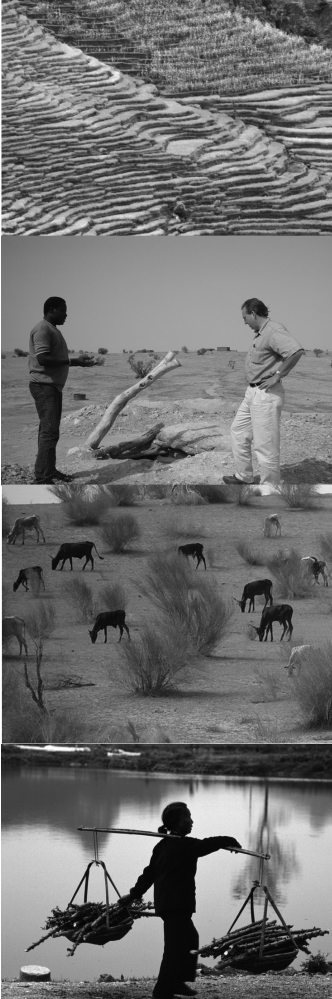


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EVENTS



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For the Week of February 16th, 2009:

Tuesday, February 17th

“Producing Wildlife: The Unanticipated Natures of Conservation in India”

Spring 2009 Colloquium Series “Political Ecologies and Environmental Politics in Asia, Past and Present”

Speaker: Paul Robbins, Department of Geography and Regional Development, University of Arizona

4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, February 18th

“The Current Paradoxical Political Environment in Latin America”

CLACS Spring 2009 Seminar Series
Speaker: Carlos Pereira, Department of Political Science, Michigan State University

3:00pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, February 19th

“Who Needs Language?”

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Charles Cantalupo, English, Comparative Literature and African Studies Faculty, Penn State University

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

“Travellers and Magicians” (Bhutan)

Film Series: Films of South Asia
Young government official Dondup dreams of escaping to America while stuck in a ravishingly beautiful but isolated village.

But when he misses his bus to the city (and an awaiting visa), Dondup is forced to hitchhike with an elderly apple seller, a sage young monk, an old man, and his beautiful daughter.

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

“Women Teaching Men in the Medieval Devotional Imagination”

CERES, GEN/CEN and Linguistics and Language Event

Speaker: Sarah Poor, Princeton University.
7:00pm - 9:00pm, 303 International Center

Friday, February 20th

“Microfinance: Lessons Learned in Tajikistan”

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Sanavbar Sharipova, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow, Michigan State University

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

“Stylistic Variation in Andalusian Spanish”

CERES Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Speaker: Carmen Ruiz-Sanchez, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Michigan State University

12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

Jo Ramaka’s “Karmen Gei”

Special film showing featuring discussion with Jo Gai Ramaka, Director

7:00pm - 9:30pm, 303 International Center

EVENTS *continued***“Toxic Crisis in 21st Century Alang: Contaminants, Workers, and Community in India’s Ship Breaking Industry”**

Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series

Speaker: Richard Fry, Department of History, Wayne State University
12:15pm - 1:30pm, MSU Museum Auditorium

“Buddhism in Japan: The Waning and Rebirth of a Mountain Retreat Center”

Department of Religious Studies
Lecture

Speaker: William Londo, Asian Studies Center, Michigan State University
2:00pm - 3:00pm, Lake Michigan Room, MSU Union

International Coffee Hour

Sponsored by OISS

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

For the Week of February 23rd, 2009:**Monday, February 23rd****“Hello South, Hello!”**

Special Presentation on Chinese Film

Speaker: Dr. Robert Chi, UCLA
4:30pm, 402 Computer Center

Tuesday, February 24th**“Anatomy of an Ecological Disaster: The Rise and Fall of the Aral Sea”**

Spring 2009 Colloquium Series “Political Ecologies and Environmental Politics in Asia, Past and Present”

Speaker: Philip Micklin, Geography Department, Western Michigan University
4:00pm, 303 International Center

“North America and Border Policies, the Use of Public Diplomacy”

Canadian Studies Brown Bag Series
Speaker: Manuel Chavez, Associate Director and Graduate Studies Coordinator, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Assistant Professor School of Journalism, Michigan State University

12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

Wednesday, February 25th**“Political Rifts in Esteban Echeverría’s ‘El Matadero’”**

CLACS Spring 2009 Seminar Series
Speaker: Hernan Feldman, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Emory University

3:00pm, 201 International Center

“‘Authenticity’ and ‘Emotion’ in the Figurative Art of Chen Hongshou (1598-1652)”

Annual So-Koo Lecture

Speaker: Tamara Heimarck Bentley, Luce Assistant Professor of Asian Art, Colorado College

7:00pm, Spartan Rooms B and C International Center

Thursday, February 26th**“A Peck on the Cheek” (Sri Lanka)**

Film Series: Films of South Asia

A little girl’s search for her biological mother who had abandoned her as a newborn baby is brought out poignantly in this film.

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

“Chinese Cinema in the New Century: Progress, Problems, and Prospects”

Special Presentation on Chinese Film
Speaker: Dr. Yingjin Zhang, UCSD

6:30pm, 115 International Center

TBA

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Cheick Oumar Diarra, Visiting Scholar, Former Malian Ambassador to the U.S.

