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APRIL 14TH, 2008

EVENTS

For the Week of April 14th:

Monday, April 14th

"Key Issues in International Women's Studies"

Sponsored by The Center for Gender in Global Context

Speaker: Valentine M. Moghadam, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, Director of Women's Studies, Purdue University

10:00am – 12:00pm, 201 International Center

"Feminism on a World Scale"

Sponsored by GenCen

Speaker: Valentine M. Moghadam, Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies, Director of Women's Studies, Purdue University

3:00pm - 5:00pm, Spartan Room C, International Center

Tuesday, April 15th

"Guardianship for Future Generations: Legal and Policy Framework"

Speaker: Carolyn Raffensperger, Executive Director of the Science and Environmental Health Network

7:30pm, 109 South Kedzie

Wednesday, April 16th

Film, "The Little Heart"

The Little Heart explores the dangers of urbanization and the exploitation of youth in contemporary Vietnam

7:00pm, 108 Bessey Hall

Thursday, April 17th

"Nigerian Pidgin English: Its Political and Cultural Relevance"

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Dr. Tunde Fatunde, Faculty, Francophone Studies, Lagos State University, Nigeria

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

"Developing Moralities, Social Navigation and Seeing Religion in Central Asia and the Balkans: Cases from the Kyrgyz Republic and Albania"

Speaker: David W. Montgomery, former Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 305 International Center

"Indigenous rights, Citizenship and Social Cohesion in Latin America"

5th Annual CLACS Undergraduate Conference keynote presentation by Dr. Leon Zamosc, Associate Professor of Sociology, UC San Diego

3:00pm - 5:00pm, 3rd Floor of the International Center

Film, "The Boys of Buchenwald"

7:00pm, RCAH Theatre Snyder-Phillips (Terrace Level)

Friday, April 18th

"Widening the Gender Gap"

Discussion with Dr. Swarna S. Vepa, Visiting Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai, India

9:00am – 11:00am, 201 International Center



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Speaker: Dr. Swarna S. Vepa, Visiting Professor, Madras School of Economics, Chennai, India

1:30pm – 3:00pm, 201 International Center

"The Conservation Implications of Connecting Remote Communities on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua"

Fisheries and Wildlife Spring 2008 GSO Seminar Series

Speaker: Kristin Schmitt, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Michigan State University

3:30pm, 1 Natural Resources

Chinese Culture Poster Presentation

4th year Chinese students showcase their poster presentations on Chinese culture. Sponsored by the Dept. of Linguistics & Languages, Chinese Language & Culture program.

5:00pm, Concert Lobby, MSU Auditorium

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

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

April 19th**International Fashion Show**

Share and exhibit unique attire from a different culture and country. Sponsored by Snyder-Phillips Residence Life. Free and open to the public.

7:00pm, Arena Theater, MSU Auditorium

For the Week of April 21st:**Monday, April 21st****"Cultural Contexts of Men's Sexual Aggression"**

Speaker: Professor Gordon Nagayama Hall, University of Oregon.

3:30pm - 5:00pm, MSU Union, Gold Room B

Tuesday, April 22nd**Exhibition, "Sustainability Issues In Our Community and Beyond: Extinctions, Choices, and Consequences"**

Center for Integrative Studies in the Arts and Humanities; Poster presentations on Self, Society, and Technology

4:30pm - 6:30pm, MSU Museum

"From Field to Wheels: Biofuels Sustainability"

Speaker: Phil Robertson, Department of Crop and Soil Science, Michigan State University

7:30pm - 8:30pm, Kellogg Biological Station Education Center Auditorium on Gull Lake, 3700 East Gull Lake Dr, Hickory Corners, Michigan

Wednesday, April 23rd**Performance, "Luis Julio Toro, Latin American flutist"**

Luis Julio Toro (www.luisjuliotoro.com) is an extremely versatile player with more than 24 recordings. This event is free and open to the public.

6:00pm, Hart Recital Hall, Music Building, West Circle Drive

Thursday, April 24th**"The Effects of Market Deregulation on Maize Marketing Margins in South Africa: An Opportunity to Improve Household Food Security"**

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Lulama Ndibongo Traub, Senior Researcher, Bureau of Food and Agricultural Policy, University of Pretoria, South Africa

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

Film, "Daratt: Dry Season" (Chad)

A poignant and beautiful story of revenge and redemption with an incredibly satisfying, thought-provoking ending.

