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"Moroccan Children" Morocco, 1999 Erin Hill

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## EVENTS

## Week of September 30th

Monday, October 1st

# "Career Fair Prep for International Students: Webinar"

Sponsored by: Career Services and Office for International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Online Webinar

Join Career Services and OISS staff for this webinar presentation designed to give you the competitive advantage when meeting with recruiters at a career fair. Learn how to stand out in the crowd, research employers, prepare an elevator speech, and more.

Sign up on MySpartanCareer.com under Events/Workshops (search international)

Questions? Contact Laura Wise at OISS.

#### Wednesday, October 3rd

#### "So You're Interested in Deveolping a Study Abroad Program..."

Sponsored by: Office of Study Abroad

11:30 am - 1:00 pm, MSU Union - Parlor Room A

This session is intended for faculty interested in exploring what's involved in developing and leading a study abroad program at MSU. The presenters will focus on providing basic framing information, introduce available resources, and share their experiences as program leaders. Topics will include academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular learning; program design; and planning and logistics. In addition, participants will receive an overview of the formal steps involved in program development from concept to implementation. Bring your ideas and come ready to brainstorm with colleagues!

#### Thursday, October 4th

#### "A Civilized Revolution: Aesthetics, Political Action, and Urban Space in Egypt"

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 108 KAC

Part one of a six part series call "Media, Art, and Activism: in the Middle East and Asia Speaker Series." Jessica Winegar's writings on the revolution in Egypt have appeared in Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnologist, and jadaliyya.com. She is author of the award-winning Creative Reckonings: The Politics of Art and Culture in Contemporary Egypt (Stanford, 2006) and an Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University.

#### "Artist Talk: Hamdi Attia"

Sponsored by: Asian Studies Center

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 108 KAC

Part two of a six part series call "Media, Art, and Activism: in the Middle East and Asia Speaker Series." Living and working between Cairo and Chicago, artist Hamdi Attia engages an experimental vocabulary through the use of video, mapping, drawing, and sculpture. His work represented Egypt at the Venice Biennial in 1995, where it received the top pavilion prize with Akram El-Magdoub.

#### "Bridging the Gap: Cultivating a Discourse between Africanists and Americanists"

Sponsored by: African Studies Center

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center

African Studies Center, Eye on Africa weekly seminar with AAAS panel of Graduate Students speaking on a vaiety of political and social topics within African culture.

## CASID CURRENT

## Friday, October 5th

#### "Lansing First Fridays"

Sponsored by: Office for International Studetns and Scholars

9:00 am - 2:00 am, Downtown, Old Town Lansing, and East Lansing

On the first Friday of every month Greater Lansing will roll out the fun carpet - big time. You'll find restaurants and bars with unique specials, shops and galleries with extended hours, and events for everyone to enjoy. You'll also find free transportation on the Entertainment Express trolley every 15 minutes between downtown Lansing and East Lansing and dozens of places along the way. Come out on First Fridays and explore the fun side of Greater Lansing - where you can expect the unexpected.

#### "I am scared to talk to him/her.': Authority Across Cultures"

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

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

We are excited to announce a new series of one-hour workshops to help students be successful at MSU. Workshops are applicable to ALL students new to MSU – including domestic students who recognize that intercultural relationships and a multicultural education will prepare them for study abroad, internships, and securing a job in our global workplace.

#### "International Startup Weekend (Entrepreneurship & International Students)"

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, NEO Center, 934 Clark St. Lansing

The Office for International Students and Scholars at Michigan State University is partnering with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership, Prima Civitas Foundation, the NEO Center, and immigration counsel professionals to host an entrepreneurship event specifically for international students.you can hear from Scott Cooper, leading immigration attorney at Fragomen, to understand the legalities of starting a business in the United States based on your current and future immigration status. After the presentation, attendees can speak directly with immigration counsel, the Small Business & Nonprofit Law Clinic at MSU, the aforementioned partners, and others.

