

CASID CURRENT

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APRIL 13TH, 2009

EVENTS

For the Week of April 13th, 2009:

Tuesday, April 14th

"Filipinos in Canada and the United States: Socioeconomic Comparisons"

Canadian Studies Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Speaker: Joe Darden, Department of Geography, Michigan State University
12:00pm - 1:30pm, 204 International Center

Wednesday, April 15th

"U.S. Foreign Policy towards Latin America and the Caribbean"

CLACS Seminar Series

Speaker: Jose Luis Valdes, UNAM, Mexico
3:00 pm, 201 International Center

Peace Corps Information Session

6:00pm, 201 International Center

"White Rainbow"

GenCen film screening
6:00pm - 8:00pm, 303 International Center

"Online Reading Comprehension Strategies of Informational Texts in General and Special Education"

MSU Asian Studies Center Graduate Research Forum

Speaker: Hsin-Yuan Chen, Graduate Student, Michigan State University
3:00pm, 302 International Center

Thursday, April 16th

"A World of Contrasts: Traditional

versus Modern Love and Marriage in L.D. Raditladi's Selelo Sa Morati - A Lover's Lament"

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Sekepe Matjila, Visiting Scholar at the University of Michigan and Director, Masters Program of the Department of Pan African Languages and Cultural Development, University of South Africa, Pretoria

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

"Day of the Dead in Mexican American Communities"

College of Arts and Letters & Public Humanities Collaborative Spring Series

Speaker: Juan Javier Pescador, Public Humanities Fellow, Department of History, Michigan State University

5:00pm - 6:30pm, Creole Gallery, 1218 Turner St., Lansing, MI

"Women's Political Empowerment"

GenCen, Peace and Justice Studies, and Asian Studies Center Presentation

Speaker: V Mohini Giri, founder of the Women's Initiative for Peace in South Asia (WIPSA) and War Widows Association, Chair of the NGO Guild of Service

4:00pm - 6:00pm, 303 International Center

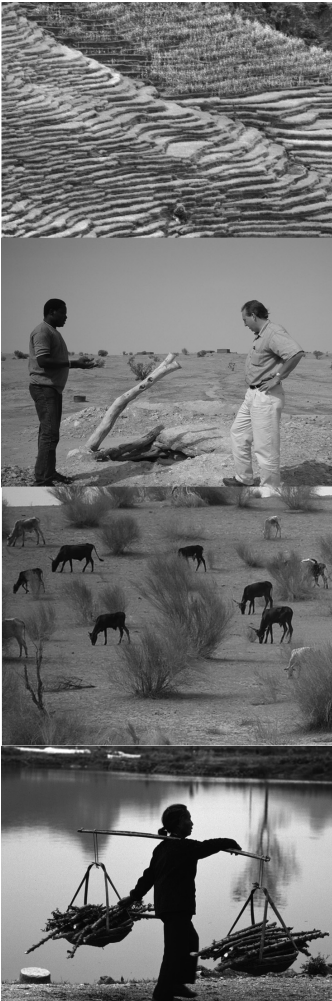
Friday, April 17th

"Gendered Transgressions: Female Radical Politics in a Changing Igbo World"

GenCen 2008-09 Colloquia Series "New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives"

Speaker: Nwando Achebe, History Department, Michigan State University

1:30pm - 3:00pm, 302 International Center



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Romance Languages Film Series
5:00pm, Old Horticulture Auditorium
(OHB 206)

“Trends in Study Abroad: Transformative Learning, Community Engagement and Mainstreaming the International Experience”

CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speakers: Kate Patch, GenCen, and Rhonda Crackel, CANR Study Abroad
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

“History: National, European, Atlantic, Global, Multicultural?”

CERES Brown Bag Luncheon Series
Speaker: Joseba Gabilondo, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Michigan State University
12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

“Global-is-Asian: Asian diaspora identities in the context of globalization”

3rd Annual Asian Pacific American Studies Conference
Friday, April 17th - Saturday, April 18th. For more information visit:
<https://www.msu.edu/~apaspec/conf09/index.html>

International Coffee Hour

Sponsored by OISS
4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

Saturday, April 18th**“Rashid and Rosetta”**

College of Arts and Letters & Public Humanities Collaborative Spring Series
Speaker: Salah D. Hassan, Public Humanities Fellow, Department of English, Michigan State University
2:00pm - 3:30pm, Creole Gallery,

1218 Turner St., Lansing, MI

For the Week of April 20th 2009:**Tuesday, April 21st****“Accessing Public Education: Burmese Migrant Families in Thailand”**

