



# CASID Current

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## EVENTS

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### Week of April 5

#### Monday, April 6

##### Film Screening: "Super Citizen Ko"

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the College of Arts and Letters  
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., B122 Wells Hall

An elderly ex-con's search for the grave of an old colleague brings back painful memories of Taiwan's "White Terror" campaigns of the 1950's. Directed by Wan Jen. This film is part of the Taiwan Film Festival.

#### Tuesday, April 7

##### Study Abroad in the Neighborhoods – South

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Holden Engagement Center

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##### "Forest Growth in Pakistan: Macro Economic Impediments and Community's Perspective"

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

Naila Nazir, Fulbright Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Department of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the Hanover Forest Science Seminar Series.

##### "Moving from Rhetoric to Practice: Recruiting and Supporting Underrepresented Students for Education"

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., MSU Union – Lake Huron Room

This is the third and last session in our workshop series around identifying barriers and solutions to increase access to education abroad for first-generation, high-need, and under-represented minority students. Today's session focuses on the second part of the question, "Who does not study abroad and why, and what can we do about it?" Aaron Bruce, Ph.D., Chief Diversity Officer at San Diego State University, will be the keynote speaker at the session. Registration is required and free. Lunch will be provided.

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**The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual S.C. Lee Awards Dinner**

Sponsor: Asian Studies  
 5:30 p.m., The Thai Princess (1754 Central Park Drive, Okemos)

Please join the Asian Studies Center in honoring the 2015 S.C. Lee Scholarship and Paper winners. The S.C. Lee Competition is held in honor of Professor Lee, a noted authority on Chinese history and religion. He worked tirelessly to promote further understanding between East Asia and the United States. Dinner reservations are due by Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Please call (517) 353-1680 or stop in at the Asian Studies Center to make a reservation. A donation of \$20.00 per person is recommended. All checks should be made payable to Michigan State University.

**Spanish Conversation Hour**

Sponsor: Department of Romance and Classical Studies  
 5:00 p.m., MSU Union, next to the post office.

“Pláticas” is an informal time for chatting in Spanish with other language learners and some TAs and instructors.

**Wednesday, April 8**

**African Tea Time**

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

This tea will focus on the countries of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia.

**Study Abroad in the Neighborhoods – River Trail**

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 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., McDonel Engagement Center

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**Film Screening: “It Takes Two to Tango”**

Sponsor: Asian Studies and the College of Arts and Letters  
 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., B112 Wells Hall

A cross-strait love affair creates conflicts between families. Zhao Zhong travels from Beijing to Taiwan to pursue the love of his life, Hsin-I, but encounters a strong opposition from Hsin-I's father. Caught between different values, ideologies and political stands, what are the two young people going to do? The film is directed by Wan Jen and is part of the Taiwan Film Festival.

**French Club Conversation Groups**

Sponsor: Romance and Classical Studies  
 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Rivertrail Neighborhood, C101T McDonel Hall  
 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., MSU Union, Engagement Center, second floor

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**Thursday, April 9**

**“Chronicle of a Peace Forestalled: Colombia at 57 (Years)”**

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

Michael LaRosa, Associate Professor of History, Rhodes College, will focus on the peace process developments in the internal conflict in Colombia.





**“Kanju: Informality and Innovation in Africa's 'Fail' States”**

Sponsor: African Studies Center  
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Dayo Olopade, author and JD/MBA Candidate at the Yale Law School and Yale School of Management, will speak as part of the African Studies Center's Eye on Africa Seminar Series

**“Kongamano: Africa in Music and Pictures”**

Sponsor: African Studies Center  
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., 303 International Center

With the realization that many times the popular culture and political rhetoric reflect a misunderstanding of the complexity and depth of the people and cultures within Africa, the Kongamano student group has made a consistent effort to portray a realistic picture of Africa. Previously, Kongamano has explored Africa through a picture book and a magazine. This year the group plans to explore the vibrancy and diversity of Africa through a DVD comprised of pictures and original African music by King Isaac (Grammy award nominee) and Zack Okello, a Kenyan visual artist and musician. The pictures were submitted by MSU students, faculty and the Greater Lansing community members engaged with Africa. This incredible DVD will be available for \$10. There will be pictures for auctioning too. All proceeds will benefit South Sudan Health Care Organization (SSHCO) founded by Jacob Atem and Lual Deng who both are "Lost Boys of Sudan." You can read more about SSHCO here: <http://www.sshco.org>.

