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## EVENTS

### For the Week of November 10th:

#### Monday, November 10th:

##### NMMU Welcome Reception

Help welcome the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) delegation from in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

4:00pm - 5:30pm, 303 International Center

#### Tuesday, November 11th:

##### "Developments in Higher Education in South Africa"

Speakers: Scholars from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

12:00pm, 204 International Center

##### "Memories of the Nation and War: Some Comments on Viet Nam Under Renovation (Doi Moi)"

Part of "History and Memory in Asia"  
Speaker: Christoph Giebel, University of Washington

4:00pm - 11:00pm, 303 International Center

##### "Casting Nets: On the Co-constitutive Dispersions of Governance, Production and Urbanization in Contemporary China"

Speaker: Adrian Blackwell, University of Toronto

4:00pm - 5:30pm, 466 Berkey Hall

#### Wednesday, November 12th:

##### Symposium, "Challenges Facing the New President in the Middle East"

Hosted by the Muslim Studies Program  
9:30am - 5:30pm, Kellogg Center

##### "Orpheus at the Margins: Race and Popular Music in Brazilian Cinema"

CLACS "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Marilia Ribeiro, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese

3:00pm, 201 International Center

#### Thursday, November 13th:

##### International Trade Symposium III

Commemorating the founding of the United Nations.

8:00am - 5:00pm, Henry Center

#### Friday, November 14th:

##### "Michigan and China: Supply Chain Partners in Environmental Sustainability"

6th Annual Greater China Supply Chain Forum

8:30am - 4:15pm, Kellogg Center

##### "America and China: Asia-Pacific Rim Hegemony in the Twenty-First Century"

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Randall Doyle, History, Central Michigan University

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

##### "Remapping Galacian Culture: Peripheral Visions, Global Positions"

CERS Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Speaker: Jose Colmeiro, Spanish

12:00pm, 305 International Center

##### "The Classroom as a Kibbutz: Ritual Exchange in the Israeli Classroom"

Department of Anthropology Brown Bag

Speaker: Steve Fraiberg

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 106C McDonel Hall



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EVENTS *continued***“Chicano Feminism and Native Women: Why Canada Matters”**

Part of the GenCen Colloquia Series  
‘New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives’  
Speaker: Sheila Contreras, Director, Chicano/Latino Studies  
1:30pm - 3:00pm, 302 International Center

**International Coffee Hour**

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

**Film, “El Aura”**

Romance Language Film Series  
This film follows a taxidermist as he attempts to commit a perfect crime. Spanish with English subtitles.  
5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Bldg

**Sunday, November 16th:****MSU Global Festival**

World gift shop, prizes, international performances, children’s games, international exhibits and great food from around the world at Global Cafe.  
12:00pm - 5:00pm, MSU Union Building

**For the Week of November 17th:****Monday, November 17th:****CANR Student Poster Session**

Part of International Education Week  
Student presentations on study abroad experiences, international internships and exchanges.  
4:00pm - 6:00pm, Agriculture Hall Atrium

**Tuesday, November 18th:****“Tourism and Wildlife Conservation in Africa: Measuring the****Impacts on Rural Households”**

Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics Brown Bag  
Speaker: Robert Richardson, Community, Agriculture & Resource Studies, and Ana Fernandez, Graduate Student in Agricultural, Food & Resource Economics  
12:00pm, 75 Agriculture Hall

**Wednesday, November 19th:****CANR Study Abroad Fair**

Showcase of CANR study abroad programs on all 7 continents in the Atrium.  
1:00pm - 2:00pm, Agriculture Hall Atrium

**International Day**

Display, exhibits, music, refreshments and performance  
2:00pm - 4:30pm, Engineering Bldg

**CLACS “Charla” Seminar Series**

Title to be announced  
Speaker: Gabriela Alfaraz, Spanish and Portuguese  
3:00pm, 204 International Center

**Film, “Orthodox Stance”**

University Libraries Colloquia Series - The Kessler Film Event  
The film explores seemingly incompatible cultures brought together in the life of one extraordinary young man and athlete, Dmitriy Salita.  
7:00pm, W449 Main Library

**Thursday, November 20th:****“Socioeconomic and Agro-ecological Incentives and Constraints to Agro-forestry Adoption: A Cautionary Tale from Southern Malawi”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag  
Speaker: Dorothy Serrine, Environmental Studies, UC Santa Cruz  
12:00pm, 201 International Center

**Film, “Ping-Pong”**

Part of the Japanese Film Series  
7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

**Friday, November 21, 2008****“Is Food Security Achievable in a Nitrogen-Poor World with Finite Fertilizer?”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum  
Speaker: Sieglinde Snapp, Crop & Soil Sciences  
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

