For the Week of October 19th, 2009

Monday, October 19th
“Collecting Migration Narratives of Indian Jewish Women”
Jewish Studies Brown Bag
Speaker: Maina Chawla Singh, University of New Delhi
12:00pm, 321 Linton Hall

“Pens and Swords: How the American Mainstream Media Report the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”
Muslim Studies Program
Speaker: Marda Dunsky, DePaul University
1:00pm, 303 International Center

“Being Indian, Being Israeli: Migration, Culture and Identity Among Indian Jews in Israel”
Jewish Studies Public Evening Lecture
Speaker: Maina Chawla Singh, University of New Delhi
7:00pm, MSU Union Green Room

Tuesday, October 20th
“Declarations of Dependence: Labor, Personhood, and Welfare in South Africa and Beyond”
African Studies Center Special Lecture Series
Speaker: James Ferguson, Chair and Professor, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University
4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, October 21st
“International Opportunities Fair”
Internship – Volunteer – Teach – Work ABROAD
12:00pm - 4:00pm, 2nd Floor MSU Union

For more information, visit http://studyabroad.msu.edu/iov/descriptions

“Lansing’s International Port of Entry and Foreign Trade Zone”
Global Business Club of Lansing
Speaker: Robert Selig, Executive Director, Capital Region International Airport
12:00pm, 106-107 Henry Center
For more information, including cost, contact Beverly Wilkins at wilkinsb@msu.edu or (517) 353-4336

“Territorial Development in Northeast Brazil: A case for semi-arid Northern Bahia”
CLACS Seminar Series
Coordinators: Jonas Zolinsein, James Madison College; and Gilberto Almeida, Federal University of Bahia UFBA
Videoconference panel presentation from UFBA and the Bahia Secretariat of Planning
4:00pm, 1208 Engineering Building

Thursday, October 22nd
“Research Experience and Outreach”
CLACS Retreat #2
9:30am - 3:30pm, 303 International Center
All faculty, staff, administrators and graduate students are welcome

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Keith Gottschalk, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Department of Political Science, Oakland University
12:00pm, 201 International Center

Center for Advanced Study of International Development
202 International Center
East Lansing, MI
48824-1035
517/353-5925
www.casid.msu.edu
Friday, October 23rd

“Ecosystem Services: Linking Science to Action in Malawi and the Region”
CASID-GenCen Friday Forum
Speakers: Daimon Kambewa, Faculty of Development Studies, Bunda College, and Anne Ferguson, Center for Gender in Global Context
12:00pm, 201 International Center

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

“Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think (Film)”
MSU, Association of Michigan Muslim Physicians, and Muslim Studies
Keynote Address: Congressman Mike Rogers
6:45pm, MSU Fairchild Theatre
Tickets are free, but limited. Contact Mohamed Elnabtity at melnabtity@yahoo.com or at (517) 614-1565

For the Week of October 26th, 2009

Tuesday, October 27th

“Women in Islam: Myths and Realities of Women’s Lives in Afghanistan and Pakistan”
Asian Studies Center Colloquium Series on Women and Gender Politics in Asia
Speaker: Noreen S. Ahmed-Ullah, Chicago Tribune
3:00pm, 303 International Center

“Maintaining a Productive & Responsive Environment for Conducting Research”
Graduate School Workshop
6:00pm, 103 Erickson Hall
For more information and to register, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/

Wednesday, October 28th

“Indigenous Issues in the Americas”
CLACS Seminar Series
Panelists: Laurie Medina, Department of Anthropology; Rocío Quispe-Agnoli and Eduardo Guizar-Álvarez, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
3:00pm, 201 International Center

“Talking About Research in the Interview”
Graduate School Workshop
5:00pm, Room 6, Student Services Building
For more information and to register, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/

“Korean Coffee House”
Practice your Korean while talking with Korean Speakers and learning about Korean culture, music and food
5:30pm, 201 International Center

“Peace Corps Information Meeting”
Life is Calling. How far will you go?
6:00pm, 303 International Center

“Science in Putin’s Russia”
Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
Speaker: Vladimir Zakharov, University of Arizona
7:00pm, 103 Kellogg Center

Thursday, October 29th

“Local Economic Development, Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Livelihoods within Townships in South Africa. Myth or Reality?”
African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Cecil Madell, University of Cape Town
12:00pm, 201 International Center

