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EVENTS

For the Week of November 24th:

Monday, November 24th:

"Scholarship in Teaching: Improving Undergraduate Science Education at MSU"

Entomology Seminar Series
Speaker: Gabe Ording, Entomology
4:00pm, 244 Natural Resources Building

Tuesday, November 25th:

"Microbial Functional and Community Genomics"

Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Seminar Series

Speaker: Jizhong Zhou, University of Oklahoma

4:10pm, 1415 Biomedical Physical Sciences

Wednesday, November 26th:

EndNote Web Seminar

You can create, organize and store citations on the Web in EndNote libraries and format papers in Word using references from EndNote Web. Seating is limited. Please visit http://www2.lib.msu.edu/general/events/workshops.jsp to reserve a place. 1:30pm - 3:00pm, EG2 Main Library Basement

Thursday, November 27th:

Thanksgiving Holiday University Closed

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Sunday, November 30th:

World AIDS Day Preparation

Volunteers are welcome for the ribbon tying and painting of the rock near the Auditorium on Farm Lane in preparation for December 1st, World AIDS Day. 6:00pm - 7:00pm

For the Week of December 1st:

Monday, December 1st:

"Predicting Phytoplankton Community Re-organizations Under Global Change"

Plant Biology Seminar Series Speaker: Elena Litchman, Kellogg Biological Station

4:10pm, 101 Biochemistry Building

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"A Successful Model for Training Blueberry Growers and Farm Workers"

Entomology Seminar Series Speaker: Anamaria Gomez-Rodas, Entomology

4:00pm, 244 Natural Science Building

Tuesday, December 2nd:

"Ectomycorrhizal Ecology on Coastal Sand Dunes: Interactions Involving Pine, Fungi and Deer"

Hanover Forest Science Seminars-Speaker: Tom Horton, State University of New York

4:10pm, 225 Natural Resources

Wednesday, December 3rd:

CLACS Seminar Series Overview

Speakers: Dr. Medina, Dr. Chavez, and Kristin Janka Millar

3:00pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, December 4th:

"Unnatural Selection: Population Control and the Struggle to Remake Humanity"

Center of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies

3:00pm, 340 Morrill Hall

"Coupled Human and Natural Systems"

Environment at MSU Series Speakers: Jack Liu, Thomas Dietz, and Bill McConnell, Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Kellogg Center

Friday, December 5th:

"From the Behavior of Birds to Biofuels and Biodiversity: Landscape Perspectives for a Changing Environment"

KBS Seminars

Speaker: Rob Fletcher, University of Florida

10:45am, Kellogg Biological Station Education Center Auditorium

"Finding Academic Funding Electronically"

This workshop will explore funding resources available over the World Wide Web or via campus networks. Will cover resources pertaining to undergraduate students, graduate students, postdocs, and faculty. Seating is limited. Please visit http://www2.lib.msu.edu/general/events/workshops.jsp to reserve a place.

3:00pm - 4:30pm, EG2 Main Library Basement

Environmental Stewardship at Michigan State University

Fisheries and Wildlife GSO Lectures Speaker: Lynda Boomer, Environmental and Energy Engineer 3:30pm, 19 Natural Resources Building

Sunday, December 7th:

"The Irish Tenors, Christmas in Ireland"

The Irish Tenors have been thrilling audiences for decades with their incredible music and delightful Irish charm.

Price: \$50, \$40, \$30

3:00pm, Wharton Center for Performing Arts in the Cobb Great Hall

Wednesday, December 10th:

The Viability of Evidence-based Prevention Approaches in Community-based Organizations

Center for Ethics and Humanities Brown Bag

Speaker: Robin Lin Miller, Ecological Community Psychology

12:00pm - 1:00pm, C-102 East Fee

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Thursday, December 11th:

ISP Holiday Open House

You are invited to the International Studies & Programs Annual Holiday Open House. All ISP centers and programs participate – come enjoy a fantastic array of food and fun! 12:00pm - 2:00pm, International Center

Tuesday, December 16th:

Write Winning Grants Seminar

Speaker: David C. Morrison, Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops 8:30am - 4:30pm, 1410 Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM EVERYONE AT CASID!!!

