For the Week of February 2nd, 2009:

Monday, February 2nd
MSU Teach-In on Global Warming
Part of a nationally organized effort to bring people together in the first 100 days of the new administration to discuss and learn about the complexity of the climate change challenge. Faculty, staff, students and other informed citizens will act as panelists to highlight key considerations and lead discussions throughout the day. For a detailed schedule visit <http://www.ecofoot.msu.edu/calendar.htm>
11:00am - 6:00pm, 145 Communication Arts Building

Wednesday, February 4th
“Environmental Inequalities in the Caribbean”
CLACS Spring 2009 Seminar Series
Speaker: Dr. Victor Torres, Hunter College, New York
3:00pm, 201 International Center

“The Institutional Origins of Inequality in Sub Saharan Africa”
Department of Political Science Talk
Speaker: Nic van de Walle, Associate Dean for International Studies and Director, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
2:15pm, 312 Bessey

“Frontier Myths in America and Israel Compared”
International Studies and Programs Lecture
Speaker: Ilan Troen

Thursday, February 5th
“Democracy and Corruption in Africa: The Path from Neopatrimonialism”
African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Nic van de Walle, Associate Dean for International Studies & Director, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

“Silent Waters” (Pakistan)
Film Series: Films of South Asia
General Zai-ul-Haq imposes martial law and, within a few months, the country is decreed a Muslim state. Aicha, a well-adjusted woman in her forties, devotes her life to the education of her eighteen-year-old son Salim, in the little village of Charkhi. Salim is a quiet dreamer, but the fast moving political situation fills Aicha with anxiety, as she watches her son change beyond recognition
7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

Study Abroad Fair
Study Abroad Fairs are comprehensive information fairs for students (and others) interested in learning more about the many exciting study abroad opportunities available at MSU
11:00am - 4:00pm, 2nd Floor, MSU Union Building
**Friday, February 6th**

“The Ethiopian Financial Sector: Should Foreign Banks Be Allowed?”
CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speaker: Sebhat Gebregiorgis
Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

**“Speak Truth To Power”**
Exhibition Focused on Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World
http://speaktruthtopower.msu.edu/
Exhibition dates February 6, 2009 - March 31, 2009
MSU Law College

“Representing Excessive Male Vanity Then and Now: The Comedia de figuron and its Adaptations”
CERES Brown Bag Luncheon Series
Host: Anthony Grubbs, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Michigan State University
RSVP enyart@msu.edu for a box lunch
12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

**Paris Je T’Aime**
Romance Languages Film Series
A collection of five-minute films about the City of Lights brings Paris to life with a unique patchwork of 20 stories. (French)
5:00pm, 206 OHB

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

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**For the Week of February 9th, 2009:**

**Tuesday, February 10th**

“The Toxic Archipelago: A History of Industrial Disease in Japan”
Spring 2009 colloquium series “Political Ecologies and Environmental Politics in Asia, Past and Present”
Speaker: Brett Walker, History, Montana State University
4:00pm, 303 International Center

**Wednesday, February 11th**

Title: TBA
CLACS Spring 2009 Seminar Series
Speaker: Dr. Dylan Miner, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University
3:00pm, 201 International Center

**Thursday, February 12th**

“The Clay Bird” (Bangladesh)
Film Series: Films of South Asia
Set against the backdrop of Pakistan during the turbulent 1960s, a family is ripped apart by religious beliefs and civil war. Anu, a shy young boy from rural East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), is sent away by his father Kazi, an orthodox Muslim, to a Madrasah. As political divisions in the country intensify, a split develops between moderate and extremist forces within Madrasah, leaving Anu to question both his faith and his identity
7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

“Incantato”
A 35-year-old college professor dispatched to Bologna by his affluent parents to find a spouse. While attending a tea dance, he meets a blind beauty who captures his heart. (Italian)
5:00pm, 206 OHB

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

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**Friday, February 13th**

“The Nigerian Press and Transformational Politics: Watchdogs or Lapdogs of Change?”
CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speaker: Folu Ogundimu, Department of Journalism
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

