For the Week of September 7, 2009:

Monday, September 7th
Labor Day - MSU Closed

Tuesday, September 8th
“Islamic Militancy and Women’s Rights in Pakistan”
The Asian Studies Center
Center for Gender in Global Context
Muslim Studies Program
Speaker: Memoona Rauf Khan, Associate Professor, CASE Islamabad
12:00pm-1:30pm, 302 International Center

Wednesday, September 9th
“Historical Aspects of Regional Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean”
CLACS Seminar Series
Speakers: Peter Beattie, Ben Smith and David Wheat, Department of History
3:00pm, 1208 Engineering Building

Fall Welcome Reception
Latin American/Caribbean Studies
Chicano/Latino Studies
4:00pm-6:30pm, 303 International Center

Thursday, September 10th
“New Perspectives on Islam in Senegal”
African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Mara Leichtman, Department of Anthropology
12:00pm, 201 International Center

“Fast Track to Library Research”
MSU Library Workshop
1:30pm-4:00pm, Main Library, Beaumont Instruction Room (E119)
This workshop will show you how to save time, work smart, and start researching like an expert using MSU-licensed resources and librarian-recommended Web portals. Discover new strategies for accessing and selecting pertinent literature on your topic and improving your research results. For more information, visit: http://www2.lib.msu.edu/general/events/workshops.jsp

“Gods, Demons and Generals: Icons of Korean Shamanism”
5:30pm-7:00pm, Kresge Art Museum
This exhibition of late 19th-early 20th century paintings of spirits and deities organized by the Korea Society, New York, explores the shamanic tradition that has informed Koreans’ world view and their belief system, past and present.

“Major Themes of Korean Shamanism”
MSU Department of Religious Studies
Speaker: Robert McKinley, Department of Religious Studies
7:00pm, 118 Psychology Building
In coordination with “God, Demons and Generals: Icons of Korean Shamanism”

“Investing in Responsibility & Integrity for a Productive Career”
Graduate School Workshop
6:00pm, 103 Erickson Hall (Kiva)
For more information and to register for the workshop, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/
EVENTS continued

Friday, September 11th

“Endnote X3 Training”
MSU Library Workshop
10:30am-12:00pm, Main Library, Basement Instruction Room (EG2)
A basic introduction to EndNote X3. Learn how to:
- Import references from MSU’s online catalog and article databases
- Format citations and bibliographies in a Word document
For more information about this popular program, visit http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/endnote

“Carbon Dynamics of China’s Grasslands Under Human and Climate Impacts from 2001-2007”
CASID-GenCen Friday Forum
Speaker: Jiaguo Qi, Center for Global Change and Earth Observations
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

“Chiapas, the South, and Mexico’s Regional Inequality in the Context of Trade Openness”
CLACS Seminar Series
Speaker: Marcela González Rivas, Postdoctoral Associate, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University
1:30pm, 1208 Engineering Building

International Coffee Hour
Sponsored by OISS
4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

For the Week of September 14, 2009

Tuesday, September 15th

“Title to be Announced”
Asian Studies Colloquium Series on Women and Gender Politics in Asia
Speaker: Laura Miller, Department of Anthropology, Loyola University of Chicago
3:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, September 16th

“Health-related Behaviors and Well-being in Latin America: Public Health Training and research needs”
CLACS Seminar Series
Speakers: Libby Bogdan-Lovis, Center for Ethics & Humanities in the Life Sciences; Fred Giord, Department of Philosophy; Michael Rip, Program in Public Health; and Patricia Obando, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Health
1:30pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, September 17th

CLACS Faculty Retreat I
Evaluation of Academic Programs and Curricula
9:30am - 3:15pm, 303 International Center (RSVP required)
This retreat is for anyone interested in Latin America and/or the Caribbean (i.e. faculty, staff, students, administrators). If you are interested in attending, please contact CLACS (clacs@msu.edu).

“Unclear Silhouette: Can South Sudan Charter a Peaceful Path to Independence”
African Studies Center Brown Bag Speaker: Loro LoLaja Kujjo, Department of Radiology
12:00pm, 201 International Center

“Creating a Teaching Philosophy Part 1: Establishing the Basics”
Graduate School Workshop
5:30pm, International Center Spartan Room C
For more information and to register for the workshop, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/

Friday, September 18th

“Endnote X3 Training”
MSU Library Workshop
10:30am-12:00pm, Main Library, Basement Instruction Room (EG2)
A basic introduction to EndNote X3. Learn how to:
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“Group-Based Payment for Environmental Services: Perspectives from Mexico and Indonesia”
CASID-GenCen Friday Forum
Speaker: John Kerr, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 201 International Center

“The Thesis/Dissertation Formatting and Graduation Requirements”
Graduate School Workshop
2:00pm, South Kedzie Hall, Room 105
Check-in begins at 1:30-2:00pm
This presentation is offered only once each semester. For more information and to register for the workshop, visit: http://grad.msu.edu/workshops/

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FULBRIGHT
FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Participants will be informed about the objectives, requirements, and deadlines for each program as well as how to: 1) develop a more competitive application, 2) select a host country, and 3) make necessary host country contacts. Fulbright Fellowships are prestigious and career-enhancing. They confer special status on winners during and following their foreign study, as outstanding, officially recognized representatives of the United States.

