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MSU Undergraduate Specialization in Bioethics, Humanities, and Society

MA in Women's History at Sarah Lawrence College

MA in Women's and Gender Studies at University of Southern Florida

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GenCen has an active Facebook Group, which is a great way to get more local, national, and international news items of gender-related interest, all on your Facebook News Feed. It is also a great way to network among students, staff and faculty, and it is more informal than the monthly GenCen Digest. Please join us!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/129708379605/>

We also have a more “official” Page, where we post our events and other items of GenCen/MSU-related interest. Feel free to “like” us to stay up-to-date! <https://www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen>

Student Advising Appointments: Spring Semester Walk-in hours held Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm

To schedule an appointment with the GenCen advisor, please use MSU’s online **Advising Appointment System**—select “Women’s and Gender Studies” from the list. If the online system does not work for you, please email gencenad@msu.edu to schedule an appointment.

Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships

Application Deadline: **April 15**

GenCen’s Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2014-15 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU’s Graduate School has allowed for the development of four \$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following categories:

Dissertation Research Fellowship: For Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree with the exception of their dissertation research. Applicants must have dissertation projects that focus specifically on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change. Application requirements:

*Completed Application Form with Research Budget Itemization; *Copy of Approved Departmental Dissertation Proposal; *Five-page (double-spaced) Summary of the Dissertation Proposal; *Letter of Recommendation from Dissertation Committee Chair; *Curriculum Vitae (CV).

Dissertation Completion Fellowship: For Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed dissertation research and all other requirements for their degree program, except for completion of the dissertation. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2015, and their dissertations must focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change. Application requirements: *Completed Application Form; *Five-page (double-spaced) Summary of the Dissertation Research; *Letter of Recommendation from Dissertation Committee Chair; *Curriculum Vitae (CV).

If submitting your application electronically, submissions must be in Word or PDF format. Inquiries may be directed to Dori Pynnonen Hopkins (gencenad@msu.edu). Funding must be used during the 2014-15 academic year. Submit completed application and all supporting documents by April 15 to: GenCen Specialist Advisor, Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change Program, MSU International Center, 427 N Shaw Lane Rm 206, East Lansing, MI 48824. Email: gencenad@msu.edu; Tel:517-353-5040; Fax:517-432-4845

GenCen Colloquia Series: *New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives*

Fridays, 1:30-3:00pm, 201 International Center

April 18

Jakana Thomas, Department of Political Science

Women Scorned: The Determinant of Women's Participation in Armed Conflicts

Although generally overlooked in academic studies, women's participation often has a profound effect on the execution of political violence. The factors that explain such participation, however, have not been thoroughly examined. Some groups like al-Shabab in Somalia and the GIA in Algeria prohibit women members entirely. Other groups like the TPLF in Ethiopia and the FMLN in El Salvador include a mass of women at all levels of the organization, including in combat and leadership roles. Despite the importance of women's inclusion for

considerations like the execution and resolution of conflict, no study examines women's participation in these organizations systematically. This project addresses this lacuna by examining the determinants of women's participation in violent political organizations in Africa from 1950-2011. The results demonstrate that variation in women's participation is systematically related to key organization-level features such as group ideology, size, and tactics.

GPID Editors' Series event

April 3

3:00-5:00pm, 115 International Center. Informal reception to follow.

Intimate Partner Violence: Costs and Consequences for Development

Nata Duvvury, National University of Ireland, Galway

Violence against women is universally recognized as a fundamental rights violation regardless of the cultural context. This normative understanding is the basis of the significant expansion of legal frameworks to address violence against women. However, violence also has significant socio-economic impacts that can potentially undermine development. Discourse that frames violence as a development issue has however been limited in the Global South. Based on a recent review of the links between violence and economic growth prepared for the World Bank, this talk will focus on the economic impacts, both broadly and in particular for countries of the Global South, of intimate partner violence, the most common form of violence against women. The talk will review some of the recent evidence on the macro costs of intimate partner violence and discuss the implications for development. More importantly, a conceptual framework of the links between violence and economic growth will be proposed and some of the methodological challenges faced in empirically establishing the economic impacts will be discussed.

Event co-sponsored by GenCen, CASID, and Asian Studies Center.

April 10

Queer Conversations Symposium

2:00-5:00pm, 300 Bessey Hall

www.queerconversations.com

Designed to invite conversation and collaboration on queer issues and research, this half-day symposium will focus on the queer work graduate students are doing across disciplines and departments. It will include roundtable discussions, ignite-style presentations of work in progress, and a queer revue of performance pieces. Presentations will be followed by a reception. If you have questions, please contact Trixie Smith at smit1254@msu.edu.

Event co-sponsored by the Writing Center, GenCen, College of Arts & Letters, Queer Theory Underground.

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MSU Sexual Assault Awareness Month events

April 7

Every 2 Minutes Documentary Film Screening

7:00-9:00pm, RCAF Theater, Snyder Hall

April 9

MSU Woman's Alliance: Male Panel on Rape Culture

8:00-9:30pm, Location TBD

April 12

Women's Day of Service

9:00am-2:00pm

V-DAY Lansing: A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer

6:00-8:00pm, The Avenue Café

TBTN Empowerment Yoga

7:00pm, Just B Yoga (Lansing)

April 13

TBTN Empowerment Yoga

11:00am, Just B Yoga (Lansing)

Race for the Place 5K

1:00pm, MSU Jenison Field House

TBTN Emergence Art Event

4:30-7:00pm, Just B Yoga (Lansing)

RSVP (313) 389-6866

April 14

TBTN Empowerment Yoga

7:30pm, Just B Yoga (Lansing)

April 15

Take Back the Night

10:00am-10:00pm, Beaumont Field

5:00pm Speak Out!

