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From the Director's Desk



The core faculty and staff of the Center for Advanced Study of International Development at Michigan State University are pleased

to present the inaugural issue of the CASID Update, a newsletter on our activities.

CASID is a multidisciplinary unit housed in the College of Social Science and organized in cooperation with the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs. CASID promotes and coordinates the study of issues related to international development from the perspective of the social sciences and liberal arts. CASID and the Women and International Development (WID) Program at MSU have been designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Comprehensive National Resource Center for Foreign Language and International Studies and receive funding under Title VI of the Higher Education Act of 1965. In addition to a wide range of Title VI-funded programmatic activities, CASID also provides assistance to College of Social Science and other core faculty seeking external funding for cross-unit, cross-disciplinary international development research and project activities in collaboration with MSU's Office of International Development (OID) and Institute of International Agriculture (IIA).

In this issue we feature a wide range of international development-related teaching, research and outreach activities that we have supported during the past year. We look forward to continuing our work in the coming year and the exciting opportunities that lay ahead.

Jeffrey Riedinger
Director

CASID Update



Tom Coon, Jeffrey Riedinger, President M. Peter McPherson, and John Hudzik at the China Development Forum

President McPherson and CASID Director Attend 2003 China Development Forum

MSU President M. Peter McPherson was one of a very select group of distinguished international guests invited to participate in the fourth annual China Development Forum, held March 22-24, 2003. The invitation to McPherson builds on an initiative jointly led by MSU's Center for Advanced Study of International Development (CASID) and the Institute for International Agriculture (IIA) to collaborate with the Development Research Center (DRC) of the People's Republic of China. The DRC

is the pre-eminent policy research institute in China and the host of the China Development Forum. The 2003 China Development Forum was the first occasion for Wen Jiabao, the new premier of China, and members of his new cabinet to meet with distinguished international representatives of government, academic and the business world to discuss in detail what is needed for "building a well-off society on all fronts" in China.

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China Development Forum

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McPherson was the only university president, American or international, to be invited to participate in the Forum. During the forum, McPherson and other distinguished foreign participants, including senior officers of Fortune 500 companies and the President of the Asian Development Bank, met with the Premier, and Ministers of Construction, Finance, Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation, and the State Development and Reform Commission. McPherson chaired the Forum session on "Coordinating Monetary and Exchange Rate Policies."

CASID Director and International Studies and Programs (ISP) Associate Dean Jeffrey Riedinger, ISP Dean John Hudzik, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Associate Dean Tom Coon, and IIA China Program Coordinator Weijun Zhao accompanied President McPherson on his trip to China and also attended the forum. Chen XiWen, Vice President of the DRC and Vice Minister in the Chinese cabinet, hosted a dinner at which President McPherson and MSU delegation members met with DRC colleagues to discuss the future of the MSU-DRC collaboration, one of many between MSU and Chinese institutions. Commenting on the significance of the trip Riedinger stated, "President McPherson's participation in the Forum represents an extraordinary opportunity to position MSU as a long-term, significant partner with the DRC, the most important policy institute in the world's most populous country."

MSU faculty in the Colleges of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Social Science, and Veterinary Medicine, among others, have expressed keen interest in collaborating with the DRC and Chinese universities. Interested faculty met with a delegation from the DRC when they visited MSU in August 2002, and assisted in preparing proposals for a major joint conference and research undertaking on issues of food safety, food grades and standards, and international food law. In addition, short- and long-term training programs at MSU and joint research on a wide range of other policy issues were discussed.

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MSU Delegates and Chinese University Officials at signing ceremony

During their trip, McPherson and delegate members met with leaders of four major Chinese agricultural universities to promote collaborative research projects as well as student and faculty exchanges between MSU and Chinese universities. McPherson signed a memorandum of understanding for an innovative joint degree program in turf grass management. Students at Beijing Forestry University, which hosted the signing, Northeast Agricultural University, Suzhou Polytechnic College of Agriculture, and Sichuan Agricultural University will be able to take foundation courses at their home institutions followed by a combination of courses taught in China by MSU faculty. They will also take courses taught in China by Chinese faculty hired as MSU adjuncts, and online courses through MSU Virtual University. Students in the program will also spend time at MSU for a residential portion of the program.

