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E V E N T S

For the week of February 5th:

Monday, February 5th

“Hazaar Chaurasi Ki Maa-Mother of 1084”

Asian Studies Center Film
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

Tuesday, February 6th

“Reach and Grasp: The Late Imperial Qing State and the Problem of Hydraulic Technology”

Asian Studies Center’s Colloquium Series
Speaker: Randall Dodgen, History, Sonoma State University
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“Can the ‘Primitive’ Speak? Constructions of Blackness and Difference in Brazilian Modernism of the 1920s”

CLACS Lecture
Speaker: Edith Wolf, Assistant Director and Undergraduate Advisor, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University
3:00 pm - 4:40 pm, Rm. 305 International Center

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”

Department of History’s International Film Series
Host: Professor Denise Demetriou
7:30 pm, Rm. 1410 Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building

“Before the Fall”

German Film Series
7:15 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

Wednesday, February 7th

“The Spirit of Korea”

Asian Studies Center Presentation
Speaker: Professor Hyung Joo Kim a Fiber Artist is a visiting professor from North Park University
DVD about Korean paper art: peace, harmony and re-humanization (30 min);
Art fashion show: utilizing simple historical symbols (30 min); Q & A session (30 min)
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“Black and White Live Like Brothers: Afro-Nicaraguans, Democratic Liberalism, and Discourses of Race in Nineteenth-Century Nicaragua”

Speaker: Justin Wolf, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Tulane University
3:00 pm - 4:40 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

“The Diamond Arm”

Russian Film Series
7:00 pm - 8:45 pm, Rm. C210 Wells Hall

“Yesterday” and “A Red Ribbon Around My House”

Two films shown as part of “Southern Africa in Film and Literature” IAH course, open to the public
6:00 pm - 8:50 pm, Rm. 307 International Center

Thursday, February 8th

“Future Directions of MSU’s African Studies Center, Part I”

African Studies Center Brown Bag with African Studies Center Faculty
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

EVENTS *continued***Invitation to Internationalizing the Student Experience Summit**

See Announcements for Details
8:30 am - 2:30 pm, MSU Union Ballroom

Friday, February 9th**“Alien Encounters: Asian American Popular Culture”**

“Crossing Borders, Bridging Gaps: The Asian Pacific American Experience Across Countries, Communities and Families” Series sponsored by the Asian Studies Center

Speaker: Thuy Linh Tu, Cornell University

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“Resource Abundance: Blessing or Curse? Policy Strategies for Turkmenistan”

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Jennet Hojanazarova

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

“Queer Utopian Longings, Puerto Rican Activist Practices”

Department of English Speakers Committee Event

Speaker: Juana M. Rodriguez, Associate Professor of Women and Gender Studies, and Chair of the Cultural Studies Graduate Group at University of California, Davis

4:00 pm, Rm. 213 Morrill Hall (Department of English Conference Room)

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

Sunday, February 11th**Shao Chang Lee Annual Awards Dinner**

Annual dinner features a talk by

Aminda Smith, Department of History, MSU

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Golden Wok Restaurant, \$35.00/person

For the Week of February 12th:**Monday, February 12th****“Traditional Korean Music and Storytelling Today: P’ansori”**

Korean Week Celebration Sponsored by the Korean Society - Lecture and Demonstration by Chan E. Park, Ohio State University.

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

“A Peck on the Cheek”

Asian Studies Center Film

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

Tuesday, February 13th**“Sophie Scholl: The Final Days”**

German Film Series

7:15 pm, Rm. B-102 Wells Hall

“La Haine”

Department of History International Film Series

Host: Professor Kirsten Fermaglich
7:30 pm, Rm. 1410 Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building

“India’s River Linking Plan: History and Current Debates”

Asian Studies Center’s Colloquium Series

Speaker: Kelly Alley, Anthropology, Auburn University

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

Wednesday, February 14th**“Tsotsi”**

A film shown as part of “Southern Af-

rica in Film and Literature” IAH course, but open to the public

6:00 pm - 8:50 pm, Rm. 307 International Center

Thursday, February 15th**“Future Directions of MSU’s African Studies Center, Part II”**

African Studies Brown Bag with African Studies Center Faculty

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

“Voices from Cannibalia”