6:30pm Candlelight vigil

7:00pm March to Lansing Capitol—Keynote: Senator Gretchen Whitmer

Film Screening: MISS Representation

12:00pm-12:50pm, Room 6 Student Services

MSU Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Team Fundraiser

Tropical Smoothie Café, East Lansing

April 16

MSU SACI (Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention) Volunteer Recognition Event

6:00pm-8:00pm, Beggar's Banquet

Tunnel of Oppression

6:00pm, Mosaic Multicultural Center (MSU Union)

April 17

MSU SACI Volunteer Training Information Meeting

5:00pm, Room 6 Student Services

Tunnel of Oppression

6:00pm, Mosaic Multicultural Center (MSU Union)

April 21

Self Defense Class

8:00-10:00pm ,MSU IM Circle Room 218

MSU ID required

April 22

Film Screening: MISS Representation

12:00-12:50pm, Room 6 Student Services

April 23

Michigan Crime Victim Candlelight Vigil

6:00pm, State Capitol Building Rotunda

April 24

MSU Students for Choice Sextival

11:00am-3:30pm, MSU Rock, Farm Lane

MSU Science Festival

April 1-6

sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/Schedule

MSU will host its second annual Science Festival with an exploration of the science that touches our everyday lives. The 2014 Festival will feature topics spanning the science spectrum, from astronomy to human behavior to robotics to zoology. Presentations are designed to excite the mind and inspire lifelong learning for all ages. All Events are FREE and open to the public! Some require pre-registration. A selection of events is listed below. Please visit the website for a full schedule.

Science, Fiction, and the Real Monsters of Our Imagination

April 1, 6:30-7:30pm, 106B Berkey Hall

Zombies and vampires in stories stir the imagination, but they also motivate real science. Our panel demonstrates the relationship between literary monsters and scientific realities and discusses how science inspires fiction, how fiction inspires science, and how popular culture imagines both. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Introduction to Robotics

April 1, 7:00-8:00pm, 2400 Engineering

April 2, 7:00-8:00pm, 1235 Anthony

April 3, 7:00-8:00pm, 1235 Anthony

This seminar is designed to give participants an introduction to robots. First, learn about robot applications in today's world. Next, get a hands-on approach using the VEX Robot system. Using RobotC software, participants will write programs to control the robot. Recommended Age Range: 13-17 years.

Why Do My Decisions Matter?

April 2, 9:30-10:30am, MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center

This event introduces students to material use and product life cycles. Learn about the stories behind everyday items, basic traits of natural materials and life cycle stages, where materials come from, what they're made into, how they can be used, and what to do when you are done with them. Recommended Age Range: 7-12 years.

The Art of Nature

April 2, 6:30-7:30pm, 118 Berkey

Take a journey back in time to unveil how the earth has provided pigments for paint and materials for sculptures, and has stimulated humans around the globe to communicate with each other in a language that is understood by all: art. Recommended Age Range: 13 and up.

What Is Best for My Pet? Teaching Children About Animal Welfare

April 2, 7:30-8:30pm, 112A Berkey

This presenter conducted a study focused on creating the first research-based pet care and welfare

intervention for youth as a preventive approach to addressing dog cruelty and neglect and promoting responsible pet ownership. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Partying at the Tech-Noir: Science Fiction as Dystopia

April 3, 6:30-7:30pm, 111 Berkey

Taking its title from the first Terminator film, this presentation discusses the negative consequences of technology in science fiction, from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein to the cyber-punk. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Stargazing at the MSU Observatory

April 3, 8:00-11:00pm, MSU Observatory, 4299 Pavilion Drive, East Lansing

Come and learn about the night sky! We'll observe planets, nebulae, and stars with our telescopes (clear skies permitting). Learn about the Universe and have your astronomy questions answered during stargazing demonstrations and hands-on exhibits. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Bailey GREENhouse: An Exploration of Sustainable Communities and Urban Farming

April 3, 6:30-8:00pm, Bailey Hall

April 5, 9:00-10:00am, 12:00-2:00pm, Bailey Hall

April 6, 9:00-10:00am, 12:00-2:00pm, Bailey Hall

This tour is designed to provide a comprehensive view of Bailey GREENhouse and the surrounding landscape. Participants will be exposed to sustainable farming practices, the passive solar structure of the GREENhouse, and multiple composting methods used on site. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

MSU Observatory Open House

April 4, 9:00-11:00pm, MSU Observatory, 4299 Pavilion Drive, East Lansing

April 5, 9:00-11:00pm, MSU Observatory, 4299 Pavilion Drive, East Lansing

See the Moon, Jupiter, and other celestial wonders through the 24-inch telescope at the MSU Observatory, weather permitting. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Electrifying!

April 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, LSJ Expo Tent

April 6, 10:00am-4:00pm, LSJ Expo Tent

Ride an exercise bicycle that has been repurposed to create lightning and create a circuit with a hands-on electronic train. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Cosmic K12 Experience

April 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, LSJ Expo Tent

April 6, 10:00am-4:00pm, LSJ Expo Tent

Visit the Cosmic K12 booth and have an out-of-this-world adventure! Create a space journal and document your discoveries. How did spots appear on the moon? Which planet is closest to the sun? Dogs and bears among the stars? Where are you in this big galaxy? How will you look in your astronaut suit? Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Wild Woldumar!