**“Just How Mobile were Post-Glacial Hunters?”**

CERS Brown Bag Luncheon Series  
Speaker: William Lovis, Anthropology  
RSVP enyart@msu.edu to reserve a free lunch.  
12:00pm, 302 International Center

**International Coffee Hour**

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

**Film, “Cidade dos Homens”**

Romance Language Film Series  
This film ponders masculinity and adulthood in the midst of a bloody neighborhood gang war. Portuguese with English subtitles.  
5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Bldg

**International Dance Extravaganza**

A chance to unwind with people from every culture. The International Dance Extravaganza is a non-formal dance hosted by the University Activity Board and the International Volunteer Action Corps.  
9:00pm, International Center Food Court

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SPRING 2009 COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### International Health, NUR 402

Professor Connie Currier, on-line course

This course will provide a general understanding of factors/dynamics that affect the health of human populations and efforts to improve it. The course will address: 1) the cultural context of health and illness, 2) international health and population status, and 3) the role of international agencies in policy setting and program development. The course is open to graduate and undergraduate students, and nursing and non-nursing majors. For more information contact: Connie Currier, DrPH,MPH at 432-1162; e-mail: currier3@msu.edu.

### Water and Environment in African History, HST 484

Professor Wapu Mulwafu

M & W 3:00pm - 4:20pm, 214 Berkey Hall

This course seeks to expose students to debates on the relationship between human beings and the environment on the African continent. Emphasis will be placed on the relationships between state policies, local knowledge systems and environmental changes in a historical perspective. In addition to reading recent historical works on the linked social and environmental processes which have shaped Africa's past, a variety of interdisciplinary readings will be used to examine the diverse interpretive challenges which such an historical undertaking presents. This course begins with an introduction to trends in current methodological and theoretical approaches to writing environmental history. We then explore how scholars have begun unraveling dominant historical understandings of African landscapes, cultures and natural resources. The course will also focus on historical perspectives of land and water, and of challenges which have attended the use and management of such natural resources.

### Social Theories of Public Communication, ADV 892

Professor Tom Hove

W 6:00pm-8:50pm, 175 Communication Arts Bldg

This course will explore several fundamental and recurring problems in the history, theory, and practice of public communication. Topics covered will include the following: roles of the mass media in forming publics; origins of the idea of the public in the Enlightenment and early 19th Century; theories of mass communication and public deliberation; problems of minority representation; roles of artistic and cultural expression in public communication; influences of political and economic power on communication ethics. Required readings will cover a range of academic interests:

mass communications, sociology, history, moral philosophy, cultural studies, and political science.

## GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Alfried Krupp Fellowships 2010/11

Deadline: February 28, 2009

The Alfried Krupp Fellowship will award 3 to 6 senior and 6 to 12 junior fellowships for the academic year 2010/11. The Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg is an independent academic institution in the centre of the venerable Hanseatic university city on the Baltic Sea. Academics who have proven themselves by outstanding research and teaching may apply. Junior Fellowships are awarded to particularly qualified young academics with doctorates. Fellows concentrate on a major scientific or scholarly project, free of extensive teaching duties. Fellows are appointed either for a semester (October 1 to March 31 or April 1 to September 30) or for a whole academic year (October 1 to September 30). Accommodation and working facilities are provided rent-free. Further information may be obtained by e-mailing fellowsupport@wiko-greifswald.de.

[www.wiko-greifswald.de/en/advertisements/fellowships\\_2010\\_11.html](http://www.wiko-greifswald.de/en/advertisements/fellowships_2010_11.html)

### Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP) Positions

Deadlines vary but many are in early November, 2008

The GHFP's vision is to develop a sustainable pool of diverse technical experts committed to strengthening USAID's health leadership and to support effective systems that enable professional development and organizational performance. Current open positions include:

- \* Health Program Advisor
- \* Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor
- \* Cultural Anthropologist
- \* Micronutrients Program Advisor
- \* Health Policy and Gender Advisor
- \* HIV/AIDS Community Care and Prevention Advisor
- \* Senior Public Health Advisor

<http://www.ghfp.net>

### Medical Geography: Jacques May Thesis Prize

Deadline: December 15, 2008

Since 1985 the prize has been awarded to the masters and doctoral theses addressing themes in medical geography broadly defined, as judged by a panel of readers. Theses are judged on their contribution to the field, their methodological approach, organization, and written composition. PhD dissertation winners receive an official certificate and a cash award of \$300, and Masters thesis winners receive

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the certificate and a cash award of \$200. Theses officially completed in the 24 months prior to the submission deadline are eligible, provided that they have not been previously considered for the Prize. Thesis/dissertation submissions and other inquiries may be sent to the prize coordinator, Eric Carter at [cartered@grinnell.edu](mailto:cartered@grinnell.edu)  
[http://userpages.umbc.edu/~earickso/May\\_Prize.html](http://userpages.umbc.edu/~earickso/May_Prize.html)

### PhD Fellowships at the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies

Deadline: November 30, 2008

The Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies will admit fifteen PhD students to its doctoral program to begin October 1, 2009. Ten of these candidates will receive a Graduate School grant; the other candidates will be supported in their quest for funding. The Graduate School investigates the plurality, changeability, and global connectedness of Muslim cultures and societies. Admission is for one year, and contingent upon a positive evaluation after the first year of study, will be extended for a total of three years. Email [office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de](mailto:office@bgsmcs.fu-berlin.de) for more information.