CASID Director Jeffrey Riedinger played a key role in facilitating President McPherson and MSU faculty members' recent exchanges with the DRC. Riedinger has been engaged in a major collaborative research project with the DRC on land tenure security since 1996. Other collaborators on the project, which continues, include the University of Washington School of Law, Renmin University (Beijing), and the China Institute for Reform and Development (Haikou, Hainan). Riedinger's participation in the project has included advising on sample and survey design and conducting most of the statistical analysis of 1999 and 2001 surveys of 1,700 rural Chinese households. A similar survey is planned for summer 2004. The Chinese government is using the results of the surveys to guide the implementation of 30-year land-use rights for farmers and in developing China's new Rural Land Contracting Law, effective March 2003, which, in turn, is expected to enhance the sustainability of farmers' farming practices.

MSU 5-year Host for Humphrey Fellowship Program



The Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated by President Carter in 1978 to honor the accomplishments of the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. It is a Fulbright exchange program funded by the United States Congress through the Department of State and implemented by the Institute of

International Education (IIE). The Program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from developing countries to the United States to participate in professional development activities and graduate-level academic coursework. A five-year agreement with the Department of State and the IIE designates Michigan State University as one of two host institutions in the area of economic development. CASID is the host unit that administers the Humphrey Fellowship Program at MSU.

The aim of the Humphrey Program is to foster knowledge, mutual understanding, and a basis for long-lasting relationships between citizens of the United States and their professional counterparts in other countries. Fellowships are granted competitively to professional candidates with a commitment to service in both the public and private sectors. Since its inception, 3,000 Fellows from over 140 countries have participated in the Program.

The MSU Humphrey Fellows for the 2003-04 academic year, including their country, and professional and academic interests are:

Mr. Asad Aleem, Pakistan, Financial Economist for Pakistan's Ministry of Finance and Economic. Mr. Aleem will pursue training on issues of public financial management, specifically debt and expenditure.

Dr. Chen Shixin, China, Director of the Division of Budget Regulation for China's Budget Department. Dr. Shixin's interests include international finance and financial management theory and practice.

Mr. Jae Young Choi, Korea, Deputy Director of Korea's National Tax Tribunal. Mr. Choi will focus on federal tax policy and administration.

Ms. Waheeda Choudhury, Bangladesh, Second Secretary of Customs under the National Board of Revenue of Bangladesh. Ms. Choudhury's interests include Public Administration with a concentration on tax reform policies.

Ms. Hoang Thi Thanh Ha, Vietnam, Assistant to the Director General for the General Statistics Office. Ms. Thi Thanh Ha will focus on the economic and administrative application of statistics at the federal level.

Ms. Zorana Markovic, Serbia and Montenegro, Senior Governance Training Assistant within the Human Rights Unit of the Democratization Department of the Organization of Security and Co-operation in Europe. Ms. Markovic's interests include applied and theoretical public administration.

Ms. Nabina Shrestha, Nepal, Micro Enterprise Officer of the United Nations Development in Nepal. Ms. Shrestha will focus on international trade policy and administration.

Ms. Griselda Soto, Nicaragua, National Consultant to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization. Ms. Soto's interests include the process of economic development as it is affected by private and public sector policy and administration.

Mr. Manothong Vongsay, Laos, Deputy Director with the Laos Department for the Promotion and Management of Domestic and Foreign Investment. Mr. Vongsay will focus on issues of foreign direct investment and small- and medium-sized enterprise development.

During the Program, Fellows take graduate-level courses and are paired with MSU faculty mentors with similar international development interests. Fellows also participate in workshops and conferences that provide interaction with leaders from U.S. federal, state, and local governments, multinational organizations and the private sector. Fellowship applications and eligibility details can be found at the CASID website.



Humphrey Fellows for 2003-04: (from left to right-back row) Asad Aleem, Zorana Markovic, Hoang Thi Thanh Ha, Chen Shixin, Nabina Shrestha, (front row) Waheeda Choudhury, Manothong Vongsay, Griselda Soto, Jae Young Choi

CASID and WID 2003 Friday Forum

The 2003 Friday Forum included presentations by MSU and visiting scholars on a number of important issues related to international development.