April 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, LSJ Expo Tent

April 6, 10:00am-4:00pm, LSJ Expo Tent

Can you name all five vertebrate animal groups? Learn about which characteristics you find in mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish! Get hands on with animal skins, skulls, and shells to explore how these native Michigan animals survive in the wild. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Material Recovery Facility Open House

April 5, 9:00am-2:00pm, MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center

Take a tour of the Material Recovery Facility, or MRF, at Michigan State University. You'll see an important step in the recovery process and see reuse and recycling firsthand, the MSU way. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Vet-A-Visit

April 5, 9:00am-3:00pm, Veterinary Medical Center, 736 Wilson Road

<http://cvm.msu.edu/vav>

The College of Veterinary Medicine hosts an annual open house called "Vet-A-Visit." Exhibits, demonstrations, and presentations are geared to educating people of all ages about animals, medicine, science, the human-animal bond, and our veterinary profession as an outstanding career choice. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Butterflies in the Garden

April 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, Plant and Soil Sciences, Room C101

April 6, 10:00am-4:00pm, Plant and Soil Sciences, Room C101

Visit the indoor 4-H Children's Garden and experience butterflies in the garden. Explore all stages of the butterfly life cycle, check our chrysalis hatching, and let a butterfly land on your finger. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

LCC Immersive Science Exploration

April 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, 140 Natural Science

April 6, 10:00am-4:00pm, 140 Natural Science

Join Lansing Community College science faculty and students as they present activities ranging from frog dissection to extracting your own DNA. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

MSU Bug House Open House

April 5, 10:00am-5:00pm, 146 Natural Science

April 6, 10:00am-5:00pm, 146 Natural Science

Come visit the Bug House and learn about insects and other arthropods. Guides and displays in the Bug House teach you about insect biology and show examples of insect diversity from around the world. You can even hold one of our live tarantulas or other living arthropods. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Michigan Snakes Alive

April 5, 10:00am-4:00pm, 145 Natural Science

April 6, 10:00am-4:00pm, 145 Natural Science

Meet live Michigan snakes! Lots of touching and handling opportunities, amid discussion about fears and misconceptions surrounding these surprisingly gentle reptiles. Staff also will answer questions about snake identification, ecology, and conservation. Watch snake-feeding time, too! Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Campus Archaeology: Dig the Past

April 5, 11:00am-1:00pm, MSU Museum

The Campus Archaeology Program will host a series of hands-on archaeology activities. Learn how to excavate like an archaeologist, screen dirt for artifacts, and understand how archaeologists study the past.

Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Explore the Herbarium

April 5, 11:00am-12:00pm, 1:00-2:00pm, Plant Biology Laboratories, Herbarium

Explore the MSU Herbarium with an interactive, personalized tour. Visit different stations to learn how to preserve and mount plants, view lichen under a microscope, find your favorite plant in our collection, or see strange and exotic plants from around the world! Recommended Age Range: 7 and up.

Music, Math, and Science

April 5, 2:30-3:30pm, Music Building, Hart Recital Hall

We will look at sound and music events, and some of their scientific and mathematical background: from a flaming sound wave, to monster gummies arising from a loudspeaker, and the secrets of an unpressed piano key, the exploration will be addressed to anyone interested in sound and its nature. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Abrams Planetarium Show: "Comets and Discovery"

April 5, 8:00-9:30pm, Abrams Planetarium

Take a journey across continents and learn about comets and their discovery. Travel back and forth through time to relive exciting moments of comet hunters from the 18th and 21st centuries. Doors will open at 7:30pm. Recommended Age Range: All ages (families).

Behind the Scenes at National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory/Facility for Rare Isotope Beams
April 6, 2:00-3:30pm, Cyclotron, 640 South Shaw Lane

Learn how researchers at a world-class rare isotope laboratory study nuclei that are too small to see, exist for less than one second, and can't be found on Earth. This is your chance to tour the lab (some areas may be restricted during experiments). Recommended Age Range: 7 and up.

Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region and Beyond Symposium

April 2

1:30-4:30pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium

sciencefestival.msu.edu/schedule/featured-events/climate-change-in-the-great-lakes-region-and-beyond

A few decades ago global warming was a little known concern. Today it is a defining challenge of our era. Warming and changes in precipitation are occurring globally and in our Great Lakes Region. Join global and regional climate change experts for informative talks addressing new findings, impact on the Great Lakes, and what can be done.

Fate of the Earth Inaugural Symposium: *Human Well-Being and the Environment*

April 3

8:00am-9:00pm, Kellogg Center

www.espp.msu.edu/fateoftheearth.php

The Environmental Science and Policy Program is launching a symposium series to explore the challenges and opportunities we face in enhancing human well-being while protecting the environment. This symposium will bring distinguished thinkers from around the world to explore what we know, what we need to know and what we must do as we move into a century of unprecedented environmental change, technological advancement and scale of human activity. The event will include research focused seminars and discussion but will emphasize events and presentations that will speak to the broader MSU and Michigan community. In addition to live events and webcasts, the Inaugural Symposium will generate educational materials that can be used in classes and non-traditional education in the spring and beyond.

