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EVENTS

For the Week of September 29th:

Monday, September 29th

“Violence and Affect: Rethinking the Ordinary”

Gallin Lecture in Asian Anthropology
Speaker: Veena Das, Johns Hopkins University
4:00pm, 303 International Center

“Thirty Years in the Outdoor Classroom - Entomology and the Study Abroad Program”

Entomology Seminar Series
Speaker: Larry Besaw, Dept of Entomology
4:00pm, 204 Natural Science Bldg

“Building Wealth and Wellness Into Communities”

2008 U.N. Decade of Education for Sustainable Development Series
Speaker: Ritu Primplani, Timmakka Insitute
7:30pm, 105 South Kedzie

Tuesday, September 30th

“Human Health Risks to Low-Level Radiation”

MSU Division of Genetics & Epigenetic Toxicology, Oncology, & Human and Adult Stem Cells
Speaker: Shunichi Yamashita, Nagasaki University
11:30am - 4:30pm, 162 Food Safety and Toxicology

Energy for Sustainability

Speaker: Dr. Trung Van Nguyen
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 3540 Engineering Bldg

Wednesday, October 1st

CLACS Fall 2008 Seminar Series

Title TBA

Speaker: Marie-Christine Renard, Chapingo, Mexico
3:00pm, 204 International Center

“Nonviolent Action and Struggles for Land in India and Brazil”

Annual Kapur Lecture
Speaker: Kurt Schock, Rutgers University
7:00pm, 303 and 305 International Center

Thursday, October 2nd

“AFRICOM and the Cumulative Militarization of Africa”

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: David Wiley, ASC Director
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

Film, “Meishijie”

Asian Studies Center is screening this documentary film on urban renewal in Beijing.
4:00pm, location TBA

Film, “Red Sunrise”

Part of ‘Our Journeys/Our Stories: Portraits of Latino Achievement’
7:00pm, W449 Main Library North

Friday, October 3rd

“French Wine Confronts the Global Economy: Illustrations from Languedoc-Rousillon”

CASID/WID Friday Forum
Speaker: James Bingen, CARRS
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center



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Anthropology brown bag series

Speaker: Karin Zitzewitz

12:00pm - 1:00pm, C106 McDonel Hall

“Water”

Environment at MSU Series

Speakers: Jan Stevenson, Department of Entomology, Agriculture and Natural Resources; Jon Bartholic, Water Research Institute; Julie Winkler, Geography; and Jeff Andersen, Geography
3:00pm - 4:30pm, Corniche Room Kellogg Center

International Coffee Hour

Sponsored by OISS

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

Film, “Le Scaphandre et le Papillon”

Romance Languages Film Series

An adaptation of the biography of Jean-Dominique Bauby. In French with English subtitles.

5:00pm, 206 OHB

For the Week of October 6th:**Tuesday, October 7****“Genre, Media, and Contested Memories of the Chinese Cultural Revolution”**

Part of the Fall 2008 Colloquium ‘History and Memory in Asia’

Speaker: Guobin Yang, Barnard College

4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, October 8**“Spirituality in Medicine: The Spiritual Life of Children Living with Serious Illness”**

12th Annual Foglio Conference, Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences

8:00am - 4:00pm, Kellogg Center

CLACS Fall 2008 Seminar Series

Title and Speaker TBA

3:00pm, 305 International Center

Canadian Thanksgiving

Sponsored by the Canadian Studies Center

Celebrate a traditional Thanksgiving in honor of the Canadian holiday. RSVP by October 1st to enyart@msu.edu.

4:00pm - 6:00pm, 303 International Center

A U.S.- Mali Exchange Program Public Reception

Focusing on issues of Islam, faith, community, and democracy.

4:30pm - 6:00pm, LookOut! Gallery at Snyder Hall

Korean Language Coffee House

Sponsored by Korea Council

5:30pm - 7:00pm, 305 International Center

Thursday, October 9**“Reflections on Africa and African Studies 1965-2008”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Bill Derman, Anthropology
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

“Gender Violence and Colonialism”

Sponsored by the American Indian Studies Program

Speaker: Andrea Smith

3:00pm, 115 International Center

Film, “Summer Palace”

Part of the fall film series ‘On the Edge: Contemporary Chinese Cinema’

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

Friday, October 10th**“And the land belongs to those who work it,” Reflections on the Dilemmas Facing South Africa’s Land Reform Programs**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Bill Derman, Anthropology
12:00pm - 1:00pm, Spartan C International Center

International Coffee Hour

Sponsored by OISS

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

Film, “Machuca”

Romance Languages Film Series

Set in 1973 Santiago, Chile. Spanish with English subtitles.

