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Week of February 7

Sunday, February 7

Chinese New Year Celebration at Meridian Mall

1:00–4:30 p.m., Meridian Mall, Okemos

The Greater Lansing Chinese Association has worked with Meridian Township Parks and Recreation Department and other local Chinese organizations to create the 2016 Chinese New Year Celebration at Meridian Mall in Okemos. Students and professionals will perform music, singing, dancing, tai chi, fashion, and pageantry. Participatory cultural activities will also be available on-site, including carnival games for children, brush painting, and more.

Chinese Spring Festival Gala

Sponsor: Chinese Undergraduate Students Association
6:00–9:00 p.m., Wharton Center

Join the Chinese Undergraduate Students Association (CUSA) for the 2016 Spring Festival Gala on Sunday, February 7th from 6-9pm at the Wharton Center, Cobb Great Hall. Purchase tickets at information tables on campus or purchase online at http://www.whartoncenter.com/events/detail/chinese-spring-festival-gala. For more information contact CUSA President: Xinwen (Maggie) Zhang at mzhangxinwen@gmail.com.

Monday, February 8

“Transcultural Teens: Performing Youth Identities in French Cities”

Sponsor: Muslim Studies
3:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Chantal Tetreault, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology, will speak as part of the Muslim Studies’ Spring Seminar Series.

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Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour

Sponsor: Asian Studies
4:00–5:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students in the Arabic program where they can practice speaking the language while learning about the culture in a relaxed environment. Students from all Arabic levels are encouraged to attend.

Global Business Club of Mid-Michigan — Agriculture Exporting Seminar and MI Agriculture Exporter of the Year

Sponsors: International Business Center, Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce; Lansing Community College; MSU Center for Advanced Study of International Development; the Center for Gender in Global Context; Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C., The Greater Lansing Business Monthly
8:30–1:30 p.m., MSU Michigan Center for Executive Education

Star of the West Milling Co. achieved an impressive 27 percent growth in export sales from 2014-2014, which is one of the reasons it has been recognized as Michigan Agricultural Exporter of the Year for 2015. The company exports to Canada, Mexico, Guatemala, Jamaica, Japan, Malta, and South Korea. Most recently they expanded export activity into Italy, South Africa, and Columbia. This award is a reflection of the Star’s commitment to partner with food producers and processors to provide quality flour, edible soybeans and dry edible bean products to help feed the world. Register for our morning program to listen to and discuss a variety of export topics with experienced businesspersons and stay for lunch to hear from Star of the West and how they’ve achieved export success. For more information, see: http://global.broad.msu.edu/gbclub.

Wednesday, February 10

“Farmers as Policymakers: Measuring Regulatory Participation and Compliance”

12:00–1:00 p.m., 75 Agriculture Hall

Stephen Morgan, a doctoral student in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics, will speak as part of the Economics Development Lunch series.

Hindi-Urdu Chai and Chat

Sponsor: Asian Studies
5:30–6:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Experience and discuss Indian and South Asian cultures and languages, especially Hindi/Urdu, while sipping spiced tea (chai) and tasting delicious desi snacks. This event is free and open to everyone. For more information, email Rajiv Ranjan, MSU’s Hindi lecturer and resident chaivala, at rranjan@msu.edu.
“Payment of Environmental Services in Colombia: Outsider’s Perspectives” and “Compliance Assessment for Data-Poor Fisheries Management: A Case Study of Nicaragua’s Green Turtle Fishery”

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies 3:00–4:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Sara Torres, a graduate student in the Department of Community Sustainability, and Mark Gibson, a doctoral student in the School of Criminal Justice, will speak as part of Part I of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies’ Graduate Studies Field Research Presentations.

Thursday, February 11

African Tea

Sponsor: African Studies Center 4:00–6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

African Tea is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African Continent. Liberia and Sierra Leone will be discussed at this tea.