Teal Ribbon Award Ceremony

April 3

4:00-5:00pm, MSU Kellogg Center, Red Cedar Room

Please join the MSU Counseling Center's Sexual Assault Program in honoring MSU's School of Criminal Justice as the esteemed recipient of the 2014 Teal Ribbon Award! The Teal Ribbon Award is presented annually to recognize and honor exceptional efforts to promote awareness, education and prevention of sexual violence. By attending this event you will have an opportunity to learn more about the outstanding work of the MSU School of Criminal Justice and show your support for their meaningful contributions.

DIGITAL MEDIA, NEW CINEMAS, AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

April 3-5

www.cal.msu.edu/global-south/

Structured as a three-day event, the symposium will begin formally with a film screening at MSU on a Thursday evening, followed by two days of panels and speakers, Friday at Michigan State University and Saturday the University of Michigan. Please visit the website for a schedule of events. Digital media has changed the everyday lives of millions of people, yet the focus on these recent technological developments tends to emphasize the lives of those in first-world nations. But, what about the impacts of new technology

across the digital divide? How is it that digital media, mobile technologies, and new cinematic forms of representation have changed the production and experience of art, economy, and culture in the Global South? Focusing on contemporary developments in digital media, and especially film and the arts, this symposium will explore the creative and tactical integration of digital media and new technologies through such diverse topics as new African cinema, media creation and distribution in South East Asia and South America, and cinemas that engage a minoritarian viewpoint regardless of its geopolitical origins. We seek to address the questions of digital media and the Global South in the form of both scholarship and art, bringing together a range of film scholars who work on Africa, Latin American and Caribbean, and South Asian cinemas.

UURAF (University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum)

April 4

9:00am-5:00pm, MSU Union

urca.msu.edu/uuraf/

UURAF is a wonderful opportunity for MSU undergraduates to formally present their original research and/or creative works to an audience. UURAF brings together an intellectual community of highly motivated students to share their work with faculty, peers, and external audiences. UURAF provides a unique educational opportunity for aspiring researchers. MSU undergraduates gain experience in presenting their research, answer questions about their work from audience members and guests, and receive constructive feedback from judges.

***God Loves Uganda* Film Screening**

April 8

7:30pm, 115 International Center

www.godlovesuganda.com/film/video/

The film focuses on how a radical Evangelical Christian group from the United States has influenced and promoted hateful and prejudiced opinions about LGBT people among the citizens of Uganda. Many see a connection between the spread of these ideas and the recent passage of the anti-homosexuality bill into law in Uganda that penalizes homosexuality with life imprisonment.

Application for Adventure: Everything You Need To Know When Applying to the Peace Corps

April 8

6:00pm, 303 International Center

Interested in applying to Peace Corps? Want to find out what you have to do and by when? A Peace Corps recruiter from our Chicago office will be here to talk to you about what Peace Corps is looking for and what it takes to become a Peace Corps Volunteer. Don't miss this last event of the semester!

Spartan Global Day of Service

April 12

serviceday.msu.edu

The day-long event will connect MSU alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends the world over through the service they provide to their communities. Spartan alumni clubs and groups are taking the lead in organizing group service projects. These projects will be open not only to MSU Alumni Association members but to any Spartans who would like to join in a service effort in their community. Those interested in participating on April 12 can register with an established student service group project, MSU Alumni Association group project or volunteer on their own. All information including creating, finding and registering for group/individual service projects, volunteer tools and frequently asked questions, can be found at the website.

Women's Day of Service

April 12

The 2nd Annual Women's Day of Service will be hosted by MSU's Women's Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD) and the MSU Women's Resource Center (WRC). This volunteer event brings the Spartan community to a one-day event to give back to the following local organizations: Lansing City Rescue Mission, Greater Lansing Food Bank and Haven House. The Women's Day of Service opening and closing ceremony will be held at McDonel Hall Kiva. MSU students, staff, faculty, and the local community of all genders are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are required to register and are advised to wear comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes. Limited transportation will be provided to volunteer sites and McDonel Hall Kiva for the closing ceremony. Volunteers are encouraged to carpool to service sites. To register, complete the following steps: 1. Sign up for a Give Gab account (www.givegab.com). 2. Join Michigan State University under "Universities" tab at top of page. 3. Click "Groups" tab at left of page-Women's Resource Center; join group. 4. Click "Volunteer" tab at left-Women's Day of Service; select a task. 5. Volunteer on Saturday, April 12! For more information, contact MSU Women's Resource Center at 353-1635.

Breaking Barriers 5k Run/Walk

April 12

11:00am, MSU Rock, Farm Lane

www.facebook.com/events/224193507765377/

Join MSUSAID (MSU Students Advancing International Development) and Spartans for NAOP (Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project) for a 5K run/walk to support global empowerment through education and loans. Pre-registration price: adults \$20, children (age 3-12) \$10. Day-of registration price: adults \$25, students (and children 3-12) \$15. Pre-register at www.msusaid.org/breaking-barriers-5k-runwalk.html. Proceeds will be split 50-50 to: 1) Support a women's vocational workshop initiative that will help and empower 500 women annually and give them opportunities to begin small business enterprises. The project will be implemented by MSU SAID's international partner Shanti Ashram, a center for community development and learning at the epicenter of the 40 remote regions of Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. Donations will help expand the vocational training center on site. 2) Sponsor AIDS orphans in Nyakagezi, Uganda, and surrounding communities by providing free education and meals for them as well as provide microloans to older women that take care of the children. The village of Nyakagezi is the home town of Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project founder Jackson Kaguri.

