



From the Director's Desk

The core faculty and staff of the Center for Advanced Study of International Development at Michigan State University are pleased to present the Fall 2008 issue of the *CASID Update*, a comprehensive newsletter on our programmatic activities.

CASID is a multidisciplinary unit housed in the College of Social Science and organized in cooperation with the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs. CASID promotes and coordinates the study of issues related to international development from the perspective of the social sciences and liberal arts. CASID and the Women and International Development Program at MSU have been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Comprehensive National Resource Center for Foreign Language and International Studies and receive funding under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. In addition to a wide range of Title VI-funded programmatic activities, CASID also provides assistance to College of Social Science and other core faculty seeking external funding for cross-unit, cross-disciplinary international development research and scholarship activities in collaboration with other international and area centers at MSU.



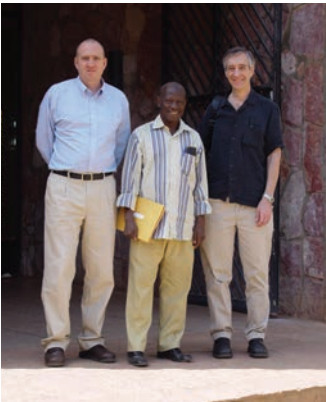
In this issue, we feature a wide range of international development-related teaching, research, and outreach activities that we have supported during the past year. We look forward to continuing our work in the coming year and the exciting opportunities ahead.

Robert S. Glew, Ph.D.
Director

Strengthening Civil Society through Dialogue on Faith and Community: A U.S.–Mali Exchange Program

Dr. Stephen Esquith, dean of the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Robert Glew, director of CASID, are partnering with the University of Bamako to develop a program that strengthens institutional linkages between Mali and the United States. The program will provide opportunities to religious leaders, university faculty, and community leaders to learn about Islam and the lives of Muslims in the United States and enhance their knowledge of American society. This program is made possible by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

This collaboration seeks to foster ongoing dialogue, examination, and discussion among partners and participants on the compatibility of religious practice and democratic social and political structures; the social benefits produced by mutually respectful co-existence among religious communities; and the ways that Islamic practice in the United States functions in a multicultural and multireligious context.



From left: Robert Glew, CASID; Yoby Guindo, CARE Mali; and Stephen Esquith, dean of the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, at the National Museum in Bamako, Mali.

Program activities will be implemented in two cycles over a two-year period, which began in fall 2007 and will conclude in summer 2009. Two delegations of 12 Malians will travel to the United States to explore how Islam and religious education is practiced and how diverse communities work together. In addition, two delegations of American clerics, scholars of religion, and community leaders will travel to Mali to learn about Islamic practice and culture and develop professional and personal linkages that will lead to sustained interaction between the United States and Mali. The program is being coordinated by Ann Allegra, CASID international program coordinator.

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CASID Provides Support for MSU Initiative with Zhejiang University in China



Marietta Baba, dean of the College of Social Science, addresses attendees at a Zhejiang University symposium.

CASID staff members are providing administrative support for an emerging set of scholarly activities between faculty at MSU and Zhejiang University (ZJU) in China in fields of environmental science and policy. ZJU, located in the city of Hangzhou in Zhejiang Province, is one of the top universities in China and a recognized leader in environmental science. The initiative includes collaboration among faculty from the College of Social Science, the College of Engineering, the College of Natural Science, and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The initiative also is being supported by the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs and MSU’s Office of China Programs.

Curriculum Development Grants Awarded for Enhanced Course Offerings at MSU

The following faculty received CASID and Women and International Development Program 2007–2008 curriculum development grants to create and revise undergraduate and graduate courses related to international development and/or gender relations with Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

- Dr. Tracy Dobson, Fisheries and Wildlife**
FW 858: Gender and the Environment and ANP 859: Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change
- Dr. Elizabeth Drexler, Anthropology**
ANP 436: Globalization and Justice and ANP 892: Violence and the State
- Dr. Ken Harrow, English**
IAH 211: Culture, History, and Society of Senegal and Nigeria
- Dr. John Kerr, Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies**
RD 826: International Development and Sustainability
- Dr. Jason Merrill, Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages**
IAH 241c: Understanding Eastern Europe through Literature and Film



Left: Members of the Nigerian delegation meet with MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon.
Below (from left): Etannibi E. O. Alemika; Rita Kiki Edozie, MSU; O. Ojoade; Samir Singh; and Ted Staton.



