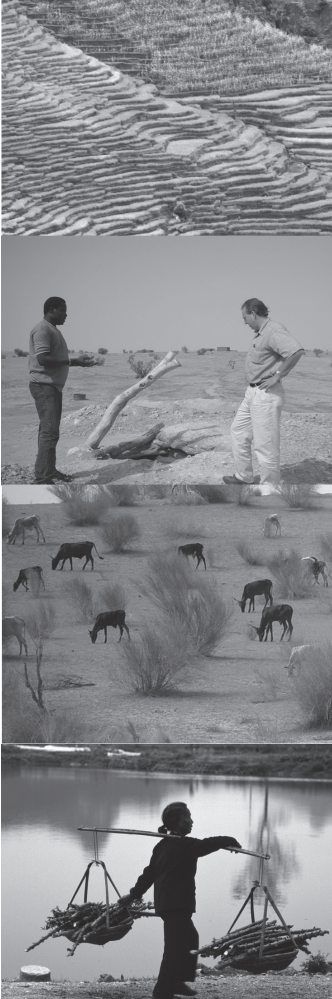


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For the Week of September 1st:

Monday, September 1st

Labor Day
MSU CLOSED

Thursday, September 4th

“South African Politics”

MSU Political Science department talk with Robert Mattes, Professor, Department of Political Studies, and Director, Centre for Social Science Research (Univ. of Cape Town, South Africa)
12:00pm, Room 104, South Kedzie Hall

“Sustainability Science”

Environmental Science & Policy, Environment at MSU Series
Sandra Batie, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University and Thomas Dietz, Environmental Science and Policy Program, Michigan State University
3:00pm - 4:30pm, Kellogg Center, Corniche Room

Indian Students and Scholars Welcome Reception

Supported by the India Council endowment
4:00pm, International Center Rooms 302, 303, 305

Optional Practical Training Session

This session is for international students, who may apply for one year of work authorization for use after graduation.
4:00pm - 5:00pm, International Center, Room 201

Friday, September 5th

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars
4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

“Computerized Cognitive Rehabilitation Training with Ugandan Cerebral Malaria Survivors”

INPEP Brown Bag Series
Speaker: Dr. Michael Boivin
12:00pm, East Fee Hall, Patenge Room, C105

For the Week of September 8th:

Monday, September 8th

“From Sudan to Lansing: Lost Boys Tell Their Story”

The Lansing area has one of the largest concentrations of “Lost Boys of Sudan” in the country. The panel will explore the various experiences of these young men as they went to school and/or work, and began to become assimilated to the U.S.
7:00pm - 8:30pm, Kellogg Center, Lincoln Room

EVENTS *continued***Thursday, September 11th****“False Ethnic and Racial Stereotypes and the Contributions All Groups Have Made to Our World”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag
 Speaker: Charles Six, Founder and President of Ending Stereotypes for America, (ESFA) and MSU Alumni
 12:00pm, Room 303, International Center

Fast Track to Library Research

Save time, work smart, and start researching like an expert at the MSU Libraries. Please visit <http://www2.lib.msu.edu/general/events/workshops.jsp> to reserve a place.

3:30pm - 5:30pm, Main Library, Reference Instruction, Room (E110)

Film, “Lust/Caution”

Asian Studies Center
 Part of the Fall Film Series “On the Edge: Contemporary Chinese Cinema”
 7:00pm, Room B104, Wells Hall

Friday, September 12th**“Globalization in the Reverse: The Impact of High Food Prices in West Africa”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum, series on Re-Envisioning Food and Agriculture: The New Global Context

Speaker: John Staatz, Professor, Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics

12:00pm, Room 303, International Center

“Black Slave Ship Crew: Labor, Bondage and Freedom in the Early Modern South Atlantic”

Brown Bag Series, “Our Daily Work/ Our Daily Lives,” presented by Walter Hawthorne, MSU Department of History.

12:15pm - 1:30pm, MSU Museum Auditorium

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

Film, “Lost Boys of Sudan”

Lost Boys of Sudan is a feature-length documentary that follows two Sudanese refugees on an extraordinary journey from Africa to America.

