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EVENTS



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For the Week of February 2nd, 2009:

Monday, February 2nd

MSU Teach-In on Global Warming

Part of a nationally organized effort to bring people together in the first 100 days of the new administration to discuss and learn about the complexity of the climate change challenge. Faculty, staff, students and other informed citizens will act as panelists to highlight key considerations and lead discussions throughout the day

For a detailed schedule visit <<http://www.ecofoot.msu.edu/calendar.htm>>

11:00am - 6:00pm, 145 Communication
Arts Building

Wednesday, February 4th

“Environmental Inequalities in the Caribbean”

CLACS Spring 2009 Seminar Series
Speaker: Dr. Victor Torres, Hunter College,
New York

3:00pm, 201 International Center

“The Institutional Origins of In- equality in Sub Saharan Africa”

Department of Political Science Talk
Speaker: Nic van de Walle, Associate
Dean for International Studies and Direc-
tor, Mario Einaudi Center for International
Studies, Cornell University

2:15pm, 312 Bessey

“Frontier Myths in America and Israel Compared”

International Studies and Programs Lec-
ture

Speaker: Ilan Troen

7:00pm - 8:30pm, MSU Union Green
Room

Thursday, February 5th

“Democracy and Corruption in Africa: The Path from Neopatrimo- nialism”

African Studies Center Brown Bag
Speaker: Nic van de Walle, Associate
Dean for International Studies & Direc-
tor, Mario Einaudi Center for International
Studies, Cornell University

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

“Silent Waters” (Pakistan)

Film Series: Films of South Asia

General Zai-ul-Haq imposes martial law
and, within a few months, the country is
decreed a Muslim state. Aicha, a well-
adjusted woman in her forties, devotes
her life to the education of her eighteen-
year-old son Salim, in the little village of
Charkhi. Salim is a quiet dreamer, but the
fast moving political situation fills Aicha
with anxiety, as she watches her son
change beyond recognition

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

Study Abroad Fair

Study Abroad Fairs are comprehensive
information fairs for students (and oth-
ers) interested in learning more about the
many exciting study abroad opportunities
available at MSU

11:00am - 4:00pm, 2nd Floor, MSU Union
Building

EVENTS *continued***Friday, February 6th****“The Ethiopian Financial Sector: Should Foreign Banks Be Allowed?”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Sebhat Gebregiorgis

Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow

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

“Speak Truth To Power”

Exhibition Focused on Human Rights Defenders Who Are Changing Our World

<http://speaktruthtopower.msu.edu/>

Exhibition dates February 6, 2009 - March 31, 2009

MSU Law College

“Representing Excessive Male Vanity Then and Now: The Comedia de figuron and its Adaptations”

CERES Brown Bag Luncheon Series

Host: Anthony Grubbs, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Michigan State University

RSVP enyart@msu.edu for a box lunch

12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

“Paris Je T’Aime”

Romance Languages Film Series

A collection of five-minute films about the City of Lights brings Paris to life with a unique patchwork of 20 stories. (French)

5:00pm, 206 OHB

International Coffee Hour

Sponsored by OISS

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

For the Week of February 9th, 2009:**Tuesday, February 10th****“The Toxic Archipelago: A History of Industrial Disease in Japan”**

Spring 2009 colloquium series “Political Ecologies and Environmental Politics in Asia, Past and Present”

Speaker: Brett Walker, History, Montana State University

4:00pm, 303 International Center

Wednesday, February 11th

Title: TBA

CLACS Spring 2009 Seminar Series
Speaker: Dr. Dylan Miner, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Michigan State University

3:00pm, 201 International Center

Thursday, February 12th**“The Clay Bird” (Bangladesh)**

Film Series: Films of South Asia

Set against the backdrop of Pakistan during the turbulent 1960s, a family is ripped apart by religious beliefs and civil war. Anu, a shy young boy from rural East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), is sent away by his father Kazi, an orthodox Muslim, to a Madrasah. As political divisions in the country intensify, a split develops between moderate and extremist forces within Madrasah, leaving Anu to question both his faith and his identity