Responsible Governance: A U.S.–Nigeria Exchange Program

During 2007–2008, CASID’s U.S. Department of State-sponsored program “Responsible Governance: A U.S.–Nigeria Exchange” was completed. The program was designed to strengthen institutional linkages between Nigeria and the United States, enhance the capacities of Nigeria’s democratic institutions, and promote consolidation of democratic governance. The program was developed in collaboration with MSU’s African Studies Center, the Women and International Development Program of the Center for Gender in Global Context, CASID, the University of Jos (UJN), Nigeria, and the Michigan Municipal League. The program was made possible by a grant from the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

The Nigerian delegation visited MSU and Washington, D.C., September 7–30, 2007. The 17-member delegation included representatives from local government, universities, and nongovernmental organizations and represented Nigeria’s six geographic areas. Program activities included site visits, seminars with MSU faculty and public-

sector experts, and short-term affiliations. Highlights of the program included a visit to Lansing City Hall to meet with the city’s department directors and Virg Bernero, mayor; a seminar with Samir Singh, former East Lansing mayor, and Ted Staton, East Lansing’s city manager; and discussions with MSU faculty. The delegation also spent five days in Washington, D.C. Highlights included a visit with Common Cause, a nonprofit organization focused on citizen participation and empowerment, and a meeting with Jackie Byers, director of research at the National Association of Counties.

The final phase of the program took place February 1–7, 2008. During the week-long trip to Abuja and Jos, a six-member U.S. delegation from Michigan conducted a full-day workshop in Abuja and participated in site visits and meetings in Jos. Members of the delegation included Dr. Rita Kiki Edozie, professor of international relations in James Madison College; Ted Staton, city manager of East Lansing; George Goodman, former mayor of Ypsilanti

and former executive director of the Michigan Municipal League; Samir Singh, former president of the Michigan Nonprofit Association and former mayor of East Lansing; Dr. Robert Glew, director of CASID; and Ann Allegra, CASID international program coordinator. The delegation met with the vice chancellor of UJN, Professor Sonni Gwanle Tyoden, and visited the Centre for Research and Development, headed by Dr. Etannibi E. O. Alemika, one of the program partners from UJN. The team also visited the Institute for Governance and Social Research, a nongovernmental organization that promotes research on sociopolitical and economic issues in Nigeria and Africa.

MSU HUMPHREY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM



The Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated by President Carter in 1978 to honor the accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. It is a Fulbright exchange program funded by the United States Congress through the U.S. Department of State and implemented by the Institute of International Education (IIE). The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from developing countries to the United States to participate in professional development activities and graduate-level academic course work. A five-year agreement with the Department of State and IIE designates MSU as one of two host institutions in the area of economic development. CASID is the host unit that administers the Humphrey Fellowship Program at MSU.

The aim of the Humphrey Fellowship Program is to foster knowledge, mutual understanding, and a basis for long-lasting relationships between citizens of the United States and their professional counterparts in other countries. Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to service in both the public and private sectors.

Michigan State University Humphrey Fellows, 2007–2008

Ms. Josephine Ami-Narh, Ghana, the head of performance management unit and change team at the Bank of Ghana. Her responsibilities include seeking out new ways to improve the Performance Management System, monitoring and evaluating performance, fostering communication as a change manager, and collaborating with colleagues to set acceptable targets. Ms. Ami-Narh studied change management strategies that she can apply to raising productivity levels in her home organization.

Dr. Augustin Broh, Cote D'Ivoire, CEO, managing director, and vice president of the Dairyung Corporation, a construction, trade, and industrial manufacturing organization. Dr. Broh's role includes designing growth strategies, hiring and training employees, and engaging in negotiations with various governments in Africa for major contracts. Dr. Broh studied international business strategies, globalization, and public policy to prepare himself for a role in policy design and economic development in his home country.

Mr. Suhret Fazlic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, head of the Office of the High Representative's Field Office. Mr. Fazlic's duties include supervising the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement by monitoring the activities of the local administration, reporting on political and public activities, and identifying issues and opportunities related to economic sustainability. Mr. Fazlic studied human resource management and how theory is put into action in public service.

Mr. Endrias Getachew, Ethiopia, head of risk management and monitoring services at the Bank of Abyssinia. His responsibilities include assessing risk areas that the bank faces and monitoring credit, foreign exchange rates, and operational risks. Mr. Getachew studied risk management and financial markets to develop a set of risk management tools that can provide a new perspective on and improve the performance of the financial sector in his home country.

Dr. Bu Li, China, researcher for the Institute of Market Economy's Development Research Center. His main responsibilities include leading a team on research programs, communicating with program consignors on the local and international level, and assisting the deputy director of the institute in the allocation of research resources. Dr. Li studied economics, obtaining insight on issues such as inequality, rural poverty, and resource management in China at the governmental level.

