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EVENTS

Week of February 6th

Monday, February 6th

“Law Reinforcement and Good Governance: Is There Enough to Stop Illegal Bushmeat Monday Trade in Madagascar?”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
10:00 am - 12:00 pm, C-304 Snyder Hall
Colloquium with guest speaker, Dr. Jonah Ratsimbazafy, Scientific Coordinator for the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust Program in Madagascar Program.

“Communication Arts and Sciences Spring Study Abroad Fair”
Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad and College of Communication Arts and Sciences
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm, Communication Arts and Sciences Building, North Lobby
Program leaders will be on-hand to talk about their study abroad programs and answer student questions. Students can pick up Communication Arts and Sciences sponsored study abroad program flyers, scholarship applications and other related materials about study abroad.

“Unpacking Your Study Abroad Experience”
Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 110 Berkey Hall
This presentation, offered by the Office of Study Abroad and the Career Services Network, will give students the information and skills they need to effectively present their study abroad experience in their resume and application cover letters, and during job interviews.

Wednesday, February 8th

“Franchising Mexican Soccer, 1950-1986”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
This presentation will be given by Alejandro Gonzalez Landeros, Graduate Student, Hispanic Studies.

“Spring Festival: Chinese New Year Celebration”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm, MacDonald Middle School, 1601 Burcham Drive, East Lansing
Join us as we celebrate Chinese New Year with martial arts and folk music performances. Free and open to all.

“The Domestic Crusaders”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center and Muslim Studies Program
7:00 pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium
A staged reading of the Off-Broadway staged play by Wajahat Ali about a Pakistani-American family grappling with their own internal trials and tribulations, the changing dynamics of American society and a globalized, post 9/11 world. The play made its Off Broadway premiere in September 2009. For more information, please visit: www.facebook.com/IslamMigrations

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“Waiting to be Sheared”
Bulgaria, 2011
Faculty John Fox

“Jodhpur ‘The Blue City’”
India, 2011
Student Elizabeth Sonntag
Thursday, February 9th

“Taming Cerberus: Against Sexism, Racism and Oppression in Colonial Nigeria”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center

African Studies Center presents their Eye on Africa Weekly noon seminar. This week the presenter will be Maria Martin, Graduate student, African American and African Studies.

Friday, February 10th

“Leonardo Sciascia After the Moro Assassination: Italian Fascism’s ‘Radical Campaign’”
Sponsored by: Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 302 International Center

Brown Bag presentation by Professor Joseph Francese, Department of Romance and Classical Studies. Leonardo Sciascia was an Italian writer, novelist, essayist, playwright and politician.

“Valentine’s Coffee Hour”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center

International Student Association and Office for International Students and Scholars are teaming up for the Valentine’s Coffee Hour! Come out and enjoy some music, themed decorations, candy and other surprises! Bring yourself, your sweetheart, friends or others to celebrate this loving holiday!

Saturday, February 11th

“S.C. Lee Scholarship Dinner”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Spartan Rooms, Crossroads Cafeteria, International Center

The S.C. Lee Scholarship was established in 1977 in memory of Professor Shao Chang Lee. Lee, a native of China, did undergraduate studies at Lingnan University in Canton (Guangzhou) and Tsinghua (Qinghua) University in Peking (Beijing). He then received a B.A. from Yale University and a M.A. from Columbia. From 1922 to 1943, Professor Lee served as the head of the Foreign Studies Department at the University of Hawaii, laying the foundation for the East Asian Studies program there. He joined the MSU faculty in 1943 as Professor of Foreign Studies and Director of the Foreign Studies Institute, the forerunner of International Studies Programs. Professor Lee served as the first Director of the International Center from its founding in 1951, until he retired in 1960. A noted authority on Chinese history and religion, Professor Lee worked tirelessly to promote further understanding between East Asia and the United States. Professor Lee passed away in August of 1977 at the age of 86. Please join us for the annual dinner during which we will celebrate this year’s winners of the scholarship competition.

Week of February 13th

Monday, February 13th

“Library Colloquia Series: Beautifully Decentralized: A Bird’s Eye View of German Libraries”
Sponsored by: Michigan State University Libraries
11:00 am - 7:00 pm, MSU Main Library, North Conference Room W449

Learn how the landscape of German libraries and library networks differs from the U.S. model, and how digital libraries and archives are impacting the cultural heritage environment. Elke Greifeneder is a researcher and doctoral candidate in the School of Library and Information Science at Germany’s Humboldt-Universitat zu Berlin, and associate editor of Library Hi-Tech. Her research interests are in user-centered design of digital libraries.

