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EVENTS

For the Week of December 3rd:

Tuesday, December 4th

"Four Days in September" (Brazil)

History Department International Film Festival

7:00 pm, Rm. A-133 Life Sciences Building

"Oaxaca: Art, History, & Politics"

Art Museum Sponsored Lecture

Speaker: David Thomas

7:00 pm, Rm. 108 Kresge Art Center

Wednesday, December 5th

Crisis in the Implementation of Sudan's Comprehensive Peace Agreement

Sudan Awareness and Support Group Special Brown Bag

Speaker: Benaiah Yongo-Bure, Faculty Kettering University

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Rm. 210 International Center

Peace Corps General Information Meeting

General Information Meetings provide an introduction to Peace Corps service for prospective volunteers. We discuss life as a volunteer, the application process, and introduce a recently returned volunteer to share some of their experiences abroad.

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Rm. 201 International Center

Thursday, December 6th

"Strategic Partnership Panel Report: South Africa"

African Studies Center Brown Bag

Panel of MSU faculties who have recently traveled to South Africa

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

Fiestecita Oazaquena

Join the Friends of the Art Museum at MSU for a festive gathering celebrating Mexican Folk Art, at the historic home of David and Gloria Thomas

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Bigelow-Kuhn-Thomas House

\$25.00 per person

Friday, December 7th

"Culture: Inimical to Management Style in the Ghanaian Public Sector?"

Speaker: Josephine Ami Narh, Humphrey Fellow

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES (FLAS) FELLOWSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

Fellowships for graduate studies are expected to be available at Michigan State University through a grant under Title VI of the Higher Education Act from the U.S. Department of Education.

The FLAS Fellowship program is designed to meet critical needs for specialists in American education, government, and other services of a public and/or professional nature who will utilize their skills in training others and in developing throughout the United States a wider knowledge and understanding of other countries and cultures.

Fellowship support includes the payment of tuition and fees (up to \$12,000 per academic year) and a stipend of \$15,000 for the academic year. To be considered for fellowship support, you must be a citizen or national of the United States; or a permanent resident of the United States; or a permanent resident of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. You also must have earned a baccalaureate or comparable degree before the fellowship period begins and be admitted to or currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at Michigan State University.

African Studies Center

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Deadline for submission of all papers relating to the academic year FLAS application is **February 15, 2008**

For information about FLAS fellowships, contact:

Dr. Yacob Fisseha, Assistant Director, African Studies Center

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Asian Studies Center

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Deadline for submission of all papers relating to the academic year FLAS application is **March 15, 2008**

For information about FLAS fellowships, contact:

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Center For Advanced Study Of International Development and Women in International Development Program

2008 Summer and 2008-2009 Academic Year FLAS

Application deadline is **February 18, 2008**.

For application materials please go to:

<http://www.casid.msu.edu/academic/fellowships.shtml>

For additional information, please contact:

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2008 TINKER FIELD RESEARCH GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

CLACS is pleased to announce the Tinker Field Grant competition to support pre-dissertation travel by both U.S. and international graduate students to Latin America. Latin America, as defined by the Tinker Foundation, includes all countries speaking Spanish and Portuguese in the region and the Caribbean. The Tinker Foundation will not allow funding for travel to Puerto Rico.

Information on the grant and the application itself are on the web at www.isp.msu.edu/clacs. Please go to the graduate certificate page, and you will find the proper links. The deadline for the application is **February 29, 2008**. We will hold an orientation meeting for students interested in applying on **Friday, January 18**, at 2:00pm in Rm. 302 of the International Center. If you have any questions, please contact Professor Laurie Medina, CLACS Acting Associate Director and Graduate Coordinator during Fall Semester 2007 (353-1690 or medina@msu.edu) or Professor Manuel Chavez, CLACS Associate Director and Graduate Coordinator during Spring Semester 2008 (353-1690 or chavezml@msu.edu).

Tinker Foundation rules have changed slightly. We are now allowed to award up to 25% of the airline ticket price for maintenance and other costs. Funds cannot be used to support MSU study abroad programs or alternative spring/winter break activities. Under the current Tinker grant (2006-09) students can receive funding only once. Students who have been funded under other CLACS grants or by a Tinker awards form the previous (2002-2005) cycle are eligible to apply for this grant. After summer 2008, CLACS must sit out a year in the competition for Tinker grants, so CLACS will not be able to offer student research funds for summer 2009. For this reason, we urge you to apply during this cycle.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the MSU Graduate School and the Dean of International Studies and Programs to fund the additional resources required by the Tinker Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***CALL FOR PAPERS: WID WORKING PAPERS SPECIAL EDITION ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND CONFLICT**

The Working Papers on Women and International Development series features article-length manuscripts by scholars from a broad range of disciplines. The series focuses on the relationships between gender and global transformation and publishes reports of empirical studies and projects, theoretical analyses, and policy discussions that illuminate the processes of change in the broadest sense.