7:00pm, B104 Wells Hall

“The Emerging Africa: New Issues and Emerging Economic Opportunities”

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Speaker: Adesoji Adelaja, Hannah Distinguished Professor, Michigan

State University

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

Friday, February 13th**“The Nigerian Press and Transformational Politics: Watchdogs or Lapdogs of Change?”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Folu Ogundimu, Department of Journalism

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

“Animated Language and Minority Animals: The Case of Animation”

Speaker: Akira Mizuta Lippit, Professor, Comparative Literature, East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Cinematic Arts, University of Southern California

4:00pm, 213 Morrill Hall

“Incantato”

A 35-year-old college professor dispatched to Bologna by his affluent parents to find a spouse. While attending a tea dance, he meets a blind beauty who captures his heart. (Italian)

5:00pm, 206 OHB

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program (FLAS) at Michigan State University

Deadline: **February 16, 2009**

The Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and Women and International Development Program (WID) at Michigan State University awards graduate fellowships under the Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship program of the U.S. Department of Education. The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures. CASID/WID's FLAS Fellowships are awarded to graduate students enrolled in programs that combine the study of a modern foreign language with advanced training and research in international development studies. Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$12,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$15,000 for the academic year. To be considered for fellowship support, you must be a citizen or national of the United States; or a permanent resident of the United States; or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. You also must have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship period begins and be admitted to or currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Michigan State University. Please contact Andrea Allen, Associate Director, CASID, at 517-884-2141 or visit the website for more information.

www.casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml

African Studies Center Application for Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS): 2009-2010

The African Studies Center at MSU is now accepting on-line applications for FLAS fellowships for academic year 2009-2010. The FLAS fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program for the study of African languages and non-language courses on Africa. Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$12,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$15,000 for the academic year. Up to date information and on-line application forms are available at: <http://africa.msu.edu/flas>.

Candidates must have completed fellowship application procedures by **February 13, 2009**. Related application materials are to be mailed to the Assistant Director of the

African Studies Center, 100 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035; Phone: (517) 353-1700; Fax: (517) 432-1209; e-mail: fisseha@msu.edu.

The MSU International Predissertation Travel Awards-2009

Deadline: February 2, 2009

Applications (PDF) are being solicited for the 2009 Predissertation Travel Awards of up to \$5000. These awards are designed to provide funds for MSU Ph.D. candidates in the predissertation stage in the Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), Arts and Letters (CAL), Education (ED), and Social Science (SSC) for travel outside of the United States during one or more of these semesters: Summer 2009, Fall 2009, and Spring 2010.

These awards support travel abroad to your intended dissertation research site for a minimum stay of 60 days in order to immerse yourself in the international research site; investigate the appropriateness of the research problem and methods; identify university, research institute, or NGO partners with which you will affiliate; identify collaborators or mentors in the country; increase your language proficiency; and obtain letters of affiliation or sponsorship from local institutions. The program seeks to assist MSU graduate students to develop competitive dissertation proposals in national fellowship competitions of the Fulbright, NSF, SSRC, and similar programs.

Contact Patricia Lambert (lamber73@msu.edu), (517) 355-2350 or visit <http://www.isp.msu.edu/students/funding/prediss/>

Summer Cooperative African Language Institute 2009

Summer Cooperative African Language Institute (SCALI) 2009 will be hosted by Michigan State University from June 15 to August 7, 2009. More information on SCALI and the application form are available at: <http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali> and at <http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali/application.php>.

Students interested in SCALI need to immediately complete the "Expression of Interest" form found at <http://www.africa.msu.edu/scali/interest.php>. Graduate students who are interested in the MSU summer FLAS fellowship should apply using the SCALI application form given above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***STUDY ABROAD****Study Abroad Fair**

Thinking about studying abroad? Well, now's your chance to find out why Michigan State is a national leader in study abroad!