5:00pm, 206 OHB

Musique 21, Latin American Music Series

The Music of Juan Orrego-Salas

8:00pm, Music Bldg Auditorium

Saturday, October 11**Korean International Awards Ceremony**

Sponsored by Korea Council

Time and Location TBA

Sunday, October 12**Taiko Drumming Workshop**

Free and open to the public

4:00pm, 120 Music Bldg

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SPRING 2009 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

Religion and Ritual, ANP 822

Professor Mara Leichtman

Thursdays 9:10am - 12:00pm, 321 Baker Hall

This course focuses on cross-cultural comparison of religious beliefs, values, and practices in traditional and developing cultures. Religious institutions in cultural systems and anthropological theories of religion and culture are also main topics to be covered. Open only to graduate students.

Indigenous Peoples' Health, ANP 491

Professor Heather A. Howard

Mondays and Wednesdays 12:40pm - 2:00pm

The health status of Indigenous peoples is invariably lower than that of the overall population throughout the world. In this course, students will be challenged to think critically about a range of structural, socio-economic, cultural, and historical dynamics which impact health, illness and healing among indigenous peoples. Through case studies the course will examine key health challenges faced by indigenous peoples, and consider how indigenous communities are building capacity to overcome these challenges.

FELLOWSHIP AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Building Capacity for Tourism and Transportation Management in South Africa, Request for Applications (RFA)

Higher Education for Development (HED) expects to make two awards of up to \$250,000 each for 3-year higher education partnerships focusing on transportation and tourism/hospitality in South Africa, contingent on USAID funding.

* Focus area one: one award up to \$250,000 will build capacity in transportation through higher education and training programs in South Africa with the University of Johannesburg, Department of Transport and Supply Chain Management.

* Focus area two: One award up to \$250,000 will concentrate on undergraduate and post graduate-level studies in tourism and hospitality management in partnership with Tshwane University of Technology, Department of Tourism. For complete details visit <http://www.hedprogram.org/> and click on South Africa: Building Capacity for Tourism and Transportation Management.

Deadline: October 28, 2008

International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)

The Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies are pleased to announce the 2009 competition of the IDRF program, which is designed

to support graduate students in the humanities and social sciences who are conducting dissertation research outside of the United States. Seventy-five fellowships of approximately \$20,000 will be awarded in 2009. The IDRF program is committed to scholarship that advances knowledge about non-US cultures and societies grounded in empirical and site-specific research (involving fieldwork, research in archival or manuscript collections, or quantitative data collection). The program promotes research that is situated in a specific discipline and geographical region and is engaged with interdisciplinary and cross-regional perspectives. Applicants must have completed all Ph.D. requirements except on-site dissertation research by the time the fellowship begins or by December 2009, whichever comes first. Fellowships will provide support for nine to twelve months of dissertation research. The fellowship must be held for a single continuous period within the eighteen months between July 2009 and December 2010.

For more detailed information on application procedures and eligibility requirements, please visit the IDRF website at <http://programs.ssrc.org/idrf>

Deadline: November 5, 2008

Open Society Institute (OSI) Fellowships for Innovative Thinkers

The OSI has launched a fellowship program to enable outstanding individuals from around the world to pursue projects that will inspire meaningful debate and shape public policy. The Fellowship will award \$2 million in 2008 to scholars, journalists, activists and others working on national security; citizenship, membership and marginalization; authoritarianism; and new strategies and tools for advocacy. Fellows' projects may include books, articles, documentary films, online media, and efforts to seed new campaigns and organizations. OSI seeks fellows who will engage with its staff and inform its thinking. OSI will provide fellows with competitive stipends and communications assistance, and will integrate them into its networks of partners and grantees. Most fellowships will be awarded for one year. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. For more information, please see the Open Society Fellowship guidelines at http://www.soros.org/initiatives/fellowship/focus_areas/guidelines

Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Fellowship

IRES is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2009-2010 Individual Advanced Research Opportunities (IARO) Program. The IARO Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for long-term overseas research on contemporary political, economic, historical, or cultural developments relevant to

