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EVENTS

For the Week of February 18th:

Tuesday, February 19th

"The Limits of Liberation: Gender, Revolution, and the Veil in Soviet Uzbekistan"

Asian Studies Center Colloquium Series,
"Focus On Central Asia: Social And Cultural Transformations"

Speaker: Douglas T. Northrop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, February 20th

"Brujos y Cimarrones/Witches and Maroons: Racializing Performances in Cuban Popular Religion and Folklore"

Latin American and Caribbean Studies
"Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Kristina Wirtz, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University
3:00pm, 201 International Center

Film, "A Day in the Life"

Asian Studies Center film series
6:00pm - 8:00pm, 108 Bessey Hall

LGBT Graduate Student Reception

7:30pm, South Lounge of the Spartan Village Community Center

Thursday, February 21st

"The Use of Arabic in Senegalese Society: Analysis of impacts at the social and educational levels"

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Cheikh Gueye, UCAD Senegal

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

Friday, February 22nd

"Development Evolution and Contribution of NGOs in Bangladesh"

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Imrul Kays Muniruzzaman
Humphrey Fellow, MSU

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

"Imagining Cho Chang: Complexities and Contradictions in Race Relations and Asian American Ethnic Identities in J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter Series"

Part of the Asian Studies Center Graduate Research Forum

Speaker: Amanda Tigner (WRAC)
12:00pm, 204 International Center

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

African American Literature and Culture Faculty Group Lecture Series

Speakers: Sandra Gunning and Brent Edwards

1:00pm, 303 International Center

Film, "Benjamin"

Romance Language Film Series (Portuguese, with English subtitles)

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Auditorium



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Ellen Bruno will talk about her work in making films documenting human rights abuses in Asia to be followed by a showing of two of her films on Cambodia and Burma.

6:30pm, 1345 Engineering Building

Saturday, February 23rd**The Media and Human Rights in Asia Conference**

Keynote addresses: Robert Dietz, Director, Asia Bureau of the Committee to Protect Journalists and Carroll Bogert, Associate Director, Human Rights Watch

9:00am - 4:30pm, International Center Library

For the Week of February 25th:**Monday, February 25th****Department of Art and Art History Lecture**

Speaker: James Elkins

Authoring nearly 20 books that explore visual thinking and representation systems, his research stretches into the fields of science, religion, nature, writing systems, and archaeology.

7:00pm, S107 South Kedzie Hall

Tuesday, February 26th**"Japan and East Asian Security"**

Presented by Richard Samuels, Political Science, MIT.

4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, February 27th**"Enforcement Without Reform"**

Speaker: Walter Ewing, Ph.D. Senior Research Associate, Immigration Policy Center, Washington, DC

12:00pm - 2:00pm, 303 International Center

"Democracy and Citizenship in Latin America: Examining the Role of the Media"

Latin American and Caribbean Studies "Charla" Seminar Series

Speaker: Dr. Manuel Alejandro Guerrero, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico

3:00pm, 201 International Center

Symposium & Reception

African American and African Studies Program extends an invitation to their Black History Month Symposium for Dr. Pero Dagbovie featuring his new book, *The Early Black History Movement*

6:00pm - 8:00pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium

Film, "2009: Lost Memories"

Part of the Asian Studies Center film series "Perspectives on North Korea"

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

Thursday, February 28th**"Some Reflections on the Evolution of Popular Political Representations in Burkina Faso"**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Mathieu Hilgers, Research Fellow, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium

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

"Adaption of Swedish Forestry to Increased International Competition, Environmental Concerns, and Demands for Renewable Bioenergy"

Hanover Forest Science Seminar Series

Speakers: Hillevi Eriksson & Peter

Blombac, Swedish Forest Agency
4:00pm, 151 Com Arts

Film, "Drum"

Drum tells the story of the first magazine in apartheid South Africa aimed at a Black readership.