Ms. Kunduz Masyllkanova, Kyrgyzstan, national economist for the Asian Development Bank. Her responsibilities include preparing statistics, supervising data collection, economic and financial analysis, and monitoring and evaluating project impact. Ms. Masyllkanova studied agricultural economics and sustainable development to improve practices and preserve the interests of individual farmers in her home country.



Seated, left to right: Endrias Getachew, Imrul Muniruzzaman, Josephine Ami-Narh, Augustin Broh, and Kunduz Masyllkanova. Standing, from left: Bu Li, Karen Sheppard, Suhret Fazlic, Amtul Waris, Yam Sharma, Souphonesa Xaypannha, and Evaristo Simwinga.

Mr. Imrul Muniruzzaman, Bangladesh, director of Social Empowerment for Rangpur Dinajpur Rural Service. In this capacity, he provides technical guidance; leads strategic planning, program development, and management of organizational change and development; and promotes external relations with local and international partners. Mr. Muniruzzaman studied economic and marketing theories in relation to agricultural development in the United States.

Mr. Yam Sharma, Nepal, program director for the National Planning Commission Secretariat for the Government of Nepal. His main responsibilities include monitoring poverty reduction strategies of the government at the national level, developing monitoring and evaluation systems in the government, and conducting capacity-building activities for those working in monitoring and evaluation units. Mr. Sharma studied economics and the social impact of poverty utilizing new methods of monitoring and evaluation.

Ms. Karen Sheppard, Peru, deputy head of tax and custom ombudsman in Peru. Her responsibilities include recommending tax law amendments and changes in the national tax law system, protecting the rights of taxpayers, and analyzing tax law recommendations for sectors of national industry. Ms. Sheppard focused on tax policy.

Mr. Evaristo Simwinga, Zambia, collector for the Zambia Revenue Authority. His responsibilities include analyzing the impact of government fiscal policy on trade taxes and monitoring revenue mobilization activities in the Customs Services Division. Mr. Simwinga studied economic theory, public finance, and management to learn how various tax measures are incorporated into U.S. policy formulation and analysis.

Dr. Amtul Waris, India, senior scientist in agriculture extension at the Central Arid Zone Research Institute in India. Her responsibilities include conducting research projects, building capacity of development personnel and farm women through institutional and village-based training programs, and disseminating improved technology to the farming community through outreach programs. Dr. Waris explored communication, education, and leadership development in agricultural development focusing on gender mainstreaming.

Ms. Souphonesa Xaypannha, Laos, human resource development manager, management consultant, and operation manager at the Lao Management and Development Consulting Company. Her responsibilities include planning and delivering training and consulting services to clients and facilitating the general operation of the organization. Ms. Xaypannha studied human resource development and ways to adapt Western capacity-building approaches to the workplace in Laos.

CASID/WID Co-sponsor Advanced International Business Institute for Community College Faculty

The first Advanced International Business Institute (AIBI) for Community College Faculty was hosted by the Michigan State University Center for International Business Education and Research (MSU-CIBER) on June 2–5, 2008. AIBI is a unique faculty development program designed for community college faculty who have previously attended international business faculty development workshops, seminars, or conferences; faculty who bring previous international business experience to their classrooms; and international business program administrators. For nearly two decades, MSU-CIBER has been a leader in faculty development programs on internationalization for community college faculty. AIBI has grown out of MSU-CIBER's tremendously successful Biennial International Business Institute for Community College Faculty.

AIBI was co-sponsored by centers for international business education and research at Texas A&M University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Colorado Denver, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Memphis, University of Pittsburgh, University of South Carolina, University of Washington, University of Wisconsin, George Washington University, and University of Maryland. Michigan State University units co-sponsoring AIBI include University Outreach and Engagement, CASID, and the Women and International Development Program.

CASID Awarded Fulbright–Hays Group Project Abroad Funding

"Bulgaria: Understanding the Eurasian Frontier" is a Fulbright–Hays Group Project Abroad (GPA) for K–12 educators, sponsored by CASID and Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education (LATTICE). Funding was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education.

In June 2008, Pamela Galbraith, CASID, and Margaret Holtschlag, LATTICE, took 14 K–12 teachers to Bulgaria for four weeks. Historically speaking, the area that is now Bulgaria has been at the crossroads of a number of empires and populations. The result has been a particularly rich and vibrant history, which can be seen in the country's archaeological and historical sites, cultural customs, and artistic and musical traditions, as well as in the memories

and identities of the population. It is this legacy the GPA aimed to explore.

The majority of the program took place in and around Blagoevgrad, a major hub of southwestern Bulgaria and home of the American University in Bulgaria (AUBG). Professors from AUBG provided more in-depth information on the scope of Balkan history and current economic, social, and political issues in Bulgaria. Afternoons were spent at the many cultural sites nearby.