“City of Thorns”

Sponsor: African Studies Center 12:00–1:30 p.m., 303 International Center

Ben Rawlence, an author and Open Society Foundations Fellow, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Seminar Series. Ben Rawlence received rave reviews in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and was featured in the Los Angeles Times. He was also interviewed on National Public Radio. Ben Rawlence will discuss his book: City of Thorns: Nine Lives in the World’s Largest Refugee Camp (Holt, 2016), focusing on the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya.
Friday, February 12

“Erasing the Place of Dissent: Inscriptions and Eliminations of Gezi Park Graffiti”

Sponsor: Center for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies
12:00 –1:30 p.m., 305 International Center

Kyle Evered, an associate professor in the Department of Geography, will speak. From late May to July 2013, Istanbul was a constant focal point for global news media, owing to the expanding peaceful protests that began at Gezi Park and to the state’s severe measures to disperse demonstrators and prevent subsequent assemblies or expressions of dissent. During these events and since, journalistic, academic, and NGO-sponsored analyses have surveyed the broader experience with regard to civil society and social mobilization. In this lecture, Dr. Evered employs the concept of democratic authoritarianism to analyze the Gezi Park experience and evaluate how graffiti functioned as a contested marker of control over both public space and collective memory.

Ethics and Development Discussion Group

Sponsor: Philosophy
12:00 p.m., 523 South Kedzie

The Ethics and Development Discussion Group will discuss Gillian Brock’s “Global Poverty, Decent Work, and Remedial Responsibilities.” If you would like a PDF of the article, contact Judy Andre at andre@msu.edu.

“Effect of Education Expansion on Household Cram School Spending in Taiwan”

Sponsor: Economics
12:00–1:00 p.m., 209 Berkey Hall

Andy Chou, a doctoral candidate from the Department of Economics, will speak as part of the Economics Graduate Student Seminar Series.

Film Screening: Shatrang Ke Khalidi (The Chess Players)

Sponsors: Asian Studies and Muslim Studies
Opening reception: 5:00 p.m.
Film: 6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

This 1977 film series will kick off the 2016 Muslim Cultures in South Asian Cinema Film Series. The series is presented by Jyotsna Singh, a professor in the Department of English, Swarnavel Pillai, an assistant professor in the Film Studies Program, Karin Zitzewitz, an associate professor in the Department of Art, Art History and Design, Sean Pue, the director of the Digital Humanities Program, and Rajiv Ranjan, an instructor in the Department of Linguistics and German, Slavic, Asian and African Languages.

Week of February 14

Monday, February 15

Film Premiere Screening: Hmong Memory at the Crossroads

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:00–6:00 p.m., Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center Auditorium

Set in three countries—the United States, France and Laos—Hmong Memory at the Crossroads weaves oral histories of three generations of Hmong refugees to bring into the critical spotlight unknown episodes of their fraught history, linked to their combat alongside the French and American armies during the French-Indochina War (1945-54) and the American Secret War in Laos (1961-75), respectively. Liachoua Lee,
a Hmong-American from Rochester Hills, Michigan, revisits his past as a former refugee and son of Hmong veterans of the French Indochina War and of the American Secret War in Laos by revisiting places that carry traces of his personal history and the emotional scars left by the war. Lee’s story begins in Detroit, Michigan, then takes him to France, a place where he and his family sought asylum before immigrating to America, and ends in an emotional return to the homeland Laos for the first time in 40 years. A discussion and reception will follow the film premiere. Admission is free and open to the public.

Tuesday, February 16

Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
4:00–5:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students in the Arabic program where they can practice speaking the language while learning about the culture in a relaxed environment. Students from all Arabic levels are encouraged to attend.

Film Screening: Sahib, Bibi, Ghulam (The Master, the Wife and the Servant)

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center and Muslim Studies
6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

This 1962 film is part of the 2016 Muslim Cultures in South Asian Cinema Film Series. The series is presented by Jyotsna Singh, a professor in the Department of English, Swarnavel Pil-lai, an assistant professor in the Film Studies Program, Karin Zitzewitz, an associate professor in the Department of Art, Art History and Design, Sean Pue, Director of the Digital Humanities Program, and Rajiv Ranjan, an instructor in the Department of Linguistics and German, Slavic, Asian and African Languages.

