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EVENTS

For the Week of September 15th:

Monday, September 15th

Visual Griots Photo-Voice Exhibit, Opening

This exhibit of photos by Malian youths is on loan to the MSU Museum from the Smithsonian and is curated by Shawn Davis. The exhibit will involve outreach and civic engagements activities, especially with Mason and Lansing special education classrooms. Runs through March 15, 2009.

Information Session on US-African Higher Education Partnerships

The Office of International Development will host this information session providing details to faculty who are considering developing a proposal for these planning grants.

2:00pm, Room 204 International Center

Wednesday, September 17th

Information Session on US-African Higher Education Partnerships

Faculty interested in these grants may attend this session or the one offered on Monday (see above).

9:00am, Room 6 International Center

“Responsibilities of Authors and Editors in Medical Publishing”

Hans Kende Memorial Lecture Series on Integrity and Mentoring in Research

Speaker: Jeffrey M. Drazen, New England Journal of Medicine, Boston, MA

2:00pm, Room 474, College of Law Bldg

“Social Capital and Income Distributions: Is There a Connection?”

CLACS Fall 2008 Seminar Series

Speaker: Lindon Robison, Agricultural Economics, MSU

3:00pm, Room 303 International Center

Workshop, “The PREPed Ph.D., A Model for Career and Professional Development for New Ph.D. Students”

This workshop is designed to expose new PhD students to the Graduate School's PREP model for Career and Professional development. Registration is required, send an email to gradwrsp@msu.edu. 5:00pm - 6:30pm, Room 6 Student Services Building

Thursday, September 18th

“What's Wrong With Human Rights Film?”

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Ken Harrow, Professor, English Dept, MSU

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Room 303 International Center

“Population and Environment in the Brazilian Amazon: Towards Integrative Land Change Science”

Department of Anthropology Lecture Series on Humans and the Environment

Speaker: Dr. Emilio Moran, Indiana University

2:00pm - 3:30pm, 106C McDonnell Hall

Film: The Platform

By Zhangke Jia, 2001. Part of the fall film series “On the Edge: Contemporary Chinese Cinema”

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall



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CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Kundan Kumar, CARRS

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

International Coffee Hour

Office of International Students and Scholars

4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

Sunday, September 21st**Japan Picnic**

Part of Japan Week

1:00pm - 4:30pm, MSU Horticultural Gardens

For the Week of September 22nd:**Tuesday, September 23rd****“Memories in Ruins: Hiroshima’s Nuclear Annihilation and Beyond”**

“History and Memory in Asia” Fall Colloquium

Speaker: Lisa Yoneyama (University of California San Diego)

4:00pm, Room 305 International Center

Korean Language Coffee House

Sponsored by Korea Council

5:30pm - 7:00pm, Room 302 International Center

Wednesday, September 24th**“The Sun Rises in the East: Cuban Religion and Identity via Oriente”**Speaker: Jualynne Dodson, Sociology
3:00pm, Room 303 International Center**Film, “Densha Otoko (Train Man)”**

Part of the Fall Japanese Film Series and Japan Week

7:00pm, N101 North Kedzie Hall

Thursday, September 25th**Study Abroad Fair**

Learn more about the study abroad opportunities available at MSU.

12:00pm - 6:00pm, MSU Union 2nd Floor

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker and title TBA

12:00pm - 1:00pm, Room 303 International Center

Japan’s Policies on Climate Change

Special Presentation by the Honorable Tamotsu Shinotsuka, Consul General of Japan in Detroit

5:00pm, Room 303 International Center

Friday, September 26th**“Celebrations Challenged? Transformations to Japanese Local Culture and Traditions”**

A full day of panel presentations by scholars considering the state of traditional local culture in Japan.

9:00pm - 5:00pm, Rooms 302 and 303 International Center, and Library

“The Impact of Global Change on Food Productivity in Sub-Saharan Africa”

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Jennifer Olson, Dept of

Telemmunication, Information Studies & Media

12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

International Coffee Hour

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4:00pm - 6:00pm, Spartan Rooms, International Center Food Court

2nd Annual MSU Africanist Graduate Student Research ConferencePanels and presentations featuring graduate students from MSU and elsewhere. Continues through Saturday. See <http://africa.msu.edu/gradconference> for more information.

