Week of February 5

**Monday, February 6**

“A World on the Move: Refugees, Migrants and Immigrants”

Sponsors: MSU Alumni Association and the Honors College
7:00 p.m., MSU Union ballroom (2nd floor)

The Honors College’s 24th installment of Sharper Focus/Wider Lens series is free and open to the public. It features a transdisciplinary discussion among MSU faculty that explores the political discourse and visuals surrounding immigration, the role of a civil society in the refugee crisis, unaccompanied minors coming to the United States from Central America, a historical look at Asian immigration through Ellis Island and much more. Audience Q&A will follow. Speakers include: David Thronson, from the College of Law; Stephanie Nawyn, from the Department of Sociology and Center for Gender in Global Context; Sophia Koufopoulou, from the Department of Sociology; Johanna Schuster-Craig, from the Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages; and Anna Pegler-Gordon, from James Madison College and the Asian Pacific American Studies Program. If you are unable to attend in person, watch the MSU Alumni Association’s Livestream at livestream.com/msualumni.

**Wednesday, February 8**

**Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour**

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center
4:00-5:00 p.m., 305 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students who are in the Arabic program, where they speak the language and learn about the culture in a relaxed environment with a Fulbright teaching assistant. Students from all Arabic language levels are encouraged to attend. Arabic-speaking students from the English Center are welcome as well. For more information, please email cheikh.sheibe@gmail.com.

“In International Experience and Experiential Learning”

Sponsor: Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities
4:10-5:30 p.m., A320 Wells Hall

A panel of students from Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities will speak.
Study Abroad Information Sessions

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.

**Technology, Humanities, and the Arts in London Summer 2017**
Thursday, February 9
5:00-6:00 p.m.
W101C in the Library (near Spar-ty’s)

**Business in Scotland Summer 2017**
Friday, February 10
10:30-11:30 a.m.
301 Eppley Center Department

“Into the Golden Age: Celtic Art of a Medieval Ireland”

Sponsor: The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum
7:00 p.m., The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum

Using the Irish Uprising of 1916 as a starting point, 2116: Forecast of the Next Century asks 16 contemporary artists to look forward another 100 years and imagine what the future might hold for Ireland. In this lecture, Caitlin Doherty, curator of the exhibition, will take us back to early Medieval times and a shared Celtic tradition which has become immediately recognizable around the world today. Using some of the finest works of art from this time as examples such as manuscript illumination, metalwork, and stone sculpture, the audience will be taken on a journey into the Golden Age of Irish art and will further consider how this continues to inform an understanding of Irish identity today.

Thursday, February 9

“Corruption Discourses and Women and Politics in Africa: The Case of the Female Politicians of the Gender Equality Movement in Senegal”

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

Emily Riley, a visiting assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa seminar series.

“Africa Tea”

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

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

“Leveraging the Lottery for Financial Inclusion: Lot-to-Linked Savings Accounts in Haiti”

Sponsor: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
3:30-5:00 p.m., Morrill Hall of Agriculture 75

Travis Lybbert, a professor in Agriculture and Resource Economics at the University of California-Davis, will speak as part of the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics seminar series.

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“The Failure of a Concept: The Use and Abuse of Sovereignty in Chinese History”

4:00 p.m., International Center 115

Pär Cassel, an associate professor of history at the University of Michi-
gan and the associate director of the Lieberthal-Rogel Center for Chinese Studies, will speak as part of the Transnational East Asia Colloquium series. He specializes in the legal and political history of the late Qing and early Republican period in Chinese history and is the author of *Grounds of Judgment: Extraterritoriality and Imperial Power in Nineteenth-Century China and Japan*. In Chinese historiography, “sovereignty” is often employed as a placeholder for a number of related, yet discrete, ideas of state power. As a result, the idea of sovereignty in Chinese history has become increasingly unmoored from the original context in which it was formulated and often obscures as much as it explains our understanding the emergence of the modern Chinese state. This talk will summarize recent advances in the study of sovereignty in the social sciences and attempt to create some clarity in the increasingly confusing sub-field of “sovereignty studies” in Chinese history.

