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EVENTS

For the week of September 10th:

Tuesday, September 11th

VIPP Guest Speaker Series

Presentation on information about how to get credit for attending VIPP and ISP seminars.

Speakers: Dr. Kiwon Kang and William Eubank

11:50 am - 1:00 pm, Rm 303 International Center

Wednesday, September 12th

"Brother"

Russian Film Series

Upon discharge from the army, Danila Bagrov travels to St. Petersburg to visit his brother, a hired killer. Danila quickly learns the business and takes on the mafia, at the same time falling in love and enjoying the music of Nautilus Pompilius.

7:00 pm, Rm. C305 Wells Hall

Thursday, September 13th

"Theorizing Gender and the Latin American Welfare State"

Department of History Lecture

Speaker: Donna Guy, The Ohio State University

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, 340 Morrill Hall

"Under-appreciated Facts about African Agriculture: Implications for Poverty Reduction and Agricultural Growth Strategies"

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Thom Jayne, Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

New Indian Student and Scholar Welcome Reception

This is a welcome reception for new students and scholars from India to introduce them to the MSU community.

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 and 302 International Center

"Helvetica Screening"

Department of Art & Art History and AIGA Detroit Sponsored Film

Helvetica is a feature-length independent film about typography, graphic design and global visual culture.

7:00 pm, Rm. S109 South Kedzie

Friday, September 14th

"Going by feel: On the role of affect and analysis in decision making for risk management"

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Joe Arvai, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation, and Resource Studies (CARRS), Michigan State University

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

"The Pulse of the Colonial Archive: Imperial Dispositions in the Netherlands Indies"

2007 Bernard Gallin Annual Lecture in Asian Anthropology

Speaker: Dr. Ann Laura Stoler, Chair of the Anthropology Department and Willy Brandt Distinguished University Professor of Anthropology and Historical Studies, New School University, New York City

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

EVENTS *continued***International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

Saturday, September 15th**"Truth in Translation"**

The Mott foundation-sponsored South African theater troop is coming to the Whiting Theater in Flint, Michigan. This is a play on the issues of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

8:00 pm, Whiting Theater, Flint, Michigan

For FREE Tickets Call 810-237-7333 or Toll Free 888-8CENTER

Sunday, September 16th**Vishwa Mohan Bhatt**

Vishwa Mohan Bhatt belongs to that elite body of musicians which traces its origin to the Mughal emperor Akbar's court musician Tansen and his guru the Hindu Mystic Swami Haridas. Creator of the mohan veena (modified slide guitar with 20 strings used in Indian classical music) and the winner of a Grammy Award, Mohan has mesmerized the world with his pristine pure, delicate yet fiery music.

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Pasant Theatre, Wharton Center

\$28, Student discount tickets \$15 with ID

For the Week of September 17th:**Monday, September 17th****"Shower"**

Asian Studies Center's Fall Film Series - Living Together, Living Apart: Issues in the Environment in Asian Cinema

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. B102 Wells Hall

Tuesday, September 18th**"Governance and Corruption in Asia: What is Going On?"**

Lecture for Asian Studies Center Fall Colloquium Series - "Society and Government in Asia: Issues of Violence and Corruption"

Speaker: Vinay Bhargava, Director of Operations and International Affairs, World Bank, retired

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

"Unraveling the Mystery of an Emerging Disease in Africa: Buruli Ulcer"

Dessert with Discussion Series

Speaker: Dr. Richard Merritt, Entomology Department Chair, Michigan State University

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm, Kellogg Biological Station Education Center Auditorium

Wednesday, September 19th**"Investing for a Sustainable Future: A Conversation"**

UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development Speaker Series

Speakers: Dr. Julie Fox Gorter, Senior VP for Pax World Funds and

Amy Muska O'Brien, Director of Social and Community Investing for TIAA-CREF

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. 107 South Kedzie

Thursday, September 20th**Study Abroad Fair**

Come to the Fall 2007 Study Abroad Fair to browse over 100 exhibits displaying information about MSU's more than 240 study abroad programs.

