



Week of January 10

Thursday, January 14

African Tea

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

This is an opportunity to learn and share about first-hand experiences on the African continent. Zambia and Zimbabwe will be the focus of this tea.

Week of January 17

Thursday, January 21

“Managing Nationalism in Ghana’s State Dance Ensembles”

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

Paul Schauert, the head of education at the Detroit Institute of Music Education, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa seminar series.

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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.

**Britain and the World:
Politics, Love and Conflict**

Thursday, January 21
4:30–6:00 p.m., 114 Bessey Hall

**Contemporary Issues in
Developing Societies:
Belize Spring Break**

Thursday, January 21
5:00–6:00 p.m., 213 Berkey Hall

**Europe at War: Politics,
Love and Conflict**

Thursday, January 21
4:30–6:00 p.m., 114 Bessey Hall

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2016 Spring Semester Courses

HST 830-001, 3 credits

Farm and Forest: African Environmental History

Instructor: Jamie Monson (monsonj@msu.edu)

In this graduate-level reading course, students will explore the complex interaction between the African physical world or “nature” (plants, soils, water, climate), and “culture” or human society over time—from the pre-colonial through the colonial period to the present. The class will seek to understand the diverse meanings (including cultural and symbolic meanings) associated with the African natural world by Africans and by European colonizers. The class will delve into historical controversies about land use, population growth, wildlife conservation, desertification, and more. The class will work with diverse materials including classic texts, primary sources, and new scholarship at the cutting edge of the field.

HST 364, 3 credits

South Africa: From Shaka Zulu to Nelson Mandela

Instructor: Peter Alegi (alegi@msu.edu)

This course draws on biographies and autobiographies of a wide range of South Africans—from great leaders to ordinary men and women—to bring to life the country’s modern history. We will explore how and why cultural values, economic interests, and power relationships shaped South African history since 1800. Particular attention will be paid to how race, ethnicity, class, gender, and age are drivers of historical change. Topics include: pre-colonial chiefdoms; European conquest and colonization; the development of mining and commercial farming; racial segregation and apartheid; the liberation struggle; and building democracy.

ASN 491, 3 credits

Literatures of India and South Asia

Instructor: A. Sean Pue (pue@msu.edu)

This course addresses the complex relationships between language, literature, and belonging in modern India and South Asia from the late nineteenth century until the present. Working across South Asian languages and literatures, this course will focus on key topics in South Asian literary and social history including nationalism, cosmopolitanism, print culture, partition, and caste, while also paying close attention to the role of genre. Students will read novels, short stories, autobiographies, and lyric poetry in translation. The main purpose of this course is to introduce students to the cultural life of India and South Asia.



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2016 Spring Semester Courses

CSUS 848, 3 credits

Community-Based Natural Resource Management in International Development

Instructor: Maria Claudia Lopez (mlopez@msu.edu)

