Events: Week of October 10, 2011

Monday, October 10th

“Canadian Thanksgiving”
Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Center
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm, 302 International Center
Join the Canadian Studies Center as we host a Canadian Thanksgiving celebration! If you are Canadian and find yourself on campus during your nation’s feast day, please join us. Students and faculty who are interested in Canadian studies may meet others with their same interest. Community members are welcome. Cost for the complete Thanksgiving meal is $3.00. There will be traditional Canadian fare, music, trivia, and prizes.

“Optional Practical Training Session (OPT)”
Sponsored by: Office of International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, 303 International Center
F-1 students may apply for one year of work authorization called 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.

Tuesday, October 11th

“Afro-descendants and Multicultural Rights in Post-Revolutionary Nicaragua”
Sponsored by: Latin American & Caribbean Studies

Thursday, October 13th

“Secrets, Lions, and Revelations: Women’s Rights and the Politics of Knowledge in Central Tanzania”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 noon, 201 International Center
African Studies Center Brown Bag talk with Kristin Phillips, Faculty, Teacher Education, MSU.

“Hiroshima Nagasaki Download, a Documentary Film Directed by Shinpei Takeda”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center and Lyman Briggs College
7:00 pm, Main Library, North Conference Room (4 West)
Presenter: Naoko Wake (Lyman Briggs College) and Shinpei Takeda (Filmmaker)
They are survivors of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. They are also Americans living in what was formerly called the ‘enemy state’, the country that dropped the bombs. How do we understand their stories? This film is based on interviews with Japanese-American survivors and urges us to think about the complex stories of people who crossed national and cultural boundaries in the Nuclear Age.
Friday, October 14th

“International Coffee Hour”
Sponsored by: The Office for International Studies and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Room
International Center Food Court, International Center
Our weekly coffee hour is a great place to make new friends (and reconnect with old friends), practice your language skills, and get free coffee and tea.

“Friday Forum”
Sponsored by: The Center for Advanced Study of International Development and The Center for Gender in Global Context
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center
Speaker: Dr. Chantal Tetreault, Department of Anthropology, MSU
“Everyday translations: practices and challenges among Muslim-Arab state workers in France”

Week of October 17, 2011

Tuesday, October 18th

“Asian Studies Center ‘Award Winning Documentary Films’ Series: Laskar Pelangi”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 301 International Center
Laskar Pelangi is a 2008 Indonesian film adapted from the popular same titled novel by Andrea Hirata. The movie follows a group of 10 schoolboys and their two inspirational teachers as they struggle with poverty and develop hopes for the future in Gantong Village on the farming and tin mining island of Belitung off the east coast of Sumatra. The film is the highest grossing in Indonesian box office history and won a number of local and international awards.

Wednesday, October 19th

Sponsored by: Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
Speaker: Libby Bogdan-Lovis, Co-Director for the Center for Ethics and Humanities in the Life Sciences and Patricia Obando, Director for Medical Education, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Biology, MSU

Thursday, October 20th

Sponsored by: Office of International Students and Scholars
11:30 am - 1:00 pm, 303 International Center
Speakers from MSU Immigration Law Clinic are invited to talk about immigration related issues to MSU international population. It is your great chance to gain insight into immigrants’ rights and immigration process as well as valuable advice from professionals. Limited opporunities are available. Lunch is provided. Please register now, if you are interested.

“French Algerian Memory Narratives Beyond Cliches and Oblivion”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
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Friday, October 21st

“Globalization, Homophobia & Youth: Reflections on Anti-Homophobia Day Celebrations in Canada and Mexico”

Sponsored by: Center for Gender in Global Context

1:30 - 3:00 pm, Room 201 International Center

Speaker: Javier Pescador, Department of History Anthropology

This ongoing project discusses some of the responses to homophobia in the context of globalization, community activism, youth and visual arts, using the example of 2010 International Anti-Homophobia Day celebration in Ontario, Canada and Mexico City, Mexico. It focuses on the making of visual arts performances addressing global issues (homophobia & youth), by different LBGT local organizations.

“Homecoming International Coffee Hour”

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

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Global Festival

Sunday, November 13th, 2011

Travel the World in One Day!

The Global Festival is truly a community event drawing together a crowd ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 visitors from the Lansing/East Lansing community and beyond. It celebrates both our diversity and the human experience that binds us together. This event contributes greatly to the spirit of community that is so unique to MSU, through the joint efforts of MSU’s nationality student groups and the residents of the greater Lansing community.