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SPRING 2009 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS Culture and Politics in India, ANP 491

Professor Karin Zitzewitz

Tue and Thu, 12:40pm - 2:00pm, 120 Berkey Hall
This course examines the intersection of culture and politics in India. Looking at everything from music to clothing to sex to film, we will explore ways that cultural norms and modes of expression account for the particular forms that political practice has taken in India. But we will also seek to understand how political regimes, both colonial and post-colonial, have transformed Indian cultural forms. In that way, we will examine how culture is grounded in unequal relations and articulated through struggles for political power.

History of Art 491 Section 002

Professor Karin Zitzewitz

Tue and Thu, 2:40 - 4:00pm, 108 Kresge Art Center How do we envision "Indian culture?" This course will examine the major fields of visual culture, including painting, photography, popular arts, and cartography, as they developed in colonial and post-colonial India. The course will first consider how British and Indian artists represented the landscape, architecture, and ways of life of Indians in the colonial era. Then it will turn to the new ideas of Indian culture developed by nationalist Indian artists in popular prints, photography, and painting. The second half of the course addresses modernist and contemporary objects, including the post-colonial modernist formulation of a "living tradition" of visual culture. The course ends with contemporary critiques of "Indianness" and the development of a uniquely Pakistani art aesthetic. Throughout, this course will consider the role played by visual culture in modern South Asia; as such, it seeks to examine this aesthetic realm in relationship to the rapid political and social changes that mark the experience of modernity.

Studies in the African Diaspora, Sociology 931; Arts & Letters 831

Professor Jualynne E. Dodson Schedule and location to be announced

This course will be a graduate level seminar designed to expose students to the cross-cultural and diasporic nature of experiences of people of African descent. The purpose of this course is to provide students with sound theoretical and conceptual tools they can use to analyze realties of people of the African Diaspora and their contact with other racial-ethnic cultural communities. The intent is to expand students' academic thinking about the place of African American experiences within the scheme of human collective life. Contact the professor at 517-432-8669 for more

information.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program (FLAS) at Michigan State University

Deadline: February 16, 2009

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and Women and International Development Program (WID) at Michigan State University awards graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program of the U.S. Department of Education. The FLAS Fellowship 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 in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. CASID/WID's 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. 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. To be considered for fellowship support, you must be a citizen or national of the United States; or a permanent resident of the United States; or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. You also must have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship period begins and be admitted to or currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Michigan State University. Please contact Andrea Allen, Associate Director, CASID, at 517-884-2141 or visit the website for more information.

www.casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml

British Academy Visiting Fellowships 2008-09

The British Academy is pleased to announce a call for applications under this year's round of its Visiting Fellowship scheme. The scheme is intended to enable overseas postdoctoral academics to come to the UK for two to six months in order to carry out research in a British institution, in conjunction with a UK academic. The scheme is open to application by any scholar from outside the UK. Applicants should have a PhD obtained after January of 2003, or be able to demonstrate equivalent status. Application must be made in tandem with a UK-based academic sponsor whose home institution is willing to host the visit. The closing date for applications is 12 January 2009, for visits to take place after 1 May 2009. Results of the competition will be announced in late March 2009. Further information together with application forms and notes of guidance (for both candidates and host institutions) are available from

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the Academy's website.

www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/intl/visfells.cfm

Doctoral Fellowships in Archival Studies

Deadline: January 9, 2009

These fellowships are currently available through a new eight-campus initiative for individuals who are interested in pursuing careers as educators and scholars and who would be entering doctoral programs in Fall 2009. Applicants must apply for both the Fellowship and admission to one or more of the eight participating doctoral programs: University of California, Los Angeles; University of Michigan; University of Maryland; University of Texas, Austin; Simmons College; University of Wisconsin, Madison; University of Pittsburgh; and University of North Carolina. Chapel Hill. Each Fellowship will provide full tuition and annual stipends of \$20,000 to Fellows for the first two years of their doctoral study at partnering academic programs. Those academic programs will provide full tuition and stipends to their Fellows for two additional years of study. To underscore the Fellowship initiatives, emphasis on strengthening archival education and scholarship, all Doctoral Fellows will attend, expenses-paid, annual Archival Education and Research Institutes (AERI). These weeklong summer institutes will be held each year for doctoral students and faculty in Archival Science from academic institutions nationally and around the world and will address a broad range of research methodologies, pedagogical techniques, and curriculum development. The first institute will be held at UCLA during the week of July 6th, 2009. For questions about the Fellowship application process, please contact Joshua Sternfeld: joshuas@ucla.edu.

