m., Case Hall, James Madison College library

John Washburn, the convener for the American Non-Governmental Organizations Coalition for the International Criminal Court, will speak. In this presentation, Mr. Washburn will discuss the International Criminal Court’s role in punishing and preventing human rights violations around the world. Mr. Washburn has had an extensive career in diplomacy and international governmental and non-governmental organizations. He has published extensively on the United Nations and on relations between the United States and the International Criminal Court.

Wednesday, October 19

“Feeding the World by User-Inspired Science”

Sponsor: Environmental Science and Public Policy
2:00-4:00 p.m., 273 Giltner Hall
Sonny Ramaswamy, the director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, will speak as part of the Environmental Science and Public Policy Distinguished Lecture Series. Refreshments will be served. Please register by October 7 at environ-mentmsu.givezebooks.com/events/espp-distinguished-lecture-dr-son-ny-ramaswamy-nifa.

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**Thursday, October 20**

Sponsor: International Studies and Programs and University and Engagement  
3:00-5:00 p.m., Kellogg Center

Rajesh Tandon is an internationally acclaimed leader and practitioner of participatory research and development. He founded the Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA), a voluntary organisation providing support to grassroots initiatives in South Asia, and has continued to be chief functionary since 1982. In 2012 he was appointed co-chair of the prestigious UNESCO Chair on Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education (CBRSRHE). The UNESCO Chair grows out of and supports UNESCO’s global lead to play a key role in assisting countries to build knowledge societies. Dr. Tandon has authored/co-authored more than 100 articles, numerous training manuals, and several books, most recently *Strengthening Community University Research Partnerships: A Global Perspective* (2015) and *Global Governance, Civil Society and Participatory Democracy: A View from Below* (2014). Tandon serves as chairperson of the Global Alliance on Community-Engaged Research (GACER) network, which facilitates the sharing of knowledge and information worldwide to further community-based research. The lecture will be followed by a reception. Please register at events.outreach.msu.edu/Registrations/Register/139.

**Hindi-Urdu Chai and Chat**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
6:30-7:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Come experience and discuss Indian and South Asian cultures and languages, especially Hindi-Urdu, while sipping spiced tea (chai) and tasting delicious desi snacks.

**African Tea**

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

Benin, the Gambia, and Togo will be the focus of this tea. Open to all.
Korean Conversation Table

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
6:30-7:30 p.m., A-120 and A-122 Wells Hall

No one to talk to in Korean? Frustrated about speaking Korean? Come join us for an hour of conversation in Korean. All levels (beginning to advanced) are welcome. Free and open to the public.

Friday, October 21

“Jerusalem: the Temple Mount in Structures of Thought, Society, Architecture and Everyday Life”

Sponsors: Asian Studies, James Madison College, the Residential College in the Arts and the Humanities, Peace and Justice Studies, and Jewish Studies.
10:00-11:30 a.m., 302 Snyder Hall

Yehotal Shapira, a visiting Israeli scholar in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, will discuss the connections between absolute thinking and social structures as they manifest themselves in the Temple Mount/al-Haram al-Sharif area, especially the way the perceptions of the absolute or G-d shape the way we relate to those who think differently from us.

“Values in Science: How to Throw Out the Bathwater and Keep the Baby”

Sponsors: Lyman Briggs College, Fisheries and Wildlife, and Philosophy
3:00-5:00 p.m., 530 South Kedzie Hall

Kevin Elliot, an associate professor at Lyman Briggs College, will speaking. The scientific community has been grappling with the concern that many research results are unreliable, and some areas of privately-funded R&D have come under particularly severe
criticism. While it is tempting to respond by trying to exclude personal, social, and commercial values from science in an effort to maintain objectivity, he will argue that this is a mistake. Instead, Dr. Elliot will explore how three criteria—transparency, reproducibility, and critical review—can be used to help promote objective research results in both the public and private sectors without excluding values from science.

“Discourses: Bodies, Diseases and Violence in the Romance World”

Sponsors: Romance and Classical Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, and Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities
9:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m., B-Wing Wells Hall

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Sponsor: Michigan State University
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Announcements

Blakemore Freeman Fellowships for Advanced Asian Language Study

Applications due: December 30, 2016

Grants for college graduates, graduate students, and working professionals for an academic year of advanced language study. The Blakemore Foundation provides its fellows with tuition plus a stipend to cover travel and living expenses at eligible language programs in East and Southeast Asia. Blakemore Freeman Fellows have found careers using an Asian language at a professional level in international business, accounting, law, medicine, journalism, STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), architecture, academia/teaching, social and NGO work, and government/public service. To apply online, please visit blakemorefoundation.org.

Schoenl Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas

Applications are due February 25.

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.

ESPP-AgBioResearch Interdisciplinary Team Building Initiative

Application deadlines are April 15 and December 2, annually.

The Environmental Science and Policy Program and MSU AgBioResearch at Michigan State University are pleased to announce the next solicitation of Interdisciplinary Team Building Initiative (ITBI) proposals. The ITBI funding program is designed to promote collaboration among faculty researchers from different disciplines, with the goal of enhancing our capacity to grow broadly defined interdisciplinary environmental scholarship and to compete for external grants. The ITBI grants support the formation and operation of multiple workgroups centered on strategically important research areas including, but not limited to, water, global climate change, bioeconomy, invasive species, antimicrobials, and food systems. A workgroup consists of a small number (e.g., 2-5) of core faculty members from multiple disciplines who interact regularly with the goal of writing grant proposals, developing an interdisciplinary curriculum, or working on major multidisciplinary publications. Workgroup activities might include group meetings, presentations by group members, identification of and responses to grant opportunities, etc. Workgroup members are expected to maintain regular interactions towards clearly specified workgroup goals. The funds can be used for group meetings, workshops, visitors and invited speakers, travel to funding agencies, preliminary research, etc. Unlike a typical seed grant, an ITBI grant primarily supports interactions of faculty members who otherwise do not have the opportunity to collaborate. The initiative is pen to all MSU faculty members. An ITBI grant will provide funding for two years with a total amount of up to $10,000.
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Room 201  
International Center  
12:00–1:00 p.m.  
Refreshments Served
The Office of International Research Collaboration (OIRC) Presents:

INTERDISCIPLINARY DIMENSIONS OF TROPICAL DISEASES:

FINDING FUNDING & FACULTY NETWORKING

Malaria - Zika - Dengue - Trypanosomiasis - Zoonoses

Wednesday, November 2
3:00-5:00pm
Room 303, International Center

OIRC Presentation

- Funding Opportunities: USAID, NIH, NSF, & more
- Trends in MSU Research Awards

Faculty Networking

- Share your Research Interests
- Meet New Collaborators Across Disciplines

All are welcome
RSVP not required, but encouraged for OIRC planning

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