Lavender Reception and Mosaic Awards

April 13

1:30-4:00pm, Kellogg Center

Join us in celebrating our LBGTQA graduating students and honor LBGTQA student leaders and others who have made significant contributions to support the LBGTQA campus community. All MSU students, faculty, staff, alumni, and supportive family and friends are welcome to attend. We look forward to specially recognizing all the graduating students, student leaders, First Year Experience participants, panelists, speakers, and other LBGTRC volunteers at this year's end reunion! Please RSVP online at tinyurl.com/lavendermosaic and indicate how many guests you're bringing.

Tunnel of Oppression

April 16-17

6:00-7:00pm, MSU Union, Mosaic Multicultural Center

The Tunnel of Oppression is a student written, acted, and directed theatrical performance comprised of 11 short monologues, dialogues, and skits that center on issues of oppression and social justice such as identity reclamation, mental health stigmas, incarceration rates of black men, drone use, sex trafficking, and body image.

MSU Student Employment Opportunity with AOP (Academic Orientation Program)

Application Deadline: **April 18, 5:00pm**

orientation.msu.edu/workparttime.html

AOP is currently hiring undergraduate students to fill part-time Student Assistant positions for this summer's programs. Students who hold these positions may take summer classes. The AOP is the first step in welcoming new students to MSU. Members of the AOP staff play a very important role in making students' first experiences as Spartans memorable. AOP is a great way to build a resume and develop marketable skills. Students must be FULLY available for the following time commitments: 1) Student Assistant employees MUST be available every day Monday through Friday at the same time. They can either work from 7:00am-noon or 1:00pm-6:00pm. We do require the same time availability for both summer sessions. 2) Be available June 9 through July 18, and during the week of August 20 through August 24. Students interested in applying for these positions should visit the website or pick up an application in 250 Admin. Visit orientation.msu.edu for further information; contact aop@msu.edu with questions.

Take Your Child to Work Day

April 24

This year's theme is "Plant a Seed: Grow a Future." There are many ways to be involved with numerous benefits for both your department and employees. Some of these benefits include: Showcasing your programs and facilities to other MSU employees; Exposing the educational opportunities at MSU to future Spartans; Showing appreciation to employees by allowing their participation; Promoting pride and teamwork in the work they do. Through programs like Take Your Child to Work Day, employers throughout the United States have provided young people with the opportunity to observe women and men who are exemplars of success. Exposing children to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the work day is important for increasing self-esteem, providing exposure to positive role models and providing positive publicity for MSU. The staff and volunteers of the MSU Women's Resource Center (WRC) and the Family Resource Center (FRC) coordinate this event.

The Future of Undocumented Students in Higher Education: Addressing Equity through Policy and Practice

April 24

8:00am-5:00pm, University Club

Among the many ongoing debates in higher education is the controversy regarding enrolling and funding undocumented students. Not U.S. citizens or legal residents, these students face political, social, financial, and legal barriers with accessing U.S. higher education. These students are talented and motivated youth who have already overcome multiple obstacles that often include poverty, assimilation, and language barriers. This day-long symposium of multiple panels will focus on undocumented students in higher education from various perspectives including policy, advocacy, research, and practice. Presenters will shed light on the wide range of issues raised in this debate and illuminate available policy levers of opportunity at federal, state, and institutional levels to address issues of equity that are central to the future of undocumented students.

Ahmed "Kathy" Kathrada: A South African Activist for Non-Racialism and Democracy Exhibition

Through April 13, MSU Museum

This exhibition introduces visitors to South African Ahmed "Kathy" Kathrada, a champion of human rights, democracy, and non-racialism and a renowned figure in the anti-apartheid struggle. Nelson Mandela's prison mate, confidante, parliamentary counselor and friend, Kathy is a beloved figure in South Africa and his exemplary leadership continues to inspire South Africans and others around the world to work for freedom, non-racialism, and democracy. Through an examination of his life, the exhibition also traces the history of the South African struggle for a democratic government. This powerful exhibition includes a series of colorful

flexible free-standing panels and banners featuring photographs, images of documents, and extended quotes from Kathrada and his liberation colleagues. One of the more moving and dramatic elements of the exhibit is a replica of Kathy's jail cell, from the notorious Robben Island prison. Visitors are able to experience the tiny cell and see the few personal items Kathy was allowed for more than 20 years of imprisonment. In addition, to these elements, there is a 6 minute video.

Ruby Bridges, Brown v. Board of Education and Civil Rights History in Lansing Exhibition Through July 3, MSU Museum

This exhibition focuses on Brown v. Board of Education through the lens of the story of Ruby Bridges (www.rubybridges.com/), the child who was volunteered in 1960 by her parents to be the first black student to attend an all-white elementary school in New Orleans. This exhibition aims to build awareness of an important event in American history and an individual who played a specific role in that event; to increase awareness of the events and locales in local Civil Rights history; and to demonstrate how a signature piece of art can be used to illustrate an important event in American history. with interviews with Nelson Mandela and other anti-apartheid liberation leaders and world leaders.