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US foreign policy. Masters students, pre-doctoral students, postdoctoral students, and professionals with advanced degrees are eligible for an IARO Fellowship. IARO Fellowships cover the cost of travel and a living/housing stipend. Countries Eligible for Research include Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. For more information email iaro@irex.org or phone 202-628-8188. The IARO application and supporting materials are available on the IREX website at: www.irex.org/programs/iaro/index.asp

Deadline: November 17, 2008

University of Minnesota Postdoctoral Fellowships

Both fellowships are intended to attract promising scholars who are interested in pursuing tenure-track positions at the University of Minnesota and at other top research institutions. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. The Ph.D. must have been awarded within three years prior to the fellowship appointment which is September 2009. Applications are preferred from individuals who received their terminal degrees or postdoctoral training from institutions other than the University of Minnesota. Although stipend amounts will vary by discipline, fellows will receive a minimum annual stipend of \$45,000. Funding for research and travel to professional conferences will be provided in collaboration with the sponsoring academic department or unit. For more information, please visit the fellowship websites or contact Dr. Noro Andriamanalina at 612-626-4546.

* Postdoctoral Fellowship-all disciplines

<http://www.grad.umn.edu/postdocfellowship/index.html>
postdoc@umn.edu

* Postdoctoral Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Informatics

<http://www.grad.umn.edu/umiipostdocfellowship/index.html>
umiipd@umn.edu

Deadline for both fellowships: October 31, 2008

United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

The Fund for Indigenous Populations was established with the purpose of assisting representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights by providing them with financial assistance, funded by means of voluntary contributions from governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities. The General Assembly further expanded

the mandate of the Fund by deciding that the Fund should also be used to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations in attending, as observers, the sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii>). To nominate someone for this fund please consult <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/about/funds/indigenous>. The application may be found at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/about/funds/indigenous/docs/forms2009.doc>

Deadline: October 1, 2008

Research and Advanced Language Training in Central Eurasia

American Councils is now accepting applications for its 2009-2010 Grants for Research and Advanced Language Training programs in Central Asia, the South Caucasus, Russia, Southeastern Europe, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine and for its 2009-2010 National Endowment for the Humanities Collaborative Research grants in Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Fellowships will be offered in four categories: Title VIII Research Scholar Program, Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Program, Title VIII Special Initiatives Fellowship, and National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Collaborative Research Fellowship. Applications are available for download at www.americancouncils.org/research or by contacting the American Councils Outbound Office at outbound@americancouncils.org. Applications deadlines vary, so please see the website for details at www.americancouncils.org, or phone 202-833-7522.

CONFERENCES**Perspective on African Decolonization: African Intellectuals and Decolonization**

October 2 - 4, Ohio University

This conference is the second in a series of academic conferences at Ohio University centered on the theme "Perspectives on African Decolonization," and focuses on African intellectuals and decolonization. In 1958, Guinea, under Ahmed Sékou Touré, chose political independence over continued association with France. The All-African Peoples Convention hosted by Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana in the same year highlighted the links between and among Africans and peoples of African descent in the Diaspora.

2008 is also the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the seminal journal *Présence Africaine* by Alioune Diop. Focusing on African intellectuals and decolonization will allow for an interrogation of all three concepts as well as an opportunity to examine the roles intellectuals have played and continue to play in contemporary African efforts at liberation from economic neo-colonialism. Featured speakers include: Oyeronke Oyewumi, Department of Sociol-

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ogy State University of New York at Stony Brook; Elizabeth Schmidt, Department of History Loyola College in Baltimore; Tsenay Serequeberhan, Department of Philosophy Morgan State University. A full conference schedule and registration information is available at <http://www.african.ohio.edu/Conferences/index.html>

International Law Symposium on Africa/Liberia, Cooley Law School

The Third Annual International Law Symposium will be on the Rule of Law in Africa. The event will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 at the Cooley Center, 300 South Capitol, Lansing, MI. The panels will be held in room 501, with the lunch in room 911. The event is free and open to the public. The first panel on Diverse Theories of the Rule of Law will run from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Tatia Miller, Staff Attorney for the Africa Division of the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative will discuss a brief history of the Rule of Law and Rule of Law reforms, highlighting work going on in Africa. Then there will be three presentations on differing views on how best to implement rule of law reforms. A catered lunch will be open from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. The second panel, Liberia: Struggles in Implantation, will run from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Thomas Rasmusson, Professor of Law, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, will discuss Liberia's history, it's relationship with the United States and share some of his experience of living in Liberia for fourteen years. Part of the inspiration for the event stems from an article in the Economist on March 15, 2008, stating that while many economists are pushing for rule of law reforms, few actually understand what it means. The organizers hope that through understanding the theory and practice of rule of law reforms, all in attendance can leave with a better understanding of rule of law reforms in Africa. Any questions may be sent to Jeff Ziarnik, President, Cooley International Law Symposium at ziarnikj@cooley.edu.