The Lasting Significance of Evian and the Sosua Settlement

Sponsors: the College of Arts and Letters, and James Madison College
7:00-8:30 p.m., Wells Hall B-342

Distinguished MSU alumni Hugh Baver and Dennis Laffer will present on the 1938 Evian Conference and subsequent 1940 Sosua settlement on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. This conference, convened by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, decided the fate of the fleeing and displaced European Jews. Included in the discussion will be the historical background on why the conference was convened, its content, participants, outcomes; they will also examine the motivations behind then dictator Rafael Trujillo’s decision to admit Jewish refugees. Finally, they will discuss the Jewish refugees’ experience in building a new life.

Saturday, February 11

From Spain to America

Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Carribean Studies
8:00 p.m., Wharton Center Great Hall
Preeminent guitarist and multiple Grammy Award winner Sharon Isbin joins the Lansing Symphony for a flavorful evening of music with Rodrigo’s sultry Concierto de Aranjuez. Traveling musically from Spain to the Americas, prepare yourself for a splashy and energetic night, full of exotic rhythms and rich harmonies.

Week of February 12

Wednesday, February 15

Global Engagement Speaker Series: Shawn Wilson

Sponsors: International Studies and Programs and University Outreach and Engagement
3:00-5:00 p.m., Kellogg Center
Shawn Wilson is Opaskwayak Cree from northern Manitoba, Canada,
with a doctorate in social sciences/indigenous studies. His expertise is in research methodology and epistemologies, particularly in ways of knowing and conducting research used by indigenous peoples. He has applied these within the contexts of indigenous education, counselling and counsellor education, indigenous mental health and general indigenous studies through comparison between Indigenous peoples internationally. His current role is in building research capacity with primary health care workers. Previously, he has documented ideas about what an elder is and how elders can be supported. His latest book, *Research is Ceremony: Indigenous Research Methods*, examines some of the similarities in philosophy underlying indigenous peoples’ research methodologies in Canada and Australia. In addition to further articulating indigenous philosophies and research paradigms, his research focuses on the inter-related concepts of identity, health and healing, culture and well-being.

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**Thursday, February 16**

**“Muslim Women and the Freedom to Choose”**

Sponsor: Muslim Studies 12:00, International Center 303

Lila Abu-Lughod, the Joseph L. Buttenwieser Professor of Social Science at Columbia University, will speak. What can we learn from public debates about Muslim women that hinge on a right—the “right to choose freely”—that has been enshrined in international feminist conventions and that animates the popular American imagination of such practices as veiling and arranged marriage? As an anthropologist, Dr. Abu-Lughod looks to the everyday lives of young women in one Egyptian village to open up new ways of thinking about choice and to
expose the politics behind fantasies about this concept.

Eye on Africa Weekly Seminar Series

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

Natalie Me-Nsop, an assistant professor in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics, will speak as part of the Eye on Africa seminar series.

Friday, February 17

“A Star with the Big Screen: Employment, Working Life and Status in Tanzanina Movie Houses”

Sponsor: History and African Studies Center
12:15-1:30 p.m., MSU Museum Auditorium

Laura Fair, an associate professor in the Department of History, will speak as part of the Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives brown bag lunch series.

Teaching Abroad Event

Sponsors: African American and African Studies All Art and Cultural Management Art, Art History, and Design Center for Language Education and Research (CLEAR) Center for Language Teaching Advancement (CeLTA) Digital Humanities English English Language Center Film Studies Foreign Language Teaching Global Studies in the Arts & Humanities Linguistics and Languages MSU Inclusion Philosophy Romance and Classical Studies Second Language Studies Theatre 1:00-2:30 p.m., Wells Hall B-122

This information session is designed for students from all majors who are interested in teaching abroad. You will hear from panelists who have participated in a variety of teaching abroad experiences. For more information, contact Jennifer Gansler (gansler@msu.edu) or Cindy Walter (walterc2@msu.edu).
Announcements

CASID/GENCEN Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

Applications are due February 10, 2017.