The Fulbright Program funds students, faculty, and other professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, and teaching at all levels: elementary, secondary, and university in more than 140 countries. Most grantees plan their own programs. Projects may include university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or life sciences, or some combination. The grants pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance, and, in some cases, tuition waivers and research allowances.

The approximate application submission deadlines for selected Fulbright Fellowship Programs for the 2010-2011 academic year are:

- Faculty/Professional Programs
  - Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program
    Approximate Deadline: **November 9, 2009**

- Student/Graduate Student Programs
  1) Fulbright U.S. Student Program
    **September 24, 2009**
  2) Fulbright-Hays DDRA Program
    Approximate Deadline: **November 1, 2009**

NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATION
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
Beginning Fall 2009
Michigan State University’s new Graduate Certificate in Community Engagement prepares students for academic careers that integrate scholarship with community engagement.

The program is designed to help students organize and reflect on their community engagement experiences. It is tailored in cooperation with the student’s graduate advisor and University Outreach and Engagement, and includes both instruction and a mentored experience in community engagement.

Students who complete the program will receive a Certificate of Completion from the Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement and a notation on their transcript through the Office of the Registrar.

For more information, visit: [http://outreach.msu.edu/gradcert/](http://outreach.msu.edu/gradcert/)

UPCOMING EVENT
MSU PEACE CORPS INFORMATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 23
6:00pm-7:30pm, 303 International Center
Peace Corps is hiring people from a broad range of fields to work internationally. This session is an opportunity to learn more about where and in what sectors Peace Corps Volunteers serve, the benefits of serving, the application process, and experiences of former Volunteers. We’ll also answer any of your own questions about this incredible opportunity to make a difference in the world. Life is calling...How far will you go?

CONFERENCES
3RD ANNUAL MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AFRICANIST GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE
October 9-10, 2009
The conference is sponsored by Michigan State University’s African Studies Center. Additional sponsors include Michigan State University’s Departments of History, Anthropology, and Political Science, the Center for Advanced Studies in International Development, the Center for Gender in Global Context, the International Neurologic & Psychiatric
Epidemiology Program (INPEP), International Studies Program, and the College of Social Sciences. A $20 conference fee can be paid online through the Conference website upon abstract acceptance. More information can be found at the Conference’s website: http://africa.msu.edu/gradconference. Questions can be addressed to the conference organizers at msuafcon@msu.edu.

FEATURED SPEAKER: James A. Pritchett, Director of the African Studies Center and Professor of Anthropology

James A. Pritchett received his B.A. in Anthropology from Ohio State University in 1977, his A.M. in Anthropology from Harvard University in 1984, and his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Harvard University in 1990. He has taught at Boston University, where he also served as Director of the African Studies Center. He is currently a professor of Anthropology and Director of the African Studies Center at Michigan State University. His research focuses on the coming together of tradition and modern ways in today’s Africa, particularly in the ways social change is interpreted and validated according to local beliefs. He also has a strong interest in the African Diaspora and has studied communities of African-descended people in the Caribbean, Brazil and in Central and South America.

Dr. Pritchett will be speaking at 6:30pm on Friday, October 9, 2009, at the International Center on the 3rd floor.

26th ANNUAL WORLD FOOD DAY TELECONFERENCE
Friday, October 16, 2009
12:00pm - 3:00pm
“Global Food Crisis: Opportunities, Responsibilities, and Solutions”

The 2009 World Food Day Teleconference will consider the impact of the financial crisis on those living in poverty, the responsibilities of the rest of the world and the solutions that are emerging. Three experts from different backgrounds working on these issues will exchange views on the 26th annual teleconference. Max Finberg, newly appointed Director of the USDA Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships; Rep. Jim McGovern, serving his seventh term as representative from Massachusetts; and Joy Phumaphi, of Botswana, Vice President and Head of the Human Development Network at the World Bank will be the special guests. In addition to the panelists there will be a live uplink with the Prize Laureate from the World Food Prize ceremonies in Iowa. For additional information on the World Food Day Teleconference or other World Food Day resources and event planning ideas please contact Patricia Young, National Coordinator (patricia.young@fao.org). For more information on World Food Day, visit www.worldfooddayusa.org.