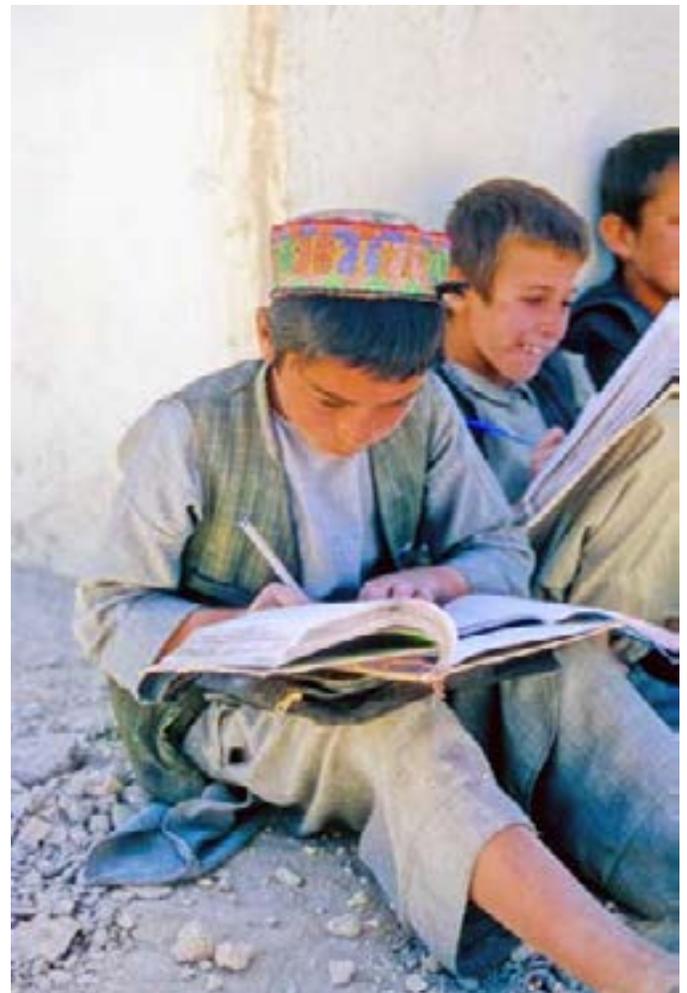
This course is appropriate for graduate students around campus that are interested in learning or doing research on community-based natural resource management in developing countries. It is also useful for students that are working on natural resource management in developed countries since they may use the findings from developing countries to examine these other contexts with new ideas. The course is also useful for students who have an interest in international development and natural resource management and want either to do research on these topics or are considering working in these areas.

JRN 475, 3 credits

International and Regional News Media: Africa and the Middle East

Instructor: Folu Ogundimu (ogundimu@msu.edu)

This course covers the concepts and practices of the international news media in a regional context. The spring 2016 edition of the course covers Africa and the Middle East. The course will examine the practices of the major international news media covering Africa and the Middle East as well as the practices of their domestic counterparts in Africa and the Middle East. A major objective is to see how geopolitics, domestic politics, international economics, and cultural factors shape our understanding of what is happening in Africa and the Middle East. How does media coverage shape audience perceptions of Africa and the Middle East? Does objective reality in Africa and the Middle East differ from media portrayals? How are the media in Africa and the Middle East constrained by legal and cultural factors in coverage of the regions? Students will probe these questions through a combination of readings, documentaries, discussions, and case studies on Africa and the Middle East. The course is open to upper class students. Familiarity with international public affairs is essential.





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2016 Spring Semester Courses

New MSU Asian Language Courses

The Department of Linguistics and Languages is pleased to announce the following new language courses, which will be available starting in spring 2016. All courses are 4 credits. For more information, contact Danielle Steider: steider@msu.edu.

Basic Hmong I

Class hours will be determined after students enroll in the course.

Basic Tamil I (Online)

Tuesday 9:00–9:45 a.m., Tuesday 2:00–2:45 p.m., or Wednesday 10:00–10:45 a.m.

Basic Turkish I (Online)

Monday 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., Monday 12:00–1:00 p.m., or Tuesday 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.





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Summer Research Internship in Japan

The University of Tokyo Summer Internship Program (UTSIP) in Kashiwa, Japan is an intensive six-week summer program for non-Japanese undergraduates during the summer following their sophomore or junior year, especially for those who plan to apply to the Graduate School of Frontier Sciences at the University of Tokyo for graduate study. The program aims to expose undergraduates to world-leading research activities in the field of natural science or social science. Some 30 internships, which include a scholarship and accommodations, are awarded through a competitive process. Participants are assigned to a laboratory in which they are interested in working and will conduct a research project under the guidance of a faculty member or senior graduate student. **Online applications are due February 9, 2016 (Japanese Time).** For more information, please visit the UTSIP in Kashiwa website: http://www.ilo.k.u-tokyo.ac.jp/summer_en.

