

# **EVENTS**

Fall 2014, Number 101 November 30, 2014

### Week of November 30

### Tuesday, December 2

### "Six Theses on Soviet Modernity; a Historian's Manifesto"

Sponsor: Department of History 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., 255 Old Horticulture

Michael David-Fox, Professor, Georgetown University, will speak at this Department of History seminar.

### "Effectiveness of Animation Videos: A Burkina Faso Technology Field Experiment"

Sponsor: Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics 11:50 a.m.—1:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Mywish Maredia, Professor, and Byron Reyes, Assistant Professor, from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics will present their findings on technology adoption field experiments in Burkina Faso as part of the Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics Brown Bag Seminar Series.

### Residential College in the Arts and Humanities 111 Stories

Sponsor: Residential College in the Arts and Humanities 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m., second floor classrooms of Snyder-Phillips Hall

This semester, students enrolled in RCAH 111: Writing in Transcultural Contexts have been exploring the relationship between culture and various forms of human expression. Students will present a variety of compositions that emerge from these explorations. The celebration of student work will include paintings, short films, new media projects, and other compositions that prompt us to reflect on how we make meaning in cultural contexts. This will be an open house, so feel free to come for any portion you are able to. Light refreshments will be served.

### Wednesday, December 3

### "Of Memory and Mammals: The Effect of Individual Experience on Population Processes"

Sponsor: Environmental Science and Public Policy 3:30 p.m., 118 Eppley

Rudy Boonstra, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto, Scarborough, will speak as part of the Environmental Science and Public Policy Seminar Series.

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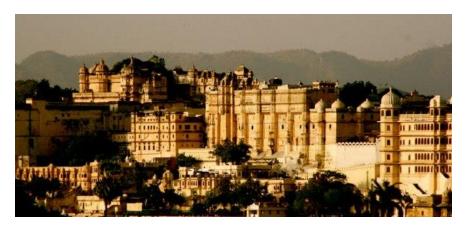
### **Study Abroad Information Sessions**

Sponsor: Office of Study Abroad

Information meetings are an opportunity to learn about a program from the program leader, find out about applying to study abroad, ask questions and meet with fellow study abroad participants.

#### Research and Action in the New South Africa

Tuesday, November 2 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., C616 Wells Hall



### Thursday, December 4

# "Silencing and Reinventing Ethnic Identities in Africa"

Sponsor: African Studies Center 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m., 201 International Center

Olukoya Ogen, Visiting Senior Research Fellow from the Centre for West African Studies at University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, will speak as part of the African Studies Center's Eye on Africa Weekly Seminar.



### African Tea Time

Sponsor: African Studies Center 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., 303 International Center

Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Guinea (Bissau and Conakry) will be represented at this African Tea Time.

### "Economic Damages to Agriculture from Temperature Increases"

Sponsor: Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics 3:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m., 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture

Nathan Hendricks, Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, will speak as part of the Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics Department Seminar Series.

### Friday, December 5

### "Worker Displacement and Spousal Labor Supply Adjustments in Urban China in the Late 1990s"

Sponsor: Economics 1:45 p.m.—3:00 p.m., 252 Erickson Hall

Tingting Xin, doctoral students, Michigan State University, will speak at the Applied Economics Seminar Series.

### December 7

# International Human Rights Day Commemoration 2014

Sponsor: Greater Lansing Chapter, United Nations Association, LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers for International Cross-Cultural Education) and CASID

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m., East Lansing Hannah Community Center, 819 Abbott Rd.

The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 defined ideal standards and goals for all member nations to work toward over the decades ahead. Panelists will highlight some of the key issues being addressed in their home countries and the challenges that remain. Teachers, students, MSU students, faculty and the general public are cordially invited. The program and parking are free.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Spring Semester Courses**

## Comparative Higher Education, EAD 964

Time: Wednesday, 7:10 p.m.—10:00 p.m.