The program also involved overnight and weekend trips to important cities, including Varna, located on the Black Sea; Sofia, the capital; and Plovdiv, which contains many impressive archaeological sites. The group also visited the religious and cultural sites around Rila and Melnik, including the famous Rila Monastery and Rila National Park.



Kneeling, from left: Margaret Holtschlag, Carol Mohrlock, Shirley Hazlett, Kristen Holtschlag, Le Tran, and AnnMarie Borders. Standing, from left: Andrea Hartlund, Heather Bartlett, Julie Marek, Patricia Goodman, Larry Neitzert, Stephanie Knapp, Karen Lee, Kristin Grattan, Anne Dale Blair, and Pamela Galbraith.

LATTICE: Internationalizing the K–12 Curriculum

Linking All Types of Teachers to International and Cross-Cultural Education (LATTICE) is an award-winning program that connects local K–12 teachers, international graduate students, and MSU faculty and staff to learn about global issues and bring global perspective to K–12 classrooms. The goal of LATTICE is to change teachers' perspectives and support international teaching and learning through collective study and discussion.

LATTICE participants meet monthly from 12–4:30 p.m. at Haslett High

School for an interactive program that focuses on a global topic, often involving small-group discussions, panels, presentations, and personal stories. Wide-ranging social, cultural, economic, and political topics have been studied from international perspectives, including hunger, gender, environment, economic development, family rituals, schooling practices, and intercultural interactions. The theme for the 2007–2008 year was "Environment in a Global Context." Monthly sessions focused on topics such as gender, environment, and poverty; human rights, conflict, and access to resources; and media, technology, and environment. K–12 teachers reported being affected profoundly by sessions and have revisited many ideas in their classrooms, often in collaboration with international students they have come to know.

The 2007–2008 LATTICE leadership team included two co-directors who represented MSU and K–12 schools (Kristin Janka Millar, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Margaret Holtschlag, elementary teacher, Haslett Public School District). A College of Education graduate student provided assistance. LATTICE sessions are planned by a team consisting of K–12 teachers, international students, and faculty and staff from MSU's College of Education, African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, CASID, and Women and International Development Program.

LATTICE was developed in 1995 as an international education partnership linking K–12 teachers from six school districts in mid-Michigan with international graduate students/scholars at MSU. Now, 13 years later, LATTICE includes teachers from 17 school districts, students from 65 countries, and 562 listserv subscribers.

The program is supported by CASID and the College of Education, as well as the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs, the African Studies Center, the Asian Studies Center, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Women and International Development Program, the Graduate School, and 10 mid-Michigan school districts.



From left: Ren XiPing, Jane Fitch, Greta McHaney-Trice, Yang Li, Nancy Lubeski, and Rachel Freeman participate in a LATTICE session.



CASID Supports MSU Faculty Development

With support from Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education, CASID and the Women and International Development Program (WID) have allocated resources for faculty conference travel and International Development Research Initiation Grants (IDRIGs). The purpose of the IDRIG program is to stimulate innovative research proposals and to promote new knowledge about international development. CASID and WID also provide support to MSU faculty to present papers and serve as discussants or panel chairs on topics related to international development and/or gender relations at national conferences.

2007–2008 CASID and WID Travel Grant Recipients:

Dr. Sheila Contreas, Writing, Rhetoric, and American Culture
Traveled to Athens, Georgia, to attend a conference on indigenous studies.

Dr. William Derman, Anthropology
Traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.

Dr. Ok-Sook Park, Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages
Traveled to Chicago, Illinois, to attend the American Association of Teachers of Korean 12th Annual Conference and Professional Development Workshop.

Dr. Catherine Ryu, Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages
Traveled to New Jersey to attend the Annual Association of Japanese Library Studies Conference.

Danielle Steider, Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian, and African Languages

Traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages conference and to Madison, Wisconsin, to attend the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages conference.

2007–2008 CASID and WID IDRIG Recipients:

Dr. DeBrenna Agbenyiga, Social Work, and Dr. Reitu Mabokela, Educational Administration and Educational Policy
Traveled to Ghana in June 2008 to explore the impact of social, cultural, and economic factors on educational access for girls in the Tema and Kumasi areas.

CASID Co-sponsors *Michigan and the International Economy* Forum for State Legislators

A collaborative forum for state legislators and policy makers titled “*Michigan and the International Economy: Michigan K–12 Education on an International Scale*” was held February 20, 2008. MSU faculty presented research on Michigan’s preparation of today’s workforce in an increasingly international job market. The forum was the fifth in the ongoing series *Michigan and the International Economy*.