CLACS Advanced (Charla) Seminar Series

Speaker: Paul Dessene

3:00 pm - 4:40 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

Friday, February 16th**“Wet Dreams or Dry Realities? Large Dams in the Amazon”**

New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives Colloquia Series

Speaker: Dr. Sabrina McCormick, Department of Sociology/ESPP

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Rm. 305 International Center

“Tourism Development in Niger”

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Boulou Akano, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

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

“Accattone”

Friday Night Film Series - Hosted by Michigan State University Libraries

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, North Conference Room (W449), MSU Main Library

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTER FOR ADVANCED STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM INVITE APPLICATIONS FOR THE:

2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR FELLOWSHIPS and 2007 SUMMER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIPS under the FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and Women and International Development Program (WID) at Michigan State University awards graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program of the U.S. Department of Education (US/ED). The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. CASID/WID's FLAS Fellowships are awarded to graduate students enrolled in programs which combine the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training and research in international development studies. Per US/ED guidelines, priority will be given to students who apply to study less commonly taught languages. Questions regarding language eligibility should be directed to Dr. Robert Glew (517) -353-4818. Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$12,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$15,000 for the academic year. To be considered for fellowship support, an applicant must:

1. Be a citizen or national of the United States; or a permanent resident of the United States; or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.
2. Have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship period begins and be admitted to or currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Michigan State University.
3. Intend to complete an advanced graduate program (disciplinary, interdisciplinary, or professional; Ph.D. or Master's) at Michigan State University with a concentration on international development/globalization/gender.
4. Show potential for high academic achievement, as evidenced by such indices as grade point average or other measures.

Applicants must agree to pursue full-time graduate study and propose a course of study that includes both language training and international development course work.

APPLICATION DUE DATE: FEBRUARY 15TH

Fellowship Contacts:

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INVITATION TO INTERNATIONALIZING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE SUMMIT

Responding to the national need for globally competent citizens, a primary goal of MSU is to prepare students to assume their role as citizens of an increasingly complex world. MSU is now moving forward on an initiative that will continue our growth and leadership in international education. As we move forward with this campus wide initiative, we invite you to consider how international and global initiatives transform students lives. Over the last few months, a group of faculty, staff, and students has drafted a document that identifies global competencies we would expect students to gain from the varied curricular and co-curricular experiences they engage in during their time at MSU. Before proceeding with this work, it is critical to gain campus-wide feedback on the work done to this point. To that end, we invite you to attend the Internationalizing the Student Experience Summit, a forum for the campus community to seek clarity and provide input on the draft statement of student international learning competencies that reflect the knowledge, attitudes, and skills essential to an MSU student living and working as a global citizen.

8:30 am - 2:30 pm, MSU Union Ballroom. Lunch will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***WOMEN'S STUDIES IN LONDON INFORMATION MEETINGS**

Tuesday, February 6, 4:30; 314 Bessey

Wednesday, February 21, 4:30; 314 Bessey
 Wednesday, February 28, 4:30; 222 Bessey

In July and early-August, 2007, the Michigan State University Women's Studies Program in London offers the unique opportunity to study the lives of British women. London is a perfect setting for cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary investigation into British notions of gender, feminist movements, and feminist theories and perspectives. British women have made vital contributions to women's progress and have had intellectual, social, and political links to the United States since the 17th century.

Classroom discussion and readings are guided by such questions as: What influences have constructed notions of gender, race, class, ethnicity and sexuality had on British women's lives? What are British feminisms? By focusing on an overview of the ideas and history of the British women's movement, and on an overview of selected British women writers, we hope to come to some answers to these questions and to raise others as well.

Discussions and readings will be enhanced by contacts with women's organizations and trips to the Women's Library, London's premiere archive of British women's activism. We will go on walking tours of London's great sights and of Women's London, to plays, art museums, and on trips to Stonehenge, Oxford and Leeds Castle. Along the way, we will compare U.S. notions of gender with England's and examine ways in which culture is influenced by legendary and ordinary women.

Who can tell me more about this program?

Joyce Ladenson, Professor Emerita

Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures
 Women's Studies Program

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Joyce Ladenson is the former, long-time Director of MSU's Women's Studies Program and a Professor Emerita in the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and American Cultures. She has written and thought about U.S. women's literature, culture, and history, and Women's Studies as a field of study.