MSU Safe Place Phone Drive

Did you know MSU Safe Place collects used cell phones, iPods and iPads to raise much needed funds for our program? This March, Safe Place is challenging the Greater Lansing and MSU communities to help us collect 500 cell phones! Drop off locations are: MSU Police Department; Student Life in 101 Student Services; MSU Sexual Assault Program in 14 Student Services; LGBT Resource Center in 302 Student Services; Brody Neighborhood Engagement Center; East Neighborhood Engagement Center in Hubbard Hall; North Neighborhood Engagement Center in Union Building, 2nd Floor; River Trail Neighborhood Engagement Center in McDonel Hall, 1st Floor; South Neighborhood Engagement Center in Holden Hall; MSU Women's Resource Center in 322 Union; MSU College of Law Library Circulation Desk; Alpha Chi Sorority at 243 Burcham, East Lansing; Lansing Police Department at 740 May St, Lansing; Capital Area Response Effort at 2500 S. Washington, Lansing; Union Missionary Baptist Church at 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd., Lansing; St. John's Student Parish at 327 M.A.C. Ave, East Lansing.

Livelt! Spartans Connect with Respect

www.facebook.com/liveitmsu and www.liveit.msu.edu/

Livelt! is a campaign to inspire students to engage with individuals, ideas, cultures and communities that are different from their own and challenge behaviors, attitudes and actions that demean or otherwise harm individuals and our campus community. In college you meet people from all walks of life and from many different places, representing all strata of society, nationalities, ethnicities, lifestyles, and affiliations. Learning from people who are different from you—and recognizing your commonalities—is an important part of your education, as well as essential preparation for the world you will join.

What's your 110? Take the Yearlong Spartan Service Challenge

www.fvfb.co/msuspartans

All Spartans are encouraged to honor each anniversary year of Project 60/50 with one hour of personal service/engagement, meeting the challenge of serving 110 hours over the next year. This yearlong Spartan service challenge demonstrates the MSU community commitment to service and engagement and supports Spartans who serve. Spartans may register individually or as a group. This is a great activity for registered student organizations, Greek organizations, students enrolled in service-learning courses, and student clubs and interest groups. **Follow these steps to sign up:** 1. Go to www.fvfb.co/msuspartans 2. Click the orange 'Join Us' button 3. Create a Profile at www.gvgb.co/MSU110challenge 4. Go to Sign Up 5. Volunteer!

MSU Safe Place Website Resources

www.safeplace.msu.edu/

MSU Safe Place is a program that addresses relationship violence and stalking and serve students, faculty, staff, their spouses/partners and non-affiliated members in the Greater Lansing Area. We provide advocacy, emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, safety planning, information and referrals to survivors of violence and their minor children. All support services are free and confidential. Additionally, we work to increase awareness about relationship violence and stalking through community education and outreach efforts. Have you been hurt by a current or former partner? Need someone to talk to? MSU Safe Place provides **free and confidential support**, information and options for members of the MSU and Greater Lansing communities who have experienced relationship abuse and/or stalking. (517) 355-1100, noabuse@msu.edu.

MSU website *Dive In: A Culture Shock Resource Site*

<http://caitlah.cal.msu.edu/divein/>

A new website has been launched by the Center for Applied Inclusive Teaching and Learning in Arts & Humanities, particularly by the guidance of Dr. Ellen Cushman. It includes a variety of writing by first-year students on their culture-shock experiences at MSU, as well as some useful conceptual tools from the field of culture studies, events and news stories of interest, and campus and community resources.

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Other News and Events

Let Her Sing

April 5

6:00-8:00pm, Ramada Hotel and Conference Center, Lansing

www.lethersing.com

This event was postponed due to weather, check the website for more information. Let Her Sing is a women's empowerment event for the woman who desires to reach maximum impact through her personal and professional success. Let Her Sing is a concert-style event that features dynamic women in your area and is exclusively for women. Consisting of local speakers, singer-songwriters, dramatic story-tellers and other local performance artists, these women are ready to offer you tools for unlocking your full potential. The cost for this event is \$100 and is payable via a Paypal link at the website. The event is also looking for volunteer assistance. Please contact Jessica Crew at event@lethersing.com if you are interested.

Girl Rising

April 5

10:00am-2:00pm, Star AMC Southfield, 25333 West 12 Mile Rd, Southfield, MI 48034

From Academy Award-nominated director Richard E. Robbins, *Girl Rising* journeys around the globe to witness the strength of the human spirit and the power of education to change the world. Viewers get to know nine unforgettable girls living in the developing world: ordinary girls who confront tremendous challenges and overcome nearly impossible odds to pursue their dreams. Prize-winning authors put the girls' remarkable stories into words, and renowned actors give them voice. Registration starts at 10am, movie at 10:30, followed by discussion and lunch. Hosted by Asian-Indian Women's Association for 2014 International Women's Day.

Science In The City!

April 5, 6:00-9:00pm, downtown East Lansing

sciencefestival.msu.edu/schedule/featured-events/science-in-the-city

Come share the science behind the businesses in the heart of downtown East Lansing. Visit nine locations that will share presentations on the science essential to their work and products. Plan your route and stroll from one location to the next. Locations and Presentations:

Grove Gallery: ***The Science of Art: Making the Connection***, 6:00-8:00pm

Evergreen Cycles and Repairs: ***Bicycles from Old to New: Science Keeps Their Wheels Spinning!***, 6:00-8:00pm

Modern Skate and Surf: ***The Science of Skate and Surf***, 6:00-8:00pm

Harper's Restaurant & Brewpub: ***The Craft and Chemistry of Brewing***, 6:00-9:00pm

Genius Phone Repair: ***Smart Phones: The PC in Your Pocket***, 6:00-8:00pm

Silver and Beyond: ***The Science, Math, and History Behind Backgammon Games***, 6:00-8:00pm

Michigan Energy Options: ***Home Energy and You***, 6:00-9:00pm

Douglas J Aveda Institute: ***The Art and Science of Aveda Haircolor***, 6:00-7:00pm

East Lansing Technology Innovation Center: ***3D Printing and the Future***, 6:00-9:00pm

Spring Into Giving Community Drive Through April 11

Any MSUFCU branch in the Greater Lansing Area

The MSUFCU is having a "Spring into Giving" community drive for household items, to help local families and refugees in the Lansing area. Whether you are spring-cleaning to clear clutter or planning to purchase items, we are collecting donations of new or gently used lamps, alarm clocks, plates, silverware, towels, bed sheets, pillows, brooms, mops, and other household items.