“Hindi/Urdu Chai and Chat”
Join us for the Hindi/Urdu Chai and Chat, where you can practice your language, try different South Asian foods, watch movies, do activities and more
5:30pm, 204 International Center

“Navanagrah from Hollywood to Nollywood”
ASA Presidential Evening Lecture
Speaker: Charles Ambler, African Studies Association President, Department of History, University of Texas
6:00pm, 115 International Center
Reception to follow at 7:30pm, Spartan Rooms B&C, International Center

Friday, October 30th

“Navigating the PhD: Part 1”
Graduate School Workshop
9:00am, 300 Bessey Hall
For more information and to register, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/

“Climate Change Impact Assessments: Moving from the Local to the Global”
Speaker: Julie Winkler, Department of Geography
12:00pm, 201 International Center

“Evaluation: Background and Theories”
The Evaluation Circle: The Community Evaluation and Research Center
Speaker: Miles McNall, assistant director of the Community Evaluation and Research Center
1:00pm - 4:00pm, Room 6, Kellogg Center

Saturday, October 31st

“Navigating the PhD: Part 2”
Graduate School Workshop
9:00am, 300 Bessey Hall
For more information and to register, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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 Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program Approximate Deadline: November 9, 2009

AWARDS

MSU All University Excellence in Diversity Recognition and Annual Awards Program (EIDA) Nomination Submission Deadline: November 16, 2009
Since 1990, the EIDA has recognized and rewarded efforts that encourage and support an environment where diversity and inclusion are value. Members of the MSU Community participate by nominating individuals, units and organizations whose efforts reach the level of excellence essential to making MSU a welcoming and inclusive community. Award Categories are: Emerging Progress; Sustained Effort Toward Excellence in Diversity; Excellent Progress toward Achieving Diversity and Pluralism; Advancing Global Competency; Lifetime Achievement; Diversity and Inclusion: Student Expressions.

Nomination packets, artistic entry forms and details about the program are available on the EIDA website at http://www.inclusion.msu.edu/eida Please direct any questions to the EIDA Program Office located in 110 Olds Hall or call (517) 432-8384.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

GenCen Internship Applications for Spring Semester 2010
Submission Deadline: November 1st, 2009
The Center for Gender in Global Context offers internship coordination for undergraduate and graduate students interested in issues of gender related to social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, and/or environmental health and justice. 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. More information, such as documents describing the program and lists of potential local, national, and international internship opportunities, as well as a downloadable application form, can be found at 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 as soon as possible to discuss programs.

SPRING 2010 COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACR 848 (formerly RD 823) “Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries” Instructor: John Kerr, Department of CARRS Wednesdays, 4:10pm - 7:00pm
This course analyzes rural natural resource management in developing countries, focusing on the factors that lead to natural resource outcomes, e.g. conservation, productivity, and income distribution. The course begins with a look at how human and natural systems interact, then addresses a variety of issues that influence natural resource management including people’s perceptions of the natural resource scarcity, poverty and population density, tenure security, property rights regimes, collective action and its determinants, and governance. It also examines policy tools for promoting conservation where benefits are off-site.
ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

ACR 838 “Participatory Modes of Inquiry”
Instructors: Kimberly Chung & Laurie Thorp
Department of CARRS
Wednesdays, 3:00pm - 4:50pm
This course provides an in-depth, graduate-level exploration of the nature of participatory inquiry. The course surveys the major streams of literature that constitute the fields of participatory and action research (hereafter referred to as participatory inquiry), with particular emphasis on identifying the differences across these literatures, their world-views, theoretical foundations, fields of application, and points of emphasis within their practice. Throughout the course students are expected to consider how the various approaches to participatory inquiry coincide or conflict with their current epistemological and methodological views. Students are asked to consider how they might incorporate participatory approaches into their personal and professional lives. The format of the course is varied and includes mini-lectures, discussion, group work, and individual and collective reflection.

The course is designed as a two-credit survey of the literature, with emphasis placed on comparison of the various approaches and understanding the practical applications of associated principles. There is no field component to the course. Students wishing to apply these concepts in a community context may include a practicum as a one-credit independent study. If interested, please contact Professor Kimberly Chung at kchung@msu.edu.