For information about dates of the program, costs, credits, and the 2006

syllabus visit

<http://www.msu.edu/~ladenso2/WSLondon07.html>

2007 COMPTON AFRICA PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Michigan State University's African Studies Center (ASC) and Women and International Development (WID) Program are offering Compton Africa Peace Fellowships to graduate students from Sub-Saharan Africa to support their dissertation field research in Africa. This program is an element of the MSU African Higher Education Partnerships Initiative (AHEPI). These dissertation fellowship awards are made possible by a grant from the Compton Foundation through its Peace Fellowship Program for addressing peace, conflict resolution, and security in Africa.

The goal of the Compton Fellowship Program in Peace and Security is to strengthen intellectual capacity in Sub-Saharan African nations and institutions that can address the challenges of conflict resolution, peace, and security issues intra- and internationally. The fellowships will support exceptional Ph.D. degree candidates at MSU from Sub-Saharan Africa who intend to return to their country or region of origin after completing their studies. A secondary goal is to promote the integration of environment, peace, and/or population issues in graduate-level study and research.

The Compton Foundation's peace and security program focuses on a variety of activities and issue areas which include: resolving and avoiding international and regional conflict; reducing the threat from weapons of mass destruction; and broadening the definition of national security to include environmental and population aspects.

For Information on eligible research topics, eligibility requirements, and application forms please visit: <http://www.wid.msu.edu/forstudents/opportunities.htm> or <http://africa.msu.edu/compton.php>.

Completed application forms must be submitted by mail and e-mail to:

MSU-Compton Fellowship Committee, c/o David Wiley
 African Studies Center

100 International Center

Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1035

Tel: 517-353-1700; Fax: 517-432-1209; e-mail: wiley@msu.edu.

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 16, 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***STUDY ABROAD IN BRAZIL: ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON**

What's this program about?

In the last few decades, the Amazon region has attracted a lot of attention as it contains one of the last large rainforests in the world while at the same time being transformed by regional economic change. This geography-based social science study abroad program is about understanding how people live in the Brazilian Amazon region and will focus on reconciling regional economic development with environmental sustainability. Through service learning, various field excursions, readings, lectures, and discussions we consider how the need to provide livelihoods for local people can be met while at the same time protecting a global resource, the Amazon rainforest.

The program will take place in the Brazilian portion of the Amazon Basin, specifically the cities of Manaus, Amazonas State and Santarém, Pará State. It begins in Manaus, with several days of initial lectures and excursions, continues for several days on an Amazonian boat, and concludes in Santarém, where students will have the opportunity to interact with local college students, spend time visiting the rainforest, old rubber plantations, and various other locations that demonstrate the tension of reconciling environmental protection with economic development.

More details about this program can be found at <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/brazilenvdev.html>

College sponsor: College of Social Science

Semester offered: Summer (May 11 – June 3, 2007 – tentative)

Courses offered*: ISS 310; ISS 330C; GEO 492-001; GEO 454; GEO 490; SSC 496

Requirements: 3.0 GPA; minimum junior status; essay; physical fitness; must have a genuine interest in issues of environment and development

Program fee**: \$2,000 - \$2,400

Deadline: March 1, 2007

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*Check the program's Web page for details on courses.

**Program fees are not uniform and do not cover the same expenses for all programs. Carefully check the program's Web page for what is included in your program fee. If that is still unclear, contact the Office of Study Abroad to provide you with a full explanation.

2007 TINKER FIELD RESEARCH GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

CLACS is pleased to announce the Tinker Field Grant competition to support pre-dissertation travel by both U.S. and international graduate students to Latin America. Latin America, as defined by the Tinker Foundation, includes all countries speaking Spanish and Portuguese in the region and the Caribbean. The Tinker Foundation will not allow funding to travel to Puerto Rico.

Information on the grant and the application itself will be available on the web at www.isp.msu.edu/clacs in 2-3 days from today. Please go the graduate certificate page and you will find the proper links. The deadline for the application is March 2, 2007. We will hold an orientation meeting for students interested in applying on Friday, February 2nd, at 2:30 pm in Rm. 302 of the International Center. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Manuel Chavez, CLACS Associate Director and Graduate Coordinator at (517) 353-1690 or chavezm1@msu.edu.

As in the previous year, the Tinker Foundation rules changed slightly. During the grant period, we are allowed to give, up to 25% of the airline ticket price, for maintenance and other cost which gives us considerably more flexibility. Funds cannot be used to support MSU study abroad programs or alternative Spring/Winter break activities. Under the current Tinker grant (2006-09) students can receive funding only once. Students who have been funded under other CLACS grants or by a Tinker awards form the previous (2002-2005) cycle are eligible to apply for this grant.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the MSU Graduate School and the Dean of International Studies and Programs to fund the additional resources required by the Tinker Foundation.

