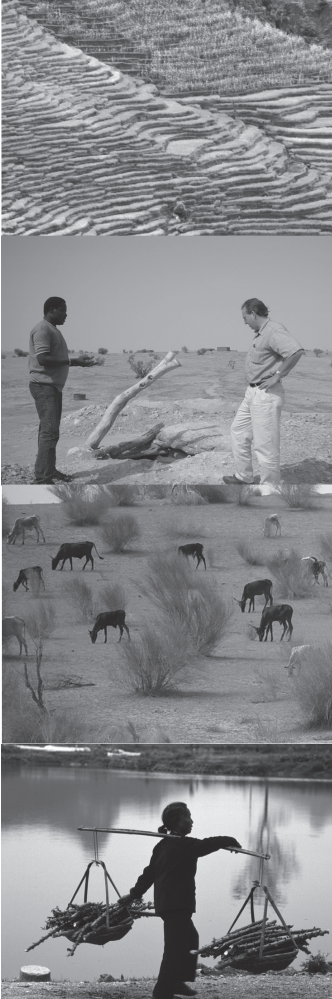


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## EVENTS

### For the Week of October 27th:

#### Tuesday, October 28th:

##### “Brain Circulation: Chinese Returnees and their High-Tech Firms”

Speaker: Peilei Fan, Assistant Professor,  
Planning, Design and Construction  
4:00pm to 5:30pm, 466 Berkey Hall

##### “Partition and the Dispossessed: Politics of National Memory”

Part of “History and Memory in Asia”  
Speaker: Vazira Zamindar, Brown University  
4:00pm, 303 International Center

##### “US Markets for Brazilian Wood Products”

Hanover Forest Science Seminars  
Speaker: Joao Carlos Garzel L da Silva,  
Universidade Federal do Paran, Brazil  
4:10pm, 225 Natural Resources

##### “Consumption, Sufficiency and the Principles of Sustainability”

2008 U.N. Decade of Education for Sustainable Development Lecture  
Speaker: Tom Princen, University of Michigan  
7:30pm, 107 South Kedzie

#### Wednesday, October 29th:

##### “Beyond Comprehension: The Role of Reason and Emotion in Health Care”

Center for Ethics & Humanities Brown Bag  
Speaker: Peter Ubel  
Refreshments will be provided  
12:00pm, C-102 East Fee Hall

##### “The Strange Business of Memory: Relic Forgery in Latin America”

CLACS “Charla” Seminar Series  
Speaker: Paul Gillingham, History, University of North Carolina  
3:00pm, 204 International Center

##### Wallenberg Medal to be awarded to Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Nobel Peace Prize winner and South African cleric Archbishop Desmond Tutu will be awarded the eighteenth University of Michigan Wallenberg Medal by UM president Mary Sue Coleman. After the medal presentation, Archbishop Tutu will give the Wallenberg Lecture.  
7:30pm, Hill Auditorium, University of Michigan

#### Thursday, October 30th:

##### “The Global Script of Indigenous Identities: Local Literacies, Oral Languages, and the Written Word”

This symposium examines how indigenous communities have used global networks to address cultural differences and cultural exchange. Continues on Friday. Visit [www.cisah.msu.edu/cisah\\_new/globalscript.html](http://www.cisah.msu.edu/cisah_new/globalscript.html) to register for free.  
9:00am - 5:00pm, MSU Union Gold Room B

##### “The Colonial Paradox: Conflict, Policing and Development Along the Kenya-Uganda Border, 1929-1953”

African Studies Center Brown Bag  
Speaker: Dave Eaton, History, Albion College  
12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

EVENTS *continued***“Environmental Journalism in Central Asia: Obstacles and Challenges in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan”**

Presented by Muslim Studies Program  
 Speaker: Eric Freedman, Journalism  
 For lunch RSVP to enyart@msu.edu  
 12:00pm - 1:30pm, 305 International Center

**Workshop, “Talking about Teaching in the Interview”**

This Workshop fulfills the Certification in College Teaching competency: Professional Development/Understanding the University. Contact kmj@msu.edu to register. A light dinner will be provided.

