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**E V E N T S**

**Week of September 16th**

**Sunday, September 16th**

**“East Lansing Welcomes the World”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, East Lansing Public Library - 950 Abbot Road

International students and families are invited to meet their neighbors at East Lansing Welcomes the World, featuring food, music, children’s activities, community info and more! Buses will run on a loop from campus to the library from 2:45-5:15pm, stopping regularly at: North Hubbard Hall, International Center and Spartan Village Community Center. For more information, please visit this website to register for this event:

[www.cityofeastlansing.com/world](http://www.cityofeastlansing.com/world).

**Monday, September 17th**

**“Secretary of State Session”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

9:00 am - 4:00 pm, 3rd Floor International Center

Students who wish to obtain a Michigan Driver’s License may start their administrative processing and take the required written test at a convenient on-campus location. (Note: Those who wish to obtain a Michigan Identification Card should visit the Secretary of State branch directly.)

**Tuesday, September 18th**

**“Writing Workshop led by MSU Professor Anita Skeen”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, East Lansing Public Library - 950 Abbot Road

This engaging writing workshop will include three weeks of creative writing and discussion, followed by a participant reading on Wednesday, September 26th in the RCAH Theater.

**“Lyman Briggs Study Abroad Fair”**

Sponsored by: Lyman Briggs College and Office of Study Abroad

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Holmes Dining Hall

Lymann Briggs will be hosting a fair showcasing their study abroad programs sponsored by Lyman Briggs College.

**Wednesday, September 19th**

**“Natural Science Study Abroad Expo”**

Sponsored by: College of Natural Science and Office of Study Abroad

10:00 am - 2:00 pm, North Farm Lane - outside on the lawn between Kedzie and Natural Science

Meet the leaders of study abroad programs sponsored by the College of Natural Science and students who have come back from participating in those programs.

**“MSU + Learners in Bahia (Brazil): Rising Brazil, Globalization Programs”**

Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Room 201 International Center

Professor Rodrigo G. Pinto, Assistant Professor of International Relations within James Madison College, will be presenting with a student panel.

**“Indian Studnets, Scholars & Faculty Welcome Reception”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Room 303 International Center

Interested in India? Join new students, scholars and faculty with the same interest for good food and conversation! Free and open to all.

**“Indian Culture 101”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

7:00 pm, East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road

Presented by Shashi Karve. Shashi will introduce the community to India's vast and vibrant culture, including customs, festivals, religions and more.

**“Broad Study Abroad Fair”**

Sponsored by: Broad College of Business and the Office of Study Abroad

11:00 am - 4:00 pm, North Business Complex, First Floor

Come check out all the study abroad programs sponsored by the College of Business!

**Thursday, September 20th****“Life in the U.S. Culture Series: Academic Integrity and Success”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

11:30 pm - 12:30 pm, 303 International Center

Participants will understand what is considered cheating, how to avoid plagiarism, what resources are available on campus to help with academic success and good habits to adopt in order to do well academically. Presenters include:

-April Cognato, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Zoology

-Shannon Burton, MSU Assistant Ombudsperson

-Eric Beasley, Graduate Assistant to Dr. Doug Estray, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of Undergraduate Studies

A box lunch will be provided to those registered. Please register at:

www.isp.msu.edu/events

**“East Lansing Public Library’s Book Discussion of ‘Behind the Beautiful Forevers’ by Katherine Boo”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

7:00 pm, East Lansing Public Library, 950 Abbot Road

Boo sensitively follows the lives of three Annawadi families and a cluster of orphaned boys as they scrape out a living sorting trash and other grueling labors. With a reporter's eye for facts, detail and meaning, Boo carries her reader into the heart and soul of her subjects. She follows their day-to-day struggles and reveals how the cycle of poverty traps them. Readers root for their success and are crushed by their losses as the incomprehensible bureaucracy, corruption and, worst of all, indifference leaves them to fend for themselves, even as their government, with the best of intentions, can't seem to make a difference.

For three years, journalist Katherine Boo lived among Annawadi's residents, sharing their lives, hopes and heartbreaks as they sought to climb out of poverty and into India's burgeoning middle class. Written in the narrative non-fiction form, Boo gives life to the human spirit and heroic struggles of the uneducated and desperately poor.

**“Reaching New Heights: U.S. - India Relations in the 21st Century”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

7:00 pm, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Auditorium

As part of the One Book, One Community program, Former U.S. Ambassador to India, David C. Mulfor will be speaking about the relationship between India and the U.S. in the 21st century.