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillip Residential College

Friday, February 29th**"Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dr. Ravi Bhavnani, assistant professor, Department of Political Science

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

"From Immigrant to American: Change in Gravestone Characteristics in an Orthodox Christian Cemetery"

Department of Anthropology Brown Bag

Speaker: Nicole Burritt

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 106C McDonel Hall

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

Film, "Cautiva"

Romance Language Film Series (Spanish, with subtitles in English)

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Auditorium

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

2008 Library Travel Grants

The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida will again offer Library Travel Research Grants for summer 2008. Application Deadline: March 01, 2008. These awards are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Their purpose is to enable faculty researchers from other U.S. Colleges and universities to use the extensive resources of the Latin American Collection in the University of Florida Libraries, thereby enhancing its value as a national resource. As many as 12 awards of up to \$750 each will be made to cover travel and living expenses. Awardees are expected to remain in Gainesville for at least one week and, following their stay, submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project and offer suggestions for possible improvements of the Latin American Collection. Researchers work at the Latin American Collection maybe undertaken at any time during the summer, starting May 15th, but must be completed by August 14, 2008. Information on the UF Latin American Collection is available on the Internet at: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/lac>. You can also e-mail Richard Phillips, Director of the Latin American Collection, for further information.

Program for Cultural Cooperation

The Spanish Ministry of Culture invites projects compatible with the Program's objective of disseminating Spanish Culture in the United States. Funding is available for the following categories: Visiting Professors, Individual Research, Publications, Dissemination and Study of Spanish Cinema, Symposia and Seminars, Subsidies for Professional Associations, Dissemination of Spanish Culture through the Arts. Last year the Program for Cultural Cooperation awarded numerous subsidies, based upon matching-funds, amounting to approximately \$380,000. We expect that amount to be maintained for 2008. Questions or requests for applications may be directed to us through email at zimme001@umn.edu. Information and application forms are also available on the web at: www.umabroad.umn.edu/pcc/. If you would like to see the types of projects we have funded in the past the lists of grant recipients from 1998 through 2007 is also available on our web site. Finally, please remember that the next deadline for receipt (not postmark) of applications is APRIL 1, 2008.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Program Fellowships

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC)

Program, in the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce two new fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2008-09 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of three \$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following categories:

* GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change.

Application Requirements: Completed Application Form with Research Budget; Copy of Approved Departmental Dissertation Proposal; Two-page (double-spaced) Executive Summary of the Dissertation Proposal; Letter of Recommendation from Dissertation Committee Chair

* GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree program including dissertation research. Applicants' dissertations must focus on gender or other social inequalities as they relate to environmental and/or agricultural change.

Application Requirements: Completed Application Form; Five-page (double-spaced) Summary of the Dissertation Research; Letter of Recommendation from Dissertation Committee Chair, including statement of when you are likely to finish your dissertation

Funding must be used during the 2008-09 academic year. Students must apply for the fellowships by April 1, 2008. Applications and a fellowship flyer are available online at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/fellowship.htm>. Submit completed application and supporting documents by April 1, 2008, to Kate Patch, GenCen Specialist Advisor, gencenad@msu.edu.

NYU Postdoctoral and Transition Program for Academic Diversity

New York University (NYU) is dedicated to ensuring that its scholarly community is enriched by individuals, who, through their different races and ethnicities, nationalities, gender identities, age, abilities, political beliefs, spiritual beliefs, economic status, and sexual orientation, contribute to an intellectually challenging and inclusive educational environment. To that end, NYU has created this fellowship program to support promising scholars and educators from different backgrounds, races, ethnic groups, and other di-

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verse groups whose life experience, research experience, and employment background will contribute significantly to academic excellence at NYU. The fellowship program is open to all areas of study at the University. Candidates from the following three categories may apply:

1. Doctoral students in the final year of their dissertation
2. Postdoctoral students who have completed their dissertation within the last three years
3. Professionals transitioning to academic careers (in fields for which the doctorate is not the terminal degree)

NYU will award five in-residence fellowships in 2008.