“The Great Surge: The Ascent of the Developing World”

Sponsor: International Studies and Programs, James Madison College, and the College of Social Science
3:00–5:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Steven Radele, the Donald F. McHenry Chair in Global Human Development at Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service, will deliver a presentation titled “The Great Surge: The Ascent of the Developing World,” based on his book of the same title. We live at a time of the greatest progress amongst the global poor in human history. Never before have so many people in so many developing countries made so much progress in reducing poverty, improving health, increasing incomes, expanding health, reducing conflict, and encouraging democracy. The Great Surge tells the story of this unprecedented progress.
over the last two decades, why it happened, and what it may portend for the future.

Wednesday, February 17

“The Root of Three: Power and Dissemblance in Yorùbá Earth Works”

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00–1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

David Doris, an associate professor in the Department of History of Art at the University of Michigan, will speak as part the Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

Film Screening: Chacal: Forbidden to Write Poetry

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00–4:30 p.m., 201 International Studies

The film by Rodrigo Lopes de Barros will be shown as part of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies’ Spring Seminar Series. Guilherme Trielli Ribeiro, an assistant professor in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies and also the producer and screenwriter of the film, will lead a discussion about the film.

Muslim Journeys Book Club: Persepolis: The Story of A Childhood

Sponsors: Muslim Studies, MSU Libraries, and the East Lansing Public Library
7:00 p.m., W444 MSU Main Library
Emine Evered, an associate professor in the Department of History, will lead a discussion on Persepolis: The Story of A Childhood (graphic novel) by Marjane Satrapi. Learn more about the diversity of Muslim experiences in this scholar-led book group. This spring semester the group will read three memoirs exploring the authors’ paths in countries including Egypt, France, Iran, Lebanon, and the United States. Each session will start with a short lecture, followed by a facilitated book discussion. You are encouraged to read the book before the book club meeting. All are invited to participate. No sign up required. Drop-in for one or attend all sessions. Free and open to the public. Light will be refreshments served.

Thursday, February 18

“When the Taps Run Dry, We Run to the Wells: Decentralization, Gender Relations, and Access to Potable Water in Malawi’s Peri-Urban Slums”

Sponsors: Center for Gender in Global Context and the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Program
12:00–1:00 p.m., 204 International Center

Ellis Adjei Adams, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Geography,
will speak as part of the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Brown Bag seminar series. Feel free to bring a bag lunch.

“Application of Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment (QMRA) to Emerging Areas in Agriculture”

Sponsors: Horticulture and Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences
4:00 p.m., A149 Plant and Soil Science Building

Jade Mitchell, an assistant professor in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, will speak as part of the Horticulture/Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences Seminar Series.

Friday, February 12

“Group Pleasures: Collaborative Commitments, Narrative Gratification, and the Sociology of Fun”

Sponsor: Sociology
12:00–1:30 p.m., 206 Old Horticulture

Gary Alan Fine, the John Evans Professor of Sociology at Northwestern University, will speak as part of the 2015-16 Department of Sociology Speaker Series. In this talk, Dr. Fine will explain how the experience and recall of fun bolsters group formation, maintenance, and reputation.

Study Abroad Information Sessions

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad

Information meetings are an opportunity to learn about a program from the program leader, find out about applying to study abroad, ask questions and meet with fellow study abroad participants.

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Taiwan Nature Treasure Map Program

Application Deadline: March 18, 2016

Sponsored by the Ministry of Education, Taiwan, the National Taiwan University School of Forestry and Resource Conservation is offering the Taiwan Nature Treasure Map Program for young people interested in promoting and experiencing the natural beauty of Taiwan.

This program is a six week long internship which includes a one week orientation and a five week internship at a selected experimental forest, forest recreation area or national park. Students will work with local rangers and gain hands-on experiences whilst building lasting friendships. For more information please visit: http://treasuremaptw.org/about-the-program/.