“Cinque Terre” - Manarola, Italy, 2000  
Betsy Evans

**“Water, Politics, Water Rights and Water Justice in Zimbabwe”**

Sponsored by: African Studies Center

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

African Studies Center Eye on Africa Weekly seminar series will be presenting with Bill Dermna, Faculty Emeritus.

**Friday, September 21st****“I Really Miss Real Food!": Food Across Cultures”**

Sponsored by: MSU counseling Center, Office for International Students and

Scholars, and Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, 303 International Center

We are excited to announce a new series of one-hour workshops to help students be successful at MSU. Workshops are applicable to ALL students new to MSU – including domestic students who recognize that intercultural relationships and a multicultural education will prepare them for study abroad, internships, and securing a job in our global workplace. Please note that these workshops are designed to be interactive and experiential in nature - they are NOT lectures or powerpoint presentations!

**“Taming the Shop Floor in South Africa: Black Workers and the Struggle Against Apartheid, 1973-1985”**

Sponsored by: African Studies Center

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm, MSU Museum Auditorium

Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives Brown Bag Series with Alex Lichtenstein, Faculty.

**“The Diary of Malcom X”**

Sponsored by: African Studies Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 303 International Center

African American and African Studies Speaker Series with Herb Boyd.

**“Old Town Blues Fest”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Old Town Lansing - The Intersection of Turner St. & E. Grand River Ave.

Old Town BluesFest brings together the best blues artists from Lansing and across the country. Music workshops, a beverage tent and ethnic food. This FREE community festival is a tradition in Old Town, where community, creativity and culture thrive.

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**Week of September 23rd****Monday, September 24th****“International Student Health Insurance Waiver Session”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Wells Hall B110F

Please bring a copy of your current health insurance card and a copy of the policy's "summary of benefits" information, if you already have a health insurance policy and will be requesting a waiver of the MSU policy. You will need to provide these documents before the waiver request can be approved. Student Health Insurance Representatives from the Human Resources Benefits Office will be available to answer questions regarding

student health insurance and the waiver process. Computers will be available so that students can complete the waiver process with assistance.

Please remember that if you wish to waive the student insurance coverage for Fall Semester (or for the entire year), you must complete the waiver process by September 30th.

**Tuesday, September 25th****“Bhangra Dance Demonstration”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center  
7:00 pm, Snyder Phillips Hall RCAH Auditorium

The MSU Bhangra Dance Team will perform some traditional Bhangra dances and then will teach some basic moves to participants.

**Wednesday, September 26th****“CLACS Scholarship Undergraduate Student Panel”**

Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm, 201 International Center

Panel presentation by undergraduate scholarship recipients to share their Latin American study abroad experience: Kathryn Dugal, Shelby Couch, Emma Davis, Eileen Stefansky, Zac Tomczyk, and Sarah Miller.

**“CLACS Fall Reception”**

Sponsored by: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, 3rd Floor International Center

Join us for a fall welcome reception sponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies!

**“Canada Club Meeting”**

Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, 305 International Center

Please join us for our first Canada Club Meeting of the year! If you are interested or would like more information, please visit:

[www.canadianstudies.isp.msu.edu](http://www.canadianstudies.isp.msu.edu)

**“A Taste of India: A Dinner Demonstration of Indian Cuisine”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

7:00 pm, Brody Square Dining Hall

Have you ever been interested in making or trying Indian food? Part of the One Book, One Community program, Brody hall will be presenting a dinner demonstration and tasting at Brody cafeteria on campus. The admission fee is \$5.75, which includes dinner at Brody Hall and parking across the street at Kellogg Center. No prior registration is required.

**Thursday, September 27th****“Life in the U.S. Culture Series: MSU and U.S. Sports Culture”**

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

11:30 am - 12:30 pm, 303 International Center

Learn the MSU fight song, cheers and chants, how to buy sports tickets and what “tailgating” is. What is the Big Ten? Who is Sparty? What is homecoming? What are the basic rules of U.S. football? Current MSU Spartans will get you excited for sports and teach you how to get involved in the fun!

A box lunch will be provided to those registered. Please register at:

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“Woman’s Work” - Dhunche, Nepal, 2000  
Robert Gorski

**“Study Abroad Fair”**

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Breslin Center

The Study Abroad Fair is a comprehensive information event for anyone interested in learning more about the many exciting study abroad opportunities available at Michigan State University. Hundreds of exhibits displaying information about MSU’s more than 275 programs will provide a one-stop shopping experience! If you’ve ever thought about studying abroad, the Study Abroad Fair is the perfect place to begin your search.

