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Spring semester 2010 is in full swing! Thanks for the positive feedback about our new format. Please let us know of other suggestions and, as always, if you have items you’d like announced in the Current, send them our way!

Don't forget to check out these campus events calendars for more events:

ISP Calendar
College of Social Science Calendar
Campus Events Calendar

Events: Week of 8 February

Wednesday, 10 February
Women in the Mist of Warfare in Colombia: A Quest for Hope
Speaker: Elvira Sánchez-Blake, Spanish and Portuguese
CLACS Seminar Series
3pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, 11 February
Incorporating a Global Perspective into K-12 Science and Social Studies Teaching: The Tanzanian Partnership Curriculum Development Project
Speakers: Dwight Sieggren, Hillside Middle School, Northville MI, and Barbara Naess, Honey Creek Community School, Washtenaw County, MI
Global Initiative Forum for Future Teachers (GIFT)
6-8pm, 252 Erickson Hall

Friday, 12 February
International Climate Change Research Forum
Speakers: Jiaguo Qi, Geography; David Skole, Forestry; Jinhua Zhao, AFRE; Jennifer Olson, Telecommunication, Information Studies & Media
CASID-GenCen Friday Forum
NOTE: 12-2pm, 303 International Center

International Coffee Hour
OISS
4-6pm, Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center

Events: Week of 15 February

Wednesday, 17 February
Two to Tango: A Musical Exploration of US/Latin American Relations
Speaker: Ricardo Lorenz, Music
CLACS Seminar Series
3pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, 18 February
Bridging Paradigms in the Global Context: Perspective, Power and Positionality
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Sorrells, Associate Professor in the Department of...
Communication Studies at California State University, Northridge
Contributing departments include: Campus Living Services, Internationalizing the Student Experience, Office for Cultural and Academic Transitions, Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, Office for International Students and Scholars and Residence Life
9-11am, 3rd Floor International Center

Intersectional LGBTQ Identities: Communities, Contestations and Alliances
Speaker: Dr. Kathryn Sorrells, Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at California State University, Northridge
Contributing departments include: Campus Living Services, Internationalizing the Student Experience, Office for Cultural and Academic Transitions, Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, Office for International Students and Scholars and Residence Life
3-5pm, 328 A & B Student Services Building

Friday, 19 February
Civil Wars as One of Several Alternative Manifestations of Political Conflict
Speaker: Cristina Bodea, Department of Political Science
CASID-GenCen Friday Forum
12pm, 201 International Center

International Coffee Hour
OISS
4-6pm, Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center

Announcements

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Dow Chemical Hong Kong - Michigan Scholarship Program 2010 - 2011

For Graduate Students and Recent Ph.Ds of Michigan Universities For Research at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Dow Chemical Company in Hong Kong has pledged its support again to a scholarship for advanced graduate students and recent Ph.Ds of universities in the state of Michigan to spend up to ten months doing research while affiliated with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The award starts in the 2010-2011 academic year. The Hong Kong America Center and the Center on China's Transnational Relations at HKUST will administer the program on behalf of Dow.

Eligible fields of study are: Environment, Energy, Sustainability, Education, Transnational Relations, Science and Technology and policy issues related to these topics. This is a unique opportunity for young American scholars in these fields to spend an academic year in a top research university in Hong Kong advancing their research and linking with scholars from China and other parts of the Asia Pacific region.

Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate degree program in Michigan or have received a PhD degree from a Michigan university within five years of application. People born in the state of Michigan who are doing graduate study (or have received a PhD within five years of application) at a university outside of Michigan are also eligible to apply. Students holding permanent residents status are also eligible to apply. As the HKUST is an English medium university, Chinese language proficiency is not required for this award. However, some prior experience in Chinese societies and with Chinese language will definitely be an advantage. Preference will be given to proposals that show a link between the planned research in a discipline mentioned above to Asia, especially to China. Note the application form (available at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/hkac/mainframe.html), requires a proposal for the research to be undertaken in Hong Kong.
The Dow Hong Kong-Michigan Scholarship Program at the HKUST provides support for ten months with a stipend of US$17,000 and additional US$5,200 for international travel and re-location, research expenses, travel within Asia related to research, etc. In addition, the HKUST will provide housing on campus or a subsidy of US$12,820 (HK$100,000) for ten months towards residence off campus, including health insurance. The total value of the scholarship is over US$35,000.