2016 Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 31, 2016

Sponsored by the Taiwan Ministry of Education, the Huayu Enrichment Scholarship (HES) encourages international students to undertake Huayu courses in the Republic of China (Taiwan) to provide them with opportunities to increase their understanding of Taiwanese culture and society. Students may enroll in a summer program or various semester programs ranging from 3–12 months. Students will receive a monthly stipend of 25,000 NTD. For more information and to access the application, please visit the HES website at: http://www.edutwny.org/hes-huayu-enrichment-scholarship-337753548625991295182341637329.html.

Parallel Funding Initiative for Collaborative Research Between Investigators in the USA and the State of São Paulo, Brazil

The National Institute of Health and the São Paulo Research Foundation, Brazil encourage collaborative international research between investigators in the U.S. and State of São Paulo. The two funding agencies will jointly support successful applications to the NIH that fall within research areas of mutual interest of both single disciplinary and cross-disciplinary. For more information, see: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-TW-16-001.html.
Announcing the Ninth Annual MSU Africanist Graduate Student Research Conference at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan

March 18-19, 2016
Paper Submission deadline: February 15, 2016

The 9th Annual Africanist Graduate Student Research Conference at Michigan State University is soliciting submissions on innovative approaches to the study of Africa and the African Diaspora. The conference will be held at Michigan State University on March 18-19, 2016.

This conference seeks to bring together graduate scholars who study Africa at all stages. In past years, the conference has generated intellectually stimulating exchanges across disciplinary lines. The conference aims to generate dialogue and debate about the past, present, and future direction of Africanist scholarship.

As an interdisciplinary conference interested in promoting exchanges and connections across departments and fields, proposals based in any disciplinary and methodological framework, both quantitative and qualitative are invited. Submission of full panels, are particularly encouraged. Examples of potentially successful submissions are those based on dissertation proposals, masters’ theses, dissertation chapters, and papers for potential future article publication. Possible panel topics include environmental policies; histories; sciences—health, epidemiology, and medical humanities; labor and economics; land use—urban and rural space; language and linguistics—literature and African intellectuals; migration; urbanization; xenophobia; nationalism and decolonization; political structures and state formation; popular culture and the media; religion and philosophy; sport and leisure; women and gender.

Submission Information and Guidelines:

The deadline for submission of proposals is February 15, 2016. Proposals are being accepted on a rolling basis, and early submissions are encouraged. Send all submissions to msuafricanistconference@gmail.com. Final papers will be due to the conference organizers by March 8, 2016 (approximately 10 double-spaced pages—equivalent of 15 minutes). For individual submissions, please send an abstract of no more than 250 words and a one page CV. Include the paper’s title, your name and school affiliation, and a list of three to five keywords which you feel categorize your research. For panel submissions, please send a single abstract of no more than 500 words, relaying the connections between papers and the individual description of each paper. Send a one page CV for each presenter. Include the panel’s name, the names and school affiliations of all presenters, and paper titles of all presentations.
The TROPOS Conference

Application deadline: April 1, 2016

The TROPOS Conference welcomes interdisciplinary papers and presentations in literary studies, cultural studies, visual arts, film and media studies, gender studies, and linguistics related to the Romance-speaking world. Papers may be presented in Spanish, French, or English. Presentations and/or papers may not exceed 20 minutes (eight pages approximately) in order to allow time for discussion. Selected papers may be considered for publication in the forthcoming issue of the TROPOS journal. Abstracts of proposed papers (200-250 words) should be submitted by the deadline announced in the “call for papers.” Specify the language (English, French, Spanish) of the presentation. Presentation title and abstract should be accompanied by complete contact information: complete name, mail address, email address, institutional affiliation (graduate program, department, and institution). Acceptance of paper proposal are sent by email within two weeks of the deadline noted in the “call for papers.” Information on programming, lodgment, and conference fee is sent with the acceptance. The 16th TROPOS Graduate Conference will take place October 21-22, 2016 with the topic “Sickening Discourses: Bodies, Diseases, and Violence in the Romance World.” Keynote speakers include Professor Emerita of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University Jean Franco and Professor of Anthropology and Performance at Kalamazoo College Adriana Gárriga-López. Conference fee: $20.00. For more information see: http://www.rcs.msu.edu/graduate/tropos/xv-annual-graduate-conference/.

