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**EVENTS**

**Week of October 28th**

**Monday, October 29th**

**“Optional Practical Training (OPT) Webinar”**
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Online Webinar
Join OISS for an online OPT information session by logging in to participate in our OPT webinar. F-1 students may apply for one year of work authorization, called the Optional Practical Training (OPT), for use after graduation. We recommend that applications are submitted at least 3 months before graduation. Come learn more about how you can apply for OPT, and get your questions about the process answered. For additional information, contact Laura Wise at lauraw@msu.edu

**Thursday, November 1st**

**“Symposium: The Legacy of Don Juan”**
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, RCAH Auditorium
This will be a performance of the Legacy of Don Juan featuring Carlos Morton, George Peters, Clint Goodson, Valentina Denzel, Joseba Gailondo with music by the MSU Department of Music and Dia de los muertos altars.

**“Building Holistic, Master-Planned Cities from Scratch: Privatized Urbanism in Urban Africa”**
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center presents: Eye on Africa. This is a weekly seminar series this week featuring, Martin Murray, Faculty, Urban Planning, University of Michigan.

**Friday, November 2nd**

**“Symposium: The Legacy of Don Juan”**
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, RCAH Auditorium
This will be a performance of the Legacy of Don Juan featuring Carlos Morton, George Peters, Clint Goodson, Valentina Denzel, Joseba Gailondo with music by the MSU Department of Music and Dia de los muertos altars.

**“Learning Abroad Conference: Student voices and student abroad programming”**
Sponsored by: Office for Study Abroad
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 2nd and 3rd Floors, International Center
Faculty, program leaders, and others interested in learning about students returning from education abroad experiences are invited to participate in the first annual MSU Learning Abroad Conference, sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad, the Office of International Students and Scholars, and the Faculty Learning Community on Teaching and Learning Abroad. The conference is designed to give voice to the student experience through a variety of creative media so that fellow students as well as MSU faculty and staff may better understand the nature and impacts of student learning abroad.

**Part I: Student Presentations**
Students will showcase posters, and give oral presentations (e.g. poetry, reflection, journal entries, video and/or other creative media) in concurrent sessions. They will be encouraged to highlight program features such as community engagement, internships, research, service learning, foreign language experiences, etc. Program leaders and other interested faculty and staff are encouraged.
to participate in sessions of interest and listen to students make deeper sense of their international experiences, and hear how students explore connections between education abroad and on-campus experiences.

**Part II: Break-out sessions and resources**

Program leaders and other interested faculty and staff will have the opportunity to participate in guided dialogue with colleagues about how to plan, prepare, and develop optimal student learning experiences. Opportunities for interaction with veteran program leaders, on-campus and community resources that support student learning abroad will be provided.

**Week of November 4th**

**Tuesday, November 6th**

**“Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP&R)”**

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm, 201 International Center

MSU requires that all study abroad program leaders participate in a one-hour Emergency Preparedness and Response training seminar every other year. Seminar presentations are made by members of the OSA Health and Safety Team and cover preparation prior to departure, resources available, and actions to take while abroad when responding to emergencies. Leaders will not receive a travel advance until they attend a seminar. Leaders will be notified if they need to attend an additional seminar.

**“Documenting Nepantla: Decolonial Knowledge and Chicana Subjectivity in the Films of Lourdes Portill”**

Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center

Presentation by Dr. Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson, Associate Professor of Spanish, Whitman College. Nohemy teaches courses on theater, film, performance, and language. Her research focuses on gender and sexuality in Mexican and Chicana/o popular culture. Her publications include articles on contemporary Mexican film and US Latino/a performance; and a forthcoming book (McFarland Publishers 2012) on the representation of Mexican indigenous women that draws on Chicana feminist theory to argue that a colonial gaze erases indigenous women’s agency and polices their sexuality while ironically exalting the mestizo identity of Mexicans. Solórzano-Thompson is Past-Chair of the National Association for Chicana and Chicana Studies (NACCS), Co-chair for the Mexico Section of Latin American Studies Association (LASA), and is an active member of Asociación Internacional de Literatura y Cultura Femenina Hispánica (AILCFH) and Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS).

**Wednesday, November 7th**

**“Emergency Preparedness and Response (EP&R)”**

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad
10:00 pm - 11:00 pm, 201 International Center

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**Thursday, November 8th**

**“Media, Art, + Activism in the Middle East and Asia Speaker Series: Mariam Ghani”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, 108 KAC

This presentation is a part of this year’s Fall Colloquium, “Media, Art and Activism in the Middle East and Asia.”

