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This is our last issue for Spring Semester 2009. Hopefully you've been able to join some events this school year. We look forward to your participation in the fall. Enjoy the summer!

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Events: Week of 26 April

Friday, 30 April

International Coffee Hour

[OISS](#)

4-6pm, Spartan B and C International Center

Saturday, 1 May

Students Advancing International Development Gala

The event will include Indian food, an auction including items from India, and several Indian performances. Tickets must be purchased in advance for the event. Contact feighn11@gmail.com for details.

6-8pm, MSU Horticulture Gardens

Events: Week of 3 May

Wednesday, 5 May

Issues of Engaged Scholarship in South Africa With Particular Reference to University-Civil Society Research Relationships

Speaker: David Cooper, Head of the Sociology Department, University of Cape Town, South Africa

National Collaborative for the Study of University Engagement, in conjunction with the Global Institute for Higher Education and the MSU [African Studies Center](#), free registration at outreach.msu.edu/events/Cooper

10:30am, Heritage Room, Kellogg Center

Friday, 7 May

International Coffee Hour

[OISS](#)

4-6pm, Spartan B and C International Center

Announcements

FALL 2010 COURSES

ANP 892 Anthropological Perspectives on Power and Subjectivity

Thursdays, 1:50-4:40pm, 210B Berkey Hall

Professor Brandt Peterson, Department of Anthropology

Cultural anthropologists have come increasingly to conceive their object of study in terms of power and subjectivity, a reflection of the discipline's ongoing engagement with theoretical and political projects organized in terms of difference. This course addresses questions of subject formation, subjection, agency, political visibility, and intersubjectivity. It draws on the legacy of Hegel's master/bondsman narrative, the ongoing influence of psychoanalytic theories of the subject, and the influential work of Foucault on power and subjectivity. After a concentrated introduction to the theoretical literature, the bulk of the course focuses on recent ethnographic research that engages with this theory to address questions of sexuality, nationalism, violence, race, religion and desire in processes of subjection and in creating conditions for agency and change. Ethnographies present cases from Egypt, Guatemala, Northern Ireland, China, the US, and possibly other areas.

ANP 413 Indonesia and Islam

Tuesdays 12:40-3:30pm, 310 Bessy Hall

Elizabeth Drexler, Director, Peace and Justice Studies and Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

This course explores the complexities and realities of a vibrant country with a long history, rich culture, and an increasing prominence in the new geography of terror. Indonesia is the world's largest archipelago, and among the world's five largest nations in both population and area. Indonesia is also the world's most populous Muslim nation, and yet, it is less well understood than many other majority-Muslim countries. This course will examine the ways in which regional, cultural and historical processes intersect with Islam as a religious, legal, cultural, economic and political system. We will be particularly concerned with issues of the nation-state, social movements, democratization and political reform as we consider current dynamics in Indonesia and the historical events that led to them. We will draw on a diverse range of readings drawn from history, literature in translation, political science and anthropology. We will pay careful attention to how knowledge and expertise about Indonesia are disciplined in these various accounts. In the second part of the course we will read contemporary ethnographies that

focus on different aspects of Indonesian politics and culture.

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