aeri.gseis.ucla.edu/fellowships.htm

The Miller Center Fellowship Program

Deadline: February 1, 2009

This is a competitive program for individuals completing their dissertations on American politics, foreign policy and world politics, or the impact of global affairs on the United States. The program provides up to eight \$20,000 grants to support one year of research and writing. Along with the fellowship grant, the Miller Center assists the fellow in choosing a senior scholar from the field to serve as fellowship "mentor." This mentor will read the fellow's work, give research advice, and suggest relevant literature to frame the project. The Miller Center encourages applicants from a broad range of disciplines, including, but not limited to, history, political science, policy studies, law, political economy, and sociology. Applicants will be judged on the quality of their scholarly work and their potential to shed new light upon contemporary developments in American Politics, Foreign Policy, or World Politics. An applicant must be a PhD candidate who is expecting to complete

his or her dissertation by the conclusion of the fellowship year. This is not a post-doctoral fellowship. Residence is strongly encouraged but is not required. All fellows are expected to participate in and contribute to the intellectual discourse at the Center. Each fellow is also expected to participate in two conferences — one in the fall and the other in May of the fellowship year. These conferences will provide a forum for presenting research and findings to the scholarly community at the Miller Center and the University of Virginia. The May conference will bring the Fellows, their Mentors, and the Miller Center and U.Va. community together to critique the Fellows' dissertation work. For more information email gage@virginia.edu or visit the website. millercenter.org/academic/gage/fellowship

The Schusterman Center for Israel Studies Postdoctoral Fellowships 2009-2010

Deadline for priority applications: December 1, 2008 The successful candidate will teach one course per semester in Israel Studies, related to programs in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Israeli arts and culture, politics and law, sociology, or other relevant disciplines. A PhD dissertation must be submitted by the time of the proposal. The Fellow will be expected to be in residence at Brandeis University, to participate actively in the intellectual life of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, and to present at least one public lecture. There may be also an opportunity for participation in the Brandeis University Summer Institute for Israel Studies. The annual stipend will be \$50,000 and is benefits eligible. The fellowship may be renewable for a second year. Candidates should send a cover letter, CV, project proposal, two letters of recommendation, and a list and description of proposed courses to the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, MS 060, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454.

www.brandeis.edu/israelcenter

CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

37th Annual Midwest Conference on Andean and Amazonian Archaeology and Ethnohistory

March 21-22, 2009, University of Michigan Deadline for abstracts: February 9, 2009

The Midwest Andean Conference hosts scholars studying the ethnography, ethnohistory, and archaeology of the Andean and Amazonian areas. Each year the conference has been sponsored by universities such as the University of Wisconsin (2008), Southern Illinois University (2007), and Vanderbilt University (2006). This event takes place on a weekend - Saturday (morning and afternoon) and Sunday (morning only) - and consists of various 20-minute talks with 10 minutes of question-and-answer at the end of each presentation. The presentations investigate some

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aspect of Andean and Amazonian ethnography, ethnohistory, or archaeology. Within this theme, however, there is a wide variety of topics ranging from recent excavations of archaeological sites to analysis of colonial documents. The Midwest Andean Conference is therefore a multidisciplinary event that unites scholars from different research institutions throughout the US and abroad. Please contact sonjahst@yahoo.com for more information or visit the website.

http://sitemaker.umich.edu/andean.conference/home

Centering the Caribbean in Caribbean Studies

34th Annual Caribbean Studies Association Conference June 1-5, 2009, Kingston, Jamaica

Deadline for abstracts: January 15, 2009

We are seeking scholarly papers from individuals spanning the broadest disciplinary and methodological range whose work focuses upon the Caribbean and its Diaspora. While we consider individual papers, we encourage submissions of entire panel proposals. We also encourage and welcome graduate student submissions. While your paper/panel does not have to be on the conference theme, we do welcome submissions that address the theme, whether directly or indirectly. More information on the conference theme is available at the CSA website.