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm, MSU Union, 2nd floor

"MSU Brings an MRI to Aid Malaria Research in Malawi"

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Terrie Taylor, Internal Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Michigan State University

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

Friday, September 21st**"Environmental Journalism: Challenges and Missions"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Eric Freedman, Journalism, Michigan State University

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Spartan B & C, International Center Food Court

Saturday, September 22nd**Spartan World Cup**

This is a soccer event meant to bring people from all over the world together. If you want to participate and play, please contact your nationality club to organize a team.

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday, September 23rd**Japan Picnic**

Fourth Annual Japan Picnic which will feature Japanese music and martial arts, crafts and calligraphy, sushi and snacks.

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Clarence Lewis Arboretum

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL 2007 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

LATINA FEMINISMS: AL 896-002/SSC 896-002

Dr. Contreras, TH 4:10 pm - 7:00 pm, 203 S. Kedzie Hall

This course is designed to introduce students to a body of feminist writing inflected by distinct theoretical concerns. During the semester, we will pay close attention to how class texts challenge the languages of power that define cultural, racial, sexual, socio-political and other identities. Here are just some of the questions that might guide our discussions: How do Latina feminisms critically interpret the representation of race in Anglo-American and European feminisms? How have Latinas defined their own racial identities? Is class analysis a consistent feature of Latina feminist theory? Do Latina feminisms provide for the lived realities of Indigenous women in the Americas? What is the engagement with nationalism and do mainland and island feminisms respond differently to that phenomenon?

URBAN ANTHROPOLOGY: CITIES OF THE MIDDLE EAST: ANP 892-005

Professor Hourani, TH 12:40 pm - 3:30 pm, 225 Baker Hall

The end of the 20th century witnessed a revival of the notion that Islam produces a distinct set of urban and architectural forms, and therefore these forms should be central to urban redevelopment projects in the Middle East. Originally a construct of European colonial social science, this culturalist approach is now accepted in a variety of institutional locations, ranging from local architectural offices to the professional training programs in western universities and the major international organizations such as the United Nations and the World Bank. How do current understandings of the relation between culture and urban form differ from those of the colonial era? How do such understandings interact with, interrupt or refuse other kinds of explanations economic or political of urban development within the Middle East? This course will shed light on these questions through a combination of major theoretical works and readings dealing with both historical and contemporary cases from the region (including Beirut, Amman, Damascus, Cairo, Dubai and Jaffa) and beyond.

EDUCATION IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: EAD 813

Professor Amita Chudgar, W 12:40 pm - 3:30 pm, C-106 Wonders Hall

The challenges facing education researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in the developing world can be vastly different from those faced by their counterparts in the developed world. This course aims to develop a compre-

hensive and systematic understanding of the key issues and debates in education on research and policy in the developing countries. The course will begin with a discussion of key theoretical concepts to create a conceptual framework to guide the discussions in later classes. The class will then consider some of the current international conversations about education to create a broad understanding of education issues in the developing countries. The class will then explore specific issues such as access to education, quality of education, teacher shortage, lack of infrastructure, adult illiteracy, and widespread inequity of educational opportunities in the developing world. In exploring these issues the class will draw from research in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Having explored specific issues, the class will engage in case-study-based discussions of challenges of education policy in the developing context. The course will conclude with a discussion of the role of international organizations such as the World Bank, or UNESCO, in shaping the education discourse in the developing world.

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ETHICS OF HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH: HM 550 or LAW 548W

Gerald S. Schatz, T 7:45 pm - 9:45 pm, Law College Building

Around the world, researchers in the biomedical and behavioral and social sciences study people to understand and counter the world's disease burden, especially in resource-poor countries, and to understand people's troubles, beliefs, behavior, and hopes. Research on human beings incurs special ethical and legal responsibilities. This seminar brings together scholars and researchers from many fields to foster interdisciplinary understanding of the substance and interrelationships of law, particularly international law, and ethics in the protection of human subjects of transnational biomedical and behavioral research.