The forum examined ways that K–12 education in Michigan could be internationalized to support academic achievement and prepare Michigan students to compete in a globalized world. Panelists discussed specific policy recommendations for state legislators.

Panelists included Dr. Sharif Shakrani, professor of counseling, educational psychology, and special education and co-director of the Education Policy Center at MSU; Kristin Janka Millar, co-director of Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-Cultural Education and

coordinator of the undergraduate program in the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; and Lynn Bartley, associate principal for Haslett High School. In addition to CASID, the forum was sponsored by the following MSU programs and centers: the African

Studies Center, the Asian Studies Center, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research, the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs, and the Women and International Development Program.



Robert S. Glew Accepts CASID Directorship

Following a search during 2007–2008, Dr. Marietta Baba, dean of the College of Social Science, appointed Dr. Robert S. Glew as director of CASID. Dr. Glew previously served as assistant director (1999–2002), associate director (2002–2006), and acting director (2006–2008) of CASID.

Dr. Glew is an anthropologist by training, earning his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Wisconsin in 1986 and 1989 respectively and his Ph.D. at MSU in 1997. Dr. Glew has 20 years of experience working on issues of international development in Africa; his areas of expertise include coping and livelihood strategies, health, education, religious change, social change, and identity politics. He has studied, taught,

and conducted research in Africa, drawing upon his language skills in Hausa, Fulfulde, and French.

Currently, Dr. Glew is co-principal investigator of a National Science Foundation award for research in East Africa titled “Dynamic Interactions among People, Livestock, and Savanna Ecosystems under Climate Change.” In addition to his ongoing research agenda, he currently co-directs two U.S. Department of State-funded Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs grants for Mali and China. He has served as a supervisor for the Minority International Research Training program in the Republic of Niger and spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger.

Congratulations to MSU’s Student Fulbright Award Recipients

Congratulations to the seven MSU students who were awarded Fulbrights in 2007–2008: Andrea Freidus, Anthropology; Leslie Hadfield, History; Lexine Hansen, Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies; Amy Jamison, Educational Policy; Dusty Myers, Anthropology; Alberto Nickerson, History; and Mita Sticklen, Interdisciplinary Studies.

Muskegon Community College’s Global Awareness Festival: Focus on Asia

In February 2008, CASID participated in the Global Awareness Festival hosted by Muskegon Community College. The annual festival is designed to raise awareness of global issues and was attended by more than 200 local community members, students, and faculty. This year, events and lectures focused on Asia. CASID—in cooperation with the Women and International Development Program and the Asian Studies Center—organized a panel, and Dr. Amita Chudgar, Department of Educational Administration, and Marilyn McCullough, Asian Studies Center, discussed issues of gender and development in Asia.

CASID/WID Host Visiting Scholar

CASID and the Women and International Development Program hosted Dr. Patricia Repar as part of a Visiting Scholar Program. Dr. Repar is the director of the Arts-in-Medicine Program at the University of New Mexico. She is interested in developing similar programs in an African context. Dr. Repar was on campus November 27–30, 2007, to meet with MSU faculty and graduate students working on issues of health in Africa.

CASID and WID Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships



CASID and the Women and International Development Program (WID) award graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Program of the U.S. Department of Education. The FLAS Fellowships Program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. CASID and WID FLAS fellowships are awarded to graduate students enrolled in programs that combine the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training and research in international development studies. Academic year fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$12,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$15,000 for the academic year. Summer fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$4,000) and a stipend of \$2,500. For information and application materials, please visit the CASID Web site at casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml.

CASID and WID FLAS Fellows, Academic Year 2007–2008

Charlotte Cable, Anthropology, Arabic
Andrea Freidus, Anthropology, Chewa
Lindsey Gish, History, Haitian Creole
Audrey Joslin, Geography, Portuguese
Rowenn Kalman, Anthropology, Quechua
Allison Loconto, Sociology, Swahili
Trilby MacDonald, Geography, Portuguese
Rebecca Meuninck, Anthropology, Portuguese
Nicholas Molen, Anthropology, Swahili
Joel Christian Reed, Anthropology, Portuguese
Peter Richards, Geography, Portuguese

CASID and WID FLAS Fellows, Summer 2007

Adrienne Daggett, Anthropology, Czech
Monica Evans, Education, Portuguese
Lisa Flagg, Anthropology, Portuguese
Audrey Joslin, Geography, Portuguese
Randall Juras, Economics, Spanish
Rowenn Kalman, Anthropology, Quechua
Nidal Karim, Psychology, Maya K’iche
Joel Christian Reed, Anthropology, Portuguese
Lumumba Shabaka, History, Portuguese

CASID ORGANIZES EVENING COLLEGE LECTURE SERIES



CASID and the Women and International Development Program—in partnership with MSU’s Lifelong Education Program—have organized the Evening College “International Issues Speaker Series.” The series, held at the Burcham Hills Retirement Facility, brought together MSU faculty and advanced graduate students with senior members of the community to examine how global and local systems interact and how the past shapes the present. Recent topics included orphan care in Malawi, domestic violence in Bulgaria, and the historical context of the Vietnam conflict.