7:00pm - 9:00pm, Main Library, North Conference Room, W449

Saturday, September 13th**A Special Evening with the Cameroonian Community of Lansing**

Advanced registration is required. Contact Emmanuel Yewah (eyewah@albion.edu), Richard Fotsin (fotsinri@msu.edu) or Felix Ngassa (ngassaf@gvsu.edu).

6:00pm, University Quality Inn in Lansing

Sunday, September 14th**Echoes of Africa: An African Experience**

Experience the sounds of African drumming and participate in storytelling, crafts and other cultural activities. This is part of the One Book, One Community program.

1:00pm - 2:30pm, Adams Field

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL 2008 COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Design and Implementation of International Development Programs, ACR825

Professor George H. Axinn

Mondays, 3:00pm - 5:50pm

This is a 3 credit graduate seminar available every semester on the MSU ANGEL Program. The course simulates a small group of students sitting around a table with the professor, who has years of hands-on experience designing and implementing many development programs and projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Conversations, readings, individual term papers, and other assignments will address various topics pertaining to international development. For more information about this graduate seminar, see the preview at: <https://angel.msu.edu>, or e-mail Professor George H. Axinn at: axinn@msu.edu.

Native American Languages, English 596N

Professor Elena Benedicto

Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30pm - 5:45pm

The American Indian Studies Program at MSU is participating in a course share with Purdue University, and we will be receiving the following course on Native American Languages via live videoconference this fall semester 2008. This course is open to graduate students in any discipline at MSU. Students will sign up for an independent study course for 3 hours, which may be counted as part of your regular MSU program. If you are interested in being part of this course share, please talk with your faculty advisor, and then contact: Dr. Susan Applegate Krouse, Director, American Indian Studies Program, krouse@msu.edu

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

The Graduate School at MSU Dissertation Completion Fellowships

Twenty fellowships are available annually to allow students to devote full time to writing the dissertation with the goal that the dissertation will be completed during the tenure of the fellowship. Other MSU financial support, held simultaneously with the fellowship, cannot exceed a one-half time assistantship or the equivalent. Selection of fellowship winners will be made by a student's college. The colleges will set the conditions and application procedures for the Graduate School Dissertation Fellowships and will notify the Graduate School of the winners. The Fellowship awards will be dispensed by the Graduate School. Students should contact the associate dean's office of their college to find

out their college's procedure. See <http://grad.msu.edu/funding.htm#diss> for more information.

2009-2010 Fulbright Fellowship Applications

Fulbright fellowship applications are now available for the 2009/2010 academic year. Faculty are encouraged to recommend exceptional students to submit application for Fulbright Fellowships in two categories to study, teach, and/or conduct research abroad in over 140 countries.

1. Students graduating in May, 2009 may apply for a Fulbright Institute for International Education (IIE) research or research and teaching grants.

2. Students who have been admitted to the doctoral program may apply for Fulbright IIE grants and/or Fulbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) grants.

Interested students should either contact the MSU Fulbright Program Adviser, Frank M. D'Itri (ditri@msu.edu, 432-8244) for information and application materials or go online at: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking.html> to access the application forms directly. Additional information is also available at the MSU International Studies and Programs Fulbright web page: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/students/funding/fulbright/>. The MSU submission deadline is September 25, 2008. Because letters of recommendation as well as letters of affiliation are required from cooperating institutions in the overseas host country, the earlier the process is begun, the better the chances of success.

Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowships

Launched in 1967, the International Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to advance the professional development of outstanding young Americans between the ages of 27 and 35. Each year, approximately ten men and women receive the opportunity to broaden their experience in the field of international affairs through this unique program. The fellowships seek to bridge the gap between thought and action in foreign policy by supporting both a variety of policy studies and active exposure to policymaking. The distinctive character of the program lies in the contrasting experiences it provides at the juncture of policy research and policy formulation. Thus, it encourages academics and others from the private sector to serve in a policy-oriented environment through operational experience in public service. Conversely, it permits government officials on leave to study key issues in a scholarly atmosphere free from operational pressure. <http://www.cfr.org/about/fellowships/iaf.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***The Tinker Foundation Field Research Grants**