March for Higher Education

April 11

12:00pm meet at Beaumont Tower, MSU to march down Michigan Ave to the Capitol

2:00pm rally at the Capitol

www.facebook.com/events/711061552270493/

Goals: 1. An end to tuition hikes. 2. A return to pre-Snyder higher education funding levels. 3. State funding tied to minority enrollment and retention (pending approval of MSU CORES/other relevant student groups). 4. Investigations of sexual assault overseen by the state. 5. Amending student debt relief policy. 6. 50% student representation on the Board of Trustees (or other applicable administrative body at any MI university). Hosted by MSU Students United, www.facebook.com/msustudentsunited.

Potter Park Zoo Volunteer Recruitment Day

April 12

2:00-4:00pm, Safari Room, Potter Park Zoo

www.potterparkzoo.org

Want to serve your community? Become a volunteer at Potter Park Zoo. Volunteers help with special events like the Wild 1-Mile, Wine & Stein, Boo at the Zoo, Wonderland of Lights and more. At these events, volunteers do anything from face painting, beverage pouring, ticket taking and kids' crafts to set-up and tear-down. Additionally, volunteers help with tending the gardens, painting fences and other non-event related activities. Join us to find out how you can plug in! Questions? Contact Jennifer at 517-342-2713 or jhorvatin@ingham.org

V-Day Lansing Presents *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant, and A Prayer* Benefit Performance

April 12

6:00-8:00pm, The Avenue Café, 2021 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI

V-Day Lansing will present a one-night only benefit reading of a ground-breaking collection of monologues by world-renowned authors and playwrights to raise awareness about domestic and sexual violence (edited by Eve Ensler and Mollie Doyle). These diverse voices rise up in a collective roar to break open, expose, and examine the insidiousness of violence at all levels. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$10 students with valid ID and seniors, \$12 general public. Ticket sales will benefit Eve and V-Day. Learn more about our beneficiaries here: <http://www.eveinc.org/>, <http://www.vday.org/>. Tickets will be sold at the door. Cash and checks accepted. Please make checks payable to "V-Day Lansing." 10% of food sales during the event will directly benefit EVE. Donations also accepted! Sign language interpretation of the show will be available.

20th Annual Race for the Place 5K

April 13

www.runsignup.com/Race/MI/EastLansing/RaceforthePlace

Facebook: www.facebook.com/RaceforthePlace

The Race for the Place is the largest annual fundraiser for MSU Safe Place and allows our program to continue to provide vital services to the members of the MSU and greater Lansing communities who experience relationship violence and stalking. The Race for the Place 5K course takes place on MSU's campus. Race for the Place is a fun-filled family event, with events for kids of all ages, MSU varsity athlete participation and a visit from Sparty! 5K Run/Walk Entry Fee: \$30.00. MSU students with valid ID or under age 18: \$20.00. Group discount (up to 4 individuals) must register together in person or by mail: \$60.00.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed on race day to help with various tasks, including, assisting with set-up and refreshments, serving as a course guide, assisting at the finish line or helping with break-down/clean up. Volunteer shifts still needed are: Shift #3: 11:30-3:00pm (50-60 more people needed – race

course and food). Shift #4: 1:00-4:00pm (15-20 more people needed – kids events and tear down). Shift #5: 12-2:30pm (5-10 more people needed). If you would like to volunteer for one shift or for the whole day, please contact Alyssa Baumann at baumann9@msu.edu. Please include your name, email address, phone number and your first and second (if possible) shift preference.

MSU Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention (SACI) Program Summer Volunteer Information Session

April 17

5:00pm, 6 Student Services

www.endrape.msu.edu/sites/default/files/content/volunteer_training_flyer_summer_2014.pdf

Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention (SACI) advocates provide essential crisis intervention, advocacy, and outreach services to the greater Lansing community. **Volunteers do not have to be current students & they do not need to be MSU affiliated.** Volunteering with our program is a great way to learn practical skills and resources, meet amazing people, and positively impact social change! For an opportunity to learn more about our training program in person at the information meeting. It's a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have while meeting the Program staff and other prospective volunteers. Spread the word! Invite anyone you know who may be interested to attend also. Mandatory summer training dates are: **Saturday, May 17th** 9am-5pm, **Sunday, May 18th** 9am-5pm, **Wednesday, May 21st** 6pm-10pm, **Wednesday, May 28th** 6pm-10pm, **Saturday, May 31st** 9am-5pm, **Sunday, June 1st** 9am-5pm. Applications will be due **May 9** at 5:00pm. For more information, please contact Bianca Segura at Biancas@CC.MSU.EDU.

