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JANUARY 21ST, 2008

EVENTS

For the Week of January 21st:

Monday, January 21st

“United for a Cause: Awareness, Inclusion, Action”

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Leadership Conference & Resource Fair
8:30am - 3pm, MSU Union

“Michigan-Africa Network of Activists meeting on HIV/AIDS in Africa”

Speaker: Washington Mutatu, Michigan State University
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm, 204 International Center

Martin Luther King Day Commemorative Campus March

3:15pm, First Floor of MSU Union

Tuesday, January 22nd

Department of Art & Art History Guest Lecture Series

Speaker: Akio Takamori
Merging western and non-western influences, the artist draws on his childhood in Japan creating large figurative ceramic sculptures.
6:00 pm, Room 41, Kresge Art Center

Wednesday, January 23rd

A Campus Conversation Devoted to Renewing the Land Grant Mission

Kettering Roundtable Colloquia Series
12:00pm - 1:30 pm, Spartan Room B, International Center

RSVP to Professor Wynne Wright
wrightwy@anr.msu.edu or 517-884-1372

“Spatial Patterns In A Coffee Agroecosystem And Its Consequences For Biological Control”

Latin American and Caribbean Studies “Charla” Seminar Series
Speaker: Dr. Ivette Perfecto, Professor, Department of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan
3:00 pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, January 24th

“Neuropsychological Effects of Pediatric HIV in Ugandan Children”

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Michael Boivin, Neurology and Ophthalmology, Michigan State University
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center

Film Screening: “11th Hour”

Part of Focus the Nation Events, national teach-in on global warming
A film narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio
8:00pm, B-104 Wells Hall

Spring Study Abroad Fair

Over 100 exhibits displaying information about MSU's more than 240 study abroad programs will provide a “one stop shopping” experience.
11:00 am - 4:00 pm, LaSalle Room, Spartan Stadium Tower

Friday, January 25th

Brown Bag Series

The Multicultural Center of Michigan State University
Speaker: Juan Javier Pescador, MSU Department of History
12:15pm - 1:30pm, MSU Museum Auditorium



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Selling your study abroad experience to employers and graduate schools
Office of Study Abroad
2:00pm - 4:00pm, 201 International Center

GenCen Annual Reception

The first annual reception since the Women, Gender, and Social Justice and the Women and International Development Program partnered to create the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen).

3:00 pm - 5:00pm, 303 International Center

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

For the Week of January 28th:**Tuesday, January 29th****“Changing Islam in Post-Soviet Central Asia”**

Asian Studies Center Colloquium Series, “Focus On Central Asia: Social And Cultural Transformations”
Speaker: John Schoeberlein, Davis Center for Russian & Eurasian Studies, Harvard University
4:00 pm, 303 International Center

“First You’re Irrelevant, Then You’re Late: Thoughts On Improving Decision Making For Risk Management”

Risk Speaker Series as part of the MSU Risk, Values, and Decisions Initiative
Speaker: Joe Arvai, Michigan State University

8:30am - 12:00pm, location to be announced

Wednesday, January 30th**“Opportunities and Challenges for a U.S. - Mexico Transnational Dialogue”**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies “Charla” Seminar Series
Speaker: Silvia Nuñez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico
3:00 pm, 201 International Center

Panel Discussion, “2% Solution: Nationwide Webcast”

Part of Focus the Nation Events on climate change and global warming
8:00pm, B108 Wells Hall

Thursday, January 31st**“The Role of Veterinary Science in West African Public Health”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Dr. Denis Ohna
12:00pm, 201 International Center

“What is the Future of the Agricultural Economics Profession?”

MSU Agricultural Economics Seminar Series
Speaker: Greg Perry, Oregon State University
3:30pm to 5:00pm, 75 Agricultural Hall

“Community Forum on Climate Change”

Part of Focus the Nation Events
Representatives from MSU, government, and utility companies discuss global warming
7:00pm, MSU Union Ballroom

“Bamako” (Mali) African Film Series

Nominated for several awards and sponsored by the African Studies Center, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Department of English, Film Studies, African-American Literature and Cultural Emphasis.