7:30pm, Snyder-Phillip Residential College

Friday, April 25th**"Does Adult Literacy Have a Role to Play in Addressing the Universal Elementary Education Challenge in India?"**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Dr. Amita Chudgar, Assistant Professor, Educational Administration

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

International Coffee Hour

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

Film, "New Year Baby"

New Year Baby embarks on a journey to Cambodia in search of the truth as to why a family's history had been buried in secrecy for so long.

7:30pm, International Center Library

Friday, May 2nd**Spring Graduation Reception**

Hosted by the Graduate School

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Lincoln Room, Kellogg Center

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FALL 2008 COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Development: Theory and Practice (ACR 826)

RD 826, International Development and Sustainability, will become ACR 826, International Development: Theory and Practice in Fall 2008. The course addresses the evolution of international development theory across the disciplines; changing conceptualizations, measurements, processes and effects of development and poverty; and roles of ethnicity, social class, gender, and community as factors influencing socio-economic change processes. Current issues, concerns, and strategic alternatives will be discussed and related to actual cases. Cross-listed with anthropology, forestry, and political science, ACR 826 is required for CASID's graduate specialization in international development. Co-taught by Dr. Bill Derman (Anthropology) and Dr. John Kerr (CARRS), this three credit hour course will take place on Tuesdays from 3:00pm - 5:50pm, Rm 223 Natural Resources. Dr. John Kerr (jkerr@msu.edu) will be on sabbatical during Fall 2008, but is currently available to answer questions.

Contemporary Issues in the Anthropology of the Middle East (ANP 491)

Professor: Michael Perez

Tue and Thu, 10:20am - 11:40am, C002 Wilson Hall

This course examines some of the key issues surrounding the Middle East today through the lens of anthropology. Using contemporary ethnographic accounts of the people and politics of the region, this course will focus on the question of identity and community formation. Particular attention will be placed on the relationship between Islam and emergent political identities and movements throughout the region (Hamas, Hezbollah and The Muslim Brotherhood). The course will also examine contemporary issues surrounding the intersection of religion and gender and the status of minority communities within the Arab world. This course aims to widen students' perspectives and comprehension on the people and trends of the Middle East through the unique approach of anthropology.

The Global Urban Studies Program

This program will increase knowledge about processes, policies and issues in urban areas across the world, emphasizing global processes that impact and unite urban areas. The program endeavors to improve urban conditions through rigorous graduate education and innovative interdisciplinary research. Administered by the College of Social Science, the program offers interdisciplinary doctoral-level study integrated with programs offered by disciplinary departments and is available as an elective to students who are enrolled in doctoral degree programs at Michigan State

University. The Graduate Specialization in Global Urban Studies addresses political, spatial, cultural and economic processes and issues in urban areas across the United States and the world, as well as the global processes that impact and unite urban areas. Course work includes foci on urban areas in the United States and abroad; urban areas in comparative context regionally, nationally and internationally and how the forces of globalization change urban areas. With the approval of the department and college that administers the student's degree program, the courses that are used to satisfy the specialization may also be used to satisfy the requirements for the doctoral degree. For more information on GUSP at Michigan State University, please visit our website or contact our Administrative Officer, Susan Durkee, directly. Phone: 517-353-8540; E-mail: durkees@msu.edu or see <http://gusp.msu.edu/>

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Funding for Programs that Target Prevention of and Response to Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

Deadline: Wednesday April 30 at 6:00pm (EDT)

The Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) has primary responsibility within the U.S. Government for administering assistance to refugees and conflict victims, and takes a leading role in formulating U.S. foreign policy on population and migration issues. One of PRM's key priorities is the protection of refugees, returnees and other conflict-affected populations overseas, particularly women and children from gender-based violence (GBV). PRM is currently seeking partners to support overseas assistance programs that will address GBV, including sexual abuse and exploitation (SEA) amongst refugees and refugee returnees.

GBV activities should be focused on any or all of the following (in no particular order):

- * To respond to current, identified needs in the field through a multi-sector approach.
- * To support measures to prevent GBV, including sexual abuse and exploitation (SEA).
- * To support measures to raise awareness as a means of effectively protecting victims of GBV.
- * To create local capacity to respond to GBV in a competent and timely manner.

