

# CASID CURRENT

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## EVENTS

### For the week of September 24th:

#### Monday, September 24th

##### "Becoming a Blessing"

World View Lecture Series

Speaker: Rachel Naomi Remen, author of "Kitchen Table Wisdom" and "My Grandfather's Blessing"

7:30 pm, Wharton Center, Cobb Great Hall

\$20 or Free to MSU Faculty, Staff, and Students

##### "Warm Water under a Red Bridge"

Asian Studies Center's Fall Film Series

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

##### "Ali-Fear Eats the Soul"

Department of Philosophy and Department of English Symposium of Film and Philosophy

Presented by Karl Schoonover, Department of English

7:30 pm, Rm. 101 North Kedzie

#### Tuesday, September 25th

##### "Hero"

History Department and International Film Festival Presentation

Presented by Linda Cooke-Johnson

7:00 pm, Rm. A-133 Life Sciences Building

##### "Political Islam in Central Asia"

Center for European and Russian Studies (CERS) and Department of Sociology Invited Lecture

Speaker: Professor Iskandar Assadoullov

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Red Cedar A, Kellogg Center

#### Wednesday, September 26th

##### "Japanese Diplomacy: Japan-US Relations and East Asia Issues"

A Japan Week Presentation hosted by the Asian Studies Center

Speaker: The Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Consul General of Japan in Detroit  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Rm. 303 International Center

##### "I am 60% Japanese and 60% Mexican": Japanese Identity and Community Formation in Mexico, 1897-1945"

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (CLACS) "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Jerry Garcia, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Michigan State University

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

##### "Of Freaks and Men"

Russian Film Series

A tale of morality and pornography in turn of the century St. Petersburg. Johann and his assistant worm their way into the lives of two noble families, drawing them and others into their enterprise. Some nudity.

7:00 pm, Rm. C305 Wells Hall

##### "Cabeza de Vaca"

Department of Philosophy and Department of English Symposium of Film and Philosophy

Presented by Sandra Logan, Department of English

7:30 pm, Rm. 107 South Kedzie

#### Thursday, September 27th

##### "Understanding the Growing Complexities of International Trade and Agriculture"

See Announcements for Details



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EVENTS *continued***Friday, September 28th****"Challenges in Reporting the World's Most Important Story"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dave Poulson, Assistant Professor, Journalism

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

**Africanist Graduate Student Research Conference**

See Announcements for Details

**"Gendered Processes of Adaptation: Understanding Parent-Child Relations in Chinese Immigrant Families"**

GenCen Colloquia Series

Speaker: Desiree Qin, Assistant Professor, Department of Family and Child Ecology

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Rm. 305 International Center

**"Zuzu Angel"**

Romance Languages Film Series

The story of Zuzu Angel, a fashion designer whose son was tortured and killed by the Brazilian dictatorship.

5:00 pm, Rm. 206 Old Horticulture Building

**International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

**Saturday, September 29th****"Teaching Reading: Interpersonal and Interpretive Modes"**

This is an ACTFL workshop hosted by the Asian Studies Center for MSU teachers of foreign languages.

Speaker: Chantal Thompson, Brigham Young University

9:00 am - 4:00 pm, International Center Library

**For the Week of October 1st:****Monday, October 1st****"Water"**

Asian Studies Center's Fall Film Series

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

**College of Arts and Letters Signature Lecture**

Department of Philosophy and Department of English Symposium of Film and Philosophy

Speaker: Orhan Pamuk, winner of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature

7:30 pm, Wharton Center, Pasant Theatre

**Tuesday, October 2nd****"Touch of Evil"**

History Department and International Film Festival Presentation

Presented by Jerry Garcia

7:00 pm, Rm. A-133 Life Sciences Building

**"Die Buchse der Pandora"**

German Film Series

7:15 pm, Rm. B-104 Wells Hall

**Wednesday, October 3rd****"Thinking Beyond the Border"**

Third Annual Canadian Studies Forum

Keynote address: Harold Kvisle, President and CEO of TransCanada Pipe Lines Limited and TransCanada Corporation

1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, Union Ballroom

**"Lost Bullets: Fetishes of Urban Violence in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil"**

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (CLACS) "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Ben Penglase, Assistant

Professor of Anthropology and Latin American Studies at Loyola University Chicago

3:00 pm - 4:50 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

**"The Host"**

Department of Philosophy and Department of English Symposium of Film and Philosophy

Presented by Tim Deines and Jennifer Fay, Department of English

7:30 pm, Rm. 107 South Kedzie

**Thursday, October 4th****"Can Modern India Learn from Traditional India or Is It Too Late?"**

The Annual Kapur Endowed Lecture

Speaker: Akeel Bilgrami, Philosophy Department, Columbia University

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Rm. 303 and 305 International Center

**Friday, October 5th****"A Maroon Legacy? Sketching the Historical Geography of Live Fences in Central America"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Chris Duvall, Assistant Professor, Geography

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

**"Casa de Areia"**

Romance Languages Film Series

Set in the wilds of northern Brazil, this film explores the relationship between mothers and daughters.