**“Connecting Participation, Affiliation and Performance in Virtual Organizations: Examples from GitHub and MOOC Analytics”**

Sponsor: Communication Arts and Sciences  
4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m., 191 Arts and Communications Building

Sean Goggins, Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri Informatics Institute and School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, will speak as part of the MIS Ph.D. Research Seminar Series. A major advantage of Virtual Organizations (VOs) is flexible membership and participation. VO members are able to join and leave VOs at will and can change whom they collaborate with at any point in time. It is this flexibility that makes VOs more efficient in the completion of collaborative work than traditional organizations. This talk will examine how structural dynamics and performance are connected in virtual work environments and online courses.

**Friday, April 10**

**“Designing Synthetic Multicellular Systems”**

Sponsor: Quantitative Biology/Gene Expression in Development and Disease  
11:30 a.m., 1400 Biomedical and Physical Sciences

Matthew Bennet, Assistant Professor at Rice University, will speak as part of the Science at the Edge Seminar Series.

**Saturday, April 11**

**Women's Chamber Ensemble and Women's Glee Club: Music of the Americas**

Sponsor: College of Music and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
8:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium

*Music of the Americas* explores tradition through well-loved songs and newly arranged choral works. Experience Latin American stories and music from North and South America.

**Island Bazaar**

Sponsor: MSU Japan Club  
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., First Christian Church, 1001 Chester Rd., Lansing

Learn about Japanese and Taiwanese culture at this fun event hosted by the MSU Japan Club. There will be games, food and performances. For ticket info, email [briema1@msu.edu](mailto:briema1@msu.edu) or purchase tickets at the door the day of the event.







## Week of April 12

### Monday, April 13

#### “The Cost of Power in China: The Three Gorges Dam and the Yangtze River Valley”

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., 145 College of Communication Arts and Sciences

Photographer Steven Benson will be speaking as part of the exhibit *Seeing China: Photographic Views and Viewpoints*, which is on display at the MSU Museum.

### Tuesday, April 14

#### Study Abroad in the Neighborhoods – Brody

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., BRODY (stairwell – lower level)

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### Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education (LATTICE) Workshop

Sponsor: CASID  
12:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Spartan Village Community Center

LATTICE members meet for monthly presentations, discussions, food, and music with topics ranging from the personal to the global. LATTICE initiates dynamic interaction on issues that concern educators throughout the world and strives to advance greater understanding on issues of diversity.

### “Crypto-Colonial Hegemony in Afghanistan”

Sponsor: Anthropology  
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., 155 Baker Hall

Jamil Hanifi, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology, will speak at this event.

## Wednesday, April 15

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Sponsor: Center for Gender in Global Context  
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., 201 International Center

Barbara Sutton, Associate Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University at Albany, will speak. The project “Stories of Survival” directly engages the testimonies of women who survived state terrorism. What do these voices reveal about the nature of state violence and its relation to gender and power? What might we learn about survival and resistance, about social healing and recovery, and about collective memory and transmission when women survivors’ experiences are taken into account?



### “In the Shadow of Cortes: From Veracruz to Mexico City: Roundtable Discussion”

Sponsors: MSU Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, the College of Arts and Letters, the Department of Romance and Classical Studies, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, the American Indian Studies Program, and the Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities.  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., RCAH Theater in Snyder Hall

The roundtable discussion will include: Amber Brian, Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa; Rocío Cortés, Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UW-Oshkosh; and Kelly McDonough, Assistant Professor, UT-Austin. Closing reception immediately following in RCAH LookOut! Gallery.

### “Migration and Village Coinsurance: Evidence from Rural China”

Sponsor: Economics  
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Hui Wang, Graduate Student in the Departments of Economics and Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, will present her work as part of the Economics Department’s Development Brown Bag Seminar Series.

### “Indigenous Perspectives of Latin American Historical Narratives”

Sponsors: MSU Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, the College of Arts and Letters, the Department of Romance and Classical Studies, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, the American Indian Studies Program, and the Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities.  
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., C020 Snyder Hall (Auditorium)

In this seminar, Graduate Students from Romance and Classical Studies discuss the works of invited faculty in a dynamic dialogue. Open to interested graduate students, faculty and staff. Participants will include: Amber Brian, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa; Zenaida Moreno, Romance and Classical Studies, Michigan State University; Rocío Cortés, Foreign Languages and Literatures, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh; Dylan Miner, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University; Laura Smith, Art and Art History, American Indian Studies, Michigan State University; Kelly McDonough, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Texas, Austin.