PRM will accept proposals from any organization that is able to satisfy the requirements of this funding announcement:

- * A proven track record in providing assistance in dealing with prevention and response to GBV and an established

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presence in the countries for which they are submitting proposals;

* Appropriate targeting of beneficiaries in coordination with UNHCR and other relevant organizations, as well as the relevant government(s);

* A working relationship with UNHCR and 2008 UNHCR funding and/or support for the proposed activities and/or overall country program; and

* Evidence of coordination with development organizations, when applicable, and a well-developed transition strategy.

For more information contact Shanna Devoy, PRM Program Analyst (202) 663-1476; E-mail: devoyks@state.gov

Entrepreneurial Faculty for the 21st Century University (EF21U) Fellowship

The Graduate School at Michigan State University (MSU) and the Michigan Center for Innovation & Economic Prosperity (MCIEP) at James Madison College, are sponsoring a new opportunity for graduate students: the EF21U Fellowship program. The primary goals of the Fellowship Program are to provide opportunities for a diverse group of graduate students to a) consider what entrepreneurship and innovation mean in the context of an academic career; b) examine the variety of institutional arrangements universities use to carry out their entrepreneurial and innovation missions; and c) connect graduate students to private entrepreneurs and venture capitalists who may be interested in their future work. The EF21U program is for doctoral students with an interest in entrepreneurship and innovation. The program welcomes applicants from any college. Each fellow will receive \$5,000 to help support project expenses and/or travel to a conference to disseminate findings. Applications must be submitted on or before Friday, April 18, 2008. Announcements of fellowship recipients will be made by May 2, 2008. For further information or questions regarding the program, please contact Dr. Ross B. Emmett, 432-6139 or emmettr@msu.edu.

The College Fund for International Travel (Faculty)

Friday, May 9, 2008 is the deadline for applications for Cycle I of the College Fund for International Travel for travel abroad to conferences (events) to present the results of your research or creative activity between July 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. Grants awarded for the dissemination of the results of faculty research, most typically at significant professional events abroad: papers at professional conferences; exhibitions at galleries, museums, or shows; performances at music or theatrical venues. In addition to the form a complete application contains a two page curriculum vitae, a budget of expenditures and costs, and a two page narrative that clearly addresses each of the

following:

* Description of the paper, performance, or exhibit for which you are requesting funds

* The significance of your paper, performance, or exhibit as a contribution to your field,

* The relative importance of the conference/event and any relevant conference/event URL

* how your contribution represents a progression in your own scholarly/creative development or represents a new direction, and

* How participating in this particular conference/event in your field is significant to your scholarly reputation.

We will continue to coordinate deadlines with the travel competition in International Studies and Programs (Please see next award). Please submit your application to Cathy Vaughn (vaughn@msu.edu). If you have any questions please get in touch.

Special Foreign Travel Fund (SFTF)

This is a source of funds to assist faculty transportation to international professional meetings and congresses outside the U.S. to present papers, deliver keynote addresses, juried exhibitions, or performances in major concert halls. It is intended to supplement departmental, college and/or grant funds available to faculty. Application forms are available from the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Program. SFTF is to be used as a last resort, and is supplemental in nature.

Upcoming deadlines:

* June 1st for meetings held July through December

* October 1st for meetings held November through April

By the appropriate deadline, submit the following to Michael Stokes, (517) 355-2353, Office of the Dean, International Studies and Programs, 209 International Center:

* Completed application with signatures of dean and chair (please plan to seek their approval at least two weeks in advance of the deadline.)

* Invitation to conference/congress and/or letter accepting your paper for presentation at the conference/congress indicating the type and level of your participation

* Include original and one (1) copy of the application and all attachments

CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

Language in African Performing and Visual Arts: Global Trends, Issues and Perspectives

Yale University, October 2-4, 2008

This conference will bring together scholars across disciplines to discuss trends in African popular cultures and how these have impacted African languages. The conference will investigate some of the developments in the

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performing and visual arts in Africa, with special focus on choice and forms of language used. We will ask how African languages have changed in this new environment and look at some of the reworking of oral tradition, at works influenced by time spent outside Africa, and at new worldwide markets for products of popular African culture composed in African languages and argots.