From left: Robert Glew, CASID; Assefa Mehretu, Department of Geography; Sparty; and Bruce Bigelow, Center for Integrated Studies.

CASID at Homecoming

CASID Director Robert Glew shared a moment with Sparty at the sixth annual College of Social Science Alumni Homecoming Tent. CASID staff joined other social science units, alumni, students, faculty, and friends at the pregame festivities and stayed to cheer the Spartans to victory over Indiana.

CASID Supports the Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education’s Summer Workshops

The Midwest Institute for International/Intercultural Education (MIIE) 2008 Summer Workshops, “Human Rights and Cultural Diversity” and “Global Healthcare Issues,” offered faculty from post-secondary institutions an intensive week-long learning environment to discuss ways to internationalize the curriculum at their home institutions. The workshop was supported by CASID, the Women and International Development Program, the African Studies Center, and the Asian Studies Center.

MIIE is a self-funded consortium of two-year colleges based at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Its primary objective is to support curriculum and professional development by organizing curriculum workshops, fall and spring conferences, overseas projects for faculty and students, assistance with grant development, faculty mentoring, and professional networking.

CASID and WID 2007–2008 Friday Forum

The 2007–2008 Friday Forum included presentations by MSU and visiting scholars on a number of important issues related to international development.

FALL 2007

September 14

Going by Feel: On the Role of Affect and Analysis in Decision Making for Risk Management

Dr. Joe Arvai, Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies

September 21

Environmental Journalism: Challenges and Missions

Dr. Eric Freedman, Journalism

September 28

Challenges in Reporting the World's Most Important Story

Dr. David Poulson, Journalism

October 5

A Maroon Legacy? Sketching the Historical Geography of Live Fences in Central America

Dr. Chris Duvall, Geography

October 12

Maoist Insurgency, Struggle for Democracy, Peace, and Human Rights in Nepal

Tulsi Bhandari, director of "Beneath Everest: Nepal Reborn"

November 2

Zimbabwe's Fast Track Land Reform

Dr. Bill Derman, Anthropology

November 16

Challenges in the Developing Agricultural Sector of the Kyrgyz Republic

Kunduz Masyllanova, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

November 30

The Ones Left Behind: Rural Households and Poverty in Mozambique after the Death of an Adult

Dr. Cynthia Donovan, Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics

December 7

Culture: Inimical to Management Style in the Ghanaian Public Sector?

Josephine Ami Narh, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

SPRING 2008

February 1

Urbanization and Health in Africa: Exploring the Interconnections between Poverty, Inequality, and the Burden of Disease

Dr. Jacob Songsore, dean, School of Research and Graduate Studies, University of Ghana

February 8

The Future of Bosnia and Herzegovina: The State Which is not a State

Suhret Fazlic, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

February 15

Death by Myth? Climate Change, Politics, and Coping Strategies among the San of Southern Africa

Dr. Robert Hitchcock, Anthropology

February 22

Development Evolution and Contribution of NGOs in Bangladesh

Imrul Muniruzzaman, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

February 29

Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa

Dr. Ravi Bhavnani, Political Science

March 21

Child Labor and Cocoa Farming: Sociocultural and Ecological Influences among Children in the Upper East Region in Ghana

Dr. DeBrenna Agbenyiga, Social Work

March 28

The President's Malaria Initiative in Malawi

Dr. Rebecca Malouin, Pediatrics and Human Development, Family Medicine

April 4

Long-term Implications and Sustainability of Land Reform in India—Preliminary Evidence from West Bengal

Dr. Songqing Jin, Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics

April 11

Poststructural Development and the Role of SMOs in Approving Rural Livelihoods through Agrarian Reform

Dr. Cynthia Simmons, Geography

April 25

Does Adult Literacy Have a Role to Play in Addressing the Universal Elementary Education Challenge in India?

Dr. Amita Chudgar, Educational Administration

New Staff Members Join CASID

We are pleased to announce four new staff members who joined the CASID team during summer 2008.

Dr. Andrea Allen is the new associate director of CASID and advisor for research and program development at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) at MSU.