The competition was initiated in 1979 within the Foundation's institutional grants program. These awards are available to recognized Centers or Institutes of Ibero-American or Latin American Studies with graduate doctoral programs at accredited United States universities. The Grants provide graduate students with travel funds (international and in-country) to Latin America, Spain and Portugal and limited field research expenses. These awards allow students to acquire a comprehensive knowledge of language and culture, to familiarize themselves with information sources relevant to their studies; to conduct pilot studies and preliminary investigations, and to develop contacts with scholars and institutions in their fields. They are awarded by the university institutes/centers for brief periods of research in Iberia or Latin America and should reflect primarily the Foundation's broad areas of interest. Awards are limited to graduate students conducting predissertation research. <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/tinker/field.html>

The United States Institute of Peace Annual Grant Competition

This Grant Supports innovative peacebuilding projects involving research, the identification of promising models and effective practices, the development of practitioner resources and tools, the development and delivery of education and training programs, and the production of films, radio programs and other media. USIP normally receives between 200 and 300 proposals annually and gives awards on average to 15 percent of the applicant pool. The awards generally range from \$40,000 to \$120,000. The deadline is October 1, 2008. See <http://www.usip.org/grants/index.html> for more information.

The American Council of Learned Societies

Several competitions for grants related to international issues and development can be viewed at <http://www.acls.org/grants>. One example, the ACLS Fellowship Program, invites postdoctoral research applications in all disciplines of the humanities and humanities-related social sciences.

International Research and Exchanges Board Grant Opportunities

IREX programs have advanced the education and expertise of over 20,000 scholars, professionals, and students for nearly 35 years. Application forms can be downloaded directly from the individual programs' web pages. Please review the guidelines for each program carefully before submitting your application. <http://www.irex.org/programs/grants.asp>

CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS**Articulate, Undergraduate Journal**

Call for Papers, accepted until September 15, 2008
SCOUT BANANA, in conjunction with Michigan State University's African Studies Center and Office of International Development, invites undergraduates to submit a manuscript to Articulate: Undergraduate Scholarship Applied to International Development. Articulate is a new undergraduate scholarly journal that publishes academic papers and writings (research papers, field work, interviews, etc.) on issues in international development, focusing primarily on African studies and healthcare issues. Articulate is peer-reviewed by an editorial committee consisting of undergraduate students. Editorial decisions are based on relevance, quality, and originality.

Submissions should be roughly 10-15 pages long and formatted in the Chicago Manual of Style. In addition, the author's name, major, college, and university must appear on a separate cover sheet, with no reference to the author within the manuscript. Potential topics, include, but are not limited to: a) The effectiveness of foreign aid; b) Intersections of gender, ethnicity, and sexuality in African development; c) Comparative studies of healthcare systems; d) Ethics and development in African countries; e) Land rights reform/redistribution as a development policy; f) Historical analyses of development programs in Africa; g) Politics of water in Africa; h) The role of African youth in development programs and projects; i) Effects of conflict and forced migration on healthcare and development. For submissions or more information, please contact the Editor-in-Chief at articulate@scoutbanana.org. For more information on SCOUT BANANA, check out www.scoutbanana.org.

MSU Africanist Graduate Student Conference

Call for Papers, Abstracts due August 29, 2008

Michigan State University graduate students and the African Studies Center at MSU are hosting a conference on the theme "Knowledge of Africa: New Researchers and the Next Fifty Years" with the intent to foster an engaging atmosphere in which graduate students can discuss their research and receive important feedback. The conference is open to students at all levels of their graduate careers. The committee hopes to receive submissions that present research proposals, research designs, dissertation or thesis chapters, methodological models, work in progress, outlines of dissertation and preliminary research findings. Michigan State University has over 175 faculty members that focus on Africa and some faculty will serve as discussants in the hope that they will offer constructive feedback to participants. The conference is also designed to help prepare students (those who will be the career Africanists of the next fifty years), who will present at the 2008 African

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Studies Association Meeting "Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years" to be held in Chicago. Please e-mail submissions to: msuasgc@msu.edu. Abstracts should include the author's name, address, institutional affiliation, e-mail address, and phone number. A \$20 conference fee can be paid online through the Conference website upon abstract acceptance. The conference will be held September 26-27, 2008 at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. More information can be found at the Conference's website: <http://africa.msu.edu/gradconference>. Questions can be addressed to the conference organizers at msuacon@msu.edu.

