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EVENTS

Week of February 3rd

Saturday, February 2nd

“Tet Festival 2013”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center and MSU Association of Vietnamese Scholars and Students
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room, Spartan Village
The Lunar New Year is coming soon! What’s your plan? Join us in celebrating the Vietnamese Lunar New Year as the Association of Vietnamese Scholars and Students at Michigan State University proudly presents “Tet Festival 2013”. This year, we bring this event to you to immerse friends, families, and those interested in Vietnamese culture. There will be Vietnamese cuisine, musical performances, traditional dance, games and much more! Admission is free.

“Chinese Faculty Club Gathering”
Sponsored by: Chinese Faculty Club
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, International Center
Mission of Chinese Faculty Club (CFC) is to foster friendship, exchange of ideas and collaborations among the MSU Chinese Faculty. For more information, please contact: jiangj@bus.msu.edu

Wednesday, February 6th

“Helping Students ‘Pack For’ and ‘Unpack’ Their International Learning Experiences”
Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad and Office of Faculty and Organizational Development (F&OD)
11:30 pm - 1:00 pm, MSU Union - Parlor Room A
While best practice in the field of education abroad has long held that comprehensive pre-departure preparation is one of the trademarks of study abroad programming excellence, structured post-program reflection as a crucial component of successful learning abroad is a more recent development. Student motivations for a learning abroad experience vary widely. They can benefit from programming which helps them connect the dots of their learning experiences with real life skills. Employers and graduate programs value learning abroad experiences when students can articulate the benefits derived from them. Beginning with an overview of the connections between the before, during, and after components of study abroad, this session then introduces models for (1) pre-departure orientation sessions designed to optimize student learning and development abroad by providing frameworks for engagement on site; and (2) post-program reflection that can assist students in connecting their international and on-campus learning and development. Participants will learn about MSU’s “Packing For and Unpacking Your Study Abroad Experience” workshops and receive tools for how to help students connect skills gained on study abroad to their academic, personal, and professional development.

Tuesday, February 5th

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars, African Studies Center, International Studies and Programs, MSU Neighborhoods, Intercultural Pillar, and Office of Cultural & Academic Transitions
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, MSU Union Ballroom
Join us at this fun program with GRAMMY-nominated Reggae singer and songwriter Dr. Kalumbu! Dr. Kalumbu, an Ethnomusicologist at MSU, will perform and present on the African roots of Hip Hop, R&B and Reggae.

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“Contentious Land Cover Change in the Brazilian Amazon”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 201 International Center
Dr. Cynthia Simmons will present “Contentious land cover change in the Brazilian Amazon: Connections between Land Conflict, Agrarian Reform, and Deforestation” for the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series. Dr. Simmons is a Professor of Geography in the College of Social Science.

Saturday, February 9th
“Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration”
Sponsored by: Greater Lansing Chinese Association
10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Meridian Mall, Okemos
The Greater Lansing Chinese Association will be holding various celebrations at the Meridian Mall in Okemos in celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Thursday, February 7th
“Rethinking Area Studies and Post-coloniality in the Context of Globalization”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Series with Ken Harrow, Salah Hassan, Safai Babana-Hampton, Faculty (English and French, Classics & Italian, MSU)

“Hindi-Urdu Social Chai and Chat”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 302 International Center
Hindi-Urdu Social Chai and Chat is back! Get your friends, chat, have rich Indian spicy Chai and make new friends this Thursday.

Week of February 10th
Sunday, February 10th
“Chinese Spring Festival Gala 2013”
Sponsored by: Chinese Students and Scholars Association and the Chinese Undergraduate Students Association
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm, Wharton Center, Peasant Theatre
Wish you could be home for the Spring Festival? Want to celebrate it this year with friends at MSU? Want to watch some great performances at the Wharton Center and have fun? Come and watch the Spring Festival Gala 2013 with us! This year, CUSA (Chinese Undergraduate Student Association) and CSSA (Chinese Student and Scholars’ Association) will be holding a Spring Festival Gala in the Wharton Center on Feb. 10th. We promise this is a celebration that you will not forget! The Spring Festival, widely known as the Chinese New Year, is the most important festival in Chinese culture. This coming year is the year of Snake, the 6th in Chinese zodiac system. In history the Chinese people would hold big celebrations for the Spring Festival along with family and friends. The Spring Festival Gala is the biggest event presented by CUSA every year. If you are interested in Chinese language & culture, and would like to explore more about Chinese new year traditions, this is the event that you cannot miss! For more information, please visit: http://whartoncenter.com/boxoffice/performance.aspx?pid=1377

Monday, February 11th
“Unpacking Your Study Abroad Experience”
Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad and the Office of Career Services and Placement
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 113 Student Services Building
The Office of Study Abroad and the Office of Career Services and Placement offer this interactive and highly informative workshop to give students the information and skills they need to effectively present their study abroad experience in their resume and application cover letters, and during job interviews.
Wednesday, February 13th

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 305 International Center
Basketball is a huge sport and part of the culture at MSU. Come learn the basic rules of basketball, the popular MSU cheers and chants and how to get tickets to Spartan games. Participants will understand what Americans mean when they talk about “the Final Four,” “brackets,” “the Big Ten” and “the Izzone.” Lunch is included and registration is required. It’s going to be really fun and exciting! Go Green! Please register at:
http://www.isp.msu.edu/events/?id=44757

Thursday, February 14th

“Social Media Use in Rural and Urban Kenya”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Series with Susan Wyche, Faculty (Telecommunication, Information Studies, & Media, MSU).

Friday, February 15th

“They All Sort of Disappeared”: The Early Cohort of UAW Women Leaders”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm, MSU Museum Auditorium
Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives 2013 Brown Bag Series will be presented this week by Amy Bromsen, Department of Political Science, Wayne State University.
CUBA AT A CROSSROADS: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN A TIME OF POLITICAL CHANGE

July 15-27, 2013
East Carolina University Summer Session II Study Abroad Course

Visit Havana, Las Terrazas, the Vinales Valley, and Play Giron on a 13-day Cuban adventure to study tourism in a beautiful country that is on the brink of major development in the coming years. Interact with industry workers, visitors, and educators for an up close and personal look into Cuban tourism.

The cost of the trip is $2,100 and applications are due by March 29th.

For more information on what the cost includes and what the trip can mean for you, please contact:
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