### “Up in the Air: Air Pollution Campaigns in Beijing and Dehli”

Sponsor:  
11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., 4F Berkey Hall, Global Urban Studies Conference Room

Xuefei Ren, Associate Professor of Sociology and Global Urban Studies, will speak on the evolution of air pollution control policies in Beijing and Delhi. In May 2014, the World Health Organization released air quality data for 90 large cities around the world, and Beijing and Delhi ranked among the most polluted cities on the list. Based on published accounts and fieldwork interviews conducted in 2014, Ren’s research shows that the clean air campaign in Beijing and Delhi exemplifies urban environmental politics in China and India at large.

### Study Abroad in the Neighborhoods – North

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., MSU Union – across from Sparty’s

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## **“Anti-Semitism in the 21st Century: An Illusion? Or Time to Start Worrying?”**

Sponsors: James Madison College and the Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies  
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center

Demorah Lipstadt, Dorot Professor of Modern Jewish History and Holocaust Studies, Emory University, will speak. Recently, anti-Semitism has been on the rise, especially in Europe. First, is this trend real or linked to events in the Middle East? Is it anti-Israelism or anti-Semitism? Second, if it is a real phenomenon, what are the causes of this development? What does it say about the future of Diaspora Jewish communities? What about the United States?

**Thursday, April 16**

## **“Off-Season Vegetable Production and Its Implications on Health: A Case of Rural Nepal”**

Sponsor: Epidemiology  
12:00 p.m., E-4 East Fee Hall

Murari Suvedi, Professor and Dean, Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the International Neurologic and Psychiatric Epidemiology Program Brown Bag Lecture Series.

## **“Mega-Trends Affecting Africa’s Food Systems”**

Sponsor: African Studies  
12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Thom Joyne, Professor, Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Lecture Series.

## **““The Trace of the War Years’: Gypsiology, Testimony, and the Romani Holocaust”**

Sponsor: MSU Libraries, Digital Humanities in the College of Arts and Letters, Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Museum Studies Program, Jewish Studies Program, Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Peace & Justice Studies  
7:00 p.m., Main Library North Conference Room

Dr. Krista Hegburg, Program Officer in the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, will be the keynote speaker. In her lecture, Dr. Hegburg will examine an alternate history recorded in the contemporaneous accounts of Gypsiologists-folklorists, philologists, and ethnographers of Roma-as they witnessed the decimation of the communities they studied. In their writings, as well as in the modes of telling and retelling practiced by surviving Roma to the present day, traces of a collective and transnational testimonial genre emerge that challenge our conventional understandings of Holocaust testimony. Light refreshments will be served.

## **“At Home and at the Plaza: Indigenous Claims to the City in Northwestern Mexico”**

Sponsor: Gender Justice and Environmental Change  
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., 204 International Center

Lucero Radonic, Assistant Professor in Anthropology, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the Gender Justice and Environmental Change Brown Bag Series.

**Friday, April 17**

## **“Chromatin Dynamics from an Epigenomic Perspective”**

Sponsor: Quantitative Biology / Gene Expression in Development & Disease  
11:30 a.m., 1400 Biomedical and Physical Sciences

Steve Henikoff, Division of Basic Sciences at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Investigator with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington, will speak as part of the Science at the Edge Seminar Series.

## **“The Varieties of Religious Repression”**

Sponsor: Muslim Studies  
12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m., 303 International Center

Ani Sarkissian, Associate Professor of Political Science, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the Muslim Studies Spring Seminar Series.



## “Subalternity in the Romance World: (In)Equality of Speech?”

Sponsor: Romance and Classical Studies  
1:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m., B100 Wells Hall

Safai Babana-Hampton, Associate Professor of French, and Rocío Quispe-Agnoli, Associate Professor of Hispanic Studies, will moderate this Michigan State University faculty round table and discussion with Scott Boehm, Assistant Professor of Spanish; Joseph Francese, Professor of Italian; Valentina Denzel, Assistant Professor of French; Danny Méndez, Associate Professor of Spanish; and Marilia Ribeiro, Professor of Portuguese.

## “Impacts of the Interoceanic Canal Project in Nicaragua: Environmental, Economic and Human Rights”

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m., 305 International Center

Jennifer Goett, Assistant Professor, James Madison College; Gerald Urquhart, Assistant Professor, Lyman Briggs College/Fisheries and Wildlife; and Daniel Kramer, Associate Professor, James Madison College/Fisheries and Wildlife will participate in this panel discussion.