Asian Studies Center Graduate Research Forum
Speaker: David McLaughlin, Graduate Student, Michigan State University
3:00pm - 4:30pm, 204 International Center

Thursday, April 23rd**“Chungking Express”**

Third round of the Chinese film series
Presenter: Hsiu-Chuang Deppma, Oberlin
5:00pm, B-102 Wells Hall

“Institutional Diversity and Performance in African Cotton Systems: Learning from Reform in West-Central Africa and East and Southern Africa”

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Dave Tschirley, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

Friday, April 24th**“Globalization and the Connection of Remote Communities: Nicaragua’s Mosquito Coast”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speakers: Daniel Kramer, James Madison College, and Gerald Urquhart, Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

Saturday, April 25th**“Cultural Content through CFL and English-Taught Classes”**

Workshop for Teachers of Chinese Language
Speaker: Marjorie Chan, Department of Chinese and Linguistics, Ohio State University
Free registration, open to all teachers of Chinese language (K-12, college, heritage schools)
9:00am - 4:30pm, 115 International Center

For the Week of April 27th, 2009:**Thursday, April 30th****“Empty Pedestals and the Search for Transition in Moldovan Schools”**

CERES Brown Bag Luncheon Series
Speaker: Nils Kauffman, Doctoral Student, College of Education, Michigan State University
12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

Friday, May 1st**“Location: Did Moscow Firms Have an Advantage in the Early Years of Russia’s Transition?”**

CERES Lecture
Speaker: Susan Linz, Department of Economics, Michigan State University
12:00pm - 1:30pm, 1961 Case Hall

“The Role of Taxation on Economic Development of Pakistan”

CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speaker: Salamat Ali, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Participants will be informed about the objectives, requirements, and deadlines for each program as well as how to: 1) develop a more competitive application, 2) select a host country, and 3) make necessary host country contacts. Fulbright Fellowships are prestigious and career-enhancing. They confer special status on winners during and following their foreign study, as outstanding, officially recognized representatives of the United States.

The Fulbright Program funds students, faculty, and other professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, and teaching at all levels: elementary, secondary, and university in more than 140 countries. Most grantees plan their own programs. Projects may include university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or life sciences, or some combination. The grants pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance, and, in some cases, tuition waivers and research allowances.

The approximate application submission deadlines for selected Fulbright Fellowship Programs for the 2010-2011 academic year are:

Faculty/Professional Programs
Approximate Deadlines

1) Fulbright Scholar Program

August 1, 2009

2) Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program

November 1, 2009

Student/Graduate Student Programs

1) Fulbright U.S. Student Program

September 24, 2009

2) Fulbright-Hays DDRA Program

November 1, 2009

6TH ANNUAL LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

CONFERENCE

April 22-24, 2009

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: **AMBASSADOR ALEXANDRE
ADDOR-NETO**, Secretary for Multidimensional Security
Organization of American States

**“Security, Development, Democracy in Latin
America and the Caribbean – Old and New
Challenges”**

3:00pm, Wednesday, April 22, Third floor, International Center

Ambassador Addor-Neto is the current Secretary for Multidimensional Security at the Organization of American States. During his diplomatic career service, Addor-Neto was Consul General of Brazil in Chicago (1999-2005); Ambassador to Angola (1995-1999); Minister Counselor at the Embassy in Moscow (1993-1995); and worked in the Ministry of External Relations in Brasilia on consular, regional economic and political issues, as well as on diplomatic planning (1989-93).

FIFTH ANNUAL WORLD LANGUAGES DAY AT MSU

Michigan State University is known worldwide for its commitment to international education in an era of ever-increasing globalization. With more than 200 study abroad programs and approximately 40 languages offered on campus, MSU is one of the leading universities in the country for internationalizing the student experience.

On Saturday, **April 18, 2009**, MSU will again invite hundreds of high school students, teachers, administrators, and parents to campus to explore a world of languages during the Fifth Annual World Languages Day. Free to all participants, this day-long conference will focus on the experiences that languages offer, and highlight the opportunities available for language and international study at MSU.

After an engaging opening plenary session, participants will attend a variety of fun and informational sessions throughout the day. See <http://clear.msu.edu/wld/schedule.php> for further details about the day.

NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

Studies In The Diaspora: Africa And Beyond

Sociology 931/Independent Study - Arts & Letters 831 (Fall Semester)

This will be a graduate level seminar designed to expose students to the cross-cultural and diasporic nature of experiences of people of African descent. However, not everyone will study the African experience and these persons also are welcome. The purpose of the seminar is to provide students with sound theoretical and conceptual tools that can be used to comprehend and analyze the social realities of people of the African diaspora and beyond. We are equally interested in contact of diaspora communities with other racial-ethnic cultural groups. The intent is to expand academic thinking about the historical, economic, cultural, social and geographic diasporal places African and other cultural communities have experienced, and to begin appreciating these issues as part of the scheme of human collective life.

To accomplish these goals, the seminar will attempt to achieve the following objectives:

- To become clearer about theoretical and conceptual commonalities that overlap communities of African descendents with other racial-ethnic cultural communities that have experienced voluntary, semi-voluntary, and involuntary distribution from a homeland;
- To understand how such concepts as racism and sexism are not mutually exclusive or exhaustive to people of African descent;
- To explore the experiences of diaspora descendents in other parts of the globe, particularly the Americas and;
- To begin to explore the role of scholarship and research in better understanding phenomena associated with diasporas.

Evaluating Environmental Programs, Policy, and Practice

FW 491-003 - Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:20am - 11:40am

Evaluation is an important part of environmental programs, policies, and practice. Evaluation reports information about performance that the public needs to know, adds new data to the knowledge base required for action, develops analytical capacity that promotes a culture of learning, and its spirit of skepticism helps keep decision-makers honest.

This 3-credit upper-level undergraduate course examines:

- 1) the purpose of contemporary environmental evaluation, including what are the most important questions evaluation can address;
- 2) who can conduct and participate in evaluation;
- 3) what methodologies characterize evaluation practice; and
- 4) who are the audiences for evaluation and what uses do they make of evaluation work?

Students will learn about different theories of and procedures for evaluation and gain hands-on evaluation experience working on real-world environmental issues. Environmental programs, policies, and practices related to local and international biodiversity conservation and climate change will be used as case studies throughout the course.

Contact Dr. Meredith Gore (gorem@msu.edu; 432-8203) with questions.

SUMMER COURSE OFFERING

AEC 874: Field Data Collection and Analysis in Developing Countries

Tuesday and Thursdays 10:20am - 11:40am

This course is designed for graduate students who plan to carry out survey research in the U.S. and developing countries. Students from ALL disciplines are welcome.

Course Description

- Principles and problems in implementing surveys
- Covers the total research process, from study design to reporting results

Class Discussion and Lectures, supplemented with

- Guest Speakers - faculty/graduate students who have conducted surveys
- SPSS training through a one-week intensive lab-based course

Gain Practical Survey Experience by

- Developing a research proposal relevant to a local policy issue
- Designing a questionnaire and collecting data through personal interviews

For more information contact Professor Rick Bernsten at bernsten@msu.edu

MSU WELCOMES DESMOND TUTU TO CAMPUS FOR SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a South African activist who served as an opponent of apartheid during the 1980s and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, will be the featured speaker during Michigan State University's spring undergraduate convocation.

The ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. May 8 at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center. Tickets will not be required for the event, which is free and open to the public.

"Welcoming Desmond Tutu to Michigan State University is yet another step forward in the ongoing and positive relationship between our campus community and Africa," MSU President Lou Ann K. Simon said. "MSU values this strong relationship, which includes study abroad programs, our African Studies Center and myriad faculty members and students engaged in research and outreach in fields ranging from health care to agriculture to environmental studies in more than half of Africa's nations."

After becoming the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches in 1979, Tutu, an Anglican priest, spoke out strongly against apartheid in South Africa and began pushing for nonviolent change and sanctions against the country. Tutu is also respected for his activist work in fighting AIDS, poverty and homophobia throughout Africa and the world.

During the commencement, Tutu will be bestowed with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Past honorary degree recipients include Mandela, Coretta Scott King and Maya Angelou. For more information on MSU commencement, go to <http://commencement.msu.edu/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***GJEC FELLOWSHIPS FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH AND COMPLETION****DEADLINE: APRIL 17, 2009**

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, in the Center for Gender in Global Context, is pleased to announce two fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2009 -2010 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of \$10,000 fellowship opportunities for Dissertation Research and Dissertation Completion.

For full information, flyer, and applications, visit www.gjec.msu.edu/fellowships.htm
<<http://www.gjec.msu.edu/fellowships.htm>>

SEE YOU NEXT FALL!

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current will be held until the Fall semester. Send information to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: freidusa@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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