"The Tragedy of the Commons" 40th Anniversary: A Retrospective Symposium

November 21, 2008, Sponsored by the Adrian College Policy Institute, Adrian, Michigan

"Tragedy of the Commons," published in 1968, is one of the most influential science articles of the past half-century. Hardin, who died in 2003, argued that the Earth is a commons threatened by overpopulation, and that the only solution was "mutual coercion, mutually agreed upon" to limit population growth. The Symposium will bring together an interdisciplinary set of scholars to look back on Hardin's argument, including commons expert Elinor Ostrom. Registration is \$45, which includes lunch, dinner, transportation to and from Detroit Metro Airport and one night's lodging at the Carlton Lodge (<http://www.carltonlodge.com>) if needed. Each attendee will receive a commemorative item with the

Symposium logo. Space is limited. To register, please go to the Symposium website http://www.adrian.edu/academics/policy_institute/commons.php

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information Meeting for Agriculture, Development, Environment & Gender: NGO Internships in Malawi

The Study Abroad Planning Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, 5:00pm - 7:00pm in Room 6 International Center. This program is open to MSU students only and will take place January 12 - May 1, 2009. The deadline to apply is October 15, 2008. Visit <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/africangointern.html> for more details. To find out more about the program contact one of the following people: Dr. Anne Ferguson, 353-5040; Dr. Tracy Dobson, 432-1711; or Kate Patch, 353-5040.

Meet Michigan Traveling Seminar: Focus on Detroit and its Unique History and Needs

The Graduate School invites MSU doctoral students to apply for the Meet Michigan program scheduled for October 17, 2008. The foci for this program include health, safety, education, environment, redevelopment and social services. Spaces will be available for 30 MSU faculty, academic specialists and librarians with continuing appointments and 10 doctoral candidates from the designated disciplines or those whose work relates to the disciplinary foci. The costs of this trip will be covered by the Graduate School for the selected students. If you have questions regarding the itinerary, speakers or other activities, please contact Allyn Shaw, Director of Leadership Development Program, at 355-5761 or leaders@msu.edu. All applications must be submitted on or before Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Submit the complete application and short essay via campus mail to Tony Nunez, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, the Graduate School, 118 Linton Hall or via fax at 517-353-3355.

Workshop Series available to Teaching Assistants and Graduate Students

Please visit the following Websites for information on upcoming workshops. For any questions on these and other MSU workshop opportunities, please contact Kevin M. Johnston, Director, MSU TA Programs, kmj@msu.edu.

* Teaching Assistant Program Workshops Calendar: <http://tap.msu.edu/workshops/2008/sep.htm>

* Responsible Conduct of Research: <http://grad.msu.edu/all/resconduct.htm#prgm>

* Career & Professional Development Series: <http://grad.msu.edu/professional.htm>

* Graduate School Professional Development Workshops: <http://grad/msu/edu/stuwork.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***Graduate Minority Women's Support Group**

Facilitator: Tawa Sina, Ph.D.

The focus of this group is to assist minority women in traversing the academic and social pressures involved with being a graduate student. Open to all graduate women with minority status (e.g., race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, dis-ability). This group meets every Tuesday from 5:00 – 6:30 pm in 224 SSB and will begin on September 9, 2008. A pre-group interview is required. Please contact Dr. Tawa Sina, at 355-8270, if interested in participating.

Sudan Exhibit at MSU Main Library

The MSU Libraries presents an exhibition of books, photos, journals and maps in conjunction with One Book, One Community's "They Poured Fire On Us from the Sky," featuring Sudan's conflict and Sudanese refugees with close MSU and Lansing ties. The exhibit is on the First Floor, West Wing of the Main Library (opposite new books, near Cyber Café). A map tracing routes of Alephonsion and Benson Deng and Benjamin Ajak is included, as well as photo displays from local groups: Southern Sudan Rescue and Relief Association; Southern Sudan Health Care Organization; and Southern Sudanese and MSU African Studies Center publications on Sudan.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on October 6th. 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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