For further information contact: Gerald S. Schatz, J.D., 517-355-3499, schatzg@msu.edu.

INTERNATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT: RD876

Professor George Axinn, Internet Course

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 actually designing and implementing many development programs and projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. For more information see the preview at: <https://angel.msu.edu> or e-mail Professor George H. Axinn at: axinn@msu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***SPRING 2008****RESEARCH SEMINAR IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: PLS960**

Topic: The United States and the Middle East

This research seminar will concentrate on the United States policies toward the Middle East and how they emanate from perceived American interest in the region. It will attempt to locate the region within American global concerns as well as analyze American policies and actions in the Middle East through the prism of local lenses. It will also address the issue of domestic lobbies and their impact on American policies toward important issues in the Middle East. Issues that will receive attention will include access to energy resources, nuclear proliferation, political Islam, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, international terrorism, and the invasion of Iraq. The seminar will analyze and review works by leading authors on the subject. Students will also have the opportunity to undertake research projects on facets of US policy toward the Middle East that they find of greatest interest.

THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL SEARCH FOR RESEARCH DIRECTORS

The SSRC is actively recruiting senior faculty from doctoral degree-granting programs at US universities to identify research fields and serve as research directors for the 2008 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (DPDF) program, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Research directors will lead groups of 12 graduate fellows in two workshops (scheduled for May 29 - June 1, 2008 in St. Louis and September 11 - 14, 2008 in Milwaukee) that frame summer predissertation support for graduate students chosen in five different research fields. Research directors should be tenured and experienced supervisors of thesis research. Each research director will receive a stipend of \$7,500; student fellows will receive up to \$5,000.

The DPDF program invites teams of two tenured faculty to submit joint proposals for research fields for the 2008 fellowship program. The application is available through the SSRC's application portal, <http://applications.ssrc.org/>. Applications must be submitted via the application portal by October 2, 2007.

More information about the program may be found at: <http://programs.ssrc.org/dpdf>. Please direct any questions to the program staff at dpdf@ssrc.org.

MSU AFRICANIST GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE: SEPTEMBER 28-29, 2007

The graduate students and African Studies Center at MSU are hosting this conference with the hope to foster an engaging atmosphere in which students can discuss their

research and receive important feedback. The conference is interdisciplinary (encouraging presentations from students of political science, history, anthropology, sociology, women and gender studies, etc.), and open to students at all levels of their graduate careers. The conference organizers hope 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 the conference participants. The conference is also designed to help prepare students who will present at the 2007 African Studies Association Meeting to be held in New York.

Please direct inquiries to the conference organizers at msuafgc@msu.edu.

THE 2008 CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS

Application deadline: Monday, November 5, 2007

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowships are designed to encourage original and significant study of ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences, and particularly to help Ph.D. candidates in these fields complete their dissertation work in a timely manner.

Twenty-eight awards of \$23,000 each will be available in the 2008 competition.

Applications are available online only.

To learn more, and to apply, visit <http://www.woodrow.org/newcombe>

THE 2008 WOODROW WILSON DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Application deadline: Tuesday, October 9, 2007

The Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowships in Women's Studies support the final year of dissertation writing for Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences whose work addresses issues of women and gender in interdisciplinary and original ways.

Awards of \$3,000 each are applicable to research/travel costs.

Applications are available online only.

To learn more, and to apply, visit <http://www.woodrow.org/womens-studies>

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***EPA FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATE STUDY**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is offering Graduate Fellowships for masters and doctoral level students in environmental fields of study.

The deadline for receipt of pre-applications is October 23, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

Master's level students may receive support for a maximum of two years. Doctoral students may be supported for a maximum of three years, usable over a period of four years. The fellowship program provides up to \$37,000 per year of support per fellowship.