“Life in the U.S. - Friendship and Dating”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 303 International Center

Have you ever felt lonely and homesick living alone and away from your family and friends? Do you find it hard to make friends, or even develop a romantic relationship in the US because of the language barriers or cultural differences? If you are interested in the issues concerning friendship and dating, please join us in our “Life in the US Series: Friendship and Dating.” During this session, an expert from MSU’s Counseling Center will share tips and resources with attendees.

Pre-registration is required and space is limited! Lunch and refreshments are provided for all those who register!
Please contact: Zach Tobin tobinzac@isp.msu.edu

Wednesday, February 15th

“Conducting Research About MSU Study Abroad”
Sponsored by: Office of Faculty and Organizational Development
11:30 am - 1:00 pm, MSU Union, Lake Superior Room

MSU offers what may be the largest catalog of study abroad programs in the nation. As such, it encourages program leaders to reflect, qualitatively and quantitatively, on their programming activities in order to showcase MSU’s areas of strength to discipline-based and education abroad peers. Peer-reviewed education abroad journals require referencing the growing body of literature that defines accepted research methods on education abroad programs. Yet, many program leaders, experts in their academic discipline, may not be familiar with this literature and the variety of research approaches available to them. This session will identify resources available to faculty for project design and literature review, including OSA’s research capacity statement. Examples of recent or ongoing research on MSU study abroad programming will be presented.
“Indigenous Language Reform in Southern Mexico”
Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center
The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies is sponsoring a presentation this week by Paul Tanner, Graduate Student, Educational Policy. He will be presenting on “Indigenous Language Reform in Southern Mexico: Opportunities and Challenges in the Implementation of Federal Policy in Teacher Training Institutions.”

“Peace Corps General Information Meeting”
Sponsored by: Michigan State University Peace Corps
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, 303 International Center
Come learn more about the Peace Corps: how to apply, what to expect, assignment areas and projects; benefits from service, etc. We will be showing a short film depicting a variety of volunteer experiences around the world and then be presenting a short PowerPoint concerning logistical details. A small panel of returned Peace Corps volunteers will be on hand to share their experiences and answer your questions.

“Korean Coffee House”
Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center and the MSU Korean Council
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, 201 International Center
Learn about Korean culture, music, food and more! Practice Korean while talking with Korean speakers.

Thursday, February 16th

“The Idea of Authorised Heritage Discourse in Post-Apartheid South Africa”
Sponsored by: African Studies Center
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center
African Studies Center will present their Eye on Africa weekly noon seminar with Sipokazi Sambumbu. Sambumbu is faculty at the University of Western Cape, South Africa; and currently is a UMAPS member.

“2012 Slavery to Freedom: An American Odyssey”
Sponsored by: Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine
5:00 pm, Kellogg Center, Auditorium
The Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine presents “Slavery to Freedom: an American Odyssey,” which highlights persons who have become icons of the American struggle for civil rights. The presenter for the second part of this series is Diane Nash, a Freedom Rider and Civil Rights Leader.

Friday, February 17th

“Optional Practical Training (OPT) Session”
Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, 303 International Center
F-1 students may apply for one year of work authorization, called the 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.

“Friday Forum”
Sponsored by: Center for Advanced Study of International Development and Center for Gender in Global Context
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, 201 International Center
This week for the Friday Forum, Amita Chudgar, Department of Educational Administration, will be presenting: “Schooling Outcomes in Rural India: Are Female headed Households Different Than Male Headed Households?”

Empowering Women: A Force for Development in Africa

February 23, 2012
6:30 pm
Kellogg Center Auditorium
Join us for an eye-opening discussion of the very real potential for change as seen through the eyes of Ambassador Peggy Blackfoot.

Real social, economic, and political change in Africa - the kind that impacts future generations - can begin with an empowered woman.

How can we provide the necessary resources for empowerment in African communities while remaining sensitive to cultural differences and traditions?

What Kind of help has the greatest impact in the short run?

What is the single, most valuable investment for long-term change?

What roles can we play here in our own communities?
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Explore Entrepreneurship: International Student Forum

Thinking about starting a business? Not sure how? Not sure when? Join campus and community professionals to learn how you can turn innovative ideas into business opportunities both on and off campus. The following offices will be represented: The Law Office of Foster Swift, Michigan State University Entrepreneurship Network, The Hatch & The NEO Center and Michigan State University’s Nonprofit & Small Business Clinic.

Friday, February 24, 2012
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Riverside Room, Kellogg Center

Registration is required and space is limited. To reserve your spot please visit: www.isp.msu.edu

Global Focus Student Winner

Mt. Bromo Sunrise
Indonesia, 2011
Ryan Walker