5:30pm – 7:00pm, Spartan Room C International Center

**Discussion, “Necropolitics”**

Pre-lecture reading group discussion on Achille Mbembe’s article. Pizza and beverages provided.

6:00pm - 8:00pm, 213 Morrill Hall

**Friday, October 31st:****“The Global Script of Indigenous Identities,” Day Two**

The second day of the symposium that started on Thursday, October 30th.

9:00am - 12:00pm, MSU Union Gold Room B

**“Paths are Made by Walking: Tracking African Women’s Land Rights between the Global and the Local”**

Speaker: Anne Hellum, Professor of Law and Director of the Institute of Women’s Law, University of Oslo  
 1:30pm - 3:00pm, 305 International Center

**International Coffee Hour**

Sponsored by OISS

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

**“The Question of Rethinking the Future in a Neoliberal Age: The Case of South Africa”**

Presented by Department of English  
 Speaker: Achille Mbembe, Visiting English Professor, Duke University  
 4:00pm, 207 Eustace Hall

**Film, “Cocalero”**

Romance Language Film Series  
 Documents Evo Morales’ grassroots political campaign to become Bolivia’s first indigenous president. In Spanish with English subtitles.

5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Bldg

**For the Week of November 3rd:****Monday, November 3rd:****“Environmental Policy”**

Environment at MSU Series  
 Speaker: Rick Hula, Political Science  
 3:00pm - 4:30pm, Kellogg Center, Corniche Room

**Tuesday, November 4th:****Election Day; don’t forget to vote****Thursday, November 6th:****“Cropland Data Layer Tool”**

Multiple speakers will be presenting at this free event. Breakfast at 8:30am. Register by emailing aguilar@landpolicy.  
 9:00am, Radiology Auditorium

**“The Lost Boys of Sudan: Recounting a Personal Experience”**

African Studies Center Brown Bag  
 Speaker: Jacob Atem, Graduate Stu-

dent, Public Health

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

**“Racial Representation of the Worst Sort’: The African Franchise and Decolonization in Central Africa”**

Department of History speaker series  
 Speaker: Luise White, History, University of Florida  
 3:00pm - 5:00pm, 340 Morrill Hall

**Friday, November 7th:****“Rising World Food Prices and the Political Economy of Food in Eastern and Southern Africa”**

CASID/WID Friday Forum

Speaker: Thomas Jayne, Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics  
 12:00pm - 1:00pm, 303 International Center

**“The Eradication of River Blindness and Elephantiasis: Now a Reality?”**

Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation Seminar  
 Speaker: Charles Mackenzie  
 12:00pm, 101 Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health

**International Coffee Hour**

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

**Film, “Cache”**

Romance Language Film Series  
 Winner of Best Director Award at Cannes, this thriller centers on a wealthy couple who begin receiving threatening videos and phone calls. In French with English subtitles.  
 5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Bldg

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship at Notre Dame

The fellowship period extends from August to May and carries a stipend of \$25,000 plus a \$2,000 research budget. The fellowship has two overall goals: 1) to enable outstanding African American doctoral candidates at the ABD level to devote their full energies to the completion of the dissertation, and 2) to provide opportunities for African American scholars to experience life at the University of Notre Dame, a major Catholic research institution. The University provides each fellow with a home department, a faculty mentor in the Fellow's specialization area, office space with use of a personal computer, health insurance, and forum discussions on professional development. The University of Notre Dame is an equal opportunity employer with a strong commitment to nurturing a culturally diverse faculty and student body. Interested candidates for the academic year 2009–2010 should view the Erskine Peters Fellowship information at:

<http://africana.nd.edu/erskine/>

### Fellowship for Graduate Study in Japan

KCC-Japan Education Exchange will award a \$24,000 fellowship to a graduate student who intends to do research in Japan for one year. There are no restrictions as to place of study or research in Japan, field of study, or age of applicant. Preference will be given to applicants who have documented interest in Japanese studies, such as the arts, culture, education, language, history, or journalism. Preference will be given to those advanced graduate applicants who provide written confirmation of the research or study site in Japan. The recipient must have a record of teaching effectively about Japan, or who show promise to do so in the future. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. They must also be enrolled, in good standing, in a graduate program at an accredited higher education institution in the U.S. The fellowship is for teaching/research doctoral degrees only. Students enrolled in professional graduate degree programs are not eligible (i.e., M.B.A., J.D., M.D., etc.). Fellowship recipients must plan to teach in the U.S. after completing their degree, either at the secondary or higher education levels. Please visit the KCCJEE website for application materials:

[www.kccjee.org](http://www.kccjee.org)

### Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows

Deadline: December 1, 2008

The Congressional Hunger Center seeks applicants for this Program. This two-year commitment begins with a one-year field placement in countries throughout Asia, Africa,

and Latin America. The second year of the program places Fellows in a policy setting (often in the field organization's headquarters) to focus on public policy and its effects on hunger, food security, and poverty. More information is available at:

[www.themcc.com](http://www.themcc.com)

### Postdoctoral Fellowships in Israel Studies

Deadline: December 1, 2008

The Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University announces postdoctoral fellowships available for 2009-2010. The successful candidate will teach one course per semester in Israel Studies, related to programs in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Israeli arts and culture, politics and law, sociology, or other relevant disciplines. A PhD dissertation must be submitted by the time of the proposal. The fellow will be expected to be in residence at Brandeis, to participate actively in the intellectual life of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, and to present at least one public lecture. There may be also an opportunity for participation in the Brandeis University Summer Institute for Israel Studies. The annual stipend will be \$50,000 and is benefits eligible. The fellowship may be renewable for a second year. Candidates should send a cover letter, CV, project proposal, two letters of recommendation, and a list and description of proposed courses to the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, MS 060, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02454. Information on the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies can be found at:

<http://www.brandeis.edu/israelcenter/>

### Promotion of transatlantic-research collaborations

Deadline: October 31, 2008

Sponsorship is available for research collaborations between German, American and/or Canadian scholars in the humanities, social sciences, economics and law funding in the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's TransCoop Programme. Joint research initiatives can receive up to 55,000 EUR over a three-year period. Prerequisite is that the American and/or Canadian partners raise matching funds equalling the amount granted by TransCoop. For more information please visit our website:

[www.humboldt-foundation.de/transcoop](http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/transcoop)

### SSRC/JSPS Fellowships for Recent PhDs and ABDs

Deadline: December 1, 2008

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for ABDs and recent PhDs provides promising and highly qualified researchers in the humanities and social sciences with

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the opportunity to conduct extended research at leading universities and research institutions in Japan. Fellowship terms are for single continuous stays from 1 to 12 months (short-term) or 12 to 24 months (long-term). Short-term fellowships must commence between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010, and long-term fellowships must commence between April 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009. Applicants for short-term fellowships must submit proof of a doctoral degree received no more than six years prior to April 2, 2009 or a letter from an advisor attesting to the fact that the applicant is within 2 years of completion of degree. Long-term fellowship applicants must submit a copy of a PhD diploma dated no more than six years prior to April 1, 2009. JSPS currently provides round-trip international airfare for fellows originating in the U.S., insurance coverage for accidents and illness, a monthly stipend of ¥364,000 for PhDs (¥200,000 for ABDs), a settling-in allowance of ¥200,000, and eligibility for an additional ¥1,500,000 annually for research expenses for stays of 12 to 24 months. For eligibility requirements and to download the application form, please consult our website at:  
<http://fellowships.ssrc.org/japan/postdoc/>

**UNESCO Young Professionals Program**

UNESCO has announced the reopening of their Young Professionals Program for people under 30 who want to start a career in an international organization. The deadline for applications is November 19, 2008. The selected candidates will be recruited with a one-year contract at the P-1 level (approximately \$45,000 tax-free). Full announcement can be read here:  
<http://www.state.gov/p/io/unesco/programs/102342.htm>.

**CONFERENCES****(De)Facing the Limits**

16th Annual Charles F. Fraker Conference  
 November 7- 8, 2008, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
 Presented by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. This conference proposes to explore the nature of limits. Limits and limitations divide things and ideas-physical and metaphysical, moral and ethical, concrete and abstract-from one another, but the demarcation may be sharp or hazy, firmly established or open to interpretation.