URL: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_star_fellow.html.

2008 Dan David Prize Scholarship Opportunity

The Dan David Prize Scholarship is awarded to advanced doctoral and postdoctoral students of excellent achievement and promise in the fields of:

1. Creative rendering of the past - Literature, Theatre and Film
2. Social Responsibility of the Present with a particular emphasis on the Environment
3. Future time dimension - Geosciences

Application deadline is March 31, 2008. 10 scholarships will be awarded.

For details regarding the scholarships, please consult the website: www.dandavidprize.org.

NSF GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The National Science Foundation aims to ensure the vitality of the human resource base of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in the United States and to reinforce its diversity by offering approximately 1,100 graduate fellowships in this competition. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program provides three years of support for graduate study leading to research-based master's or doctoral degrees and is intended for students who are in the early stages of their graduate study. The Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) invests in graduate education for a cadre of diverse individuals who demonstrate their potential to successfully complete graduate degree programs in disciplines relevant to the mission of the National Science Foundation. Please read the program announcement carefully at www.nsf.gov/pubs/2007/nsf07576/nsf07576.htm

Due Dates:

* Application Deadline(s) (due by 5 pm submitter's local time):

November 1, 2007 - Interdisciplinary Fields of Study

November 2, 2007 - Mathematical Sciences; Computer and Information Sciences and Engineering

November 6, 2007 - Social Sciences; Psychology; Geosciences

November 7, 2007 - Life Sciences

November 8, 2007 - Engineering

November 9, 2007 - Chemistry; Physics and Astronomy

Fellowship applications must be submitted electronically using the NSF FastLane Graduate Research Fellowship Program Application Module at <http://www.fastlane.nsf.gov/grfp/> according to the field of study deadline. Thus, applicants must first register as a FastLane user at that web site. The official transcript(s) is (are) due by the relevant field of study deadline and must be submitted to the GRF Operations Center at the address shown in this section. See the Applicant User Guide for instructions on completing and submitting an application.

For additional information regarding the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, please see Jenni Marsh, National/International Fellowships and Scholarships Coordinator, Eustace-Cole Hall or email her at marshje3@msu.edu. As always, Jenni would be happy to assist you with your application materials and essays.

Educating in Peace and Justice: A Workshop for Faculty and Students

Wednesday, September 12, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Port Huron Room, MSU Student Union

MSU's Peace and Justice Studies specialization will hold a two-session workshop on peace and justice education and on the further development of the specialization here at MSU. Leading the discussion will be Professor George A. Lopez, the Hesburgh Chair of Peace Studies at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

The first session will focus on curricular and pedagogical issues and will start with a discussion of the aims and possibilities of a peace and justice program in the context of similar work being done elsewhere.

The second session will address institutional issues facing a peace and justice studies program, both from the standpoint of internal needs and from the standpoint of its finding a secure place in the university.

All MSU faculty and students who are interested in these questions are invited to participate in the workshop. If you have questions, direct them to Richard Peterson (petsrnt@msu.edu). No pre-registration is required, but a preliminary show of interest would be appreciated.

Refreshments will be served. The first session will run from 1:00 pm - 2:45 pm and the second from 3:00 pm to 4:45 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***THE CENTER FOR GENDER IN GLOBAL CONTEXT (GenCen) INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

GenCen is pleased to announce that we have expanded our internship offerings to include the Women, Gender, and Social Justice Internship Program and the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Internship Program. Students interested in issues of gender, social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, and/or environmental change are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain hands-on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit. Spring 2008 applications will be accepted immediately up until the November 30th deadline.

For more information, see a flyer describing the program; lists of potential local, national, and international internship opportunities; and an application form at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/internship.htm>. If you are interested in an internship or want to learn more, please contact Rebecca Meuninck, GenCen Internship Program Coordinator at meuninck@msu.edu.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2007 are due by 12:00 pm on September 17th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: freidusa@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.

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