Program Dates:

Program A: June 6 - July 15, 2016

Program B: June 27 - August 5, 2016

2016 Michigan Japanese Language Speech and Skit Contest

If you love Japanese, a real challenge, and the chance to win great prizes, join us for the Michigan 2016 Japanese Language Speech and Skit Contest hosted by the Consulate General of Japan in Detroit. The Consulate General of Japan in Detroit is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Michigan Japanese Language Speech/Skit Contest. The competition, now in its 21st consecutive year, was established to encourage students to experience the power of foreign language communication, increase the desire for Japanese language students to improve their skills and understanding, and strengthen the bond of friendship between the United States and Japan through their efforts. Applications are available at: www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp. Applications are due January 27, 2016.





Announcements

Environmental Science and Policy Program (ESPP) Doctoral Fellowships

The Environmental Science and Policy Program (ESPP) annually offers multiple doctoral recruiting fellowships for students who will matriculate in the next fall semester. The goal of these one-year fellowships is to attract the strongest possible cohort of students to pursue a doctoral education focused on the environment. The intent of these fellowships is to recruit new doctoral students to MSU, so only students new to the doctoral program (matriculating in the following fall) are eligible. Students must apply to and be accepted by a doctoral program at MSU to be considered for these fellowships. Recipients of these fellowships must participate in the ESPP Doctoral Specialization. This includes successfully completing the four requirements outlined as part of the specialization. International students are also eligible for these fellowships. The ESPP Doctoral Recruiting Fellowship is not intended to supplement a University Distinguished Fellowship or other comparable fellowships. Acceptance of such a fellowship would disqualify the candidate from an ESPP fellowship. For more information, please visit the ESPP website, <http://www.espp.msu.edu/index.php>. Applications are due February 1, 2016.

The Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program

Funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, the 2016 Thomas R. Pickering Fellowship Program provides undergraduate and graduate students with financial support, mentoring and professional development to prepare them academically and professionally for a career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply. Please visit The Washington Center's website here for more information, http://www.twc.edu/thomas-r-pickering-foreign-affairs-fellowship-program?utm_medium=print&utm_source=brochure&utm_campaign=pickering&utm_content=TWC_201. Applications are due January 15, 2016.





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Japanese Gallery Reinstallation Community Consultant at the DIA

The DIA seeks community consultants to participate as team members with museum staff during the first stage of exhibition development called the concept phase. During this phase from January to March 2016, community consultants and staff will learn about the DIA's Japanese collection, explore stories associated with the art, and reimagine compelling ways to help visitors of all kinds engage with collections. At the end of this phase, the team will produce ideas for themes and groupings of objects to deliver to the next phase of work by museum staff. To apply, please visit the DIA website: <http://dia.Community-Consultant-Application.sgizmo.com/s3/>.

Duration: 10 weeks January through March 2016

Stipend: \$1200

Commitment: approximately 2 hours/week

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree preferred.
- Strong familiarity and connections with Japanese communities in the region.
- Knowledge of and experience with Japanese and Asian cultures.
- Enjoys open discussion and collaborative work.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; works well with others.
- Interest in lifelong learning.
- Flexible and creative thinker.
- English fluency.

S.C. Lee Scholarship and Paper Competition

In honor of the late professor Shao-Chang Lee, an advocate of U.S. -East Asia relations, the S.C. Lee Endowment sponsors students with outstanding accomplishments in Asian studies by awarding scholarships and paper prizes. The scholarship is open only to undergraduate students. The paper competition is open to both graduates and undergraduates. Stop by the Asian Studies Center in room 301 of the International Center or visit the Asian Studies' website to retrieve the application materials. For questions, please call (517) 353-1680 or email asiansc@msu.edu.