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1-17: **Horacio Gonzalez-Ramirez**, Ph.D. Candidate, MSU Agricultural Economics. "Economic Evaluation of Bean Research Investment in Mexico"

1-24: **Mary Andrews**, MSU Family and Child Ecology. "Restructuring Agricultural Extension in India for Participatory Development"

1-31: **Hodian Urrio**, MSU Humphrey Fellow. "The Impact of the Changing Environment in Tanzania on Small Business"

2-7: **Greyzel Matallana**, MSU Humphrey Fellow. "The Role of the University in Grassroots Development in Peru"

2-14: **Karine Simonyan**, MSU Humphrey Fellow. "Realities and Prospects for Economic Development in Armenia"

2-21: **Jong-Wook Lee**, MSU Humphrey Fellow. "Public-Sector Reform in Korea Following the 1997 Economic Crisis"

2-28: **Antoinette WinklerPrins**, MSU Geography. "One of Amazonia's Other Booms: Jute Production 1930-1990"

3-14: **John Kerr**, MSU Resource Development. "Watershed Development, Environmental Services, and Poverty Alleviation in India"

3-21: **Tae-Ryong Kim**, Sangji University. "The Role of NGOs in Public Policy-Making in Korea"

3-28: **Shrikumar Poddar**, International Service Society. "Youth Development in Gujarat, India"

4-4: **Norman Graham**, MSU James Madison College. "The Political Economy of Transition in Eurasia"

4-11: **Mark Jones**, MSU Political Science. "Quota Legislation in Costa Rica: Effectiveness in Increasing the Election of Women Legislators"

4-18: **David Crocker**, University of Maryland, Philosophy. "Ethics and Development"

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CASID Led Delegation Travels to Ghana and Malawi to Build Partnerships for Effective Governance

With funding from the U.S. Department of State, CASID led a delegation of MSU faculty and Michigan government administrators to Malawi and Ghana where they facilitated a series of workshops designed to enhance understandings of how to develop and maintain effective public administrative systems. The delegation traveled to Ghana and Malawi in June 2003 for follow-up training as the final stage of a year-long comprehensive project dedicated to supporting the democratic transitions in Malawi and Ghana and to building long-term partnerships among locally elected and appointed officials, academics, and community leaders in Malawi, Ghana and the U.S. The eight member U.S. delegation included **Jeff Riedinger** (CASID), **Robert Glew** (CASID), **Dan Hester** (CASID), **Jackie Byers** (Director of Research Division, County Services Department, National Association of Counties, Washington DC), **Lynn Jondahl** (Executive Director, Michigan Prospect, Okemos, Michigan), **George Goodman** (Executive Director, Michigan Municipal League, Ann Arbor, Michigan), **Ted Staton** (City Manager, East Lansing, Michigan), and **David Wiener** (Deputy Mayor, Lansing, Michigan).

A total of five in-country workshops were held, two in Malawi (Zomba and Lilongwe) and three in Ghana (Accra, Kumasi and Cape Coast). Workshop themes were selected based on feedback collected from sixteen Ghanaian and Malawian (eight from each country) delegates who traveled to the U.S. as part of an earlier phase of the project in 2002. Ghanaian and Malawian participants of this phase of the project provided lists of topics that they believed were most relevant to their work and that would be most appropriate for follow-up training with local government officials in their countries. The in-country workshop themes selected were: Intergovernmental Relations and Intergovernmental Cooperation; Local Government in Michigan: Structures and Challenges; Public Finance-How to Pay for Necessary Services; Local/Regional

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Workshop Attendees, Lilongwe, Malawi (June 2003)

USAID Malawi Mission Director Roger Yochelson Visits MSU

In December 2003, CASID, WID and the African Studies Center co-sponsored the campus visit of USAID Malawi Mission Director Roger Yochelson. Mr. Yochelson oversees USAID's \$30 million development program in Malawi which focuses on preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS, supporting child health, fertility reduction, increasing rural agricultural incomes, and helping Malawians to better manage their natural resources. An eleven-year veteran of USAID, Mr. Yochelson previously served as Director of the Office of Democratic Initiatives in Panama at USAID in Washington, DC. He has also served in the Ukraine and Senegal for the Department of Justice and as a lawyer in a private firm working on international trade litigation. During his visit to MSU, Mr. Yochelson met with faculty members interested in development issues in Malawi and gave a presentation titled, "Development Challenges and Opportunities in Malawi," to faculty and students. He also met with President McPherson to discuss a possible MSU-USAID Malawi partnership and with graduate and undergraduate students to discuss careers in international development.