www.caribbean-studies.org

Cosmetic Cultures: Beauty, Globalisation, Politics, Practices

June 24 - 26, 2009, University of Leeds Deadline for abstracts: March 1, 2009

Papers and panel sessions are invited for an international, interdisciplinary conference on any element of 'cosmetic cultures' that moves beyond well-rehearsed 'Beauty Myth' arguments. Beauty has often been conceptualised as the concern only of women (or the only concern of women!) and as idealised in 'whiteness' or 'Westerness'. Whilst many have found significant evidence to support these claims, work in the Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies has already flagged up the importance of men, masculinities and beauty, both in the 'West' and 'East' and has disrupted the idea that whiteness alone presents idealised beauty in all parts of the world, or even in this one. By encouraging participants to explore beauty cultures, practices and politics in their broadest sense we hope to advance current debates and develop an international network of researchers. 200word abstracts and panel suggestions should be emailed to: Matthew Wilkinson at m.wilkinson@leeds.ac.uk.

www.wun.ac.uk/genderstudies/events.html

Humanitarian Aid: Sovereignty, Accountability and Effectiveness

January 22 - 25, 2009, Northwestern University Deadline for abstracts: December 1, 2008

The sixth annual Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights (NUCHR) will take place in the context of man-made and natural disaster response, speakers will examine complexities in satisfying the humanitarian imperative and addressing the potential disjuncture between theoretical and realistic goals. The focus will be on the work of non-governmental organizations as they seek a balance between the ethical responsibility of the international community and the sanctity of state sovereignty. The conference will take a twofold approach, providing a framework for analvsis of humanitarian aid situations on the first day. Panels will focus on three key paradigms: the legal tension between concepts of humanitarian intervention and sovereignty, the ethical ramifications and dilemmas facing aid organizations, and the short and long term effects on a country's economy. The second day, experts will critically consider the humanitarian situation in Burma, keeping in mind the previously developed academic framework. Lastly, delegates break up into discussion groups and will have the opportunity to use the established framework and Burmese example to create their own analysis of various case studies. For more information email the organizers at conferenceonhumanrights@ u.northwestern.edu or visit the website.

nuchr.net

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS MSU Museum Store Holiday Benefit

The MSU Museum Store hosts its annual benefit sale beginning Wednesday, November 19, until Wednesday, November 26, with authentic collectibles and keepsakes for sale from artists around the globe including South Africa, Russia, Egypt, and Kenya. Here's a sampling of the distinctive, handmade offerings: Guatemalan beaded bags, Zulu handmade artisan baskets. Chilean glass and other wonders of the natural world. The MSU Museum store is also one of the few places to find a selection of Petoskey stones. At the same time, shoppers can give an affordable, beautiful gift and feel great knowing it is fair trade -- where prices paid to the artisans reflect the work they do, and their products are made in an environmentally sustainable manner. Proceeds from Museum Store sales are used to sustain visitor service programs. Shoppers this year will receive a complimentary \$5 La Senorita restaurant certificate with each purchase over \$10. Special promotions are planned this holiday shopping season, with increasing discounts with each corresponding calendar date.

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World AIDS Day

December 1 is World AIDS Day. Free and anonymous HIV testing is available at Olin Health Center, on the third floor, on Monday, November 24th from 10:00am until 4:00pm. Results may be obtained on December 1st. Sunday, November 30th, volunteers will gather to paint the Rock near the auditorium on Farm Lane in preparation for events the following day.

Africa Past and Present Podcast

In Africa Past and Present Professor Kiki Edozie was featured in Episode 15; Mac Maharaj was featured in Episode 16, and in Episode 17 a roundtable on "New Media and Southern African Studies in the 21st Century was featured with Professors Peter Alegi and Peter Limb. This podcast about history, culture, and politics in Africa is hosted by Michigan State University historians Peter Alegi and Peter Limb. It is produced by MATRIX - The Center for Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences Online at MSU (http://www.matrix.msu.edu). Listen and subscribe to the biweekly podcast at: http://afripod.aodl.org. Direct inquiries to: alegi@msu.edu or limb@msu.edu.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2009 are due by 12:00 pm on January 14. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: freidusa@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 354-2131; fax (517) 353-8765.



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