“Animated Language and Minority Animals: The Case of Animation”
Speaker: Akira Mizuta Lippit, Professor, Comparative Literature, East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Cinematic Arts, University of Southern California
4:00pm, 213 Morrill Hall

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

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For the Week of February 9th, 2009:
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

African Studies Center Application for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS): 2009-2010
The African Studies Center at MSU is now accepting online applications for FLAS fellowships for academic year 2009-2010. The FLAS fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program for the study of African languages and non-language courses on Africa. 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. Up to date information and on-line application forms are available at: http://africa.msu.edu/flas.
Candidates must have completed fellowship application procedures by February 13, 2009. Related application materials are to be mailed to the Assistant Director of the African Studies Center, 100 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035; Phone: (517) 353-1700; Fax: (517) 432-1209; e-mail: fisseha@msu.edu.

The MSU International Predissertation Travel Awards-2009
Deadline: February 2, 2009
Applications (PDF) are being solicited for the 2009 Predissertation Travel Awards of up to $5000. These awards are designed to provide funds 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 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010.

These awards support travel abroad to your intended dissertation research site for a minimum stay of 60 days in order to immerse yourself in the international research site; investigate the appropriateness of the research problem and methods; identify university, research institute, or NGO partners with which you will affiliate; identify collaborators or mentors in the country; increase your language proficiency; and obtain letters of affiliation or sponsorship from local institutions. The program seeks to assist MSU graduate students to develop competitive dissertation proposals in national fellowship competitions of the Fulbright, NSF, SSRC, and similar programs.
Contact Patricia Lambert (lamber73@msu.edu), (517) 355-2350 or visit http://www.isp.msu.edu/students/funding/prediss/

Summer Cooperative African Language Institute 2009

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.
STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Fair
Thinking about studying abroad? Well, now’s your chance to find out why Michigan State is a national leader in study abroad!
Study Abroad Fairs are comprehensive information fairs for students (and others) interested in learning more about the many exciting study abroad opportunities available at MSU. They are held twice a year in the MSU Union.
Thursday, February 5, 2009
11:00am - 4:00pm, 2nd Floor, MSU Union

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

UGANDA: Evolution of Uganda’s Forest Biodiversity: Apes to Aves
Tuesday, February 18, 5:30pm, 19 Natural Resources
AND ALSO on Wednesday, February 18, 5:30pm, 19 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.

FACULTY PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT


Brief Description: Drawing together contributions from history, anthropology, sociology, political science and religious studies, this collection of original essays interrogates the new structures and conditions of Islam in Senegal, locally and globally. This volume represents a break from the established literature on “Senegalese Islam,” and brings fresh perspectives, alternative methodologies and provocative theories on transnational Islam, religious conversion, revisionist histories, and patterns of conspicuous consumption in relation to gender and Islam. Chapters highlight discourses and practices in the context of broadly defined sites: conversion, education, politics and economics, sexuality, popular culture and their impact on the multiple and changing articulations of Muslim identities.
There is a 20% discount off the hardcover price. To order or for more information, contact Professor Leichtman at mara.leichtman@ssc.msu.edu.

SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

February 6 - March 31, 2009
Formal Opening: Friday, February 6, 2009
4th Floor Atrium, Law College
Welcome remarks start at 4:15pm
Speak Truth to Power is the global human rights initiative founded by Kerry Kennedy and Nan Richardson that brings people face-to-face with courageous human rights heroes. These powerful portraits of human rights defenders from around the world were taken by Eddie Adams, the renowned Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist. This multifaceted project presents inspiring stories of 35 women and men from countries across the who have stood up to oppression at a great personal risk in the non-violent pursuit of human rights including demilitarization, children of war, environmental activism, sexual slavery, and religious self-determination. Speak Truth to Power is a project of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial and curated by Umbrage Editions.
ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

2009 SUMMER AND FALL GENCEN INTERNSHIPS - APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER DUE 2/28!

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