**EVENTS**

**Week of October 19**

**Monday, October 20**

“Study Abroad Revisited: Purpose, Promise and Participation”
Sponsor: Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education (APUE)
11:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., International Center MSU Union - Lake Huron Room

Susan Twombly, Professor of Higher Education and Chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, University of Kansas; and Mark Salisbury, Assistant Dean and Director of Institutional Research and Assessment, Augustana College (Illinois) will provide context for and an overview of their book, *Study Abroad in a New Global Century: Renewing the Promise, Refining the Purpose*, followed by an open discussion. Lunch will be provided.

**Event is free. Registration is required; please see:**
http://fod.msu.edu/events/study-abroad-revisited-purpose-promise-and-participation

**Tuesday, October 21**

**Hindi-Urdu Chai and Chat**
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center and the India Council
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., International Center Room 303

The Hindi-Urdu Chai and Chat provides an experience to learn about the language and culture of Hindi and Urdu. Chai and other snacks will be provided. This event is open to all students and members of the public.

**“Use of Information Graphics in Food Systems Research”**
Sponsor: Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics
11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Phil Howard, Associate Professor in the Department of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University, will speak as part of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics’ Department Brown Bag Seminar.

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**Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad**

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.

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### Wednesday, October 22

**Turkic Tea & Chat**

**Sponsor: Asian Studies Center**

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., 302 International Center

Turkic Chay (Tea) and Chat Hour (TCCH) is a free, interactive gathering established for those MSU students who are currently studying one of the Turkic languages and those who have taken Turkic language courses earlier. Baklava and tea will be served.

**Tinker Graduate Student Field Research Panel**

**Sponsor: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies**

3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., 201 International Center

The Tinker Foundation Incorporated is an organization based in New York City whose main mission is “to promote the development of an equitable, sustainable and productive society in Latin America and to enhance understanding in the U.S. of Latin American and how U.S. policies may impact the region. Claudia Berrios-Campos, Andrew Barsom, Joshua Ladd will speak about their experiences as Tinker Fellows.

### Thursday, October 23

**Twenty-first Annual Joseph Lee Memorial Lecture**

**Sponsor: Asian Studies Center**

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., 115 International Center

Professor Yixin Fang of ZheJiang university will speak on "The Type and Evolution of Chinese Characters." The presentation will explore the origin and development of Chinese characters dated back to 4,000 years to the present time. It will include the origin and generation of Chinese characters, the changing structure of Chinese character and their legends, and the Chinese character’s lexical meaning.

### Global Opportunities Fair

**Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad**

12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., MSU Union

More than 25 organizations will be on campus to meet with students who are interested in volunteering, teaching, internships, or short-term work abroad; an internationally focused post-graduate experience or career; or funding for an international experience. Different than the study abroad fair, this is an opportunity to explore non-academic travel options or post-graduate experiences with an international focus. For more information, please see: [http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/gofair/](http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/gofair/)
Thursday, October 23

“Husbands/Wives Social Networks and Exposure to a New Technology in India”
Sponsor: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Nicholas Magnan, Assistant Professor, University of Georgia, will be speaking about the differences in husbands and wives information exposure in India, and how this affects agriculture.

Friday, October 24

The Laurence Porter French Colloquium Series
Sponsor: Departments of English, Romance and Classical Studies, and the College of Music
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Wells Hall B342

Marcie Ray, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University’s College of Music, will speak as part of the Laurence Porter Colloquium Series. The series will analyze the depiction of the ‘Other,’ as well as the transmission of knowledge, myths and ideas concerning Islam and the Islamic culture.

Week of October 26

Sunday, October 26

United Nations 69th Anniversary Commemoration Conference
Sponsor: MSU Office of International Studies in Education (OISE), Greater Lansing Chapter of the United Nations Association and Linking All Types of Teachers to International and Cross-Cultural Education (LATTICE)

This two-day event (October 26 and 27), titled “Education for All: Reaching the World’s Educationally Disadvantaged”, will feature presenters including UNESCO representative George Papagianis and internationally-oriented MSU faculty and students. The conference will consider education issues across the globe from a variety of perspectives and experiences. The cost for both days is $25.00. Sunday Dinner with the guest speaker is also $25.00. Monday will be free for Students, while all others pay $15.00.

For more information, please see: http://education.msu.edu/international/ongoing/UN_Conference_2014.asp

Tuesday, October 28

“Identifying and Working with Beneficiaries When Rights Are Unclear: Insights for REDD+ Initiatives”
Sponsor: Forestry
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., 225 Natural Resources

John Bruce, Land and Development Solutions International, will speak as part of the Michigan State University Forestry Hanover Seminar Series.

“Are We Measuring What We Think We are Measuring? Results from Genotyping by Sequencing vs. Traditional Methods Generally Used to Estimate Varietal Adoption Rates”
Sponsor: Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
11:50 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Byron Reyes, Assistant Professor, and Mywish Maredia, Professor, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics Department Brown Bag Seminar.