Roger Yochelson, USAID Malawi

MSU Economics Professor Named Editor in Chief of Economic Development and Cultural Change

We are pleased to announce that John Strauss, Professor of Economics at MSU, has been named the new Editor in Chief of Economic Development and Cultural Change (EDCC), a journal published by The University of Chicago Press. EDCC is a multidisciplinary journal that publishes studies using modern theoretical and empirical approaches that examine both determinants and effects of various dimensions of economic development and cultural change. EDCC is fundamentally interested in exploring what scientific evidence can tell us about policy issues related to economic development. The journal seeks articles that address: Basic economic factors associated with development, including technological change, human resource investment, and economic incentives; Non-economic factors and their interrelationships with economic factors in affecting development, as well as, how these factors are changed by development; Data quality comparing the results of different methods to collect data and define variables for behavior and policy testing. This year EDCC is introducing a Web-based peer review system that will allow direct submission of manuscripts through the Web, drastically reducing the length of the review process. Authors will be able to check on the status of a submission and reviewers will have direct access to manuscripts and review forms. For more information about EDCC or submission guidelines visit their on-campus office at 205 International Center.

Friday Forum

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4-25: **Woo-Suh Park**, Yonsei University. "Emerging Economic Ties Among World Class Cities in the Northeast Asian Region"

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8-29: **Thomas Turner**, University of Rwanda, Political Science. "Prospects for Peace in the Great Lakes Region of Africa"

9-5: **Stephen Esquith**, MSU Philosophy. "Ethics and Development: Genetically Modified Organisms in Mali"

9-19: **Kim Witte**, MSU Communication. "Preventing AIDS through Entertainment Education in Ethiopia"

9-26: **Lawrence Busch**, MSU Sociology. "Thought for Food: How Global Markets and Technology Are Changing the International Food System"

10-3: **Mohammad Hossein Rahbar**, MSU Epidemiology. "Elevated Concentrations of Blood Lead Among Children in Karachi, Pakistan"

10-10: **Harriette McAdoo**, MSU Family and Child Ecology. "HIV/AIDS and Pregnancy in Zimbabwe: Research Report Findings"

10-17: **Deanna J. Trakas**, University of Aggen, Department of Anthropology. "The Medicalization of Motherhood in Greece"

10-24: **Bella Mody**, MSU Telecommunications. "Analyzing the Roots of the HIV/AIDS Crisis: Under What Conditions Can Media Interventions Make a Difference?"

10-31: **Jae-Young Choi**, MSU Humphrey Fellow. "Korea's Policy Response to the Asian Financial Crisis of 1997"

11-7: **Edward Mazhangara**, Ph.D Candidate, Agricultural Economics. "The HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Malawi: What Farmers Face and How They Cope with HIV/AIDS"

11-14: **Eric Freedman**, MSU Journalism. "Human Rights and Press Freedom in Central Asia"

11-21: **Thom Jayne**, MSU Agricultural Economics. "Measuring the Effects of HIV/AIDS on Rural Households in Kenya"

12-5: **Nabina Shrestha**, MSU Humphrey Fellow. "Empowerment of Women in Nepal"

CASID Supports International Research and Travel

With support from Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education, CASID and WID have allocated resources for faculty International Development Research Initiation Grants (IDRIG). CASID and WID also provide support to MSU faculty to present papers and serve as a discussant or panel chair on topics related to international development and/or gender relations at national and international conferences. Grant recipients for 2003, and the topics their research and/or presentations addressed include:

2003 CASID & WID TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Dr. Tracy Dobson, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Traveled to Minnesota in June to present a paper at the workshop on Conservation Biology and the Social Sciences: New Possibilities for Collaboration, where she had the opportunity to discuss her international work in Africa and Asia. Title of paper delivered: The Role of Law as a Conservation Tool: The Case of Malawi.

Dr. Rocio Quispe-Agnoli, Department of Romance and Classical Languages. Traveled to Peru in February to present a paper at the International Hispanic Literature Conference. Her paper addressed issues of identity in colonial Latin America. Title of paper delivered: I and the Other: Alterity and Identity in Peruvian Colonial Discourses.

Dr. Talbott Huey, CASID and WID Bibliographer. Traveled to Germany in July to attend the World Information Conference, where he had the opportunity to meet with librarians from around the world to learn of new sources of acquisitions, visit libraries, make library purchases, and learn about programs to develop international development-related third world information resources.

Dr. Elizabeth Mittman, Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages. Traveled to Boston in March to present a paper and moderate a panel at the Annual Meetings of the Northeast Modern Language Association. Panel Chaired: Orientation Processes in German Literature(s) after Unification. Title of paper delivered: Grandmothers' Stories: Generating East German Histories after 1989.