JONESTOWN: THE LIFE AND DEATH OF PEOPLES TEMPLE - EAST LANSING FILM SOCIETY / CAMPUS CENTER CINEMA FILM

Featuring never-before-seen footage, this fascinating, must-see documentary delivers a startling new look at the Peoples Temple, headed by preacher Jim Jones who, in 1978, led more than 900 members to Guyana, South America where he orchestrated a mass suicide via tainted punch.

\$3 student, \$6 general admission

Date: Feb 9th - 11th

Time: 7:00 pm and 9:15 pm

Place: Wells Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM****CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION: DECISION MAKING UNDER UNCERTAINTY**

Thursday, March 15 - Friday, March 16, 2007
 Kellogg Conference Center
 Michigan State University
 East Lansing, MI

Making decisions about how to respond to climate change poses a significant challenge. What we know about climate change is both complex and uncertain. Yet there is good reason to believe that climate change would affect many critical elements of Michigan's ecosystems, infrastructure and economy. The right decisions could help to mitigate those impacts or allow us to adapt to them. We believe more and better science could aid in decision making. But science will be helpful only if it asks the right questions and answers to those questions can be used effectively by decision makers.

Michigan State's Environmental Science and Policy Program, with support from the National Science Foundation, is starting a process that will help identify the kinds of research that needs to be done and the best ways to provide the results so they are as useful as possible to Michigan's decision makers.

The symposium will feature speakers on the effects of climate change in the Great Lakes region, decision making under uncertainty, and adaptation to climate change impacts.

Accepted Speakers:

Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University
 Historical Climate Trends in Michigan and the Great Lakes Region

Joe Arvai, Michigan State University
 Five Obstacles to Effective Climate Policy: A Decision Science Perspective

Bill Easterling, Penn State University
 Climate Change and Agriculture-Is Uncertain Information Usable Knowledge?

Scudder Mackey, University of Windsor
 Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Strategies for Great Lakes Nearshore and Coastal Systems

Linda Mortsch, Environment Canada
 Decision-Making in the Great Lakes: Challenges of Mainstreaming Adaptation to Climate Change

Susi Moser, National Center for Atmospheric Research
 The Contextual Importance of Uncertainty in Climate-Sensitive Decision-Making: Toward an Integrative Decision-Centered Screening Tool

Terry Root, Stanford University
 Global Change in Plants and Animals: A Fingerprint for Warming & Evidence of Cause

Joel Scheraga, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 Linking Science to Decision Making in the Great Lakes Region

Steve Schneider, Stanford University
 Key Vulnerabilities and the Risk of "Dangerous" Climate Change

Barry Smit, University of Guelph
 Incorporating Adaptation to Climate Change into Farm Management and Agricultural Policy

Elke Weber, Columbia University
 Better Decision Making Under Climate Uncertainty: Lessons from Psychology

Julie Winkler, Michigan State University
 Philosophy, Development, Application, and Communication of Future Scenarios for the Pileus Project

We welcome researchers, policy makers, and other Great Lakes Region stakeholders to attend this important event. Multi-disciplinary panels will serve as discussants. The Environmental Science and Policy Program is happy to offer this symposium free of charge; however, we ask that you please register if you plan to attend.

To register visit: <http://environment.msu.edu/climatechange/register.php>

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***WORKING PAPERS ON WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Working Papers series is currently accepting manuscripts for review. With a focus on women and gender in the global South, the Working Papers series invites manuscripts that explore gender in relation to historical and contemporary economic and political spheres. Possible topics include but are not limited to: Gender, Violence, and Human Rights, Gender and Agriculture, Gender Dimensions of Globalization and Transnationalism, Gender, Health, and Healthcare, Gender and Environment, Gender and Social Movements, Masculinities and International Development, Fertility and Reproduction, Intra- and inter-family Roles and Relationships.

If you are interested in submitting a manuscript to the Working Papers series, please send a 150-word abstract summarizing the paper's essential points and findings to Dr. Anne Ferguson, Editor, and Nidal Karim, Managing Editor, to papers@msu.edu. If the abstract suggests your paper is suitable for the Working Papers, the full paper will be invited for peer review and publication consideration.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2007 are due by 12:00 pm on February 12th. Send 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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