This session’s presenter will be: Jaishri Abichandani. Primarily a conceptual and political artist, the work of Jaishri Abichandani reflects her position as a feminist South Asian American. Her practice manifests in the form of installations, sculptures, paintings, events, and exhibitions focusing on issues of gender and power. Abichandani has exhibited at P.S.1/MOMA, the 798 Beijing Biennial, and the House of World Cultures in Berlin.

**Sunday, November 11th**

**“MSU Global Festival”**

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm, MSU Union

Travel the World in One Day! Global Festival offers the greater Lansing community the chance to explore cultures from around the world. Every year, international students participate in showcasing their home country with features such as children’s games, international exhibits, and performances. During the festival explore the World Gift Shop, which offers a variety of international art works, jewelry, glassware, clothing and a multitude of gift items. Proceeds support the CVIP Scholarship Fund for spouses of international students to attend MSU classes. Indulge yourself in international cuisine in the Global Café! The Global Festival is the best family event in town—and it’s free!
The Nineth International Conference on the Philippines

The Philippines and the World The Ninth International Conference on the Philippines will be held at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan USA. Held at approximately four-year intervals since 1980, this conference seeks to bring together specialists in all academic areas concerning the Philippines or Filipinos anywhere in the world. Within the context of disciplinary and cross-disciplinary sessions we aim to foster interdisciplinary conversations among academics, policymakers, and interested members of the global community that will bring about greater understanding of Philippine matters and address issues of importance for the future of the Philippines and of Filipinos in the homeland and its diasporas. Some of the round-table sessions will be internet-based to incorporate presenters located outside the United States MSU Faculty.

Discount: Discount for all MSU Faculty (must have MSU email address as proof)
ICOPHIL Student Discount: Student discount for all registering students (requires a proof of enrollment).

Sunday, October 28th - Tuesday, October 30th 2012
To register go to: https://noncredit.msu.edu/listSections.action?catalogid=8&offeringid=697

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23rd Annual International Awards

The International Awards Ceremony is hosted each Spring by the Dean of International Studies and Programs. The purpose is to bring together MSU faculty, staff, students, community volunteers and others from the wider community to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions toward international understanding.

Nominations for the 2013 International Awards Ceremony are now open. The nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on Monday, December 17, 2012.
Nomination forms can be found at: www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards.htm

Peace Corps

Welcome back to a new semester! If the summer provided you with some time to think about what’s next after graduation perhaps you should consider Peace Corps: it’s an opportunity to gain experience living and working abroad in agricultural and forestry extension, health extension, English and science teaching, youth and community development, business development, and information technology education.

Upcoming Peace Corps Events:
General Informational Meeting: Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 pm, 303 International Center
For further information please contact: msupeace@msu.edu

“Island Houses”
Dominican Republic, 2001
Michele Madison

“Meditation”
Thailand, 2003
Linda Roberts
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Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries

This course analyzes rural natural resource management in developing countries, focusing on the factors that lead to natural resource outcomes, e.g. conservation, productivity, and income distribution. The course begins with a look at how human and natural systems interact, then addresses a variety of issues that influence natural resource management including people’s perceptions of the natural resource scarcity, poverty and population density, tenure security, property rights regimes, collective action and its determinants, and governance. It also examines policy approaches for promoting conservation where benefits are off-site. This course qualifies for the FLAS specializations and some other specializations on campus.

ACR 848, Spring 2013

Thursdays 3:00 pm - 5:50 pm

Natural Resources Building, Room 1

Professor: John Kerr

An Anthropological Introduction to Islam in Africa

This course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students and aims to provide an overview of “African” Islam through the work of Muslim and non-Muslim scholars from anthropology and other related disciplines. We will begin with an overview of the fundamentals of Islam before turning to the diverse accounts of the historical spread of Islam to Africa, the religious implications of the African slave trade and European colonialism, and Islamic philosophies, education, prayer, novels, law and politics in different African countries and contexts. Themes of religious conversion, gendered dynamics, migration, new media, and the relationship of Islam to human rights will also be explored. We will visit the Islamic Center of East Lansing, watch films, follow the media portrayal of Africa, and hear alternative narratives of Islam in Africa from guest speakers.

ANP 491, Section 003, Spring 2013

Wednesdays 4:10 pm - 7:00 pm

211A Berkey Hall

Professor: Mara Leichtman

The next issue of the CASID Current will be sent November 8th. Send information to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Sarah Anthony; e-mail: casid@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.

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