Please consider submitting a manuscript for a special WID Working Papers edition on Sexual Violence and Conflict. In this special issue, the WID Working Papers is looking for submissions that advance knowledge on the complexity of sexual violence during violent conflict and post-conflict situations. We are interested in essays that examine various types of sexual violence, and its impacts on intersections on gender, race, ethnicity, class, and sexual orientation within different conflicts and domains.

This compilation of papers will synthesize a broad range of ideas and perspectives from multiple academic and geographic fields. We seek submissions for a special edition that will broaden our understanding of the history, practice, and effects of sexual violence directed towards women and/or men during and after conflict situations.

Papers from any geographic area of the developing world are welcome. Possible topics include but are not limited to:

- institutions of sexual violence such as sexual slavery, human trafficking and prostitution
- histories of sexual violence in conflicts around the globe, from the ancient world to the present
- international law and sexual violence
- innovative prevention, intervention and/or treatment of sexual violence
- networking or collaborative efforts
- medical, psychological, and clinical perspectives on sexual violence during war
- survivorhood and the healing process

The deadline for submissions is **January 25, 2008**. E-mail submissions or queries to papers@msu.edu with subject line "Sexual Violence in Conflict." For more information on the series and to see recent Working Papers, visit our website, www.wid.msu.edu

2007 RITA S. GALLIN AWARD FOR THE BEST GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER IN WOMEN AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Deadline: Friday, December 14, 2007

Women and International Development (WID), a program

of the Center for Gender in Global Context, invites you to submit a paper for its annual graduate student paper competition. The paper should have been written within the past year, should be approximately 20 double-spaced pages in length, and should focus on issues related to women, gender, international development, and globalization.

The winning paper will be peer reviewed for publication in the WID Working Papers Series, and its author will receive a \$200.00 prize.

Papers should be submitted to the WID office via e-mail (in Word or WordPerfect) or by mail (both hard copy and on diskette/CD). Please indicate you are submitting the paper for the competition and be sure to include a contact phone number and e-mail address.

SPRING COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PHL351 "**African Philosophy**," Tuesday/Thursday, 3:00 pm - 4:20 pm, Instructor: John Otieno Ouko, email: oukojohn@msu.edu

Course Description:

Definition and justification; epistemological, metaphysical, and ethical issues in African Philosophy; the "rationality" debate; and connections among African, African American and feminist philosophies. For more information, call the Department of Philosophy at 355-4490.

ANP 439 "**Anthropology and Human Rights**," Tuesday, 4:00 pm - 6:50 pm, Instructor: Natalie J. Bourdon, email: bourdonn@msu.edu

Course Description:

The tensions between local cultural autonomy and universal rights are being expressed vociferously as the effects of globalization are felt in the farthest reaches of the globe. Anthropologists have long shaped debates on competing notions of cultural relativism and the idea of a universal human experience. This course will examine theoretical foundations for and ethnographies of human rights. We will begin the course by examining anthropology's contributions to contemporary theoretical, methodological and ethical approaches to and understanding of human rights. In turn, we will look to ethnographic accounts of the intersections between international human rights and local cultural practices to gain a more concrete understanding of human rights in practice. Students will be asked to relate human rights to different situations and address such questions as the nature of humanity, the limits of relativism and the relationship between human rights theory and practice. Lectures, readings, films and videos will be used as bases for study and for generating lively class discussions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***SPRING AND SUMMER GENCEN INTERNSHIPS**

The Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) is pleased to announce that we have expanded our internship offerings to include the Women, Gender, and Social Justice internship program -- now called the GenCen Internship program -- and the Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Internship Program. Students interested in issues of gender, social justice, community development, health, domestic violence, environmental change, etc., are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to gain hands-on experience interning with organizations working on these issues, while receiving MSU credit. Spring 2008 applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until the **November 30th** deadline. Summer 2008 applications will be accepted immediately up until the **February 29th** deadline.

See a flyer describing the program; lists of potential local, national, and international internship opportunities; and an application form at <http://www.gjec.msu.edu/internship.htm>. Students interested in international internships should contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator as soon as possible to discuss programs and specific deadlines.

Rebecca Meuninck, Coordinator, GenCen Internship Program

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All submissions for the next issue of the CASID Current will be for the Spring Semester 2008. Send to CASID, 202 International Center, ATTN: Christian Reed; e-mail: reedjoh4@msu.edu; telephone: (517) 353-5925; fax (517) 353-8765.



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