The two-year appointments, which have a possibility of a third-year extension, begin in September 2008. Fellows teach a maximum of one course per semester. Stipends and Allowances Fellows receive an annual stipend of \$40,000 as well as allowances for housing (\$20,000), research (\$2,000), and one-time relocation (\$3,000). The University also provides a medical and dental benefits package. The fellowship application and instructions for submission are available at <http://www.nyu.edu/faculty/funding.opportunities/fellowship.html>. E-mail questions to ptpfellowship@nyu.edu.

Distinguished Africanist Award

The African Studies Association is now accepting nominations for the Distinguished Africanist Award through February 15, 2008. The ASA offers the Distinguished Africanist Award in recognition of lifetime distinguished contributions to African studies. The Award is presented at the Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony and consists of a plaque and a lifetime membership in the African Studies Association. Any member of the Association is eligible to propose a candidate. Criteria for the Award are the distinction of contribution to Africanist scholarship, as measured by a lifetime of accomplishment and service in the field of African studies.

Contributions to scholarship within and without the academic community are considered. The nomination must include a vitae of the nominee, a detailed letter of nomination justifying the candidature in terms of the criteria for the Award, and three similar letters from ASA members seconding the nomination. At least two of the latter must be affiliated with institutions other than that of the nominee. All nomination materials must be provided in English. The complete dossier of the candidate must be submitted on letterhead by postal mail to the Secretariat postmarked on or before February 15, 2008, or as a PDF emailed to asapub@rci.rutgers.edu. For more information, please visit: http://www.africanstudies.org/?page=awards_distinguished

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Summer 2008 Tropical Biology Field Courses

The Association for Conservation of the Tropics and its academic affiliates (State University of New York at Oneonta and East Stroudsburg University) are pleased to announce their summer 2008 tropical biology field courses. The courses are intended for undergraduates or early graduate level students who demonstrate a keen interest in tropical biology, but have little or no experience of working in a tropical environment. Participants may enroll on either a credit or non-credit basis. Credit can also be obtained through your home institution by way of independent study. All field courses are held at El Zota Biological Field Station in North-eastern Costa Rica near the Barro Colorado Reserve. The field station includes approximately 1000 hectares (over 2470 acres) of lush, tropical lowland rain forest. The station is among the largest of its kind in Costa Rica, and is home to a diverse array of wildlife. The fauna includes white-faced capuchins, mantled howling monkeys, black-handed spider monkeys, tapir, jaguar, collared peccary, keel-billed toucans, great green macaws, brown caimans just to name a few. The station is designed to allow students to learn techniques that can be used in field research on ecological, behavioral and conservation questions in the tropics, and in so doing, to conserve the property of the research station.

Course Offerings:

- * Primate Behavior and Conservation (June 9 – July 6, 2008).
- * Tropical Biology and Conservation (July 15 – August 11, 2008)
- * Ecotravel Experience (July 7 – July 14)

For more information, please visit our website at www.DANTA.info or email kdingess@danta.info.

The Center for Gender in Global Context Internships

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) is pleased to announce that we have expanded our internship offerings to include the Women, Gender, and Social Justice internship program -- now called the GenCen Internship program -- and the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Internship Program. Students interested in issues of gender, social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, environmental change, etc., are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain hands-on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit. Summer 2008 deadline is February 29th. Fall 2008 applications will be accepted up until the March 31st deadline.

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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 us soon.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**“Quilts and Human Rights”**

MSU Museum, open now through August 24th.

Quilts & Human Rights examines the ways in which textiles—especially quilts—have been made and used to demonstrate solidarity with movements dedicated to advancing international human rights, to mark important events related to human rights violations, to pay tribute to those individuals who have played roles in human rights activism, to provide vehicles for the expression of feelings and memories about human rights violations, and to engage individuals in actions that will solve human rights issues. Organized by the MSU Museum, the exhibition continues the museum's commitment to actively engage citizens in addressing important contemporary issues through traditions of creativity. More information is available at www.museum.msu.edu.

