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Welcome back from Spring Break! We took a little publication break during the down time of Spring Break week, but we're back in full swing with upcoming events.

In other exciting news, CASID is on Facebook and Twitter! You can now friend/follow us!



Don't forget to check out these campus events calendars for more events:



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Events: Week of 15 March

Monday, 15 March

The Policeman as Urban Ethnographer: Tracking Down the Poor in Colonial Saigon

Speaker: Haydon Cherry, Department of History, Yale

[Global Urban Studies Workshop Series](#)

4-5:30pm, 466 Berkey

Tuesday, 16 March

Abortion, Reproductive Technologies, and Feminist Bioethics in Japan

Speaker: Miho Ogino, Graduate School of American Studies, Doshisha University (Kyoto)

[Asian Studies Center Bioethics East-West: Cross-Cultural Conversations at the Edges of Life](#)

Co-Sponsored by Japan Business Society Detroit Foundation and MSU Department of Philosophy

4pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, 17 March

Transnational Labor Organizing: Lessons from the Mexican-Heritage Community

Speaker: Julie Leininger Pycior, Ph. D, Department of History, Manhattan College

Sponsored by Julian Samora Research Institute, the Department of Sociology, Labor Education Program/School of Labor and Industrial Relations with support from the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives
12pm-1:30pm, 008 Agricultural Hall

Friday, 19 March

An Evidence-Based Approach to the Fight Against Maternal and Child Vitamin A Deficiency in Northern Kenya

Speaker: Masako Fujita, Department of Anthropology

[CASID-GenCen Friday Forum](#)

12-1pm, 201 International Center

International Coffee Hour

[OISS](#)

4-6pm, Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center

Events: Week of 22 March

Wednesday, 24 March

The World Is Not Always Flat: Historical Geography Studies in Global Contexts

Global Studies Program in the Arts and Humanities

Speaker: Dr. Ge Jianxiong, Director of Fudan University Library, Shanghai, China, Professor of Chinese Historical Geography, Fudan University

4-5:30pm, 303 International Center

Thursday, 25 March

Iran at the Crossroads: Domestic Uncertainties and External Dilemmas

Speakers: Professor Mehran Kamrava, Georgetown University, and Professor Nader Hashemi, University of Denver

[Muslim Studies Program](#)

4pm, Kellogg Center Lincoln Room

Friday, 26 March

The Role of Women's Institutions in Providing Access to Higher Education: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives from Four Regions

Speaker: Kristen Renn, Department of Educational Administration

[CASID-GenCen Friday Forum](#)

12pm, 201 International Center

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4-6pm, Spartan Rooms B and C, International Center

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[2011-2012 FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES](#)

The MSU Office of International Studies and Programs cordially invites faculty, graduate students and students graduating in 2011 to attend a Fulbright Scholarship Program Informational Workshop according to the following schedule:

MSU STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2011 WORKSHOP on Thursday, April 1, 2010, Room 303 International Center from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

MSU GRADUATE STUDENTS' WORKSHOP on Monday, April 5, 2010, room 303 International Center from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

MSU FACULTY AND PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, Room 303-305 International Center from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

In these workshops participants will be informed about the objectives, requirements, and deadlines for each program as well as how to: 1) develop a more competitive application, 2) select a host country, 3) make necessary host country contacts, and 4) solicit winning letters of recommendation. Applicants must be U.S. Citizens.

Fulbright fellowships are prestigious, career-enhancing awards that confer special status on winners during and following their foreign study. They become outstanding, officially recognized representatives of the United States. Grants are provided to students, faculty, and professionals who undertake graduate study, advanced research, or teaching at the elementary, secondary, or university level in more than 140 countries. Most grantees choose their own programs. Projects may include university course work, independent library or field research, classes in an academic institution, a music conservatory, art school, or on special projects in the social or life sciences. The grants pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance and in some cases for tuition waivers and/or a research allowance.

To attend a workshop please register with Kathy Riel at 355-2350 or e-mail riel@msu.edu. To learn more about the Fulbright Program, contact Professor Frank M. D'Itri, the MSU Fulbright Program Advisor, at ditri@msu.edu.

The approximate application submission deadlines for selected Fulbright Fellowship Programs for the 2011-2012 academic year are:

Faculty/Professional Programs

- 1) Fulbright Scholar Program: August 1, 2010
- 2) Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program: November 1, 2010

Student/Graduate Student Programs

- 1) Fulbright U.S. Student Program: September 23, 2010
- 2) Fulbright-Hays DDRA Program: November 1, 2010

STUDENT GROUP INITIATIVE

This May, 15 students from MSU and 2 from Davenport University will travel to India, participating in an MSU study abroad program, "International Development and Markets in India." Students will learn about rural development while taking courses in agriculture and Indian history and culture. Part of the program involves completing a practicum in Integrated Human Development at Shanti Ashram, a local nonprofit organization focusing on rural development and community health in Coimbatore, India.

This is the third year for the program, and previous participants have maintained a connection to Shanti Ashram after witnessing firsthand the impact made by the organization. In fall 2009, Students Advancing International Development (SAID) was formed. SAID is continually searching for ways to assist Shanti in fulfillment of its mission. Shanti Ashram has experience in organizing immunization clinics (i.e., 5,000 children have been immunized over the past two years for typhoid and Hepatitis B). SAID approached Shanti with the idea of raising money to provide measles/mumps/ rubella (MMR) vaccinations. SAID has a goal of raising \$16,000 by the end of spring semester 2010; at the cost of approximately \$2 per vaccination, \$16,000 will allow for the immunization of 8,000 children in India against MMR during the summer program.

With financial support from Paramount Coffee, SAID has been selling coffee as a fundraiser, thus far raising over \$10,000 in donations and pledges. The group is selling bags of Fair Trade Certified Rwandan Coffee from Paramount. Selling Fair Trade coffee ensures a double benefit: coffee farmers in Rwanda are paid fair wages for their work, while Paramount donates \$5 dollars for every \$10 bag of coffee sold toward the MMR vaccinations.

To purchase coffee or offer other support, contact Amanda Feighner at feighnera@gmail.com. The deadline for ordering coffee is March 27, 2010.

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