Study Abroad Fairs are comprehensive information fairs for students (and others) interested in learning more about the many exciting study abroad opportunities available at MSU. They are held twice a year in the MSU Union.

Thursday, February 5, 2009

11:00am - 4:00pm, 2nd Floor, MSU Union

Info Meetings: 2009 Summer Study Abroad Programs- Africa

MADAGASCAR: Paradise in Peril? Exploring Madagascar's Biodiversity Crisis

Thursday, February 26, 12:00pm, 338 Natural Resources

UGANDA: Evolution of Uganda's Forest Biodiversity: Apes to Aves

Tuesday, February 10, 5:30pm, 19 Natural Resources

AND ALSO on Wednesday, February 18, 5:30pm, 19 Natural Resources

Please direct any questions to Chris Barden, Editor, Office of Study Abroad, 109 International Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1035; Phone: (517) 432-8785; Fax: (517) 432-2082; e-mail: barden@msu.edu; <http://studyabroad.msu.edu>.

CALL FOR PAPERS**6th Annual Latin American & Caribbean Studies Undergraduate Conference**

*Deadline: **February 27, 2009**

Send a one-page abstract describing your presentation to: clacs@msu.edu

(please include "conference" in the subject heading)

Students from all disciplines are encouraged to submit a one page abstract on topics related to Latin America and the Caribbean. Topics could include but are not limited to migration, environment, biodiversity, education, finance, trade, social movements, history, politics, development, media, arts and literature. All proposals will be considered. Undergraduate students from other colleges and universities are welcome to participate.

More information: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/clacs/2009conference.html>

FACULTY PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mara A. Leichtman, Faculty in the Department of Anthropology, and African Studies Center Core faculty, has recently co-edited the book: *New Perspectives on Islam in Senegal: Conversion, Migration, Wealth, Power, and Femininity*, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, January 2009.

Brief Description: Drawing together contributions from history, anthropology, sociology, political science and religious studies, this collection of original essays interrogates the new structures and conditions of Islam in Senegal, locally and globally. This volume represents a break from the established literature on "Senegalese Islam," and brings fresh perspectives, alternative methodologies and provocative theories on transnational Islam, religious conversion, revisionist histories, and patterns of conspicuous consumption in relation to gender and Islam. Chapters highlight discourses and practices in the context of broadly defined sites: conversion, education, politics and economics, sexuality, popular culture and their impact on the multiple and changing articulations of Muslim identities.

There is a 20% discount off the hardcover price. To order or for more information, contact Professor Leichtman at mara.leichtman@ssc.msu.edu.

SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

February 6 - March 31, 2009

Formal Opening: Friday, February 6, 2009

4th Floor Atrium, Law College

Welcome remarks start at 4:15pm

Speak Truth to Power is the global human rights initiative founded by Kerry Kennedy and Nan Richardson that brings people face-to-face with courageous human rights heroes. These powerful portraits of human rights defenders from around the world were taken by Eddie Adams, the renowned Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist. This multifaceted project presents inspiring stories of 35 women and men from countries across the who have stood up to oppression at a great personal risk in the non-violent pursuit of human rights including demilitarization, children of war, environmental activism, sexual slavery, and religious self-determination. Speak Truth to Power is a project of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial and curated by Umbrage Editions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***2009 SUMMER AND FALL GENCEN INTERNSHIPS - APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER DUE 2/28!**

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) offers internship coordination for undergraduate and graduate students interested in issues of gender, social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, and/or environmental change. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain hands-on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit.

Summer 2009 applications are now being accepted - final deadline is February 28th. Think ahead for Fall 2009 and submit your application before the end of the semester!

For more information, see the attached documents describing the program and lists of potential local, national, and international internship opportunities. An application form can also be downloaded at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/internship.htm>. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Students interested in international internships should contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator, Marisa Rinkus, at gencenic@msu.edu

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current are due by 12:00 pm on February 9th. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Andrea Freidus; e-mail: freidusa@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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