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Graduate Student WS Course Instruction Fellowships for Summer 2016

The Center of Gender in Global Context will be hiring advanced doctoral graduate students as instructors for summer 2016 to teach core courses WS 201, WS 202, and WS 203. These courses can be taught either online or in a conventional classroom setting, with preference given to online courses. Students applying to teach must be doctoral students engaged in some aspect of women's and gender studies, and be advanced to candidacy. Qualifications must include some combination of the following: previous degree in women's and gender studies; enrollment in or completion of graduate specialization, either the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Specialization (GJEC) or the Women's and Gender Studies Specialization; and/or previous teaching experience. Applications are due January 15, 2016.

Tracy Dobson Award for Undergraduate Student Feminist Activism

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) invites submissions for this award, named to honor Tracy Dobson's tireless efforts to bring gender equity to MSU, launching MSU's enhanced plan to recruit and retain women faculty and administrators. Her commitment to inform and inspire students to work for social justice led many to law school and to seek careers in public service through elected positions or the nonprofit sector. Professor Dobson retired in 2011 from MSU's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

The award honors an MSU undergraduate who has distinguished him or herself through exemplary local, national, or international activism on behalf of gender equity and social justice. The award will recognize those who have achieved a leadership position on behalf of their chosen cause. Evidence of commitment to a feminist cause through the college career as well as dedication to a career in some aspect of gender equity and social justice is required. To apply, please submit:

- CV/resume
- Three-page description of the feminist cause you have been involved in and your role in it.
- Two letters of support—from a supervisor, co-worker, peer activist or MSU faculty or staff mentor—are also required in support of your application materials.

Submissions will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be presented at the annual GenCen Open House in January. The award winner will receive a \$200.00 prize. Submissions are to be made to the GenCen office via email at gencen@msu.edu (in Microsoft Word, in formats up to Word 2013). Letters of support may be submitted electronically via email to gencen@msu.edu or by mail in hard copy. Please indicate that you are submitting to the Dobson competition and be sure to include a contact phone number and email address. For more information, please see: <http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/funding/papercompetition.htm> or www.facebook.com/events/531228603707471/. The application deadline has been extended until Wednesday, January 13, 2016.



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Dr. Charles and Marjorie Gliozzo Dissertation Research Scholarship

Doctoral students who wish to undertake field research abroad for the purposes of their dissertation can apply for this new scholarship. Dr. Charles Gliozzo (former director of MSU's Office of Overseas Study—precursor to the Office of Study Abroad—from 1973 to 1994) and his spouse, Mrs. Marjorie Gliozzo (former Spanish and English Language teacher in Buffalo, New York, East Lansing and Haslett), generously endowed this award owing to their unalloyed passion for international education. The scholarship is meant for individuals who expressly meet the criteria listed below:

1. Applicants are citizens of the United States.
2. Applicants are enrolled in doctoral programs at MSU, have garnered sufficient academic credits, have clearly delineated dissertation research objectives and ideally have or are in the process of defended/defending their research prospectus/proposal.
3. Applicants have demonstrated an ability to undertake primary and/or secondary research abroad.
4. Applicants have exhibited scholarly excellence in their academic endeavors.
5. Applicants epitomize exemplary character and possess personal attributes that will contribute to their ability to be successful abroad.

The deadline for receipt of completed application forms and accompanying materials is March 18, 2016. Additional information, including the application form, may be found at: <http://isp.web102.isp.msu.edu/funding/gliozzo.htm>.

Muslim Journeys Book Club

Learn more about the experiences of Muslims in this new scholar-led book group. Each session will start with a short lecture, followed by facilitated book discussion, and finishing with a question and answer period. This series is free and open to the public. Drop in for one or attend all five sessions, no sign-up required. For more information, contact MSU Muslim Studies Librarian Deborah Margolis, deborahm@msu.edu or Jill Abood, the head of programs and outreach, East Lansing Public Library, jabood@cityofeastlansing.com. Book club meetings will be held January 20, February 17, March 16.

On January 20, Dr. Salah Hassan will lead a discussion about *House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East* by Anthony Shadid at MSU Main Library at 7:00 p.m.





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