[www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/e/graduateschool/en/aktuelles/call\\_for\\_applications1.html](http://www.geschkult.fu-berlin.de/e/graduateschool/en/aktuelles/call_for_applications1.html)

### SRI Foundation (SRIF) Research Scholarships

Deadline: February 20, 2009

Recipients will receive a scholarship of \$10,000. The research scholarship will be awarded to a PhD candidate in anthropology, history, architecture, or similar field related to historic preservation. In 2007, we awarded one scholarship, in 2008 we awarded two scholarships; this year we again will make two \$10,000 awards. The goal of this scholarship is to provide academic opportunities through which the research potential of historic preservation projects and programs can be realized. Under this scholarship program, scholars are to use data from one or more completed historic preservation projects to pursue a substantive research topic that forms the basis of a doctoral dissertation. Additionally, a product or products that enhance the general public's knowledge and appreciation of the past must be developed. Scholarship recipients will disseminate the results of their efforts to others in their field of study and to the interested public.

[www.srifoundation.org](http://www.srifoundation.org) or email [cvanwest@srifoundation.org](mailto:cvanwest@srifoundation.org).

### CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

#### 10 Years of The Institute for the African Child

March 12-14, 2009, Ohio University's Institute for the African Child (IAC)

Deadline for abstracts: December 16, 2008

This conference will celebrate 10 years of growth of the IAC, assess the current state of knowledge about childhood in Africa and directions for the future. The conference will provide opportunities to interact, network and connect with colleagues and organizations working with Africa's children and studying the issues that impact them. To register, or for proposal and submission information, please visit <http://www.afrchild.ohio.edu> and click on Conferences/Workshops.

### 2008 Rita S. Gallin Award for the Best Graduate Student Paper in Women and International Development

Deadline: Friday, December 12, 2008

Women and International Development (WID), a program of the Center for Gender in Global Context, invites you to submit a paper for its annual graduate student paper competition. The paper should have been written within the past year, should be approximately twenty double-spaced pages in length, and should focus on issues related to women, gender, international development, and globalization. Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be made at the annual Gen-Cen Open House in January. The winning paper will be peer reviewed for publication in the WID Working Papers Series, and its author will receive a \$200.00 prize. Papers should be submitted to the GenCen office via e-mail (in Word or WordPerfect) or by mail (both hard copy and on diskette/CD). Please indicate you are submitting the paper for the Graduate Paper Competition and be sure to include a contact phone number and e-mail address.

[www.gencen.msu.edu/documents/Graduate\\_Paper\\_Competition\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.gencen.msu.edu/documents/Graduate_Paper_Competition_Announcement.pdf).

### 3rd Annual Black Religion & Spirituality in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities

November 19-21, 2008, Kellogg Center at MSU

Guest speakers include: Dean Bernard Richardson, Dr. Sherman Jackson, Dr. Harriette McAdoo, Rodney Whitaker, and Reverend Otis Moss, Jr. For registration and other information, contact Gloria Smith at [gsmith@msu.edu](mailto:gsmith@msu.edu) or call 517-432-8222, extension 137. MSU students, faculty and staff are complementary, excluding meals.

### 5th International Conference on the History of Drugs and Alcohol: The Pathways to Prohibition

June 26-28, 2009, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow

Deadline for abstracts: November 15, 2008

The biannual conference of the Alcohol and Drugs in History Society is being hosted for the first time in the UK by

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the Centre for the Social History of Health and Healthcare, Glasgow, a research collaboration between the University of Strathclyde and Glasgow Caledonian University ([www.gcal.ac.uk/historyofhealth](http://www.gcal.ac.uk/historyofhealth)). The conference is seeking papers and panels that connect with the broad subject of the 'pathways to prohibition'. Proposed papers or panels can be on any topic in the history of intoxicants, drugs and alcohol, and the conference hopes to draw on case studies from all periods and geographical contexts. Contact Dr. Patricia Barton at [p.barton@strath.ac.uk](mailto:p.barton@strath.ac.uk) for more information.