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillips Residential College Theater, MSU

Friday, February 1st**“Urbanization and Health in Africa: Exploring the Interconnections between Poverty, Inequality and the Burden of Disease”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speaker: Dr. Jacob Songsoore
Dean, School of Research and Graduate Studies, University of Ghana
12:00pm, 201 International Center

International Coffee Hour

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

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards and the Band of the Coldstream Guards

Scottish Pipes, Drums, and Dancing
For tickets call 1-800-Wharton, prices start at \$20
8:00pm, Cobb Great Hall, Wharton Center

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SPRING 2008 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

Medical Anthropology II, Medical Knowledge, Technology, and the Body: ANP 835

Dr. Beth Kangas, W 10:20-1:10, 121 Baker Hall

This graduate-level seminar will examine understandings and practices regarding the body, health, and illness. We will explore how these practices and understandings influence – and are influenced by – medical technologies. Specifically, we will look at case studies of (in)fertility, mental health, and organ transplantation (in Gambia, Egypt, and the United States). Our key questions include: How has the knowledge of biomedicine interacted with “local” knowledges? How have medical technologies been interpreted and customized? What has been considered “knowable”/ “unknowable,” “desirable”/ “undesirable,” and “acceptable”/ “unacceptable,” and why? What have biomedicine and its technologies meant for people who suffer?

Women and Linguistic Politeness: LIN 491

Dr. Troutman, M and W 12:40-2pm, C109 Wells Hall

This course focuses on examinations of linguistic politeness. Students enrolled in the course will examine scholarly work produced on politeness with the main goal of assessing and asserting what Black women do linguistically, particularly as previously unexplored. The course begins with a basic introduction to politeness, based on second and third wave feminisms and interjects a Black woman’s theoretical standpoint as one frame for further examinations of politeness. Students are expected to conduct exploratory research with one aim of generating some answers to the query, “When and where do Black women enter?” Contact Professor Troutman at troutma1@msu.edu for overrides.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

MSU International Predissertation Awards

Awards of up to \$5,000 for MSU Ph.D. candidates in the predissertation stage in the Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), Arts and Letters (CAL), Education (ED), and Social Science (SSC) for travel outside of the United States during one or more of these semesters: Summer 2008, Fall 2008, and Spring 2009. May be of any nationality.

See application forms at: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/students/funding/prediss/>

Deadline: February 1, 2008

Social Science Research Council: Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (Predissertation Summer Award)

The Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) is a strategic fellowship program designed to help graduate students in the humanities and social sciences formulate doctoral dissertation proposals that are intellectually pointed, amenable to completion in a reasonable time frame, and competitive in fellowship competitions.

Students in second and third years, who have not defended dissertation proposal; U.S. and International Students; Apply to one of five research fields; Eligible for pre-dissertation summer grant.

For more information visit: <http://programs.ssrc.org/dpdf/>

Deadline: February 8, 2008

MSU-Compton Africa Peace Fellowships

The MSU-Compton Africa Peace Fellowships provide \$15,000 for dissertation research in Africa by exceptional MSU Ph.D. candidates who are citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country and who intend to return to their country or region of origin after completing their studies and whose topic concerns conflict resolution, peace, and security issues in Africa. Funds require a minimum of six months of research in Africa. Recipients must have completed all Ph.D. requirements except the dissertation before accessing the funds. See application details at: http://africa.msu.edu/compton/MSU_Application.pdf

Deadline: February 15, 2008 for funds that must be expended during calendar year 2008.

Foreign Language And Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Announcement

Fellowships for graduate studies are expected to be available at Michigan State University through a grant under Title VI of the Higher Education Act from 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.

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

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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.

Center For Advanced Study Of International Development and Women And International Development Program

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Application deadline is **February 18, 2008**.

For application materials please go to:

<http://www.casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml>

For additional information, please contact:

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African Studies Center

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Deadline for submission of all papers relating to the academic year FLAS application is **February 15, 2008**

For information about FLAS fellowships, contact:

Dr. Yacob Fisseha, Assistant Director, African Studies Center

100 International Center, (517) 353-1700 or e-mail: fisseha@msu.edu

Asian Studies Center

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Deadline for submission of all papers relating to the academic year FLAS application is **March 15, 2008**

For information about FLAS fellowships, contact:

Dr. Michael Lewis, Director

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American Education Research Association Dissertation Grants

* Available for and intended to support advanced doctoral

students while writing the dissertation. Applications are encouraged from a variety of disciplines such as education, sociology, economics, psychology, demography, statistics, and psychometrics

* \$15,000

* For fulltime students or working students

* Must use a national dataset

* They encourage minority applicants and research on diverse populations.

* U.S. or non-U.S. citizens

* http://www.aera.net/grantsprogram/res_training/diss_grants/DGindex.html

* **Deadline: January 4 & February 22, 2008**

Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowships

* The Jennings Randolph program awards Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowships to students at U.S. universities researching and writing doctoral dissertations on international conflict and peace.

