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

“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

**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

“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
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

**Wednesday, February 25th**

**“Political Rifts in Esteban Echeverria’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

Special Presentation on Chinese Film
Speaker: Dr. Yingjin Zhang, UCSD
6:30pm, 115 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

**“Presidental 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

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

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.

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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
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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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