Dr. Kenneth Harrow, Department of English. Traveled to Egypt in March to present and chair a panel at the African Literature Association Conference that addressed political, economic, and social transformation in the post-apartheid era in South Africa. Panel Chaired: Zoe Wicomb's David's Story. Title of paper delivered: Framing in David's Story.

CASID Co-Hosts Dr. Jane Parpart's Visit to MSU

CASID and WID were pleased to host Dr. Jane Parpart's March 2003 visit to MSU. Dr. Parpart is a Professor of History at Dalhousie University, Canada whose research interests include African society and labour, women and development, and feminist thought. Dr. Parpart delivered two presentations to faculty and students during her visit titled, Lessons from the Field: Rethinking Empowerment, Gender and Development from a Post-(Post?) Development Perspective, and Gendered Approaches to Empowerment, Poverty and Development. Dr. Parpart also met with faculty and students interested in international development.

Dr. Deogratias Ngonyani, Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages. Traveled to Indiana University in April to attend the African Language Teachers' Association Conference where he had the opportunity to meet with other Title VI Language Program Coordinators and discuss issues related to program coordination and curriculum development.

Dr. Jyotsna Singh, Department of English. Traveled to Greece in May to present a paper at an International conference. Conference topics addressed issues related to gender, international development and capitalism. Title of paper delivered: Shylock's Pound of Flesh: The Exchange of Goods and Bodies in Early Modern European Capitalism.

Dr. Nan Johnson, Department of Sociology. Traveled to Minneapolis in May for the annual meetings of the Population Association of America. Title of paper delivered: Does Educational Superiority Autonomize Daughters-in-law Who Live with Their Mother-in-law? A Test of Caldwell's Thesis.

Dr. Catherine Ryu, Department of Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages. Traveled to Japan in June to attend the Seventh Annual Asian Studies Conference and present a paper on cultural identity in Japan. Title of paper

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LATTICE: Promoting Cross-Cultural Education Among K-12 Teachers and Administrators

Linking All Types of Teachers to International and Cross-cultural Education (LATTICE) is a collaborative project designed to link K-12 teachers with a cross-cultural education network that involves dynamic interaction on issues that concern educators throughout the world. The program is supported by CASID and MSU's College of Education, the Office of the Dean of International Studies and Programs, African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, the Women and International Development Program, the Graduate School, and ten mid-Michigan school districts. LATTICE provides Michigan teachers the opportunity to enrich their students' understanding of other countries and integrate this information into their curricula.

The objectives of LATTICE are to: (1) Infuse K-12 classrooms with a heightened awareness, sensitivity, and understanding of global issues including ethnic, cultural, and religious diversity; (2) Support international learning so that the children of today can be effective participants in the world tomorrow; and (3) Concentrate on adult learning and promote practical links to K-12 classrooms.

LATTICE does not deliver cursory information about countries, but rather involves dynamic interactions on issues that concern educators throughout the world. Monthly sessions during the academic year include thematic presentations, discussion, food, and music. A typical session includes more than sixty K-12 teachers, administrators, international graduate students, and MSU faculty. Since its inception in 1995, the LATTICE network has grown to include participants from over forty-five countries.

The potential impact of LATTICE is perhaps best summarized by Manelisi Genge, a recent doctoral graduate student at MSU's Department of History from South Africa who said: "LATTICE provides a conducive atmosphere for one to think and to express out loud his or her thoughts, for one feels being among friends. We grapple with both bread-and-butter issues, which make us question our comfort zones and assumptions." For more information on how to become a LATTICE member contact CASID Associate Director, Dr. Robert Glew, at 353-4818.



LATTICE Session, Hasslet, Michigan (November 2003)

Congratulations to MSU's Student Fulbright Award Recipients

Congratulations to the ten MSU students who were awarded Fulbrights in 2003-04: **Julie Bashkin, Kari Bergstrom, Natalie Bourdon, Jennifer Brewer, Holly Dygert, Erick Houle, Kristi Klomp, Michelle Powell, Aaron Russell, and Jessica Vernieri.** Four of the graduate students awarded Fulbrights were supported during their studies at MSU by U.S. Department of Education, Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships from CASID and WID. Their department, language of study, and dissertation research interests are:

Kari Bergstrom, Anthropology. Kari studied Hausa with a CASID and WID FLAS award to prepare her for her Ph.D. research in Niger. Her research is supported by a Fulbright-Hays grant and will focus on how emerging ideas on gender have become important components of CARE International and UNICEF's policies and programs and how these ideas about gender have been appropriated, rejected, and reformulated by the people in Niger with whom these organizations work.