Dr. Allen has 20 years of experience

addressing international development issues, with

expertise in

livelihood security, natural resource

management, land tenure, participatory

methods, gender, and indigenous

populations. She has experience in

strategic planning, project design,

monitoring and evaluation, and public-

and private-sector grant writing and

fundraising. From 1994 to 2000, Dr. Allen

worked under contract with CARE USA

and firms funded by the U.S. Agency

for International Development. In this

role, she advised on strategic planning

to achieve heightened participation

of men and women and integrated

social and gender analysis into contract

solicitations. She assessed field programs

to improve project design and reporting

related to socioeconomic and gender

issues. Since 2005, Dr. Allen has worked

in MSU's Institute of International

Agriculture, GenCen, and now CASID.

Currently, Dr. Allen teaches the Humphrey

Fellows Seminar and manages CASID

Title VI program activities, among other

responsibilities. In addition, she leads

GenCen efforts to develop and fund

interdisciplinary faculty research initiatives

and institutional partnerships related to

gender studies.



Ms. Marita Eibl is the assistant conference coordinator for the Title VI 50th

Anniversary Conference. The conference

is celebrating 50 years of national

support for

international

focused

education. Ms.

Eibl is a Ph.D.

candidate in the

Department of

Anthropology

at MSU. Her

research focuses on antiretroviral

medications for those living with HIV/

AIDS through international programs

in Tanzania and examines issues of

development, gender, and governance.

She has a master's degree from MSU in

anthropology and a bachelor's degree in

anthropology and environmental sciences

from the University of Notre Dame. Ms.

Eibl received Foreign Language and

Area Studies funding for her study of

Kiswahili and a Fulbright–Hays Doctoral

Dissertation Research Abroad award to

conduct her research in Tanzania.



Ms. Stefanie Kendall, CASID outreach

coordinator, will be coordinating K–12,

post-secondary, and public outreach

for CASID and

the Women and

International

Development

Program, working

closely with other

Title VI National

Resource Centers

on campus.

Ms. Kendall is

a fourth-year doctoral student in the

College of Education. She is studying

conflict resolution and teacher education

in conflict and post-conflict regions,

specifically in Islamic areas. She has a

master's degree in education and a

bachelor's degree in comparative

literature and has taught special

education for five years and high school

English and social studies for seven years.



In 2001, Ms. Kendall held a three-year

teaching position in Kuwait City, Kuwait,

before coming to MSU in 2005. She is

fluent in German and French and has

received Foreign Language and Area

Studies support for her Arabic studies at

MSU.

Dr. Diane Ruonavaara is program

manager for the MSU Tanzania

Partnership Project and advises

students in the

international

development

graduate

specialization.

Dr. Ruonavaara

comes to CASID

with 16 years

of experience

in international

community development, participatory

research, and evaluation of extension and

rural projects. In her work, Dr. Ruonavaara

is committed to the integration of

theory and practice, sustainability, and

participatory research and development

approaches with marginalized groups of

people, especially women and indigenous

groups. She has studied, taught, and

conducted research and evaluation in

Tanzania, Mexico, Ecuador, Vietnam,

Guatemala, Nicaragua, Argentina, and

the United States. Dr. Ruonavaara was

a co-principal investigator on the Bean

Cowpea Collaborative Research Support

Program, in which she did participatory

plant breeding in Ecuador, and has lead

several Fulbright–Hays Group Program

Abroad projects in Latin America for K–12

teachers. She received her Ph.D. from the

Department of Resource Development

at MSU in 2000 with specializations in

international development and Latin

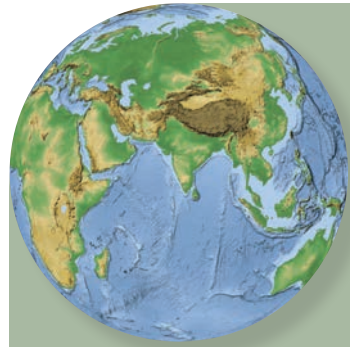
American studies. Dr. Ruonavaara worked

with Michigan State University Extension

from 2000 to 2008 as an evaluation and

fund-development specialist.





Global Area and Thematic Initiative Awards, 2007–2008

The Global Area and Thematic Initiative (GATI) is an effort of five MSU international centers to foster comparative and thematically oriented multidisciplinary programs of research and undergraduate or graduate training likely to bring national prominence to MSU in international and area studies. GATI links MSU's faculty and material resources in innovative ways to continue national leadership in conceptualizing and acting on key transformations in international development. Initiatives funded by GATI for academic year 2007–2008 include:

Undefended Childhood in a Global Context: Structural Challenges to Schooling, Health, and Well-Being among the World's Children, led by Dr. DeBrenna Agbenyiga, Social Work; Dr. Deborah Johnson, Family and Child Ecology; and Dr. Robert Hitchcock, Anthropology.