“Education for All: Reaching the World’s Educationally Disadvantaged”
Sponsor: The Graduate School
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., B117 Wells Hall

Dr. Julia McAnallen, Graduate Careers Services Coordinator for MSU Career Services, will speak about expanding career opportunities in the Ph.D. job market. The presenter will discuss job search strategies for graduate students seeking employment in business, government, or nonprofits. Participants will gain a better understanding about how to begin, organize, and expand a job search, what strategies are most effective, how to research organizations, and where to find other helpful resources.
Wednesday, October 29

“Generation Study Abroad: Making Study Abroad Accessible to All Students”
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., MSU Union - Lake Superior Room

Last fall, MSU kicked-off a campus-wide conversation on under-representation in study abroad and its potential benefit for key diversity targets within Bolder by Design. The recurring theme was who studies abroad, who doesn’t and why? This session is the first of three intended to identify barriers and solutions to increase access for these populations. Panelists will explain how they joined Generation Study Abroad by overcoming real and perceived obstacles. Registration is required and free. Lunch will be provided.

“Environmental Sustainability and Intentional Community in the Arava Desert”
Sponsor: Jewish Studies, Residence College in Arts and Humanities, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Hillel Center.

Alex Cicelshy, founder of Kibbutz Lotan, will give a presentation on its environmental sustainability mission. His work at the Center for Creative Ecology (CfCE) includes research, teaching, planning new ecological infrastructure and development projects, outreach and resource development. The CfCE, established on Kibbutz Lotan in 1996, is one of Israel’s premiere environmental education, conservation, and research institutes.

“Innovation and Diversity in Coral Reef Fishes”
Sponsor: Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, and Behavior Program
3:30 p.m., 118 Eppley Center

Peter C. Wainwright, Professor in the Department of Evolution and Ecology, University of California, Davis will speak as part the Ecology, Evolutionary Biology, and Behavior Program Fall Seminar Series.

Thursday, October 30

“The Utility of Social Norms in Health Communication”
Sponsor: Epidemiology
12:00 p.m., E-4 East Fee Hall

Maria Lapinski, Associate Dean for Research in the College of Communication Arts and Sciences, Michigan State University, will speak as part of the International Neurologic and Psychiatric Epidemiology's Brown Bag Lecture Series.

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Sponsor: Asian Studies Center
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., MSU Broad Art Museum, 2nd Floor

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**Study Abroad Essay Contest**  
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  

MSU is proud to have one of the nation’s largest study abroad programs - one that spans the world and helps to build international understanding through education. The annual essay contest aims to capture the essence of study abroad by encouraging you to reflect and write creatively about the unique living and learning experiences that study abroad provides.

By submitting your story, you help your fellow students and people in the community know, feel and appreciate what it is like to study abroad - the challenging things and the funny stories, moments that made you cringe and ones that changed your life for good. Tweet to #spartansabroad.

Current MSU undergraduate or undergraduate students who have participated in study abroad are eligible, even if you have graduated within the last year. **Essays are due at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24.**

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**Photo Contest**  
Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  

Here’s a chance to share your favorite study abroad experiences through the 18th Annual Study Abroad Photo Contest! Winning entries will be selected on the best quality photographs that convey a strong sense of place or express a cross-cultural experience in one of the following categories:

1. PEOPLE: Children, adults, families, self portraits  
2. NATURE: Plants, landscapes, waterscapes, wildlife  
3. ARCHITECTURE: Buildings, cityscapes, landmarks  
4. SPARTANS ABROAD: Students wearing MSU attire or displaying Spartan pride  
5. MAKING A DIFFERENCE: This category seeks photos that visually represent the service-learning experiences of study abroad students, and the positive difference made in the local community.

NEW THIS YEAR, applicants have the opportunity to write a brief description about their photo, particularly why the photo fits the category and how the subject or event inspired the photo. **Entries are due Friday, October 31 at 5:00.** For more information, see: http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/photocontest/

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**Spring Semester Course**  

**CSUS 824, Sustainable Development: Measuring Socioeconomic Well-being**  

**Mondays**  
3:00 p.m.-5:50p.m., 306 Natural Resources  

Sustainable development has been defined as non-declining human welfare per capita over time. This has prompted questions such as: How do we measure human welfare? How does the environment contribute to human well-being?

This graduate course focuses on indicators of sustainability and the measurement of socioeconomic well-being at national, regional, and local scales. Using theories of development, social welfare, and the values of ecosystem services, we will examine conventional and alternative indicators of sustainable development, including the social, economic, and environmental dimensions of human well-being. We will critically assess measures of consumption and economic growth as indicators of socioeconomic welfare, and explore alternative indicators that reflect changes in social capital, natural capital, and the distribution of income. Students will apply their knowledge of the dilemmas of sustainable development in the context of their own research interests. This course is useful for students who are interested in the origins of thinking about sustainable development and alternative ideas about the tensions between economic development and environmental sustainability. The course is also useful for students who want to gain skills in sustainability assessment and how it might be applied to practical challenges faced by organizations, institutions, and agencies.

For more information, contact Dr. Robert Richardson, course instructor, at rbr@msu.edu
Exhibition

Sponsor: Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at MSU, the British Council and the Broad MSU’s General Exhibitions Fund

JOHN AKOMFRAH: IMAGINARY POSSESSIONS
September 19, 2014 – February 1, 2015

Pioneering filmmaker, director, and theorist John Akomfrah (b. 1957) engages with questions of memory and identity to create moving-image works that address the histories of the African diaspora. The first substantial presentation of his recent work at a U.S. museum, John Akomfrah: Imaginary Possessions presents three distinct films and a new commission that deftly excavate the fragmented identities of colonial subjects while challenging the received codes of cinematic representation. In its inventive staging of works across two galleries, this exhibition engenders multiple viewing modalities and cinematic experiences to underscore the fluidity of image and narrative in Akomfrah’s oeuvre.