Natalie Bourdon, Anthropology. Natalie, also a Fulbright-Hays recipient, studied Kiswahili with a CASID and WID FLAS award to prepare her for her Ph.D. research in Tanzania. Her research will focus on how NGOs in Dar es Salaam have struggled to integrate international human rights laws into land reform efforts and how urban women are using these NGOs to secure their access and rights to land.

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Building Partnerships in Ghana and Malawi

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Robert Glew addressing workshop attendees in Zomba, Malawi

Economic Development: A Strategic Planning Approach; and Transparency and Accountability of Local Government Officials. The U.S. team prepared presentations on each of these topics. Speaker presentations were also compiled into a workshop training manual, along with supplemental information, and distributed in both Malawi and Ghana. Attendance for each of the in-country workshops ranged from thirty-five to fifty persons, representing district and municipal assemblies nationwide in both countries. In addition to presentations made by the U.S. delegates, small group discussions were held during the workshop in order for workshop participants to take an active role in the dialog and learning. The Ghanaian and Malawian delegates who had previously visited the U.S. were in attendance and assisted in the facilitation of the small group discussions. They also gave a briefing on their visit to the U.S. and related lessons learned.

During visits to both countries, CASID/U.S. delegates engaged in extensive discussions with representatives from our in-country partners, the Department of Local Government (DLG) in Malawi, the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD), and USAID on ways in which this type of program could be continued in the future. One avenue that we are actively pursuing is to establish training programs modeled after MSU's Michigan Political Leadership and Legislative Leadership Programs. MSU delegates also hosted dinners in both countries (in Lilongwe and Accra). Invited dinner guests included program delegates who had traveled to the U.S., representatives from the DLG and CDD, U.S. embassy staff, including representatives of USAID, and others who had contributed to the program.

The delegates' trip to Ghana and Malawi enhanced partnerships between the principal partners, and established new ties among the many Malawian, Ghanaian and U.S. local government officials that came together as a result of this program. During visits to both countries, delegates assisted in the development and enhancement of new and on-going public administration training and retraining programs for both the program participants and other local officials. It is these long-term partnerships among locally elected and appointed officials, academics, and community leaders in Ghana, Malawi and the U.S. that will best support the democratic transitions taking place in Ghana and Malawi.

CASID Supports Study Abroad Program Development

With Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education, CASID and WID support the development and enhancement of MSU study abroad program offerings in the developing countries of Africa, Asia and/or Latin America. CASID and WID provide support for: (1) The design of pre-departure and re-entry course modules on development and on gender relations topics; (2) The enhancement of study abroad program offerings in the developing countries of Africa, Asia, and/or Latin America; (3) The pre-implementation planning of new development and gender-related international internship programs; and (4) The design of new international internships for existing programs. Interested faculty should submit a brief (one-two page) proposal to the CASID office describing the pre-departure or re-entry course module or the study abroad program content which they propose to develop and the contribution it will make to the curricular priorities of CASID and WID.

In 2003, **Dr. Stephen Esquith**, Department of Philosophy, received funds to travel to Mali to expand MSU's study abroad courses in Mali. The program focuses on major ethical issues and questions faced in developing countries including those raised by new agricultural biotechnologies, impact of trade liberalization on economic growth and equality, the process of political decentralization and its relationship to traditional political authorities, the education and health conditions of women, and the relationship between traditional political fabric arts and commercial textile manufactures.

CASID Supports International Research and Travel

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2003 CASID and WID IDRIG RECIPIENTS:

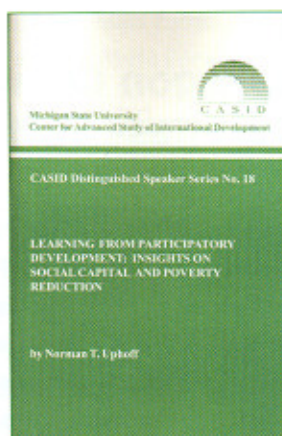
Dr. Mohammad Hossein Rahbar, Professor of Epidemiology and Director of the Data Coordinating Center. Dr. Rahbar traveled to Jordan in July to pursue his interest in collaborating with researchers from the Special Studies and Applied Research Section of the Center for Environmental Health Activities (CEHA) in Amman. Dr. Rahbar's research interests include the adverse health effects of lead exposure on children in developing countries.