Enjoy an afternoon of International Student Performances. More than 5,000 MSU international students attend MSU, and many of them belong to an MSU nationality club. At least 30 of the nationality clubs representing world areas and individual countries will share their culture and talents during an afternoon of exciting and colorful performances. Expect music, dancing and demonstrations. Performances will not be a mere talent show, but hopefully a learning experience for all, showing the culture of the students’ countries or world areas.

Families with children should seek out the Children’s Games. In the past, MSU students have offered a variety of activities and games, all with an international theme. There might be a relay race using chopsticks, face painting using national flags or symbols, or a guessing game involving unidentified countries on a big world map.

Indulge yourself in international cuisine in the Global Cafe! Come early! By popular demand, this year’s Global Cafe will serve with extended hours, from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. However, international snacks will be available all afternoon.

Visit the MSU Nationality Club Exhibits. MSU student clubs, representing dozens of countries and regions around the world, work for months to prepare colorful and educational exhibits and demonstrations for you and your family. Young people can pick up a passport at one of the Welcome Tables and have their names written in many different languages upon visiting a variety of exhibits. They may hear Chinese, Hindi or Arabic spoken for the first time and learn how to say “hello” in a dozen different languages.

Admission is free to this wonderful family event, and parking is also free, and now easier, thanks to the parking structure at Grand River Avenue and Charles Street.

To become a volunteer for this exciting day go to:

www.cvip.isp.msu.edu/globalfestival/volunteer

Global Festival

Sunday, November 13, 2011

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Great Lakes International Trade and Transport Hub Summit: Developing an Action Agenda

The summit is planned as a benchmark event coinciding with Michigan’s “Trade and Infrastructure” month. You will gain critical information about what is needed and what will be done to accelerate the export economy that involves the U.S. Midwest and Canada. Sponsored by the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) and the Canadian Studies Center.

October 16th - 19th, Michigan State University
Contact: Sarah Quraishi
www.canadianstudies.isp.msu.edu/events

My Name is Khan

The story of a Muslim man who has Asperger’s, who moves from India to San Francisco and is happy until September 11, 2001 when attitudes towards Muslims undergo a sea-change. It is a triumphant story of an unconventional hero overcoming obstacles to regain the love of his life. This movie is being screened as a part of the “Community Conversations and Reflections on a Decade of Change” film series. Sponsored by the Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives.

Sunday, October 16th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
S. Washington Complex
2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing

Global Opportunities Fair and Conference

This fair is for students who have thought about or are considering the following:

- Volunteering, teaching, internships or short-term work abroad
- An Internationally-focused career
- Funding for an international experience

Wednesday, October 19th
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
MSU Union - 2nd Floor Ballroom

International Awards

With the 2012 International Awards Ceremony scheduled for March 21, the Office of the Dean of International Students and Programs at MSU will continue our tradition of recognizing the talents of faculty, staff the community members with a global vision. You can be part of this celebration by nominating a colleague, student or alumni for one of the awards listed below.

- Ralph Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs
- The John K Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award
- The Gill-Chin Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Global Studies
- The Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award
- The Charles A. Gliozzo International Award for Public Diplomacy
- The Glen Taggart Award for Community Contributions
- The Award for Outstanding Service to Study Abroad
- Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding
- The Homer Higbee International Education Awards

For full descriptions please go to: www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards. Nominations are due: Wednesday, December 15, 2011 at 5:00 pm.

Africa Together

“Africa Together” is an organization that presents a platform for interaction among Africans of all origins and nationalities. The purpose of the meeting is to inform interested participants about the formation of the group. For further information, please contact the Secretary General, Eunice Chege at chegeeun@msu.edu

Saturday, October 15th
5:00 pm
Spartan Village Community Center
Tickets for Cedar Point Trip

Love rollercoasters and Halloween? Buy your tickets to Cedar Point for Halloweekend! A day full of coasters, food and excitement. You will only be allowed to purchase up to FOUR tickets per individual. Once you purchase your ticket(s), you will receive a confirmation receipt, which you should bring with you along with your ID on the day of the trip. Sponsored by the Office of International Students

Tickets are being sold on:
Friday, October 14th
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
International Center Food Court