## Film Screening: “Mala Mala”

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., B122 Wells Hall

This screening of the LGBT documentary about the lives of trans-identified individuals and drag performers in Puerto Rico will be followed by a discussion with the film directors. Doors open at 5:00 pm and film starts at 5:30 pm.

## Saturday, April 18

### Celebration of Bengali New Year (Pohela Boishakh)

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m., 103 Erickson Hall Kiva

Pohela Boishaka is the first day of the Bengali calendar, which is celebrated in Bangladesh with great cultural festivity. It is a day that marks cultural unity and captures the essence of the simple, rural roots of the Bangladesh.

### Musical Performance: A Latin Tinge

Sponsors: School of Music and the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives  
8:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m., Fairchild Theatre, MSU Auditorium

This concert will feature MSU Jazz Orchestras, under the direction of Rodney Whitaker with special guest artists from Cuba: Bobby Carcassés, trumpet, vocalist, and congos, and his son, Roberto Carcasses on piano. The concert will highlight the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Mario Bousa and Dizzy Gillespie. MSU’s award winning college band will perform rumba, cha-cha, mambo and swing. Don’t miss this hot night of dance and fun. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, free for students.

## Spartans Will. Power Global Day of Service

Sponsor: MSU Alumni Association  
All day event, worldwide

The SPARTANS WILL. POWER Global Day of Service is a way of showing the world the extraordinary impact Spartans can make in a single day. This organized, collaborative effort brings Spartans together to serve others in their communities while demonstrating the reach and power of the Spartan network. Service-minded Spartans from around the globe—individual alumni, alumni communities, groups, Spartan-led companies, businesses, non-profits and student organizations are currently establishing service projects. Beginning in early March, Spartans can register to volunteer for one of these established projects or create their own for April 18, 2015. To register or volunteer, see: <https://serviceday.msu.edu>.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Schwarzman Scholarship Competition

Schwarzman Scholars is the first scholarship created to respond to the geopolitical landscape of the 21st Century. Enrolling the inaugural class in 2016, the program will give the world's best and brightest students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through a one-year master's degree at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China.

Students will pursue a degree in one of three disciplines: public policy, economics and business, or international studies.

Applications for the 2016 year will open in April, 2015.

For more information, visit:

<http://schwarzmanscholars.org/program>.

## Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Fellowships for Dissertation Research and Completion

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2015-16 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of four up-to-\$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following two categories:

- GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship (Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change).
- GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship (Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed dissertation research and all other requirements for their degree program, except for completion of the dissertation. Applicants must graduate by spring 2016, and their dissertations must focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change).

Funding must be used during the 2015-16 academic year. Inquiries may be directed to Dori Pynnonen Hopkins ([gencenad@msu.edu](mailto:gencenad@msu.edu)). **Applications are due April 15.** Application materials can be found at <http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/funding/gjec.htm>



# Wednesday, April 15

5:30-7:00pm, Room 201 International Center

*Gendered Perspectives*  
on International Development  
Editors' Series

## Barbara Sutton

University at Albany,  
State University of New York

### *Stories of Survival: Women's Testimonies of State Terrorism in Argentina*

The past lives in the present, and traumatic pasts still throb and ache. This is often true for individuals and societies, as memories of war, displacement, genocide, and political repression are not easily stored away. Their painful edges defy forgetting, calling attention to the many ways in which traumatic legacies shape and erupt in present circumstances. At stake are not only the life-worlds of people who directly experienced unbearable loss and unspeakable suffering, but also the broader society's ability to learn, rebuild, and change. The recent history of state terrorism in Argentina—specifically during the last military dictatorship (1976-1983)—is a case in point. Survivors of such political repression have key stories to tell, yet their voices have not always been heard. As feminist scholars and activists note, this has been particularly the case for women, as aspects of their experiences became virtually unspeakable and inaudible. The project "Stories of Survival" directly engages the testimonies of women who survived state terrorism. What do these voices reveal about the nature of state violence and its relation to gender and power? What might we learn about survival and resistance, about social healing and recovery, and about collective memory and transmission when women survivors' experiences are taken into account?

Barbara Sutton is an Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University at Albany. Her scholarly interests include globalization, body politics, human rights, and women's movements, particularly in Latin American contexts.



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