Yale Program in African Languages invites papers addressing this theme or one of the following sub-themes: Language and electronic and print media; Language and visual arts; Language and performing arts; Popular culture and technology; Popular culture and HIV/AIDS; Language in sports and leisure; Popular culture and urban language varieties; Fiction and publishing; Language and fashion and design. Send abstracts via e-mail (preferred) to african.studies@yale.edu or via fax to: (203) 432-5963. Abstracts should be 300 words, and should be received by May 31, 2008. For information call African Studies 203-432-3436.

2nd Annual C.L.R. James Scholar Essay Contest

This year the essay contest focuses on questions of gender in relation to democratic movements from below tackling issues of patriarchy, race, class, and empire. The contest deadline is July 1, 2008. The contest is open to students of all levels, lifelong learners, community members and activists. We are constantly bombarded with images concerning the victimized state of women around the globe. Politicians, academics, and even some social justice activists tell us that women's liberation is little more than a mirage. Yet, these images hide a reality much more profound, inspiring, and courageous. There is a proud tradition of women who have refused to accept subordinate roles to their families or to the state. Whether organizing rent strikes or workplace strikes; fighting for reproductive freedom or education; sometimes with people of other genders and sometimes on their own; women have played vital roles in countless social movements and local organizing around the globe. It is in the spirit of this legacy that the Onyx Foundation would like to invite women and men to participate in an essay contest that seeks to explore and advance democratic visions of women's liberation.

Essays should examine only one of the following themes:

- "A Woman's Place": A Look at Selma James and the Politics of the International Wages for Housework Campaign
- An Anti-Imperialist Perspective for Women's Liberation: Looking at the U.S. Invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan
- Sex, Race & Class: Histories of women of color in social movements or revolutions
- Reflections on Organizing: Lessons from your own independent organizing with women in schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces

Please visit www.onyxfoundation.org for additional information on essay topics.

5th Annual CLACS Undergraduate Conference

"Re-imagining Nation, Rethinking Citizenship: Indigenous and Popular Movements in Latin America and the Caribbean"

MSU, April 16-17, 3rd Floor International Center

Includes the following panels:

- * Indigenous Movements, Community Participation & Change
- * Conflict, Peace And Historical Memory
- * Popular Culture (Film, Literature And Music) In Mexico and Brazil
- * Environment, Agriculture And Sustainable Development
- * Poverty Alleviation And Social Welfare Policies
- * Cultural Contours Of African Descendants Of The Caribbean
- * Politics And Development In The Andean Region

For a complete schedule please see <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs/08schedule.htm>

Second Annual Michigan State University Africanist Graduate Student Conference: Call for Papers

"Knowledge of Africa: New Researchers and the Next Fifty Years"

MSU, September 26-27, 2008

Michigan State University graduate students and the African Studies Center at MSU are hosting a conference with the intent to foster an engaging atmosphere in which graduate students can discuss their research and receive important feedback. The conference is interdisciplinary and open to students at all levels of their graduate careers. We 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, those who will be the career Africanists of the next fifty years, who will present at the 2008 African Studies Association Meeting "Knowledge of Africa: The Next Fifty Years" to be held in Chicago.

* Abstracts Due: August 29, 2008

* Email submissions to msuasgc@msu.edu

Abstracts submitted should include the author's name, address, institutional affiliation, email address, and phone number. A \$20 conference fee can be paid online through the Conference website upon abstract acceptance. More

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information can be found at the Conference's website:

<http://africa.msu.edu/gradconference>

Questions can be addressed to the conference organizers at msuafcon@msu.edu

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**Africa Past and Present Podcast, Episode 6**

The sixth episode of Africa Past and Present podcast about history, culture, and politics in Africa is now available at: <http://afripod.aodl.org>. In this episode, Patrick Bond (Director of the Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal) discusses his new book *Climate Change, Carbon Trading and Civil Society: Negative Returns on South African Investments* (co-edited with Rehana Dada and Graham Erion; University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2007). Bond focuses on carbon trading's effects on global warming, critiques free market approaches to climate change, and charts the rise of African grassroots movements for environmental justice. Africa Past and Present 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 fortnightly podcast at: <http://afripod.aodl.org>.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on September 1st. 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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