Location: 226 Erickson Hall

The course is open to both M.A. and Ph.D. students. Those with an interest in studying or working in higher education abroad may be especially interested in the class, as may students who have participated in a study abroad experiences and want to further their academic and professional development in the areas of comparative and international higher education, as well as international students seeking a formal learning opportunity that does not focus on the United States. Along with providing students an opportunity pursue research on an international/comparative topic of their choosing, the class will address the following topics:

- Comparative study of higher education systems in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle-East
- Globalization/internationalization theory
- International student flows and experiences
- Institutional internationalization strategy
- Global rankings and competition between institutions
- Institutional internationalization strategy

For more information, contact: Brendan Cantwell at brendanc@msu.edu.

# South Africa and Its Neighbors: From Shaka Zulu to Nelson Mandela, HST 364

Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m.—9:50 a.m.

Location: 318 Berkey Hall

The course will review the economic, social, and political history of South Africa and its neighbors, including the rise of the Zulu State, white settlement, the mineral revolution, African societies and politics.

More information, contact: Peter Alegi at alegi@msu.edu.

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## Tracy Dobson Award for Undergraduate Student Feminist Activism

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) invites submissions for this award, named to honor Tracy Dobson's tireless efforts to bring gender equity to MSU, launching MSU's enhanced plan to recruit and retain women faculty and administrators. The award honors an MSU undergraduate who has distinguished him or herself through exemplary local, national, or international activism on behalf of gender equity and social justice. The award will recognize those who have achieved a leadership position on behalf of their chosen cause. Evidence of commitment to a feminist cause through the college career as well as dedication to a career in some aspect of gender equity and social justice is required.

#### Applications are due on December

12. Please submit CV/resume and a three-page description of the feminist cause you have been involved in and your role in it. Two letters of support—from a supervisor, co-worker, peer activist or MSU faculty or staff mentor—are also required in support of your application materials. Submissions will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be presented at the annual GenCen Open House in January. The award winner will receive a \$200.00 prize.

# Mary Anderson Award for the Best Undergraduate Paper on Women and Gender in Global Perspective

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) invites MSU undergraduate students to submit a paper for its annual competition, named to honor former women's rights activist and MSU Women's Studies scholar Mary Anderson, who lost her battle with breast cancer in 1993. The paper should have been completed within the past year and should focus on issues related to women and gender in global perspective. Papers should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length.

#### Applications are due on December 12.

Papers will be reviewed by a faculty committee, and the award will be presented at the annual GenCen Open House in January. The winning paper may be peer reviewed for publication in the GPID Working Paper Series or on the GenCen website. Authors will receive a \$200.00 prize. For more information, please see: http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/funding/papercompetition.htm.

# Rita S. Gallin Award for the Best Graduate Paper on Women and Gender in Global Perspective

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) invites MSU graduate students to submit a paper for its annual competition, named for Rita S. Gallin in honor of her 13 years as director of the Women and International Development Program and her scholarship in the area of women, gender, international development, and globalization. The paper should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length, and have been completed within the past year and should focus on issues related to women, gender, international development, and globalization.

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## Graduate Student Women's Studies Course Instruction Fellowships

The Center for Gender in Global Context will be hiring advanced Ph.D. graduate students as instructors for summer 2015 to teach core courses WS201, WS202, and WS203. These courses can be taught either online or in a conventional classroom setting, with preference given to online courses. Students applying to teach must be doctoral students engaged in some aspect of women's and gender studies, and be advanced to candidacy.

Applications are due December 1. Electronic submission of materials is encouraged, emailed to gencen@msu.edu (materials must be in either Word or PDF formats). Hard copies will also be accepted. Please send all application materials to:

Graduate Student Course Instruction Selection Committee Center for Gender in Global Context 206 International Center 427 N Shaw Lane East Lansing, MI 48824

## African Students Association Consultancy African Intelligence(CAI)

The Consultancy Africa Intelligence (CAI), an international web-based research and consultancy firm with an exclusive focus on the African continent, is looking for aspiring researchers and analysts with an interest in Africa to join our internship program for the first half of 2015 (1 January -30 June 2015). The deadline for application submissions is December 15.

Interested graduate students and graduates are invited to submit an application consisting of (a) their CV, (b) a brief motivation letter, and (c) two examples of previously written work to our human resources (human.resources@consultancyafrica.com) before 15 December, 2014. For more Information, visit: http://www.consultancyafrica.com