Please sign up for this unique opportunity at the following link:

http://swlansing5.eventbrite.com/

## Week of October 7th

#### Monday, October 8th

#### "Canadian Thanksgiving 2012"

Sponsored by: Canadian Studies Center

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm, 303 International Center

Join the Canadian Sudies Center as we host a Canadian Thanksgiving celebration! If you are Canadian and find yourself on campus during your nation's feast day, please join us. Students and faculty who are interested in Canadian studies may meet others with their same interest. Community members are welcome. There will be traditional Canadian fare, music, trivia, and prizes.

## Wednesday, October 10th

#### "Peace Corps Information Event"

Sponsored by: MSU Peace Corps

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, 303 International Center

This is your chance to have your Peace Corps questions answered. The information session is an informal event in which we watch a short video presentation, go over a brief PowerPoint presentation and then open questions to the audience. Don't worry about showing up late or needing to leave early. See you there!

#### Thursday, October 11th

#### "Optional Practical Training (OPT) Session"

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, To Be Determined

F-1 students may apply for a one year work authorization, called the Optional Practical Training (OPT), for use after graduation. We recommend that applications are submitted at least 3 months before graduation. Come learn more about how you can apply for OPT.

#### "MSU & South Africa: 40 Years of Struggle & Partnerships"

Sponsored by: African Studies Center

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, 201 International Center

African Studies Center, Eye on Africa weekly seminar with David Wiley, Faculty (Sociology & African Studies Center, MSU).

#### Friday, October 12th

#### "'It is difficult to make new friends': Friendship Across Cultures"

Sponsored by: Office for International Students and Scholars

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

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#### "OSA in Homecoming Parade"

Sponsored by: International Student Programs and Office of Study Abroad

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Downtown East Lansing

Help cheer on STUDY ABROAD at the 2012 MSU Homecoming Parade in downtown East Lansing.

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# Global Focus 2012

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

Launched in 1999, Global Focus has presented more than 200 awards to members of the Michigan State University family who have taken exceptional photographs while on work assignments, study abroad programs or during personal travels abroad. The internationally-themed photo contest aims to recognize MSU faculty, staff, students and alumni who have captured memorable images from around the world and are interested in sharing their photographs with the entire MSU campus. Entries must be taken outside of the United States by MSU faculty, staff, students or alumni. Winners will be announced in November as part of International Education Week and placed in gallery frames for display in MSU's International Center lobby. In order to make the contest accessible to all members of the MSU family including the 40,000 international alumni and expatriates, ISP along with the Alumni Association is mobilizing all of its social networks, websites and offices to spread the word.

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

An online gallery of previous winners sorted by year is also available on the Website.



Left "Boat House" Ireland, 2010 Sean Leahy

Right "Planting, Laughing, Smiling" Kagbeni, Nepal, 1999 Matthew Geisler



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 23rd Annual International Awards

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

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

Nomination forms can be found at:

www.isp.msu.edu/awards/awards.htm

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

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

## **Peace Corps**

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

Upcoming Peace Corps Events:

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

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

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

For further information pleace contact: msupeace@msu.edu

For more information, please visit: www.africa.isp.msu.edu/gradconference

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# An Anthropological Introduction to Islam in Africa

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

ANP 491, Section 003, Spring 2013

Wednesdays 4:10 pm - 7:00 pm

211A Berkey Hall

Professor: Mara Leichtman

The next issue of the CASID Current will be sent October 11th. Send information to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Sarah Anthony; e-mail:casid@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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#### Fall 2012 Graduate Research Colloquium

The Canadian Studies Center at Michigan State University will be hosting a Graduate Research Colloquium on October 2, 2012 in Room 305 of the Delia Koo International Center in East Lansing, Michigan.

The colloquium will give graduate students the opportunity to present their research projects to Michigan State University faculty, staff, and personally invited colleagues and supporters. The research presented may be in progress or completed. The atmosphere will be informal and supportive. Questions about whether or not the topic of research is suitable for the colloquium may be directed to AnnMarie Schneider (annmarie@msu.edu). Those interested in participating are asked to submit an abstract of approximately 200 words in length that describes the work to be presented. In addition, a brief explanation of the relevance the work/topic has to Canada is requested. Please indicate the name of your university and the college you are currently enrolled in. All information requested must be forward to Martie Callow (callowm@msu.edu) by: September 26, 2012.

This event will take place on October 2nd, 2012 8:00 am - 5:00 pm 305 International Center