Dr. Craig Harris, Professor of Sociology. Dr. Harris traveled to Uganda in May to conduct exploratory research on fisheries management on Lake Victoria and increase his understanding of Lake Victorian Ecology. Through his affiliation with the Odongkara Fisheries Research Institute, Dr. Harris explored how Lake Victoria fisheries management has changed as a result of investments in economic, scientific, and administrative development.

CASID Distinguished Speaker Series No. 18 Now Available

It is with pleasure that CASID announces publication of the monograph, *Learning from Participatory Development: Insights on Social Capital and Poverty Reduction*, as part of its ongoing Distinguished Speaker Series. This publication is based on the presentation Dr. Norman T. Uphoff delivered at Michigan State University. During the presentation he discussed how participatory development programs in Sri Lanka and India inform our understandings of development thinking and practice. Co-sponsors of the lecture included: MSU's African Studies Center, Asian Studies Center, and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Dr. Uphoff has been engaged personally with several initiatives for participatory development in Asia and has reviewed many others there and in Africa and Latin America over the past thirty years. His presentation focused specifically on what he has learned from programs for participatory development with a natural resource management focus in Sri Lanka and India, drawing some general conclusions about some of the normative and behavioral determinants of development thinking and practice. He has concluded that the successes achieved in South Asia and other world regions depend partly on a new understanding of how social scientists should view and contribute to the world around them. This publication is available for \$5.00 in the CASID office.



Curriculum Development Grants Available for International Development and Gender and Development Courses

The following faculty received CASID and WID curriculum development grants to create and revise undergraduate and graduate courses related to international development and/or gender relations with Title VI funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

CASID and WID 2003 Course Development Grant Recipients

Sheila M. Contreras, American Thought and Language. Received funds to revise the Women's Studies course WS 432: Latina Feminist Theory.

Salah D. Hassan, English. Received funds to develop a new course for Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities on international human rights, identity and culture.

Beth Kangas, Anthropology. Received funds to develop a new course for the Anthropology Department on Women in the Muslim Middle East.

Richard Peterson, Philosophy. Received funds to revise the Integrative Studies in Arts and Humanities course titled, Peace and Justice Studies.

Anne Schneller, International Studies in Education. Received funds to develop a module focused on economic, social, and gender-related aspects of education to be used in the new study abroad course Pre-Internship Teaching in South Africa.

Jayne Schuiteman, Women's Studies. Received funds to revise the Women's Studies courses WS 201: Introduction to Women's Studies and WS 202: Introduction to Contemporary Feminist Theories.

Karin Wurst, Linguistics and Germanic, Slavic, Asian and African Languages. Received funds to revise course content for German course GRM 865: German Studies, Culture in Context.

MSU's Global Applications M.A. Program

For the last five years CASID has been the administering unit for MSU's Global Applications (GA) M.A. Program. GA is a one-year program designed specially for international mid-career professionals working in both the private and public sector. GA students are typically sponsored by their home organizations. Since the program is designed for practitioners, it includes many different approaches to professional and academic training. During the program, participants take graduate level courses and gain exposure to the American workforce through guest speakers, site visits, field study visits, and professional affiliations.

In December 2003, three GA students from Korea completed their Master's degrees: Mr. Jewha Park, Mr. Weol-hun Park, and Mr. Kee-hong Kim. Each student was a government official prior to their enrollment at MSU and had completed one-year of study at the Korea Development Institute of Public Policy and Administration (KDI). **Mr. Jewha Park**, from Choongnam Provincial Government, is responsible for social welfare policy. During the program, he enjoyed a six-week professional affiliation with the Volunteers of America and learned about government-NGO relations from a NGO's perspectives. **Mr. Weol-hun Park** and **Mr. Kee-hong Kim** are responsible for planning and finance at Daejeon Metropolitan City. In addition to their academic courses the students explored museums and convention centers in the mid-Michigan area and created a comprehensive report regarding their applicability to Daejeon, which promotes itself as the "convention center" of Korea.

More than fifty students have graduated from MSU with the support of the Global Applications M.A. Program. The majority of these students enjoyed promotion upon their return to their home countries and have retained a close partnership with CASID.



Weol-hun Park, Kee-hong Kim, Global Applications Program Coordinator Irene Shim, and Jewha Park on a Retreat in New York, NY.

