Week of November 22

Sunday, November 22

2015 MSU Global Festival

Sponsors: Community Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP), the Multicultural Unity Center (MOSAIC), Office for International Students and Scholars, University Activities Board, and the Michigan State University Credit Union
1:00–6:00 p.m., MSU Union

The Global Festival offers the Greater Lansing community the chance to explore cultures from around the world. Every year, international students participate in showcasing their home country with features such as children’s games, international exhibits, and performances. During the festival, explore the World Gift Shop, which offers a variety of international art works, jewelry, glassware, clothing and a multitude of gift items. Proceeds support the CVIP Scholarship Fund for spouses of international students to attend classes at MSU. The Global Festival is free and open to everyone. For more information, visit: http://cvip isp.msu.edu/globalfestival/.

Monday, November 23

Pláticas: Conversation Hour

Sponsor: MSU Spanish Club
5:30–6:30 p.m., MSU Union, in front of the post office

Listen, chat and meet other Spanish speakers at Pláticas (conversation hour). The program is facilitated by MSU Spanish instructors and the MSU Spanish Club.

“A Handmade Response to Sweatshops: Craftivism, Protest, and Critique of Consumer Culture”

Sponsors: Center for Gender in Global Context and the Women’s Resource Center
12:15–1:30 p.m., MSU Museum Auditorium

Heather Pristash, an assistant professor of English at Western Wyoming Community College, will speak as part of the Our Daily Work, Our Daily Lives Lecture Series.

Korean Coffee House

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center and the Council of Korean Studies

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Monday, November 30

Sponsor: MSU Spanish Club
5:30–6:30 p.m., MSU Union, in front of the post office

Listen, chat and meet other Spanish speakers at Pláticas (conversation hour). The program is facilitated by MSU Spanish instructors and the MSU Spanish Club.

Yael Aronoff, the director of the Jewish Studies Program, will introduce the film “The Zigzag Kid” (2012), directed by Vincent Bal. Yuval Benziman, a visiting assistant professor at James Madison College, and Laura Apol, an associate professor of teacher education in the College of Education, will discuss the film and answer questions afterward.


Sponsors: Asian Studies Center and the Department of Religious Studies
7:00 p.m., Wells Hall B100

Kaori Hatsumi, a visiting assistant professor at St. Mary’s College in Notre Dame, IN, will speak.

Wednesday, December 2

“Caste, Religion and Economic Participation of Women in India”

Sponsors: Department of Economics and the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics
12:00–1:00 p.m., Koo Room of Marshall-Adams Hall

Muzna Alvi, a doctoral student in the Department of Economics, will speak.
as part of the Development Lunch Seminar Series.

**Hindi-Urdu Chai and Chat**

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center and the India Council
6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Experience and discuss Indian and South Asian cultures and languages, especially Hindi/Urdu, while sipping spiced tea (chai) and tasting delicious desi snacks. This event is free and open to everyone. The December meeting will include a showing of the film “Amar Akbar Anthony.” For more information, email Rajiv Ranjan, MSU’s Hindi lecturer and resident chaivala, at rranjan@msu.edu.

**Thursday, December 3**

**“Msingi Mzuri’: The Development of Pre-Primary Education in Tanzania”**

Sponsor: African Studies Center
12:00–1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Bethany Wilinski, an assistant professor in the Department of Teacher Education and a section leader for the MSU Tanzania Partnership Project, will speak as part of the African Studies Center’s Eye on Africa Seminar Series.

**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. Ghana and Nigeria will be the focus of this tea.

**“Purdah, Poets, Parody: The Image of the Muslim in Amar Akbar Anthony”**

Sponsors: Asian Studies Center, Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, Muslim Studies Program, Film Studies Program, Department of Religious Studies, Department of History, and the Department of English
4:00–5:50 p.m., A108 Wells Hall

William Elison, a senior lecturer in the religion and anthropology departments at Dartmouth College, will speak as part of Asian Studies Colloquium on Muslim Communities in India and South Asia.

**Ninth Annual Freshman Showcase: “The Monkey King”**

Sponsor: Department of Theatre
This production runs through December 6
*Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, December 4, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.
**Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

* Post-show discussion on Thursday, December 3, 2015 (following the performance)
** Director pre-show discussion Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.
This world premiere performance is directed by Deric McNish. Freshman Showcase takes us to China, as part of MSU's year-long engagement with “The China Experience.” The Monkey King is an exciting devised piece based on the Ming Dynasty novel “Journey to the West.” Tickets are available from the Wharton Center Box Office, 1.800.WHARTON, whartoncenter.com.