The project used an interdisciplinary approach to examine the structural challenges facing children in international settings, focusing on education and health. Faculty experts conducted colloquia and presented research to undergraduate and graduate classes. A conference was held to examine barriers to education, health, and well-being affecting children's development.

Resource Scarcity and Abundance: Oil, Democratization, and Conflict in the Niger Delta, led by Dr. Ravi Bhavnani, Political Science; Dr. Rita Kiki Edozie, James Madison College; Dr. Jiaguo Qi, Geography; and Dr. Jennifer Olson, Telecommunications.

Though research has been conducted on resource abundance as a causal factor in civil conflicts, this research project focused on the conflict link of resource scarcity. The researchers focused on the Niger Delta region, which is characterized by resource abundance and resource scarcity. The project examined ways that resource abundance has driven resource scarcity, whether there

are new social cleavages emerging from conflict in the Niger Delta, and whether there is a relation between democratization and conflict in the region.

Sustainable Planning, Design, and Construction: Collaborative U.S.–India Research and Outreach, led by Dr. Matt Syal, Planning, Design, and Construction; Dr. Rex LaMore, Planning, Design, and Construction; Dr. Timothy Mrozowski, Planning, Design, and Construction; and Dr. Maya Fischhoff, Environmental Science and Policy Program.

Concerns about the negative impacts of buildings on the environment are forcing the construction industry to explore sustainable alternatives. Responding to this environmental imperative, the industry has introduced and implemented various "green" planning, design, and construction practices. This emphasis on sustainability and environment is taking place in the United States, but rapidly developing countries such as India are becoming aware of the benefits of new practices. MSU and Indian researchers collaborated to develop green practices in India.

Political Economy, Governance, and Security, led by Dr. Brian Silver, Political Science; Dr. Lori Post, Communication Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Carlos Pereira, Political Science.

The project aims to develop an interdisciplinary initiative on international conflict and cooperation and political economy and governance, which will develop into a thematic center at MSU. This thematic center will focus on outreach and undergraduate training. Faculty have conducted colloquia and held conferences on such issues as global markets, corruption, foreign policy, and the new information society. These issues have been developed further for inclusion in undergraduate and graduate curricula.

CASID and WID Sponsor the 24th Annual World Food Day Teleconference—Climate: Changes, Challenges, and Consequences

MSU students and faculty had a chance to participate in the World Food Day Teleconference, which took place October 16, 2007. This year's topic was the link between climate change, hunger, and poverty. World Food Day is a worldwide event designed to raise awareness and understanding of hunger issues and to promote year-round activism to alleviate hunger.

A video of the teleconference is available to MSU faculty for use in courses at no charge and can be reserved by contacting the CASID office at (517) 353-8570. Information packets on the World Food Day Teleconference are available from CASID upon request. For more information on World Food Day activities or resources, contact Patricia Young, national coordinator for the U.S. National Committee for World Food Day, at (202) 653-2404.

Humphrey Fellows Visit the State Capitol

In addition to professional development that they engage in individually, Humphrey Fellows take part in local, statewide, and national site visits organized by CASID. In the 2007–08 academic year, the Fellows visited university officials, state representatives at the Capitol in Lansing, local business owners, chambers of commerce, and downtown development authorities in Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Frankenmuth, as well as financial markets in Chicago and local government and international trade representatives in Los Angeles.



Humphrey Fellows meet with State Representative Jeff Mayes.

CASID Sponsors East Lansing Film Festival

The 11th annual East Lansing Film Festival (ELFF) took place March 12–20, 2008, on MSU's campus. The festival was created in 1997 in cooperation with the City of East Lansing and Michigan State University. Since then, ELFF has been dedicated to bringing quality foreign and independent films to Michigan to expose audiences to diverse cultures, ideas, and creative works. CASID sponsored the Dominican film *The Price of Sugar*, which explores the dire working conditions faced by workers on Caribbean sugarcane plantations.

Visit the CASID Staff in the International Center

CASID is located in Room 202 of the International Center. CASID continues to focus on its core missions of: (1) enhancing its leadership role (in partnership with the Women and International Development Program) as a U.S. Department of Education-designated and -funded National Resource Center for Foreign Language and International Studies; (2) diversifying and expanding the contract and grant portfolio of CASID, the College of Social Science, and MSU for cross-unit interdisciplinary international development research, teaching, and outreach; and (3) administering the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program at MSU.



Front, from left: Marita Eibl, Helen Farr, Lynn Lee, and Stacia Welter. Back, from left: Diane Ruonavaara, Stefanie Kendall, Robert Glew, Andrea Allen, and Ann Allegra.



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