CASID Secretary Helen Farr Receives Clerical Technical Recognition Award



Helen Farr was selected as this year's recipient of the Clerical Technical Recognition Award established in honor of Thomas and Concettina Gliozzo. The award is designed to recognize outstanding clerical-

technical employees, especially those who are actively engaged in any phase of international activity. Helen has been employed at MSU for 12 years and a secretary at CASID since 2001, where she provides assistance to students, faculty, and staff involved in international exchanges and research. A reception was held in Helen's honor in September, where Pam Beemer, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, presented Helen with her award. Congratulations to Helen from all of the CASID staff for a job well done!

Muskegon Community College Global Awareness Festival: Focus on Africa

In November 2003, CASID and WID participated in the Global Awareness Festival hosted by Muskegon Community College.

The annual festival is a three-day set of activities designed to increase awareness of global issues. The focus of this year's festival was Africa. Staff and student affiliates of CASID and WID and the African Studies Center participated in the event.

CASID Associate Director, Robert Glew gave a presentation titled, "Islamic Culture in West Africa." John Metzler, Outreach Coordinator in the African Studies Center, facilitated a five hour workshop on "Exploring Africa in the K-12 Classroom" and gave a presentation on "Myths and Misconceptions about Africa." Glew and Metzler both participated in a panel discussion on opportunities for students to work and study in Africa. MSU graduate students Kari Bergstrom, Natalie Bourdon, and Dipotso Galeforolwe each discussed their current research on gender and development in Africa with over 50 interested students and faculty.



CASID Co-Sponsors 20th Annual World Food Day Teleconference



On October 16, 2003, CASID co-sponsored the Twentieth Annual World Food Day Teleconference along with MSU's Women and International Development Program and the African Studies Center. World Food Day is a worldwide event designed to increase awareness and understanding of hunger issues and to promote year-around action to alleviate hunger.

This year's teleconference addressed the mounting human tragedy in sub-Saharan Africa and featured Urban Jonsson, UNICEF Regional Director for Eastern and Southern Africa, and various other regional experts. Teleconference participants offered a variety of perspectives on the impact of HIV/AIDS and land and water issues on local agriculture and the added burden of wars and debt that threaten the region. The work of the new Partnership for African Development and the need for international efforts to build an alliance to coordinate action were also discussed.

The program was broadcast live from the studios of George Washington University in Washington, DC. A video of the teleconference is available to MSU faculty for use in courses at no charge and can be reserved by contacting the CASID office at 353-8570. Information packets on the World Food Day Teleconference are also available from CASID upon request. For other information on World Food Day activities or resources contact Patricia Young, National Coordinator for the U.S. National Committee for World Food Day at (202) 653-2404.

MSU's Student Fulbright Award Recipients

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Jennifer Brewer, Anthropology. Jennifer studied Akan with a CASID and WID FLAS award to prepare her for her Ph.D. research in Ghana. Her research is supported by an IIE Fulbright and will focus on how adolescent girls in Accra negotiate gender and sexual health in the context of expanding STI prevention policies and programs for youth.

Holly Dygert, Anthropology. Holly, also an IIE Fulbright recipient, studied Mixtec and Spanish with a CASID and WID FLAS award, which she will use to conduct her Ph.D. research in Mexico. Her research will focus on how development practitioners and activists perceive the linkages between Mixtec culture and family within two development models being implemented in Southern Mexico.

CASID and WID Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships

CASID and WID award 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 the critical need 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 and WID FLAS Fellowships are awarded to graduate students enrolled in programs which 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 \$11,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$14,000 for the academic year. During the award period fellows pursue full-time graduate study that includes both language training and international development course work. For information and application materials please visit the CASID web site at: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/casid/students/fellowships.html>.

CASID and WID FLAS Fellows for the 2003-04 academic year are:

Pamela Bartholomew, Anthropology, beginning Hindi, HIV/AIDS and violence against women in India.

Delanie Kellon, Resource Development, advanced Spanish, sustainable development management in Latin America.

Christine Egger, Resource Development, intermediate Nepali, NGOs and rural development in Nepal.

Lexine Hansen, Resource Development, intermediate Arabic, gender and development in the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia.

Catherine Long, Political Science, beginning Swahili, HIV/AIDS and transboundary political transformations.

Virginia Parish, Political Science, advanced Swahili, public administration and development in East Africa.

Michael Perez, Anthropology, intermediate Arabic, refugees and development in Jordan.

Michael Walker, Anthropology, advanced Shona, communal resources and property rights in Zimbabwe.