5:00 pm, Rm. 206 Old Horticulture Building

**International Coffee Hour**

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **“THE RIGHT TO HOSPITALITY: MIGRATION, ACCOMMODATION, GLOBALIZATION”**

A Symposium of Film and Philosophy

The Department of Philosophy and the Department of English at Michigan State University announce a film series and symposium on the conditions, dilemmas, and experience of “outsiders” and on the questions about our response to visitors, immigrants (legal and illegal), and “guest workers.”

Do we owe hospitality to the outsider? If so, why and what does that involve? If not, how should we think about visitors, immigrants, wanderers, the stateless, even the tourist? Is there a distinctive hospitality that we should cultivate if we are committed to a cosmopolitan perspective in an age in which traditional notions of boundaries and nations are in question? It is impossible to disengage these questions from those raised by global inequality, resource conflicts, and eroding political structures.

These are subjects sensitively explored in important films in recent years and are themes that have attracted the attention of major thinkers in the modern philosophical tradition. We will view and discuss a series of films after an initial session on the conceptual and moral complexity of hospitality as understood by Immanuel Kant and Jacques Derrida. We will end the series with a panel of short papers and a roundtable discussion culminating with a party – in other words, a symposium. The films will be introduced and briefly discussed by College of Arts and Letters faculty.

This series has been organized by faculty in the Department of Philosophy and the Department of English. As part of the College of Arts and Letters’ contribution to MSU’s Year of the Arts and Culture, this series is also timed to figure in discussion around the visit of Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk on Monday, October 1st.

### **Monday, September 24**

“Ali—Fear Eats the Soul” - directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder, Germany, 1974

Presented by Karl Schoonover, Department of English  
101 North Kedzie

### **Wednesday, September 26**

“Cabeza de Vaca” - directed by Nicolás Echevarría, Mexico/Spain/USA, 1991

Presented by Sandra Logan, Department of English  
107 South Kedzie

### **Friday, September 28**

Lecture by Leslie A. Adelson, Professor of German Studies and Director of the Institute for German Cultural Studies at Cornell University

This lecture will focus on the work of Turkish novelist and Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk; reception following.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm, 303 - 305 International Center

### **Monday, October 1**

College of Arts and Letters Signature Lecture by Orhan Pamuk, winner of the 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature

7:30 pm, Wharton Center’s Pasant Theatre

For ticket information, visit [www.cal.msu.edu/SignatureLecture.php](http://www.cal.msu.edu/SignatureLecture.php)

## **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 is open to students at all levels of their graduate careers. A \$20 conference fee can be paid upon registration at the start of the conference. Direct inquiries to [msuasgc@msu.edu](mailto:msuasgc@msu.edu). For conference details, visit: <http://africa.msu.edu/gradconference/>

## **FULBRIGHT-HAYS FACULTY RESEARCH ABROAD FELLOWSHIP**

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program offers opportunities to faculty of Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) to engage in research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies. The application deadline is **October 30, 2007**. As part of the application process, faculty submit individual applications to the IHE.

The IHE then officially submits all eligible individual faculty applications with its grant application to the Department. The estimated range of fellowship awards is \$20,000-\$100,000; the estimated average size is \$60,000; the estimated number is 25. Visit <http://www.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/announcements/2007-3/083107b.html>, for further details.



ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***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](mailto:dpdf@ssrc.org)

**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>>

**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](http://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](mailto:marshje3@msu.edu). As always, Jenni would be happy to assist you with your application materials and essays.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***THE ANNUAL TRILATERAL ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN THE AMERICAS****“Understanding the Growing Complexities of International Trade and Agriculture”****September 27-28, 2007**

Castle Board Room, MSU College of Law Building

The Annual Trilateral Academic Conference on Trade and Investment in the Americas brings together government leaders, academics, and community representatives from the United States, Canada and Mexico, to discuss relevant topics affecting global trade. This year's trilateral conference will examine the issues surrounding trade in agriculture, such as the effects of multilateral negotiations on producers, underrepresented groups, and Michigan.

As was true in the Uruguay Round negotiations that established the World Trade Organization, the Doha Round negotiations on agricultural trade are proving difficult to conclude. Agriculture is an industry upon which nations are built and continue to depend upon indefinitely. The international regulation of an industry so closely tied to national heritage raises law and policy questions that will be addressed over the two-day conference. Lawyers, professors, government representatives, students and, especially, those involved in the business of agriculture will want to attend this international event.

For a schedule of events visit: <http://www.law.msu.edu/ita/conf/schedule.html>

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2007 are due by 12:00 pm on October 1st. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: [freidusa@msu.edu](mailto:freidusa@msu.edu); telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.

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