### **Africa and Blackness in World Literature and Visual Arts**

African Literature Association 35th Annual Conference April 15-19, 2009, University of Vermont

Deadline for abstracts: December 1, 2008

The last two ALA conferences focused on various ways African and African Diaspora literature has functioned as a cultural catalyst that nurtures black people's subjectivity in the age of globalization. As a conclusion to the series, the 35th Annual ALA Conference will focus on the ways creative writers and artists from other cultural traditions have imagined Africa and blackness in the past as well as the extent to which that imagining has evolved and can be said to foster intersubjective dialogue in the age of globalization. As always, the conference will also welcome panels on other unexplored or inadequately explored aspects of African and African Diaspora literature.

[www.uvm.edu/conferences/ALA2009](http://www.uvm.edu/conferences/ALA2009)

### **Hot Topics in Human Research Protection, 2008 Fall IRB Conference**

November 12, 2008, MSU Union, East Lansing, MI

The 2008 Fall IRB Conference focuses includes a plenary session and multiple breakout sessions. Anyone involved in human subject research, including faculty, students, staff, IRB members, IRB staff, and research participants should consider attending. For answers to questions about the 2008 Fall IRB Conference, please feel free to contact Kristen Burt by phone at 517-432-4501 or email [IRBEducation@ores.msu.edu](mailto:IRBEducation@ores.msu.edu). The registration fee is waived for MSU and CRIRB affiliated individuals. Online registration is now open.

[www.humanresearch.msu.edu/conferences.html](http://www.humanresearch.msu.edu/conferences.html)

### **Nollywood and Beyond: Transnational Dimensions of the African Video Industry**

May 13-16, 2009, Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, Germany

Deadline for abstracts: November 15, 2008

As popular culture, Nollywood has held the attention of

scholars and cinema enthusiasts in recent years. Described as the fastest growing cinema industry today, Nollywood produces more than 1000 full length video features every year, outstripping the production regimes in Hollywood and Bollywood. This conference seeks to ask and attempts to provide answers to questions around the transnationality and the transnational spectatorship of Nollywood video films. It will deal with the audience and the culture that Nollywood produces for Africa and the world. As part of the broad frame of interrogation, the conference would attempt to provide answers to questions that the local successes of Nollywood have brought to the discursive arena of African cinema as a whole. Please submit your proposal to Matthias Krings ([krings@uni-mainz.de](mailto:krings@uni-mainz.de)) and Onookome Okome ([ookome@ualberta.ca](mailto:ookome@ualberta.ca)).

### **Title VI 50th Anniversary Conference**

Mar 19-21, 2009, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Deadline for abstracts extended: November 10, 2008

The Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs at MSU and the US Department of Education are pleased to announce a national conference to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title VI funding. The original 1958 legislation continues today to support the National Resource Centers (NRC) program, the Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) program, and the International Research and Studies (IRS) program. Over time, new programs have been added to Title VI to address the nation's growing need for international education in developing business expertise, strengthening undergraduate education, advancing international as well as area studies, cultivating technology use, and improving foreign language training and assessment. Questions about the conference should be sent to the conference e-mail address: [titlevi50th@msu.edu](mailto:titlevi50th@msu.edu). For more information please see the website:

[titlevi50th.msu.edu](http://titlevi50th.msu.edu)

### **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **African Culture Week - November 18-22, 2008**

"AFROGANZA: Celebration of Rich African Culture," will begin on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 with the Gala night on Saturday, November 22, 2008 at MacDonald Middle School. More information will follow as the date gets closer. Please mark your calendar.

#### **Green on the Big Screen - November 13-16, 2008**

MSU College of Communication Arts and Sciences along with the Knight Center for Environmental Journalism is teaming up with the East Lansing Film Festival to host Green on the Big Screen: An Environmental Film Festival and Fair. Come watch over 20 films focused on environmental issues and take part in a fair that will feature environmen-

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tal organizations, sustainable businesses and student organizations. The festival and fair will take place in the Communication Arts and Sciences building on the MSU campus. For more information contact Matthew Cimitile at [cimitile@msu.edu](mailto:cimitile@msu.edu).

**SCALI Summer Cooperative African Language Institute**

SCALI offers performance-based instruction in a variety of African languages by expert, native-speaking instructors of those languages. Classes meet four hours per day for eight weeks, and students earn course credit equivalent to one academic year of instruction. Applications are now being accepted and will be accepted as late as the week of June 7, 2009. For more information, please visit [www.africa.msu.edu/scali](http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali).

**Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Delegation**

Michigan State University is hosting an eight-member delegation from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) from Port Elizabeth, South Africa. During their visit, the delegation of scholars and practitioners will explore various approaches used at Michigan State University to support a strong learning environment in all aspects of the students' experiences, including the classrooms and the residence halls. Please join us as we welcome the NMMU delegation on Monday, November 10 and also, feel free to attend the brown bag talk on Tuesday, November 11. See above events for more details.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on November 17th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: [christianreed@gmail.com](mailto:christianreed@gmail.com); telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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