* Open to all fields & disciplines (There are awards made to students in education)

* U.S. or non-U.S. citizens

* \$17,000

* http://www.usip.org/fellows/peacescholar_apply.html

* **Due Date: January 10, 2008**

Stanford Center on Adolescence to Study Youth Purpose

* The Stanford Center on Adolescence supports young scholars pursuing research related to youth purpose. We define purpose as "a stable and generalized intention to accomplish something that is at once meaningful to the self and of intended consequence beyond the self."

* \$10,000 research grant

* U.S. citizens or permanent residents

* Doctoral students must be advanced to candidacy with their dissertation proposal passed by their home institutions.

* Awards may only cover research-related direct costs not salaries, tuition, living expenses.

* <http://www.stanford.edu/group/adolescent.ctr/researchawards>

* **Deadline: January 17, 2008**

K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant

* To aid doctoral students researching topics relevant to aging and later-life learning. For graduate students whose doctoral research focuses on topics relevant to Elderhostel, the grant may be used in any way that aids the recipi-

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ent in either the completion or publication of their research and dissertation results.

* \$5,000

* No restrictions on how money is used

* U.S. or non-U.S. citizens

* <http://www.elderhostel.org/grants/>

* **Due Date: February 19, 2008**

Udall Dissertation Fellowship

* One-year fellowships for doctoral candidates entering their final year of writing the dissertation whose research concerns U.S. environmental public policy and/or environmental conflict resolution.

* up to \$24,000

* Fellows must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals or U.S. permanent residents

* Contact Dr. Jane Curlin at curlin@udall.gov

* <http://www.udall.gov>

* **Due Date February 21, 2008**

2008 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 for travel to Puerto Rico.

Information on the grant and the application itself are on the web at www.isp.msu.edu/clacs. Please go the graduate certificate page, and you will find the proper links. The deadline for the application is **February 29, 2008**. We will hold an orientation meeting for students interested in applying on **Friday, January 18**, at 2:00pm in Room 302 of the International Center. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Laurie Medina, CLACS Acting Associate Director and Graduate Coordinator during Fall Semester 2007 (353-1690 or medina@msu.edu) or Professor Manuel Chavez, CLACS Associate Director and Graduate Coordinator during Spring Semester 2008 (353-1690 or chavez1@msu.edu).

The Nnamdi Azikiwe Award For Best Student Paper

The MSU African Studies Center announces a program of two annual awards for the best graduate and the best undergraduate student papers in African studies. The papers should have been written within the past year, should be ap-

proximately 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. Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the first awards will be made in spring 2008. 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/azikiweaward.php>. Papers and forms must be submitted by 5PM, February 15, 2008.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (Afrobarometer)

A full-time, fixed-term position for one year is available in the Department of Political Science and African Studies at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. The Afrobarometer Project in the Department of Political Science at Michigan State University seeks a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow to analyze data and publish research reports on public opinion in African countries.

A Ph.D. in political science or related field (economics, sociology, social psychology) and proven experience in the use of advanced statistics is required. Excellent written and oral communication skills in English are essential. Field experience in research or project management in one or more sub-Saharan African countries and fluency in either French or Portuguese is preferred. Knowledge of literatures on democratization and public opinion research is also preferred, along with experience at analyzing public opinion data. The Fellow will be responsible for (a) developing a program of research based on four rounds of existing Afrobarometer data across up to 20 countries (b) implementing the research program through a series of publications that will initially appear in the Afrobarometer Working Papers series, but which may subsequently be published elsewhere assisting in the management of a large-scale public opinion data set and related tasks (d) participating in Afrobarometer conferences and workshops in the U.S. and Africa.

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The fellowship begins August 15, 2008. The Fellow must be present in East Lansing by this date and commit to full-time residence through July 15, 2009. The fellowship may be extended beyond one year subject to positive job performance and the outcome of an annual open competition. For further information on the Afrobarometer, see www.afrobarometer.org.

To be considered, applications must be received no later than February 15, 2008. Please submit hard copies of (a) a letter summarizing your research experience and interest in the position (b) a curriculum vitae (c) a brief professional writing sample and (d) the names and contact information (including telephone numbers) for three potential referees (do not request letters yourself). Please mail applications to Professor Michael Bratton, Director (MSU) Afrobarometer, Department of Political Science, 323 South Kedzie Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 48823. Do not submit applications via e-mail. Michigan State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on January 28. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: christianreed@gmail.com; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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