“Africa Past & Present” Podcast

Two Africanist historians at Michigan State University have launched this podcast, an innovative show about history, culture, politics and African Studies in general. Through interviews with eminent scholars and persons, this podcast highlights cutting-edge knowledge and ideas in African Studies from a wide range of perspectives. Peter Alegi and Peter Limb intend to broaden accessibility to the study of Africa beyond the traditional confines of university classrooms. Africa Past & Present is produced by Matrix, The Center for Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences Online and the MSU Department of History. Listen and subscribe to the fortnightly podcasts at: <http://afripod.aodl.org>. For information contact Peter Alegi and Peter Limb, Dept. of History, (517) 355-7500, e-mail: africa.podcast@matrix.msu.edu.

Navigating the PhD: A Writing Workshop

This is a two-part workshop series. The series is targeted to doctoral students in the early stages of their graduate program. The titles of the parts are:

Part 1: Demystifying the Dissertation, Personal Management, Forming Committees, Working with Committees, & Comprehensive Exams

Part 2: Topics and Proposals, Writing Strategies, Revision Strategies, The Defense...and Beyond, & Graduate Writing Groups

Each part will be limited to 25 doctoral students. Registration is first come, first served. Although it is highly recommended that you attend both parts, you may register for only one part. Lunch will be served during the sessions. This workshop series is offered every semester. It is offered twice during Spring 2008.

* Series 1: 9:00am – 3:00pm, 300 Bessey Hall

Part 1: Saturday, March 15, 2008

Part 2: Saturday, March 22, 2008

* Series 2: 9:00am – 3:00pm, 300 Bessey Hall

Part 1: Saturday, April 12, 2008

Part 2: Saturday, April 19, 2008

To register: contact The Graduate School at gradwrsp@msu.edu. Please include your name, department, e-mail address, the name of the workshop, and the date(s) you would like to attend.

Additional information can be found at: <http://writing.msu.edu/ntp/>

CONFERENCES**The Undefended Childhood Conference**

Michigan State University, April 3 - 4, 2008

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, MI

An international conference on the Undefended Childhood will focus on the various issues of vulnerable children around the world and will focus on the following sub themes: Child labor, Education, Indigenous rights, Health and HIV/AIDS, Refugee/immigrants, Children in conflict, Poverty, Environment, Language and culture. Presented by the School of Social Work, the Department of Human Ecology and the Department of Anthropology. The keynote speaker is the Honorable Dr. Judith Mbula Baemuka, High Commissioner to Canada. Faculty and doctoral students are encouraged to submit abstracts in the content areas for presentation at the conference. Poster session presentation opportunity is available for graduate students as well. International, domestic and MSU Scholars will be presenting papers. The conference is free to presenters and volunteers. A \$20 MSU Faculty and Staff Fee and \$10 Student (non volunteer) fee includes 2-days lunch tickets, conference materials and conference tote. See registration form and website for details. Registrations may be submitted electronically to Linda Hancock at hancoc31@mau.edu. Poster submission requests may be submitted to Yeon Soo Kim at kimyeon7@msu.edu. More information at <http://undefendedchild.msu.edu>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies 5th Annual Undergraduate Conference**

April 16-18, 2008, Michigan State University

February 29 is the deadline for submitting proposals for the conference. Undergraduate students may submit an individual presentation proposal or organize a panel. Contact CLACS (clacs@msu.edu) if you are interested in volunteering or serving as a faculty moderator.

2008 Northeast Workshop on Southern Africa

This is the first call for papers and participation for the Eighth Northeast Workshop on Southern Africa (NEWSA). Scholars from all disciplines who are currently working on southern Africa (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe) are encouraged to submit proposals. The committee also encourage the presentation of previously unpublished work, and submissions from graduate students and junior faculty in particular. The meeting will be held at the Bishop Booth Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont (US), October 17-19, 2008. The deadline for paper and/or panel proposals, and to volunteer as a discussant, is March 14, 2008. Send proposals to Peter Alegi at: alegi@msu.edu. For further details see the NEWSA web site at <https://segue.southwestern.edu/sites/greenmue>.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on February 25th. 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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