The Center for Advanced Study in International Development (CASID) and the Center for Gender in Global Context are pleased to announce their 2017-18 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) competition. The fellowships, provided by the U.S. Department of Education, are available for both undergraduate and graduate students (U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents only) currently attending MSU or who have applied to attend by the fall of 2017. Undergraduate awards are worth up to $15,000 per academic year; graduate awards are worth up to $33,000 per academic year. Summer awards for all students are worth up to $7,500. For more information, please see the documents below or contact Jennifer Brewer, the CASID International Program Coordinator, at brewer13@msu.edu.

2017 Michigan Japanese Language Speech Contest

Applications are due February 24, 2017.

If you love Japanese, a real challenge, and the chance to win great prizes, join us for the Michigan 2017 Japanese language speech contest. Applications are available on the website of the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit. The contest is sponsored by Delta Airlines Inc., Japanese Teachers Association of Michigan, Japan Business Society of Detroit, Japan America Society of Michigan and Southwestern Ontario. First prize includes a $750 Delta Airlines Voucher (University level),

Schoenl Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas

Applications are due February 25, 2017.

The purpose of the Schoenl Family Undergraduate Grant for Dire Needs Overseas is to identify and fund the most outstanding projects that will serve dire human needs in countries other than the U.S. The grants must be used within a 12-month period to make an impact that will help alleviate dire human needs. The amount awarded depends on available funds and project scope. Typical grant funding is $1,200 for a level I award and $1,800 for a level II award. Applications are available August 31. Inquiries should be directed to hcglobal@msu.edu.

Claffey Meyer International Travel Grant

Applications are due March 1, 2017.

These grants are for domestic students who intend to travel to developing countries for the purpose of providing technical assistance, participate in research, or engage in service. Grants are intended to support travel, related living expenses, and projects costs, not to be used as a tuition scholarship. Please see isp.msu.edu/information-resources/student-funding for more information.
Announcements

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA)

Applications are due March 9, 2017.

The Fulbright-Hays competition is now open. The fellowship supports doctoral student research in one or more countries with which the U.S. has diplomatic relations. This fellowship covers airfare, insurance, and project expenses for the fellow and maintenance stipends for the fellow and accompanying dependents. MSU has been successful in this competition, largely due to the high quality of its graduate students and the attentive mentorship by the graduate faculty. In 2016 MSU students were awarded 4 grants—one for Zanzibar, one for Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, and Portugal, one for Senegal and France, and one for Kazakhstan and Russia. A student is eligible to apply who is a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States, is a doctoral student in good standing at or near candidacy status, is planning a teaching career in the United States upon completion of his or her doctoral program, and possesses sufficient foreign language skills to carry out the dissertation research project. This year’s competition closes March 14. Our internal deadline will be March 9, though there will be intermediate target dates for the various components of the application. For additional information, please contact Dr. Roger Bresnahan at bresnaha@msu.edu or (517) 432-8244.

DAAD In-Country/In-Region Scholarships for the MRPP

See website for application deadlines.

The Partnership for African Social and Governance Research invites applicants to the DAAD in-Country/in-Region Scholarships for its Master of Research and Public Policy program (MRPP). The scholarships include tuition fees, a monthly stipend to cover living costs and accommodation, and an annual study and research allowance. The scholarships are for citizens of countries within sub-Saharan Africa. For additional information please visit the MRPP webpage at mrppafrica.org.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE & AREA STUDIES

Undergraduate and Graduate Language Fellowships for 2017-18

2017 summer awards for undergraduate and graduate students up to $7,500
Undergraduate academic year awards up to $15,000
Graduate academic year awards up to $33,000

For more information, visit the CASID website, casid.isp.msu.edu/research-and-funding/flas, or contact Jennifer Brewer at brewer13@msu.edu.

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