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EVENTS

For the Week of February 4:

Monday, February 4th

"The Chinese Storytelling Tradition"

The Annual Kwan Wai So/ Anthony Koo lecture.

Speaker: Eric Shepherd, Chinese Studies, Iowa State University

7:00pm - 9:00pm, 303 International Center

Tuesday, February 5th

Dissertation Support Group

To support graduate students. Lunch will be provided. To register, please send an e-mail to gradwrsp@msu.edu.

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 113 Linton Hall

"The Impact of War and Military Service Over the Life Course: The Case of Vietnamese Men in Northern Vietnam"

Sponsored by the Department of Sociology
Speaker: Puk Teerawichitchainan, Population Council, Vietnam

1:00pm, 118 Berkey Hall

"Evolution and Islam"

CRCSTL Seminar Series

Speaker: Anila Asghar, Johns Hopkins University

3:00pm - 4:00pm, 1420 Biomedical and Physical Sciences Building

Lecture: Julie Mehretu

Art and Art History Department

This Ethiopian-American artist incorporates architectural forms in her densely layered paintings and drawings.

7:00pm, 118 Psychology

Wednesday, February 6th

"Cultural Agency or Cultural Imperialism? Garifuna and the Consumption of 'Black America' In Honduras"

Latin American and Caribbean Studies
"Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Mark Anderson, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Santa Cruz

3:00pm, 201 International Center

Film, "Die Another Day"

This is the first film in the series: "North Korea from Every Angle." Sponsored by the Asian Studies Center.

6:00pm - 8:00pm, 108 Bessey Hall

Peace Corps General Information Meeting

6:00pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, February 7th

"Language Use In Africa: Why Do Speakers Often Code Switch Between Languages?"

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Carol Myer-Scotton, Adjunct Faculty, (Linguistics, and Visiting Scholar, African Studies Center, MSU)

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

"Art and Aggression: Contemporary Asian Art, 20th Century Conflict, and the Role of the Museum"

A presentation of the Asian Studies Center Graduate Research Forum

Speaker: Katherine Gabele Douglass, Program Assistant, Asian Studies Center

3:00pm - 4:00pm, 305 International Center



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EVENTS *continued***Friday, February 8th****"The Future of Bosnia and Herzegovina: The State Which is Not a State"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Suhret Fazlic, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

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

Chinese New Year Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

Film, "Voces Inocentes"

Romance Languages Film Series

The drama of a young boy who must choose between enlisting in the Salvadoran army or joining the guerrillas (in Spanish with English subtitles).

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

For the Week of February 11th:**Tuesday, February 12****"Power, Identity, and Technoscience: Exploring Nation-State in Southeast Asia"**

Sponsored by the Department of Sociology

Speaker: Sulfikar Amir, East-West Center, Washington D.C.

1:00pm, 118 Berkeley Hall

"Claiming the High Ground in Central Asia's Pamir Mountains"

Asian Studies Center Colloquium Series, "Focus On Central Asia:

Social And Cultural Transformations"

Speaker: Stephen F. Cunha, Department of Geography, Humboldt State University

4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, February 13th**"A Few Lessons For Linguistic Theory From Lowland South America"**

Latin American and Caribbean Studies "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Andres Salanova, Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa

3:00pm, 201 International Center

Films, "Rushing to Sunshine: Seoul Diaries and Pyongyang Diaries"

This is the second presentation in the film series, "North Korea from Every Angle." Sponsored by the Asian Studies Center.

6:00pm - 8:00pm, 108 Bessey Hall

Thursday, February 14th**"Farmer Integration of Soil-fertility-enhancing Trees in Cropping Systems in Southern Malawi"**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Tracy Beedy, Advanced Graduate Student (Crop and Soil Sciences, MSU)

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

Film, "Thomas Sakara: The Upright Man"

Sponsored by the African Studies Center.

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillips residential college

Friday, February 15th**"Death By Myth? Climate Change, Politics, and Coping Strategies Among the San of Southern Africa"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dr. Robert Hitchcock, Chair, Department of Anthropology

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

"Feminism, Choice, and Oppression"

GenGen Colloquia Series - New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives

Speaker: Lisa Schwartzman, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy

1:30pm - 3:30pm, 305 International Center

Valentine's Day Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

Film, "Caterina Va In Città"

Romance Languages Film Series

When her father is transferred to Rome from the small town of Montalto Di Castro, Caterina discovers a politically divided world (in Italian with English subtitles).

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

Film, "Summer 2006, Palestine"

Part of the "Cinema Under Siege" film series sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters and the Department of English.

7:00pm, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall

Saturday, February 17th**Film, "We Are Here: Short Videos from Lebanon"**

Part of the "Cinema Under Siege" film series sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters and the Department of English.

7:00pm (Program One)

9:00pm (Program Two)

C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall

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African Philosophy: PHL 351

John Otieno Ouko, T and Th 3:00 - 4:20, 120 Berkey Hall
Course topics include: Definition and justification; epistemological, metaphysical, and ethical issues in African Philosophy; the "rationality" debate; and connections among African, African American and feminist philosophies. For more information call the Department of Philosophy at 355-4490.