**Friday, September 28th****“Professor Masahiro Morioka: Brain Death, the Concept of ‘Persona,’ and the Principals of Wholeness”**

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

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

This lecture is a part of the Bioethics Brownbag and Webinar Series.

Masahiro Morioka is a Professor of Philosophy and Ethics at Osaka Prefecture University in Japan, where he is also the director of the Research Institute for Contemporary Philosophy of Life.

**“There is just so much to do’: Time Across Cultures”**

Sponsored by: MSU Counseling Center, Office for International Students and Scholars, and the Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, 303 International Center

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**Sunday, September 30th****“Stratford Festival of Canada”**

Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Center  
7:00 am - 10:00 pm, Stratford, Ontario, Canada

James Madison College invites you to attend our annual trip to the Stratford Festival in Canada. This year we will enjoy a matinee performance of William Shakespeare’s: Cymbeline. This event is \$40.00 per ticket, which includes the charter bus. To reserve a ticket, visit Room 368 S. Case Hall. You must reserve your ticket by Wednesday, September 26th and have a valid passport to attend. Don’t pass up the opportunity to attend this fun event!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**23rd Annual International Awards**

The International Awards Ceremony is hosted each spring by the Dean of International Studies and Programs. The purpose is to bring together MSU faculty, staff, students, community volunteers and others from the wider community to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions toward international understanding.

Nominations for the 2013 International Awards Ceremony are now open. The nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Nomination forms can be found at:  
[www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards.htm](http://www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards.htm)

**6th Annual MSU Africanist Graduate Student Research Conference**

Any students who have not yet sent their abstracts and signaled their willingness to participate are encouraged to do so this week. The “Call for Papers” deadline has been extended to offer more MSU students the opportunity to intellectually engage with their peers nationally.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.africa.isp.msu.edu/gradconference](http://www.africa.isp.msu.edu/gradconference)

**Peace Corps**

Welcome back to a new semester! If the summer provided you with some time to think about what’s next after graduation perhaps you should consider Peace Corps: it’s an opportunity to gain experience living and working abroad in agricultural and forestry extension, health extension, English and science teaching, youth and community development, business development, and information technology education.

Upcoming Peace Corps Events:

General Informational Meeting: Wednesday, October 10th at 6:00 pm, Room 303 International Center

Information Table and Presentation at Global Opportunities Fair: Wednesday, October 24th, MSU Union

General Informational Meeting: Wednesday, November 14th at 6:00 pm, 303 International Center

For further information please contact: [msupeace@msu.edu](mailto:msupeace@msu.edu)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## An Anthropological Introduction to Islam in Africa

This course is open to both undergraduate and graduate students and aims to provide an overview of “African” Islam through the work of Muslim and non-Muslim scholars from anthropology and other related disciplines. We will begin with an overview of the fundamentals of Islam before turning to the diverse accounts of the historical spread of Islam to Africa, the religious implications of the African slave trade and European colonialism, and Islamic philosophies, education, prayer, novels, law and politics in different African countries and contexts. Themes of religious conversion, gendered dynamics, migration, new media, and the relationship of Islam to human rights will also be explored. Case studies will focus on Senegal, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Mayotte, Kenya, Sudan and the Americas. We will visit the Islamic Center of East Lansing, watch films, follow the media portrayal of Africa, and hear alternative narratives of Islam in Africa from guest speakers.

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Wednesdays 4:10 pm - 7:00 pm

211A Berkey Hall

Professor: Mara Leichtman

The next issue of the CASID Current will be sent September 27th. Send information to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Sarah Anthony; e-mail: casid@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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## MSU Global Focus International Photo Contest

International Studies and Programs (ISP), in partnership with the Michigan State University Alumni Association, have opened the call for entries to the 2012 international photo competition, Global Focus. Submissions are due Friday, October 5, 2012.

The internationally-themed photo contest aims to recognize MSU faculty, staff, students and alumni who have captured memorable images from around the world and are interested in sharing their photographs with the entire MSU campus.

Entries must be taken outside of the United States by MSU faculty, staff, students or alumni. Winners will be announced in November as part of International Education Week and placed in gallery frames for display in MSU's International Center lobby. In order to make the contest accessible to all members of the MSU family including the 40,000 international alumni and expatriates, ISP along with the Alumni Association is mobilizing all of its social networks, websites and offices to spread the word.

To enter the competition and learn about rules and eligibility visit the Global Focus website at <http://www.isp.msu.edu/awards/photocontest/>.