5:00pm, MSU Union

2nd Annual Mayors’ Ramadan Unity DinnerTo order tickets, contact Renee Freeman, 517-483-4141, or e-mail: rffreeman@lansingmi.gov.

7:00pm - 9:00pm, Cooley Temple Building, 217 South Capitol Avenue, 6th Floor, Auditorium, Lansing, Michigan.

Saturday, September 27th**Graduate Student Workshop, “Planning for a Sustainable Career”**Registration is required, contact gradwrsp@msu.edu.

8:45am - 3:30pm, MSU Kellogg Center

Sunday, September 28th**“Islamic Manuscripts of Tombouctou Photography Exhibit”**

Open through October 11, these photographs by Alexandra Huddleston will be on display in the RCAH LookOut! Gallery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL 2008 NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

HM 550 or LAW 548W: International Law and Ethics of Human Subjects Research

Gerald S. Schatz, Tuesdays 7:45pm - 9:45pm, College of Law Building

Around the world researchers in the biomedical and behavioral and social sciences study people to understand and counter the world's disease burden, especially in resource-poor countries, and to understand people's troubles, beliefs, behavior, and hopes. Research on human beings incurs special ethical and legal responsibilities. This seminar brings together scholars and researchers from many fields to foster interdisciplinary understanding of the substance and interrelationships of law, particularly international law, and ethics in the protection of human subjects of transnational biomedical and behavioral research. This seminar is for medical and law students, graduate students, faculty, professionals, practitioners, researchers, research administrators, international scholars, and other interested individuals from the many fields involved directly or indirectly in international research.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowships

Twenty fellowships are available annually to allow students to devote full time to writing the dissertation with the goal that the dissertation will be completed during the tenure of the fellowship. Other MSU financial support, held simultaneously with the fellowship, cannot exceed a one-half time assistantship or the equivalent. Selection of fellowship winners will be made by a student's college. The colleges will set the conditions and application procedures for the Graduate School Dissertation Fellowships and will notify the Graduate School of the winners. The Fellowship awards will be dispensed by the Graduate School. Students should contact the associate dean's office of their college to find out their college's procedure, as well as deadlines.

Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship Program

Deadline anticipated for October 31, 2008. See Dr. Frank D'itri at 209 International Center for details and submitting an application.

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program

This program provides grants to colleges and universities

to fund individual doctoral students who conduct research in other countries, in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of six to 12 months.

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/iegpsddrap/index.html>

MSU Internal Deadline: September 25, 2008.

Fulbright Grants for U.S. Students for Graduate Study or Dissertation Research Abroad (IIE)

You could be one of more than 1,500 students who receive a Fulbright grant each year to go overseas. The U.S. Student Fulbright Program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide; grants are available in all fields of study. For detailed information on your eligibility, awards available, and the application process, please review the pages on the web site.

<http://www.iie.org>

MSU Internal Deadline: September 25, 2008

Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program has helped nearly 23,000 teachers and administrators contribute to mutual understanding between the United States and countries around the world. If you are a full-time US teacher or administrator, you may be eligible to apply to the regular program.

<http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org>

Deadline is October 15, 2008

Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships

Predocutorial Fellowships

Through its program of Diversity Fellowships, the Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. This year the program will award approximately 60 predoctoral fellowships. The predoctoral fellowships provide three years of support for individuals engaged in graduate study leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree.

<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fordfellowships>

Deadline: November 14, 2008.

Dissertation Awards

This year the program will award approximately 35 dissertation fellowships. The dissertation fellowships provide one year of support for individuals working to complete a dissertation leading to a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) or Doctor of Science (Sc.D.) degree. Dissertation fellowships

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will be awarded in a national competition administered by the National Research Council (NRC) on behalf of the Ford Foundation. The awards will be made to individuals who, in the judgment of the review panels, have demonstrated superior academic achievement, are committed to a career in teaching and research at the college or university level, show promise of future achievement as scholars and teachers, and are well prepared to use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students.

<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/fordfellowships>.

Deadline: November 28, 2008.

Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowships

Launched in 1967, the International Affairs Fellowship Program is designed to advance the professional development of outstanding young Americans between the ages of 27 and 35. Each year, approximately ten men and women receive the opportunity to broaden their experience in the field of international affairs through this unique program.

The fellowships seek to bridge the gap between thought and action in foreign policy by supporting both a variety of policy studies and active exposure to policymaking. The distinctive character of the program lies in the contrasting experiences it provides at the juncture of policy research and policy formulation. Thus, it encourages academics and others from the private sector to serve in a policy-oriented environment through operational experience in public service. Conversely, it permits government officials on leave to study key issues in a scholarly atmosphere free from operational pressure.

<http://www.cfr.org/about/fellowships/iaf.html>

Deadline: October 24, 2008

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships

NSF is soliciting proposals for GRF awards for 2009; application deadlines cluster at the beginning of November 2008 and vary by field. These grants provide three years of "early-stage" support for graduate students seeking research-based master's or doctoral degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, including the social sciences. The funds granted for each student per year total \$40,500, including \$10,500 for tuition. The program expects to award between 900 and 1,600 fellowship grants in FY 09, with total available funds estimated between \$36.5 and \$65 million. Awards will be granted in late March, 2009. Eligibility is limited to U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent resident aliens.

www.nsf.gov.

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies Opportunities for Scholars

The Institute is an independent private institution founded in 1930 to create a community of scholars focused on intellectual inquiry, free from other university obligations. Scholars from around the world come to the Institute to pursue their own research. Those chosen are offered membership for a set period and a stipend. The Institute provides access to extensive resources including offices, libraries, subsidized restaurant and housing facilities, and some secretarial services. Open to all fields of historical research, the School of Historical Studies' principal interests are the history of western, near eastern and Asian civilizations, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe (medieval, early modern, and modern), the Islamic world, East Asian studies, the history of art, the history of science, philosophy, modern international relations, and music studies. Candidates of any nationality may apply for a single term or a full academic year. Residence in Princeton during term time is required. The only other obligation of Members is to pursue their own research. The PhD and substantial publications are required. Information and application forms may be found on the School's web site, www.hs.ias.edu.

Deadline: November 1 2008.

CONFERENCES AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

25th Annual World Food Day Teleconference

"Choices for a Warm and Hungry Planet" will take place on October 16. Please see the next issue of the CASID Current for time and location. Participants include Dr. Nancy Birdsall, president of the Center for Global Development, Dr. Siwa Msangi, of the International Food Policy Research Institute in Tanzania, Mark Richie, Secretary of State for Minnesota. Ray Suarez, of PBS' Jim Lehrer Newshour, will moderate the conference. See www.worldfooddayusa.org for more information.

Unite For Sight 6th Annual Global Health Conference

"Achieving Global Goals Through Innovation" will take place Saturday, April 18 through Sunday, April 19, 2009 at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut with more than 200 Speakers, including keynote addresses by Jeffrey Sachs, Sonia Sachs, Susan Blumenthal, and Harold Varmus. Social innovation sessions will be held by CEOs and Directors of Save The Children, Partners in Health, HealthStore Foundation, mothers2mothers, and many others. Registration is now open.

<http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference>

Deadline for abstracts: September 15, 2008

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This podcast is hosted by MSU historians Peter Alegi and Peter Limb and produced by MATRIX. The most recent episode is now available at <http://afripod.aodl.org>, and discusses the history of rice farmers on the Upper Guinea Coast and the vigorous debate over Judith Carney's "Black Rice" thesis with guests Walter Hawthorne and Joseph Lauer.

Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH)

UFWH represents a campus best practice in international programming. It creates a learning environment where intellectual discovery and social responsibility converge in pursuit of a sustainable world – a world that protects our natural environment and enhances human health and well-being for present and future generations. UFWH has a new website: <http://www.universitiesfightingworldhunger.org>. In addition, "Hungerbytes" is a video contest sponsored by the World Food Programme, and you can view the UFWH entry at <http://www.youtube.com>. The video that gets the most hits between now and World Food Day on October 16, 2008 wins the contest and the opportunity to visit WFP relief site in Asia, Africa, or Latin America.