**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.

**Integrative Studies in Social Science and Political Science**  
Monday, November 23  
5:00–6:00 p.m., 134 South Kedzie

**Dubai, Detroit and Dearborn: The Globalization of Consumerism and Community**  
Wednesday, December 2  
4:15–5:15 p.m., B342 Wells Hall

**Behavioral Ecology of African Mammals**  
Wednesday, December 2  
6:00–7:00 p.m., 203C Natural Science Building

**Development and NGOs: Internships in Malawi**  
Thursday, December 3  
5:00–6:00 p.m., 204 International Center

**Friday, December 4**

**Arabic Tea and Conversation Hour**

Sponsors: MSU Arabic Flagship, Arabic Program, and the Asian Studies Center  
4:30–6:30 p.m., 303 International Center

Arabic Diwan is a gathering of Arabic students of the Arabic program where they speak Arabic and learn about the culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment with a Fulbright Program teaching assistant Amr Abdulla from Egypt. Students from all Arabic levels are encouraged to attend, as well as Arabic-speaking students at the English Center. This is an opportunity to meet learners of Arabic, make friends, and exchange language and cultural knowledge. For more information, please contact Amr Rabie at rabieamr@msu.edu.
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Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: December 8, 2015

Universities in Africa and African-born academics in the United States and Canada can now apply for funding to take part in joint projects as part of the Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program. Carnegie Corporation of New York has announced a renewal grant to the Institute of International Education that aims to support 140 collaborative projects in 2016 and 2017, building on the success of the first two years of the program. Project requests from universities and applications from scholars are due by December 8, 2015, and projects can begin as early as May 2016.


S.C. Lee Scholarship and Paper Competition

Application Deadline: January 29, 2016

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 to undergraduate students only, while the paper competition is open to both graduate and undergraduate students.

Stop by the Asian Studies Center in room 301 of the International Center, or visit their website at: http://asia.isp.msu.edu/. For questions, please call (517) 353-1680 or email at asiansc@msu.edu.

Institute of International Education China Fellowships

Application Deadline: February 15, 2016

The Institute of International Education (IIE) is pleased to announce two fellowship opportunities for doctoral-level students in the arts, education, humanities, and social sciences with a focus on China. They are now accepting applications for the newly launched PhD in China Fellowship, and the second year of the Research
PhD Fellowship. These fellowships are sponsored by Hanban, and are under the umbrella of the Confucius China Studies Program. More information can be found at: www.iie.org/ccsp.

In addition, IIE will host session webinars covering the details of these awards, including the application process, eligibility, timeline, and award benefits, followed by a Q&A session. The next webinar will be held on Wednesday, December 2 from 3:00–4:00 p.m. (Eastern time). Registration for this session can be found here: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3980601898382349825.

For questions, contact Steven Dale, the IIE Program Officer for these fellowships, by emailing sdale@iie.org or by calling (212) 984-5346.

Pickering Fellowship Program

Application Deadline: January 15, 2015

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.

Pickering Fellowship Program Benefits

- Undergraduate candidates: Up to $37,500 annually for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for the senior year of undergraduate studies, and first year of a master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as business administration, economics, public policy, international affairs, and other relevant fields.
- Graduate candidates: Up to $37,500 annually for tuition, room and board, books, mandatory fees and some travel expenses for a two-year master's degree in fields related to the Foreign Service such as business administration, economics, public policy, international affairs, and other relevant fields.
- Two summer internships, one at a domestic office of the Department of State in Washington, D.C. and one overseas at a U.S. embassy or consulate. The program provides stipends, transportation and housing for these internships.
- Orientation to the program and the Foreign Service at the Department of State.
- Mentoring from a Foreign Service officer throughout the duration of the fellowship.
- Employment in the Department of State Foreign Service for those who successfully complete the program and Foreign Service entry requirements.
The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) Paper Competitions and Awards

Graduate Student Grants to Support Travel for Research Collection

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) will be awarding a number of travel grants of up to $500 each to graduate students whose major research focus is women's and gender studies. These funds will be used to support travel to engage in preliminary exploratory research in advance of writing a dissertation grant proposal. A student may only apply and be awarded this grant once in his/her graduate career, and these funds should supplement other funding. For more information, please see: http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/documents/academics/grad_research_funding.pdf.

Graduate Student Grants to Support Travel for Conference Presentations

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) will be awarding a number of travel grants of up to $300 to support graduate students who will be delivering papers or other presentations on research related to women's and gender studies at academic conferences. A student may only apply for this grant once per academic year, and preference will be given to qualified applicants who have not previously received these funds. These funds should be used to supplement support from the student's home department or the Graduate School. Students must apply for this funding prior to their travel; funding will not be retroactively applied to travel already undertaken. Please note that the student must be registered for at least one credit in the semester that funding is awarded. Recipients will be selected by the graduate subcommittee of the GenCen curriculum committee and funds will be awarded on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. Applications must include:

- Evidence that a paper/presentation was accepted at an academic conference.
- A current CV.
- A letter of support from the student's major advisor.
- Evidence of support from student's home department (if the student is also applying for Graduate School funding, a copy of the Travel Funding Request Form is acceptable evidence of support).
- An estimated budget of costs to be incurred.
- Electronic submission of materials is encouraged, emailed to gencen@msu.edu (materials must be in either Word or PDF formats).