Call for Nominations for the 2016 CLASP Teaching Award for Junior Faculty

Nomination deadline: April 1, 2016

The Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP) calls for nominations for its fourth annual CLASP Teaching Award for Junior Faculty. The award recognizes excellence in teaching Latin American Studies-designated courses. Tenured faculty members are not eligible. Nominees in a tenure-track position are preferred, but visiting or adjunct professors and instructors are eligible. Nominees must have a PhD and they must be currently teaching at a CLASP member institution. Nominations should come from senior faculty members or administrators. The nominator should provide clear and convincing evidence of the following in a letter of no more than 600 words:

1. Outstanding teaching effectiveness, including pedagogical style and student success stories.
2. Contributions to the Latin American Studies program and/or the department.
3. Involvement in the larger community, including professional associations and participation in service activities.
4. Incorporation of own academic research and field experiences into the classroom.

The nominees will be asked to provide a statement of teaching philosophy and a current CV. The CLASP Teaching Committee will evaluate the nominations and will recommend three finalists to the CLASP Executive Committee. The finalists will then be asked to provide the names and contact information of two current or former students, and these students will be asked to provide evidence of teaching effectiveness in a short recommendation letter. Nominations will be accepted through April 1, 2016. Simply email the nomination letter to: vgawrons@bsc.edu. The winner will be announced at the CLASP Business Meeting at the Latin American Studies Association 2016 International Congress and an engraved trophy and a check for $500 will be awarded.
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Scholarship for Undergraduate and Graduate Study Abroad & Research

Application Deadline: March 4, 2016

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies announces a competition for scholarships to support study abroad. Applicants must be enrolled in a Latin American/Caribbean Studies program (i.e., undergraduate minor, global and areas studies–Latin America and Caribbean studies major, or Graduate Certificate). This is both a merit and needs-based scholarship. The scholarships may be used to defray the costs of research travel or an MSU-sponsored study abroad program in Latin America or the Caribbean. Incomplete application packages will not be considered.

Applicants for the CLACS Scholarship for Study Abroad must submit a completed scholarship application form essay (approximately 500 words) explaining:

1. Why you choose this program and location;
2. How this program will contribute to your educational and professional goals;
3. How this program will stretch and challenge you as a person;
4. Discuss why you need this scholarship and how you will use it;
5. Other information you would like us to know.

For more information, contact the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

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Learn more: isp.msu.edu/greatsurge
Seminar Series Spring 2016
3:00-4:30 p.m.

February 3rd    Cuba: Sustainability and Business Perspectives in the 21st Century. Paulette Stenzel, MSU Professor of International Business Law and Sustainability at the Broad College of Business.  
**Room 303 International Center**

February 10th  Graduate Student Field Research Presentations Part 1  
Payment of Environmental Services in Colombia: Outsider’s Perspectives. Sara Torres, graduate student in community sustainability.  
**Room 201 International Center**

February 17th  Chacal: Forbidden to Write Poetry, a film by Rodrigo Lopes de Barros. Discussion with the producer and screenwriter, Guilherme Trielli Ribeiro, assistant professor, Romance and Classical Studies.  
**Room 201 International Center**

February 24th  Graduate Student Field Research Presentations Part 2  
Cuba and the Atlantic Slave Trade. Jorge Felipe Gonzalez, Ph.D. student in history.  
**Room 201 International Center**

March 16th    Caribbean Music and the Sound of Globalization. Joanna Bosse, associate professor, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH); Director RCAH Arts Program.  
**Room 201 International Center**

April 13th    Overview of Health Issues in the Peruvian Amazon and MSU’s College of Osteopathic Medical Programs. Joe Gorz, clinical assistant professor, Family and Community Medicine.  
**Room 201 International Center**