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We've had more than our share of snow already this semester, but that has not stopped many of MSU's great programs. More are ahead for the rest of February. Hope to see you there!

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## Events: Week of 14 February

### Tuesday, 15 February

*A Collision between Biological and Cultural Evolution in Breast Cancer*

Speaker: James E. Trosko, Ph.D., Dept. Pediatrics/Human Development, College of Human Medicine

[Asian Studies](#)

3:30-5pm, 303 International Center

### Wednesday, 16 February

*Implementing a Haiti Resilience System*

Speakers: Michael D. McDonald, director, Center for Health Security and Infrastructure, University of Maryland, School of Public Health; and president, Global Health Initiatives, Inc.

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3-4:30pm, 201 International Center

### Thursday, 17 February

*Religion and Civil Society in Mali: Observations of an MSU Delegation*

Speakers: Emine Evered, Faculty (History, MSU), Salah D. Hassan, Faculty (English, MSU), Austin Jackson and Carolyn Loeb, Faculty (Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, MSU)

[African Studies](#)

12pm, 201 International Center

### Friday, 18 February

*MSU Strategic Partnerships: Zhejiang University, China*

Speakers: Jiaguo Qi, Department of Geography, Richard Hula, Department of Political Science, and Nathan Moore, Department of Geography

[CASID/GenCen Friday Forum](#)

12-1pm, 201 International Center

*International Coffee Hour*

A great place to make friends, be involved and start the weekend... and the coffee is free!

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4-6pm, Spartan B and C International Center

## Events: Week of 21 February

### Wednesday, 23 February

*Federally Funded Research Opportunities and Projects in the Caribbean and Latin America: 1995-2010 and Beyond*

Speaker: James Anthony, professor, Epidemiology, College of Human Medicine

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3-4:30pm, 201 International Center

### Thursday, 24 February

*State Failure in Africa*

Speaker: Cameron Thies, Faculty (Political Science, Univ. of Iowa)

[African Studies](#)

12pm, 201 International Center

### Friday, 25 February

*MSU Strategic Partnerships: Tanzania Partnership Project and Sustainable Community Development*

Speakers: Kristin Phillips, Department of Teacher Education, Jennifer Olson, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Patty Peek, College of Nursing, John Kaneene, College of Veterinary Medicine and Center for Comparative Epidemiology, and Diane Ruonavaara, Tanzania Partnership Program Manager

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## Announcements

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*Gender, Women, and Sexuality*

## *An Undergraduate Showcase*

### **Submission Deadline: March 1**

GenCen invites undergraduate students to present research exploring issues of gender, women, and sexuality locally and globally for its first undergraduate conference to be held on April 1, 2011. Papers are invited from any discipline or topic, but are especially encouraged in the following areas: feminist theories, gender identity, and sexuality in diverse cultural contexts; theories and explorations of men and masculinities; lbtqi theories, activism, and human rights; intersections of gender and sexuality with race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, class, and disability; public policy related to women, gender, and sexuality; gender and sexuality in film, literature, history, and popular cultures. Papers will be grouped thematically, and faculty or graduate students will provide commentary and moderate discussion.

#### Submission Requirements:

Please submit in one email: 1) one document with author name (s), email, and research title, 2) another document with title and abstract with a maximum of 250 words. Email to [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) with Subject: Undergraduate Research.

Conference Details: April 1, 2011, International Center, Third Floor. Registration is free, open to all, and includes lunch with keynote speaker Dean Joan Howarth, College of Law. Email [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) with name and affiliation to register.

*\*\*\*Sponsored by the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, the College of Arts & Letters, the Center for Gender in Global Context, the Honors College, and James Madison College.*

#### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

USAID's Africa Bureau is accepting internship applications through March 15.

[http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan\\_africa/internships.html](http://www.usaid.gov/locations/sub-saharan_africa/internships.html)

#### INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

*Agriculture, Development, Environment and Gender:  
NGO Internships in Malawi*

Summer Semester  
Lilongwe, Malawi  
May 28 - August 6, 2011

#### ***What's this program about?***

Malawi has traditionally had a strong gender division of labor in agriculture and natural resource management - with women and men sometimes growing different crops or performing different

operations on the same crops. In Africa, thousands of NGOs work on projects related either directly or indirectly to agricultural and/or environmental processes. By studying complex issues such as women's access to land and other natural resources, household divisions of labor, and national and international economic development policies, students will gain an understanding of the cultural and societal forces at work in Malawi and beyond that can constrain and, in some cases, empower rural families as they attempt to improve their well-being.

***What can students study?***

On this program, students will spend 10 weeks in Malawi where they will: take classes on the history and geography of Malawi and Southern Africa; complete a 6-week internship with a non-governmental organizations (NGO) focusing on the intersection of development, agriculture, and gender; and travel throughout the region visiting game parks, touring Lake Malawi, and working with village communities.

***What are the requirements?***

Students must be of at least sophomore status and in good academic standing, with a grade point average of at least 2.5 at the time of application. Meeting this minimum grade point average does not, however, guarantee admission. Additionally, students must submit a personal statement and letter of recommendation. Applicants' participation may be denied or their participation approval may be revoked if their conduct before departure raises doubts as to their suitability for program participation.

***Where will students live?***

Students will be provided housing at a local guest house in Lilongwe for the entire duration of the program.

Application Deadline is March 1, 2011!

***To learn more about this program***

Please contact Dr. Anne Ferguson at [fergus12@msu.edu](mailto:fergus12@msu.edu) and/or visit

<http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/programs/malawiintern.html>