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

Friday, February 27th**“Leaving Gender Behind? Shifting Landscapes in Post-Unification Eastern German Literature”**

GenCen Colloquia Series

Speaker: Elizabeth Mittman, Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages
1:30pm - 3:00pm, 302 International Center

“Participatory Research and Development in Latin America”

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Diane Ruonavaara, Center for Advanced Study of International Development

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

“Presidential Campaign: Political Correctness, and Negative Campaigning”

CERES Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Speaker: Zarema Kumakhova, Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages

12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program (FLAS) at Michigan State University

Deadline: **February 16, 2009**

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. 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 that combine the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training and research in international development studies. 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, you must 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. You also must 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. Please contact Andrea Allen, Associate Director, CASID, at 517-884-2141 or visit the website for more information.

www.casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml

Summer Cooperative African Language Institute 2009

Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (SCALI) 2009 will be hosted by Michigan State University from June 15 to August 7, 2009. More information on SCALI and the application form are available at: <http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali> and at <http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali/application.php>. Students interested in SCALI need to immediately complete the "Expression of Interest" form found at <http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali/interest.php>. Graduate students who are interested in the MSU summer FLAS fellowship should apply using the SCALI application form given above.

Info Meetings: 2009 Summer Study Abroad Programs- Africa

MADAGASCAR: Paradise in Peril? Exploring Madagascar's Biodiversity Crisis

Thursday, February 26, 12:00pm, 338 Natural Resources
Please direct any questions to Chris Barden, Editor, Office of Study Abroad, 109 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035; Phone: (517) 432-8785; Fax: (517) 432-2082; e-mail: barden@msu.edu; <http://studyabroad.msu.edu>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

6th Annual Latin American & Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Conference

*Deadline: **February 27, 2009**

Send a one-page abstract describing your presentation to: clacs@msu.edu

(please include "conference" in the subject heading)

Students from all disciplines are encouraged to submit a one page abstract on topics related to Latin America and the Caribbean. Topics could include but are not limited to migration, environment, biodiversity, education, finance, trade, social movements, history, politics, development, media, arts and literature. All proposals will be considered. Undergraduate students from other colleges and universities are welcome to participate.

More information: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs/2009conference.html>

Nnamdi Azikiwe Award For Best Graduate And Undergraduate Papers

Deadline February 20th

The papers should have been written within the past year, should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length, and should focus on issues related to any aspect of the study of African nations and peoples – including governance, health, society, gender, science, development, education, environment, communication, and language.

The award honors former Nigerian President Nnamdi Azikiwe, a scholar and politician, who led Nigeria as its first civilian president and who invited MSU faculty to join him and other Nigerians to build a land-grant model university in Eastern Nigeria. This became the University of Nigeria at Nsukka, had a distinguished educational history, and was the beginnings of the MSU African Studies faculty, now approximately 170 scholars spanning 13 colleges and many

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departments.

Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the awards will be made in spring 2009. The winning papers will be peer-reviewed for publication in a new African Studies Working Papers Series, and each author will receive a \$200 prize.

Papers should be submitted to the African Studies office via e-mail (in MS Word or WordPerfect) or by mail (both hard copy and on diskette/ CD/DVD). Please follow the detailed criteria and submission procedures at <http://africa.msu.edu/azikiweawardrules.php>.

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Description:

The IASD program is designed for planners, project or program coordinators and specialized staff at various levels of decision-making within international agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in rural and agricultural development activities. The program will also be of interest to graduate students and social scientists specializing in rural and agricultural development as project and program advisors. The content and focus of the program is suited for those with some previous international development experience.

Program Components

- Overview of major development strategies guiding investments of the past 50 years
- Dynamics of major agriculture and rural livelihood systems
- Macro agricultural policy environment and farmlevel impacts
- Organization of agricultural markets and trade
- Technological innovation and social change
- Project and program identification, design and management
- Social and environmental impact assessment
- Benefit-cost analysis and project appraisal
- Monitoring and evaluation

For inquiries and to register, please contact:

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AFRICA PAST & PRESENT PODCAST

"Africa Past and Present" is a podcast about history, culture, and politics in Africa hosted by Michigan State University historians Peter Alegi and Peter Limb. It is produced by MATRIX - The Center for Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences Online at MSU

<http://www.matrix.msu.edu>). Listen and subscribe to the biweekly podcast at: <http://afripod.aodl.org/>.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Michigan State University Rises on the Peace Corps' Annual Top Colleges Rankings

This year, Michigan State University has risen on the Peace Corps' top 25 list of large schools nationwide producing Peace Corps Volunteers. With 89 Annual alumni currently serving as Peace Corps Volunteers, Michigan State University is No. 3 in the rankings. Michigan State has made the Peace Corps' Top Schools list since the ranking system began in 2001.

Michigan State University offers a Peace Corps Master's International program in the areas of Agricultural Economics, Crop and Soil Sciences, and Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Study. This unique program, which allows students to combine Peace Corps service with graduate studies for credit, is only offered at a handful of universities.

For more information about Peace Corps contact: Lexine Hansen or Thomas Darnell at 517-432-7474 or at msu-peace@msu.edu.

In addition, there are Peace Corps information sessions to be held in Room 303 International Center at 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 25th

Wednesday, March 25th

Wednesday, April 15th

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***2009 SUMMER AND FALL GENCEN INTERNSHIPS - APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER DUE FEBRUARY 28TH!**

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) offers internship coordination for undergraduate and graduate students interested in issues of gender, social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, and/or environmental change. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain hands-on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit.

Summer 2009 applications are now being accepted - final deadline is February 28th. Think ahead for Fall 2009 and submit your application before the end of the semester!

For more information, see the attached documents describing the program and lists of potential local, national, and international internship opportunities. An application form can also be downloaded at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/internship.htm>. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Students interested in international internships should contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator, Marisa Rinkus, at gencenic@msu.edu

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current are due by 12:00 pm on February 23rd. 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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