**Thinking Gender 2009**

The 19th Annual Graduate Student Research Conference  
 February 6, 2009, UCLA Center for the Study of Women  
 Deadline for Submissions: October 22, 2008  
 Thinking Gender is a public conference highlighting graduate student research on women, sexuality and gender

across all disciplines and historical periods. We invite submissions for individual papers or preconstituted panels. For individual papers, please submit an abstract, a CV, and a brief bibliography. For panels, please submit a 250-word description of the panel topic in addition to the materials required for the individual paper submissions. Please reference the submission guidelines at <http://www.csw.ucla.edu/thinkinggender.html>. Please send submissions to: [thinkinggender@women.ucla.edu](mailto:thinkinggender@women.ucla.edu).  
<http://www.women.ucla.edu/csw/>

**Uncovering Connections X: Cultural Endurance between Africa, the Americas, and the Caribbean**

An International & Interdisciplinary Conference on African Culture, Transmission and Retention  
 March 5-7, 2009, The DIRECT Center at Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, New York

Deadline for abstract submissions: January 2nd, 2009  
 Papers should (1) address and promote an understanding of African culture as inclusive of the culture of the culture of Africans on the continent and Africans throughout the world, (2) foster scholarship that illustrates and investigates the mechanisms through which African culture has survived despite invasions, enslavement and colonization and (3) encourage the exploration of the cultural continuities between Africa and Africans throughout the Diaspora. Interested faculty members, independent researchers, and graduate students should forward a one to two-page proposal with literature references by December 30th, 2008 to [cansongif@optonline.net](mailto:cansongif@optonline.net). Visit the website at:  
[http://www.mec.cuny.edu/academic\\_affairs/libarts\\_ed\\_school/direct\\_center/diop.asp](http://www.mec.cuny.edu/academic_affairs/libarts_ed_school/direct_center/diop.asp)

**Dress, Popular Culture, and Social Action in Africa**

March 13 - 14, 2009 at Northwestern University  
 This conference is organized as part of the Program for African Studies' Sixty Year Anniversary at Northwestern University by Professors Karen Tranberg Hansen, Anthropology, and D. Soyini Madison, Performance Studies. This conference focuses on the dynamic range of micro and macro social action and how it is generated, sustained, and may culminate into transnational social movements that are enlivened by dress and popular culture. This two-day event will involve established and up-and-coming scholars (with a preference for graduate students) in small panel presentations, visual, and performance events. Abstracts of 250 words are due by December 1, 2008. Please contact Andrea Seligman at: [AndreaSeligman2012@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:AndreaSeligman2012@u.northwestern.edu) with questions or to send submissions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***Forced Migration and Shifting Borders**

The 2nd Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies

June 1-3, 2009, University of Ottawa

Deadline for abstract submissions: February 15, 2009

This conference brings together academics, activists, NGOs, policy makers, government representatives, and forced migrants themselves from a wide array of disciplinary and regional backgrounds in order to discuss diverse issues related to forced migration within and across borders.

We invite proposals for individual papers as well as organized panels structured around three broad sub-themes:

1) Forced Migration, Global Politics and the International Arena; 2) Settlement, Security and Social Justice; and 3) Interdisciplinary Approaches to Forced Migration Research.

We strongly encourage early submissions by October 24, 2008. Submissions should be sent to [carfms2009@gmail.com](mailto:carfms2009@gmail.com). For further information please contact Pablo Bose at [carfms2009@gmail.com](mailto:carfms2009@gmail.com).

**Local Memories in a Nationalizing and Globalizing World (1750 Up To The Present)**

October 15-16, 2009, Antwerp, Belgium

Deadline for submission of abstracts: November 1, 2008

The Center for Political History, the Center for Urban History (University of Antwerp) and FelixArchief (Antwerp City Archives) are organizing a conference on the concept of 'collective memory.' This conference opts for a more dynamic view of the creation and transmission of memories. The period that will be investigated – from 1750 until today – is characterized by the rise and the expansion of the nation state, and by the competing process of globalization. The efforts that were made during this period to create homogeneous national memories will serve during this conference as a background to the study of local memories. Did these local memories resist the growing prominence of national memory, did they incorporate aspects of it, or did they exist and develop without any interference of 'the national'? And how did local memories interact with globalizing processes such as colonization and migration? Please send your abstract (of about 500 words) to [local.memories@ua.ac.be](mailto:local.memories@ua.ac.be). For more information see:

[www.ua.ac.be/localmemories](http://www.ua.ac.be/localmemories)

**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS****2008 Help Tackle Hunger Food Drive**

MSU's Division of Housing & Food Services and Department of Intercollegiate Athletics will cosponsor the 2nd Annual Help Tackle Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, November 8 at the MSU vs. Purdue football game. MSU is seeking donations of food and personal care items for the Greater Lansing Food Bank and the MSU Student Food Bank. Do-

nations will be accepted from Monday, November 3 through Friday, November 7 at the MSU Union, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, Spartan Village Community Center, University Apartments Community Center and in all residence hall lobbies. On Saturday, November 8, contributions may be brought to marked collection points near Spartan Stadium and in tailgating lots 89,92 and Munn Field. Monetary donations will also be accepted at all Sparty's coffeehouses and the Union Central Store during collection week, and in Spartan Stadium on game day.

**2009 Spring and Summer GenCen Internships**

Deadline for Spring Semester 2009: November 5, 2008

Deadline for Summer Semester 2009: February 28, 2009

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 gain hands-on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit. Students interested in international internships should contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator, Marisa Rinkus, at [gencenic@msu.edu](mailto:gencenic@msu.edu) as soon as possible to discuss programs and specific deadlines. For more information see:

[www.gjec.msu.edu/Internship/GJEC\\_Internship\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.gjec.msu.edu/Internship/GJEC_Internship_Flyer.pdf).

**Detroit-Tenoxtitlan/Ofrenda to Diego Rivera - 2008 Dia De Muertos**

Opening Sunday, November 2 at Dusk, the Michigan State University Museum will host this program until November 16th, 2008. Detroit-Tenoxtitlan celebrates the artistic impulse, life and creative energy of Diego Rivera Barrientos in Detroit, Michigan, in the context of a unique and sacred festivity for people of Mexican descent: the Day of the Dead. 2008 marks the 75th anniversary of Diego Rivera's most accomplished frescoes in the United States. Infused by ancient Mexican cultural elements and excited by the notion of Detroit as the city of the future, Rivera's artistic impulses manifested a rare blend of unconditional reverence for technological advancement, industrial design and manpower with a deeply rooted faith in ancient Mexican cultural and religious values.

**Infinity Journal Call for Papers**

Infinity Journal (IJ), a "global affairs journalzine", is seeking creative and innovative papers (research and/or opinion pieces) from postgraduates and young professionals. Please note that we are looking for articles for the 2nd edition, which will launch in January 2009. Awards of up to US\$5,000 will be given at the end of the year (November 2009) for best pieces. Please note that those with a degree of PhD or higher are not eligible to submit work, only

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postgraduates, e.g. those with or currently obtaining masters level education and young professionals. For more information, rules, and submission guidelines, contact Adam at [adam@infinityjournal.com](mailto:adam@infinityjournal.com)

**Lecture by Lucius Outlaw at Calvin College**

On October 30, 2008, Lucius Outlaw (Vanderbilt University) will speak on "Philosophy" and Africa: What's in Question? His talk at Calvin explores the importance of an "Africana Philosophy" encompassing both Africa and the African Diaspora. The lecture begins at 3:30 p.m. in the Commons Lecture Hall at Calvin College. For directions and more information regarding the talk, contact David Hoekema, Chair, Calvin College, 1845 Knollcrest Circle SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-4402; Tel: (616) 526-6750; Fax: (616) 526-8505; e-mail: [dhoekema@calvin.edu](mailto:dhoekema@calvin.edu).

**United Nations Day 2008 -Greater Lansing Chapter**

The Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GLUNA) will host their annual Global Education Awards Dinner and Program in celebration of the 63rd Anniversary of the founding of the UN on Sunday, October 26, 2008, 5:30 p.m., East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbot Rd., East Lansing, MI. For information contact Lee McAllister at: [harborc@provide.net](mailto:harborc@provide.net) or call (517) 349-1845.

All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current for the Fall Semester 2008 are due by 12:00 pm on November 3rd.

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