

# CASID Current

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## EVENTS

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### Week of March 2

MSU Spring Break, no events scheduled.

Have a great week!

### Week of March 9

Tuesday, March 11

“Jewish-Muslim Relations in Late-Soviet Central Asia”

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
12:00pm-1:00pm, 303 International Center

Please join the Asian Studies Center in welcoming Chen Bram, James Madison College, Michigan State University as he discusses “Jewish-Muslim Relations in Late-Soviet Central Asia.”

**Study Abroad in South Neighborhood**

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
6:00pm-8:00pm, Holden Engagement Center

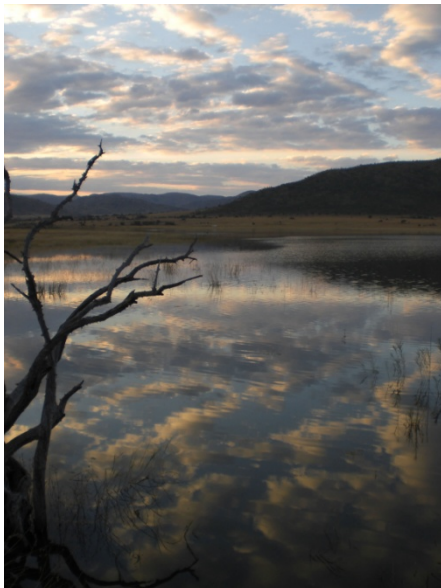
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**Wednesday, March 12**

**Translating “3.11: Temporary Shelter” Fifty Tanka on Flight, Vigil and Permanence**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
4:00pm-6:30pm, 302, 303, 305 International Center

Presented by Dr. Edith Sarra and Dr. Yasuko Ito Watt, Indiana University, this event is a presentation of a sequence of fifty *tanka* (short poems) written by poet and schoolteacher Tanaka Takuya (b. 1971). Intended to document “as directly as possible” an experience of the Great East Japan Earthquake in Mito, Ibaraki prefecture, the sequence chronicles fifteen hours, from Friday afternoon, March 11, 2011, to sunrise Saturday, March 12, 2011. There is a reception to follow, all are welcome!

**Study Abroad in River Trail Neighborhood**

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad  
6:00pm-8:00pm, McDonel Hall Engagement Center

Study Abroad is coming to the McDonel Hall Engagement Center to offer one-on-one advising to residents! No appointments are necessary. Peer Advisers from the Office of Study Abroad will staff an information table and share their experiences abroad, answer questions, and help students find a study abroad program and location that meets academic needs and personal interests. This will be a regular event so if you can't make it today, check our calendar for future dates.

**Thursday, March 13**

**Raising One Voice at a Time: An Evening of Poetry by Japanese Language Students at MSU**

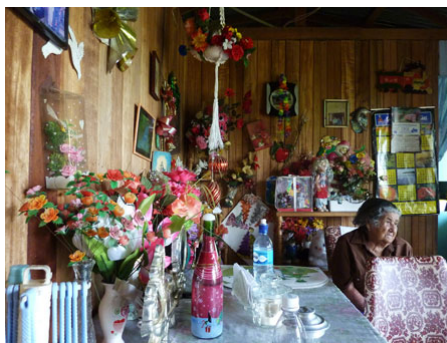
Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
4:30pm-5:30pm, Room B-342 Wells Hall

Come share anything from waka to haikus about anything related to Japan. Light snacks provided. Free and open to all!

**Hindi-Urdu Chai & Chat**

Sponsor: Asian Studies Center  
5:00pm-6:00pm, 302 International Center

The objective of Hindi-Urdu Chai-Chat is to provide programming about the language and culture of Hindi and Urdu. These evening events are open to public, as an outreach event of the Asian Studies Center, but their primary audience consists of current, past and potential Hindi and Urdu MSU students. It gives them an opportunity to interact more with speaker of Hindi/Urdu, to learn more about the culture of India and South Asia, and to practice their language in a comfortable environment. We make and provide chai as well as snacks, and do a broad range of programming focused on building cultural awareness and a Hindi-Urdu community.



**African Tea Time**

Sponsor: African Studies Center  
4:00pm-6:00pm, 303 International Center

Join the African Studies Center for this weeks African Tea Time. This is a place for those interested in African culture, people, and cuisine to gather and discuss their interests. This weeks focus will be Botswana and Namibia.

**Friday, March 14**

**International Coffee Hour**

Sponsor: Office for International Students and Scholars  
4:00pm-6:00pm, McDonel Hall, Lower Level Lounge

Please join us for the Weekly Coffee Hour. It's a great place to make friends, be involved and start the weekend...and the coffee is free!



## Study Abroad in Tanzania: Sustainable Community Development

This is a highly subsidized interdisciplinary study program that focuses on the study and practice of development. Students will learn about the history of development in Tanzania, various approaches to development work, and MSU's current development strategies in Tanzania. Students will have a chance to apply what they learn in the classroom through a hands-on community engagement program in a Tanzanian village, partnering with Tanzanian students from the University of Dar es Salaam. The program will also include linguistic and cultural orientation, including a home stay with a local family.

You can apply for the program at <http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/>

We also have a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MsuudsmTanzanianPartnershipProgramStudyAbroad>

If you have any questions, you can contact the faculty leader, Betty Okwako at [okwakobe@msu.edu](mailto:okwakobe@msu.edu)



## Study Abroad in Greece and Turkey: Contemporary Culture, Politics, and Society

This interdisciplinary program offers students the opportunity to earn credit through the College of Social Science, including specialized field research, while experiencing Greek, Turkish, and Eastern Mediterranean culture, politics, economy, society, and traditions. Students can take Sociology and ISS classes and will also be exposed to techniques of participant observation as a research field method. Festivals, rituals, family, household, village, and city customs and practices are all valuable mechanisms for learning the social economic, cultural, political, and religious activities and traditions that make a society definable, distinctive, and durable. Students will also explore and understand the causes, content, and consequences of the current economic crisis and associated social turmoil in Greece.



If you have any questions, you can contact the faculty leader, Brendan Mullan at [mullan@msu.edu](mailto:mullan@msu.edu)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MSU Graduate Student Grant Writing Workshop & Fall Seminar for Funding Abroad

**Workshop: Proposal Writing for International Research:** Dr. Wiley, former MSU professor, will be offering this annual workshop on August 28, 2014. Last fall, over one hundred students attended. It will take place in room 303 International Center from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. No pre-registration is required.

**International Social Science Research (ISSR) semester-long seminar:** Dr. Wiley will also offer a seminar for Graduate students that are seeking funding for pre-dissertation or dissertation research abroad. This seminar will be offered on Thursday evenings in the fall semester equating to 1-3 credits for the semester. If any student is interested, they should contact Dr. Wiley for a syllabus and enrollment information: [wiley@msu.edu](mailto:wiley@msu.edu).

The next issue of the CASID Current will be sent out March 13, 2014. Please send information in advanced to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Sarah Anthony; email: [casid@msu.edu](mailto:casid@msu.edu); telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax: (517) 353-8765.



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