International Studies Schools Association (ISSA)

Global Sustainable Development—Infusing the Issues into the K-12 Classroom is the theme for this year's conference taking place in Tampa, Florida from January 17-19, 2009. Deadline for abstracts September 8, 2008. The conference provides educators with ideas and resources to infuse the curriculum with a global viewpoint. Sessions are designed for educators in all disciplines and will emphasize methods of teaching about important global issues of water and sustainable development in the K-12 curriculum. The Conference is hosted by the ISSA in conjunction with the Global Schools Project of the Patel Center for Global Solutions. <http://www.organizational-services.com/issa2009/>

The National Council for Science and the Environment

The 9th National Conference on Science, Policy, and the Environment to help in developing and advancing science-based solutions to the biodiversity crisis. "Biodiversity in a Rapidly Changing World" is an opportunity for dialogue with leading scientists, policy makers, government, civil society, industry leaders, educators, and other solutions-oriented innovators to develop a new biodiversity conservation strategy. Registration is still open for the three-day conference which will be held December 8-10, 2008, centered at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. <http://ncseonline.org/conference/biodiversity/>

Second Global Studies Conference

The Global Studies Conference and Global Studies Journal are devoted to mapping and interpreting new trends and patterns in globalization - from many points of view, many locations in the world, and in a wide-angle kaleidoscopic fashion. This conference will take place from May 30 to June 1, 2009, in Dubai. The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 11 September 2009. Full details of the Conference, including an online proposal submission form, may be found at the Conference website, www.GlobalStudiesConference.com.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**The Center for Gender in Global Context Internships**

Deadline September 8, 2008

The GenGen Internship program and the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Internship program are accepting applications for fall 2008 internships. Students interested in issues of gender, social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, environmental change, etc., are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain hands on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit. This is the last chance to apply for fall! Applications will be accepted up until September 8, 2008. Application forms are available at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/internship.htm> or by emailing the GenGen Internship Coordinator at gencenic@msu.edu.

Training Enrollment for Graduate and Teaching Assistants

Libraries, Computing and Technology Training Program (LCTTP) in collaboration with Libraries Distance Learning Services will offer short courses in ANGEL and Podcasting for Michigan State University Graduate and Teaching Assistants. Please go to <http://train.msu.edu> and click on the link GA & TA Training. Please review the class offerings, descriptions, times, locations and enroll. Departments using the LON CAPA learning content management and assessment system in the fall semester can request departmental/unit training for their graduate and teaching assistants by sending an e-mail to lcctp@msu.edu

MSU Peace Corps Recruiter Position

The MSU Peace Corps Office is seeking applicants for a ¼ time Recruiter Position for the 2008-2009 academic year, with possible extension for summer 2009 and beyond. Recruiter must be a current MSU graduate student and RPCV who left Peace Corps service in good standing. The successful candidate will work with the current ¼-time recruiter to meet the office's 2008-2009 recruitment goals. Duties include: recruitment, support, and interview of applicants, event planning, maintenance of MSU Peace Corps website and contacts, presentations to student groups and career fairs, weekly office hours (flexible), creation of monthly reports and yearly recruitment plan, and liaison with Chicago Regional Peace Corps Office. Successful candidate must have outstanding organizational, communication, and presentation skills. To apply for this position submit resume and cover letter by September 2, 2008 to: Dr. Robert Glew at glew@msu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***Development Gateway Foundation Photo Contest**

The Development Gateway Foundation photo competition is open to ALL photographers at least 13 years of age, except employees of the foundation and their immediate families. We are looking for compelling photographs of socio-economic development in developing countries. Four types of photographs will be accepted. 1) The images may show information and communications technologies helping ordinary people. 2) The images may show people making something, selling wares, working in a field, constructing a building or type of infrastructure, or acquiring knowledge. 3) The images could be abstract images representing hope, the future, or capacity building. 4) The photographs may also include images of original artwork from a developing country. Each entry must include a written statement explaining how that image is representative of development. Images will be judged on technical excellence, composition, overall impact, and artistic merit. Deadline for submitting entries is September 19, 2008, and the prize for winning is \$1,000. Send submissions or questions to: photocontest@dgfoundation.org. Each participant may submit up to 3 photographs total. <http://dgfoundation.org/news-events/photo-contest-backup.html>

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on September 8th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: christianreed@gmail.com; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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