For more information, please see: http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/documents/academics/grad_conf_funding.pdf.
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Tracy Dobson Award for Undergraduate Student Feminist Activism

Application Deadline: Friday, December 18

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/.

Mary Anderson Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper on Women and Gender in Global Perspective

Application Deadline: Friday, December 18

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) invites MSU undergraduate students to submit a paper for its annual competition, named to honor former women's rights activist and MSU Women's Studies scholar Mary Anderson, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 1993. The paper should have been completed within the past year and should focus on issues related to women and gender in global perspective. Papers should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length.
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Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be presented at the annual GenCen Open House in January. Award-winning authors 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). Use “Anderson Paper submission” as the subject line of your email and be sure to include a contact phone number and email address in the body of your email. A list of previous winners can be found on the GenCen website at www.gencen.msu.edu/funding/papercompetition.htm. For more information, please see: http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/documents/Undergrad_Award_flyer.pdf.

**Rita S. Gallin Award for the Best Graduate Paper on Women and Gender in Global Perspective**

Application Deadline: December 18, 2015

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) invites MSU graduate students to submit a paper for its annual competition, named for Rita S. Gallin in honor of her 13 years as director of the Women and International Development Program and her scholarship in the area of women, gender, international development, and globalization. The paper should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length, have been completed within the past year, and should focus on issues related to women, gender, international development, and globalization. Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be presented at the annual GenCen Open House in January. Award-winning authors 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). Use “Gallin Paper submission” as the subject line of your email and be sure to include a contact phone number and email address in the body of your email. A list of previous winners can be found on the GenCen website at: www.gencen.msu.edu/funding/papercompetition.htm. For more information, please see: http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/documents/Grad_Award_flyer.pdf.
The Center for Advanced Study of International Development & The Center for Gender in Global Context Invites Undergraduate and Graduate Applications for 2016-2017 Academic Year Fellowships & 2016 Summer Intensive Language Fellowships under the U.S. Department of Education, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (FLAS) Program

The FLAS Fellowship program:

- Is for students combining the study of a modern foreign language with training in international development studies or in the international development aspects of professional or other fields of study. Awards will be made in the following languages:
  - Arabic  French  Indonesian  Korean  Portuguese  Swahili  Tamil  Turkish  Vietnamese  Chinese  Hindi  Japanese  Persian/Farsi  Russian  Spanish  Thai  Uzbek  Zulu

- Supports students interested in issues related (but not limited) to the following: Global Food, Agriculture, and Environment; Livelihood Strategies, Economics, and Governance; Education and Health Disparities; Violence, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution; and Identities, Representations, and Human Rights.

- Meets a critical need for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills to develop a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures.

Undergraduate awards are worth up to $15,000 per academic year. Graduate awards are worth up to $33,000 per academic year. Summer awards are worth up to $7,500.

Applications are due February 5, 2016. FLAS eligibility requirements and application materials are available online at http://casid.isp.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.htm Questions regarding the program should be directed to Jennifer Brewer at brewer13@isp.msu.edu.
Learn more about the experiences of Muslims in this scholar-led book group. We’ll begin with an introduction to the Qur’an and its place in the lives of Muslims. Then we’ll read four memoirs exploring the authors’ paths in countries including Egypt, France, Iran, Lebanon, Turkey and the United States.

Each session will start with a short lecture, followed by facilitated book discussion, and finishing with a question and answer period.

- All are invited to participate. Drop-in for one or attend all five sessions.
- No sign up required.
- Free and open to the public.
- Light refreshments served.

Questions?
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Wednesday, October 21 • 7:00 pm
East Lansing Public Library
*The Story of the Qur’an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life* by Ingrid Mattson.
Lecture and discussion with Mohammad Khalil, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director, MSU Muslim Studies Program.

Wednesday, November 18 • 7:00 pm
MSU Main Library, Room W444
*Istanbul: Memories and the City* by Orhan Pamuk.
Lecture and discussion with Jyotsna Singh, Professor of English.

Wednesday, January 20 • 7:00 pm
MSU Main Library, Room W444
Lecture and discussion with Salah Hassan, Associate Professor of English.

Wednesday, February 17 • 7:00 pm
MSU Main Library, Room W444
*Persepolis: The Story of A Childhood* (Graphic Novel) by Marjane Satrapi.
Lecture and discussion with Emine Evered, Associate Professor of History.

Wednesday, March 16 • 7:00 pm
East Lansing Public Library
*The Butterfly Mosque* by G. Willow Wilson.
Lecture and discussion with Leila Tarakji, Graduate Student in English.

Sponsored by MSU Muslim Studies Program, MSU Libraries, and East Lansing Public Library

Special Event: MSU Film Collective Film Screening
Thursday, February 25 • 8:00 pm
B122 Wells Hall, MSU
*Persepolis* (Animated Feature Film)
Cosponsored by the MSU Libraries, MSU Comics Forum and MSU Film Studies. With discussion by Kaveh Askari of Western Washington University.