Applications, including references, a research proposal and a CV, should be sent online to the Hong Kong America Center by February 26, 2010. Inquiries about the Dow Chemical Hong Kong - Michigan Scholarship Program are welcome to Dr. David Horner, telephone number - 517 432-7989. In addition, we welcome inquiries directly to Hong Kong to Dr. Glenn Shive, Executive Director of the Hong Kong-America Center or Dr. David Zweig, Director of the Centre on China’s Transnational Relations (CCTR) at the HKUST.

SUMMER TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY
Global Exploration for Educators Organization (GEEO) is a 501c3 non-profit organization that helps and encourages educators to travel abroad. GEEO hopes to make America more outward-looking by helping teachers travel and then giving them an effective way to share these experiences in their classrooms.

GEEO is now taking reservations for summer travel programs to India, Panama, Peru, Tunisia, Southern Africa (South Africa, Mozambique, Botswana and Zimbabwe) and China.

Educators can earn graduate school credit and professional development credit while seeing the world. The trips are designed for teachers and include activities such as school visits and homestays that give participants authentic exposure to local culture. The trips are deeply discounted so as to be affordable to teachers. GEEO also helps teachers find funding to subsidize the cost of the trips.

Detailed information about each trip, including itineraries, costs, travel dates, and more can be found at www.geeo.org. GEEO can also be reached 7 days a week, toll free at 1-877-600-0105 between 9AM-10PM EST. To sign-up for GEEO's listserv, please send an email to listserv@geeo.org with the subject line "subscribe."

CALL FOR PAPERS/ABSTRACTS/SUBMISSIONS
9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences
June 2 - 5, 2010
Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel
Honolulu Hawaii, USA

Submission Deadline Extended to: February 19, 2010
Keep in mind that our submission review process takes about 2-3 weeks, therefore it is best to submit well in advance of the above deadline as our registration fees increase as the conferences nears. See our website for the registration fee structure.

Sponsored by: University of Louisville - Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods

Web address: http://www.hicsocial.org
Email address: social@hicsocial.org
The 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences will be held from June 2 to June 5, 2010 at the Hilton Waikiki Prince Kuhio Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will provide many opportunities for academicians and professionals from social sciences related fields to interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines.

Topic Areas (All Areas of Social Sciences are invited):

*Anthropology *Area Studies (African, American, Asian, European, Hispanic, Islamic, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Russian, and all other cultural and ethnic studies) *Communication *Economics *Education *Energy Alternatives *Ethnic Studies/International Studies *Geography *History *International Relations *Journalism *New Urbanism *Political Science *Preservation and Green Urbanism *Psychology *Public Administration *Social Work *Sociology *Sustainable Development *Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods *Urban and Regional Planning *Women's studies *Other Areas of Social Science *Cross-disciplinary areas of the above related to each other or other areas

Submitting a Proposal: You may submit your paper/proposal by using our online submission system! To use the system, and for detailed information about submitting see: http://www.hicsocial.org/cfp_ss.htm

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CLACS CALL FOR PAPERS - EXTENDED
Regional Inequality in Times of Globalization: An interdisciplinary symposium focused on issues of vital importance to the human condition
April 21-22, 2010
International Center
Michigan State University
*new deadline for presentations and poster submissions - February 10, 5 pm *

Faculty, graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit proposals

Sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State University. Please send submissions to: Kristin Janka Millar - kristin@msu.edu

UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND ARTS FORUM
Registration is open for the 12th Annual UURAF, the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum. UURAF is an opportunity for students to showcase their scholarship and creative activity to the University community in a conference-like venue. Students present their work to faculty judges in one of three formats: an oral presentation, a poster presentation, or a performance demonstration. Students may participate as individuals or as part of a group. Due to space and time limitations, we strongly encourage groups to be no larger than 4 people. Students may participate in a maximum of two events.

Nearly 600 students from 14 colleges and 285 faculty mentors from 15 colleges participated in last year's event. Please share this information with faculty and suggest that they encourage their students to showcase their work at the forum. The opportunities for student participation are very broad.
Students need to register for the forum by Friday, February 26, 2010. Registration and detailed information for participants can be found on the undergraduate research website at www.urca.msu.edu/uuraf. The forum will be held in the MSU Union on Friday, April 16 from 9 AM - 5 PM. For additional information, contact Dr. Korine Wawrzynski, Director of Undergraduate Research, at steinke7@msu.edu or 355-7635.

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