Marxist Philosophy and the Africana World: PHL 491/PHL 890

John H. McClendon III, T 4:10-7:00, 1 Morrill Hall, 3 credits.
The fact that Marxist philosophy emerged from the European context has stimulated dialogue and debate about its applicability to the Africana world. This course addresses how various people of African descent have philosophically responded to the question of whether Marxism can serve as a viable philosophy of liberation. The class will follow a lecture discussion format with particular attention given to extensive discussions based on the readings of Kwame Nkrumah, C.L.R. James, Claudia Jones, Eugene C. Holmes, Angela Davis, Cedric J. Robinson, and Cornel West.

African Historiography: HST 830

Dr. Peter Limb, T 7:10pm - 10:00pm, 314 Morrill Hall
This graduate seminar course is about trends and debates in African history writing and in the study of history writing about Africa. It explores the origins and features of African historiography, its place in broader paradigms, the lives and views of historians, and problems facing history writing in African universities today. A series of case studies (sources; forerunners; rural/urban societies; gender; resistance/accommodation; environment; religion; colonial rule; prisons/psychiatry; African intellectuals; biography) examine important historiographical issues from the past and present with a view to understanding the current state-of-the-art of African historiography, how it has changed over time and place, and likely future trends.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

The College of Social Science administers several scholarships for undergraduate students through the generous support of alumni and friends of the College. Below is a list of scholarships offered through the College. Be sure to check with your major for additional scholarship opportunities. The full list is found at <http://socialscience.msu.edu/current/scholarships.html>

College of Social Science Distinguished Scholarships

* (up to 7 at \$1,000 each)

Recognizes distinguished, well-rounded undergraduate achievement in academic work and career preparation. Must be junior majors in the College of Social Science.

Ernest G. and Phyllis C. Green MSU Black Alumni Scholarships

* (up to 2 at \$1,000 each)

Benefits talented students who will enhance program diversity and reinforce the record of commitment by the College of Social Science for educating students who are representative of our larger society. Must be freshmen, sophomore, or junior with a primary major in the College of Social Science.

Charles Hayden Kelly Scholarships

* (up to 2 at \$1,000 each)

Benefits worthy and capable students in the College of Social Science who have unusual financial need but may not normally be qualified for financial aid. Preference is given to students from single parent households who, without this award, would have difficulty attending MSU. Must be freshmen, sophomore, or junior majors in the College of Social Science.

Social Science Alumni Study Abroad Scholarships

* (number and amount awarded varies)

Benefits students participating in study abroad programs. Recipients shall be selected based upon academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and financial need. Preference will be given to students wishing to study in Africa, China, India, or other Southeast Asian regions.

College of Social Science Study Abroad Grants

* (number and amount awarded varies)

Benefits students who will be participating in a study

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abroad experience for the first time. Recipients must be a College of Social Science major and/or participating in a study abroad program sponsored or co-sponsored by the College of Social Science.

M. Peter McPherson Study Abroad Fund

* (number and amount awarded varies)

Benefits economically-disadvantaged students with legitimate financial needs, to include students who may not otherwise qualify for financial aid but nevertheless need assistance to afford participation in Study Abroad field-work. Encourages recipients to participate in a more challenging Study Abroad experience they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Foreign Language And Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Announcement

Fellowships for graduate studies are expected to be available at Michigan State University through a grant under Title VI of the Higher Education Act from 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.

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.

Center For Advanced Study Of International Development and**Women And International Development Program**

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Application deadline is **February 18, 2008**.

For application materials please go to:

<http://www.casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml>

For additional information, please contact:

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Faculty and Student Fulbright Fellowship Opportunities

The 2009-2010 Fulbright Faculty/Professional Scholars Fellowship Program and the 2009-2010 U.S. Student Fellowship Program will open, respectively, on March 1 and May 1, 2008. These programs provide outstanding opportunities for MSU faculty, graduate students and graduating seniors to develop international scholarly experience that can enhance their careers and enrich their lives. Grants are available for over 140 countries. They pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance, and, in some cases, tuition waivers and research allowances.

Application procedures and April, 2008, Informational Workshop schedules for these Fulbright Programs are available at the International Studies and Programs website. MSU faculty should visit: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/faculty/funding/us.php> Graduating seniors/graduate students visit: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/students/funding/fulbright/>

For additional information contact Dr. Frank M. D'Itri, the MSU Fulbright Program Advisor, at: ditri@msu.edu.

MSU-Compton Africa Peace Fellowships

The MSU-Compton Africa Peace Fellowships provide \$15,000 for dissertation research in Africa by exceptional MSU Ph.D. candidates who are citizens of a Sub-Saharan African country and who intend to return to their country or region of origin after completing their studies and whose topic concerns conflict resolution, peace, and security issues in Africa. Funds require a minimum of six months of research in Africa. Recipients must have completed all Ph.D. requirements except the dissertation before accessing the funds. The application deadline is February 15, 2008 for funds that must be expended during calendar year 2008. Go to: http://africa.msu.edu/compton/MSU_Application.pdf for details.

Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund (MMMF) For Female Students from Developing Countries

The MMMF annually awards educational grants to women from developing countries whose studies and future plans aim to benefit women and children in their respective regions. Their past achievements and volunteer efforts demonstrate their commitment. These scholarships are for women from developing countries currently enrolled at U.S. or Canadian colleges, universities. This year's

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nine MMMF recipients are enrolled in U.S. universities in graduate studies ranging from social work to agronomy, from early childhood education to nursing, from women's & gender studies to political science. The online application for the academic year 2008-09 is available at: www.wbfn.org. The deadline for submission is February 29, 2008.

Pre-Doctoral Fellow in African-New World Studies

African-New World Studies Program at Florida International University seeks a Pre-Doctoral Fellow for the Academic year 2008-2009. Applicants must be have finished their course work and already begun dissertation writing. They must be conducting or have conducted research on Africa or/and the African Diaspora. The successful applicant will come from either the social sciences or the humanities. S/he will be expected to teach the undergraduate course "Introduction to African Worlds" during one semester and one other course related to the candidate's expertise during the second semester. The pre-doctoral fellow is also expected to support the academic and outreach activities of the program. Salary will be determined according to accomplishments and experience. Please send a letter of application, a vitae, one writing sample of not more than 30 pages, and three sealed letters of recommendation by March 14, 2008 to: Director, ANWS, Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Florida International University, African-New World Studies Program, 3000 NE 151 Street, AC1 -162, North Miami, Florida 33181.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Cultural Anthropology Program at the National Science Foundation funds these initiatives, which are for Ph.D. students and holders of the Ph.D. in cultural anthropology. More information and application forms are available on the Methods Mall, www.qualquant.net/training/:

Field Methods in Bolivia (for Ph.d. students)

Training among the Tsimane', a native Amazonian society of farmers and foragers in Bolivia focuses on methods to collect ecological, demographic, economic, cognitive, anthropometric, and health data. The training builds on and is informed by a panel study in progress since 1999, and lasts five weeks.

Dates: June 8 - July 13

Research Design (for Ph.d. students)

The three-week course focuses on research design and the writing of a scientifically well-conceived research proposal, and also provides an introduction to methods for collecting and analyzing both qualitative and quantitative

data.

Dates: July 13 - August 1

Short Courses on Research Methods (for holders of the Ph.d.)

Now in its fourth year, the SCRM program, offers intensive, five-day courses on research methods in cultural anthropology. The courses offered in 2008 include Text Analysis, Social Network Analysis, and Collecting and Analyzing Video Data.

Workshops in Research Methods in Anthropology (for all cultural anthropologists)

These one-day workshops are offered in conjunction with the meetings of the AAA and the SfAA.

Intensive Zulu in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

The University of Pennsylvania African Studies Center
Summer 2008: June 11- August 10

The 10th Fulbright-Hays Intensive Intermediate-Advanced Zulu Group Project Abroad (Zulu GPA) for the summer 2008 will be held in South Africa, KwaZulu-Natal. The Zulu GPA is a national, federally-funded program designed to provide students of Zulu from across the United States with an opportunity to advance their competency in the language and culture in South Africa among native speakers of Zulu. The deadline is February 15, 2008. For more information and application materials go to: <http://www.africa.upenn.edu/afl/zulugpa.htm> or Email: Dr. Audrey N Mbeje, Project Director, at mbeje@sas.upenn.edu.

Intensive Swahili in Tanzania

Michigan State University African Studies Center
Summer 2008: June 20 - August 9 (Tentative)

The Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad for the summer of 2008 will be held in Tanzania. Candidates who are accepted will be awarded fellowships that will pay all air tickets to Tanzania and ground transport as well as all expenses for instruction, housing, meals, and extracurricular activities in Tanzania. An additional fee of \$1,000 is required of each student participant. Applications are available on the MSU African Studies Center website <http://africa.msu.edu/kiswahili.php>. The application deadline is February 15, 2008.

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CONFERENCES

“Transcending Boundaries, Bridging the Continent”

16th Annual Graduate Research Conference in African Studies

Boston University, March 14-15, 2008

The Graduate Research Conference in African Studies is an interdisciplinary forum intended for graduate students at all levels of study. The conference provides an informal setting in which students can exchange ideas, share research, and expand collegial networks. While there are no strict thematic guidelines, special consideration will be given to papers with multidisciplinary application and/or cross-regional appeal. The abstracts are due February 1, 2008. E-mail application forms to ascgrcon@bu.edu. Visit <http://www.freewebs.com/ascgradconf> for more information.

“Muslims, Race and the Public Sphere”

The 3rd Muslim Studies Conference at Michigan State University

April 3rd - 5th, 2008, 3rd floor of the International Center

Will include panels, plenary sessions, and keynote speakers Mahmood Mamdani, Geneive Abdo, and Howard Winant. For more information contact Salah D. Hassan (hassans3@msu.edu)

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on February 11. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: christianreed@gmail.com; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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