Position Available: Coordinator of Outreach

Grand Valley State University is accepting applications for the position of Coordinator of Outreach and International Students. Bachelor's degree, proficiency in a foreign language, overseas travel experience, document design skills, presentation skills and strong communication skills required. This position will be responsible for the website, publications and outreach efforts for the center. For a full description, qualifications and to apply online, go to www.gvsujobs.org. Application deadline is 09-26-2008. Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action, equal opportunity institution.

Bio Career Center Consortium

Ph.D. Career Services at MSU has joined the Bio Career Center Consortium of Schools delivering expanded career options for PhDs, along with Berkeley, Caltech, Stanford, University of Pennsylvania and many others. Bio Career Center offers a variety of resources, including advice from professionals working in both academic and nonacademic jobs and a jobs board. The Bio Career Center Jobs Board (<http://www.biocareercenter.com/jobsboard>) has over 400 listings in a variety of career paths. Bio Career Center provides an in-depth look at various career paths in the sciences. You can find this and a great deal more information on MSU'S Bio Career Center Webpage at: www.msu.biocareerservices.org.

Danta: Association for Conservation of the Tropics Courses Abroad

Danta announces a Primate Behavior and Conservation Field Course to be held in Costa Rica from December 28, 2008 to January 17, 2009. The course is intended for undergraduates or early graduate level students who are very interested 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. The course will be held at El Zota Biological Field Station in North-eastern Costa Rica. The course is designed to provide students with training in primate behavior, ecology and conservation in a field setting. During the first half of the course, students will learn how to (1) collect data on the behavior of free-ranging primates, (2) measure environmental variables, including assessment of resource availability, and (3) estimate population size. In the second half of the course, in consultation with the instructor, each student carries out an independent research project. Students in the past have investigated such topics as play behavior, feeding ecology, positional behavior, and parasitology in the mantled howler monkey, white-faced capuchin, and black-handed spider monkey. Students will be involved in applied conservation during a 4 day field trip to Puerto Viejo on Costa Rica's Caribbean coast. The cost of the course is \$1850, and includes all within-country transportation, room and board, and expenses for a 4 day field trip. It does NOT include your international flight, academic credit, airport taxes (\$26), accommodation and meals for the first and last nights in San Jose. The deadline for registration is December 1, 2008. Enrollment is limited to 25 participants.

Ecotravel Experience

As one of our fundraising events this year, DANTA is offering a one week (January 18 to January 25, 2009) ecotravel experience to some of Costa Rica's most spectacular sites. The trip includes a visit to two active volcanoes, Volcan Poas and Volcan Arenal, a day trip the hot springs in Fortuna, and dolphin viewing during a 3 night stay at Manuel-Antonio National Park on Costa Rica's Pacific coast. Field trips are open to members of the general public. It is also an option for DANTA field course participants who wish to travel after their course. The price of the trip is \$1100, and it includes within country transportation, room and board, and all scheduled activities. The price does not include international airfare or airport taxes. The deadline for registration is December 1, 2008. For more information, please visit our website at www.DANTA.info or email kdingess@danta.info.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***Agriculture, Development, Environment & Gender:
NGO Internships in Malawi**

January 12 - May 1, 2009 (includes six weeks on MSU campus)

This program allows students the opportunity to carry a full semester course-load while participating in a non-governmental organization (NGO) internship. Students will be required to take intensive course-work for six weeks in East Lansing, two-weeks in Malawi, and an eight-week internship with an NGO. Some examples of NGOs a student may work with are Water Aid, Action Aid, or World Vision (all subject to change). Students must be in good academic standing, with a grade point average of at least 2.5 at the time of application. Meeting this minimum grade point average does not, however, guarantee admission. Additionally, students must submit an essay with their application stating why they wish to participate in this program. This program is open to MSU students only. The deadline to apply is October 15, 2008. Visit <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/africangointern.html> for more details. To find out more about the program contact one of the following people: Dr. Anne Ferguson, Department of Anthropology, Director of Center for Gender in Global Context, 206 International Center; Phone: (517) 353-5040; Dr. Tracy Dobson, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 10C Natural Resources Building; Phone: (517) 432-1711; Kate Patch, Center for Gender in Global Context, 206 International Center; Phone: (517) 353-5040.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Spring Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on September 22nd. 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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