"Aspire to Lead: The PwC Women's Leadership Series" Live Web Cast with Sheryl Sandberg of *Lean In*

April 24

12:30-1:30pm, Wharton Center

http://pwc.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_d13xvaAwzbuSwtv

This spring, PwC in partnership with will deliver our first-ever global forum on women and leadership to college students around the world. The event, part of "Aspire to Lead: The PwC Women's Leadership Series," focuses on the challenges women face as they make the transition from campus to career. This event kicks off with a live webcast on April 24 featuring Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO and best-selling author of *Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead* and *Lean In for Graduates* (to be released in April 2014). We invite you to this candid conversation about gender, leadership and advancement in the workplace.

Meridian Recycling Event

April 26

9:00am-2:00pm, Chippewa Middle School, Okemos MI

recycle.meridian.mi.us/events/2014/4-26.pdf

Call 853-4466 for information or 339-2015 to volunteer. Guidelines for volunteers can be found at http://recycle.meridian.mi.us/events/guidelines_for_recycling_station.htm. Materials accepted: **Electronics:** computers, printers, televisions, stereos, speakers, copiers, CD/VCR players, vacuums, etc. See recycle.meridian.mi.us/news/electronics.pdf. **Metal:** Sinks, washers, scrap metal, refrigerators, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, freezers, lawn mowers (drain & recycle oil/gas—see recycle.meridian.mi.us/factsheets.htm), dehumidifiers, etc. **Furniture & Building Materials:** Solid-core doors, antiques, tools, lumber/trim 4' or longer, completely denailed. No broken items, clean and in working order only; No refinishing needed; No water damage or bowing; No paint or chemicals; mattresses or box springs; No hollow-core doors, aluminum sliding glass doors; single pane windows or shower doors; See recycle.meridian.mi.us/news/restore.pdf. **Books:** Text books, phone books, paperback and hardback. Please sort by hard cover, soft cover, and children's. **Bikes:** All working, non-working bikes and parts. **Shoes/Clothing/Textiles:** Shoes, clothing, fabric, and balls of yarn in plastic bags. Bag shoes and clothing together. Bag fabric and balls/skeins of yarn together. **Egg Cartons & Packing Peanuts:** Dozen-size egg cartons.

Clean packing peanuts in clear plastic bags. No other packing material will be accepted.

Party for the Planet at Potter Park Zoo

April 27

12:00-4:00pm

potterparkzoo.org

Price: General Admission

Celebrate the 44th Earth Day at the zoo! Party for the Planet is North America's largest Earth Day celebration, with more than 120 zoos and aquariums across the country participating. Enrichment items will be given to our animals from 1:00-3:00pm, and some of them are made by our BIG Zoo Lesson kids. You'll be able to get up close with a selection of our education animals and learn about them from their handlers. We'll also be featuring conservation demonstrations throughout the zoo. See you there!

Celebrate Mother's Day at Potter Park Zoo

May 11

9:00am-6:00pm

potterparkzoo.org

Price: Free for Ingham County moms, General Admission all others

In honor of Mother's Day, all moms will receive FREE admission to the Zoo. Looking for the perfect gift for your mom? Visitors can adopt-an-animal in honor of their special mothers. For more information on the Zoo's adopt-an-animal program please call 517-244-8024.

Planned Parenthood of Mid and South Michigan 20th Annual Luncheon featuring Gloria Steinem

May 12

12:00-2:00pm, The Henry, Dearborn, MI

www.ppmsm.org/AL/

Gloria Steinem is a writer, lecturer, editor, feminist activist, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. We invite you to support this event and the educational and health care services that Planned Parenthood Mid and South Michigan provide each year to nearly 70,000 women, men, and teens in Michigan. For tickets and more information, please visit the website.

Wine & Stein at Potter Park Zoo

May 15

6:00-9:00pm

potterparkzoo.org/node/422

Price: \$35 regular, \$30 members

Celebrate the beginning of summer with a casual after hours bash at the zoo! Enjoy tastings of beer and wine in a complimentary souvenir glass and sample fabulous hors d'oeuvres from local restaurants as you listen to live music. And of course, all of our animal residents will be there! Must be 21 or over to attend.

Here is a list of our current vendors for the event (more vendors and registration COMING SOON): Mountain Town Brewery, Anheuser-Busch, Fenn Valley Vineyards and Wine Cellar, Burgdorf Winery, Bad Brewing Company, Pizza House, Tavern on the Square, Peppino's Pizzeria & Sports Grille.

Be A Tourist in Your Own Town

May 31

9:00am-6:00pm

www.lansing.org/events/batyot/

While a dollar sure doesn't buy much these days, it's still enough to participate in the Lansing area's favorite

annual event, Be A Tourist In Your Own Town. This day allows participants to visit more than 60 local attractions and one-day only special tours that include Impression 5 Science Center, Potter Park Zoo, the State Capitol Building, the Michigan Historical Museum and so much more! BATYOT was created to showcase Greater Lansing's attractions, special events and tourism suppliers to our local residents. For a full list of participating attractions, visit the website.

Participants can purchase a "passport" for \$1.00 at various locations throughout the community throughout the month of May. This passport allows the participants into all of the participating attractions throughout the region for free on the day of the event. Certain attractions are stamp locations where the back of the passports can be stamped. Participants can continue to have their passports stamped at those locations throughout the month of June, but can only get into the attractions (free) with the passport the day of BATYOT. They must pay full admission price for the remainder of the month. The participants can then mail in the completed stamp page to be eligible for numerous prizes. The Capital Area Transportation Authority will provide four transportation routes with dedicated stops and multiple busses on each route to get to the majority of attractions. Just pay fifty cents when you board the bus and receive a transfer that will allow patrons to freely get on and off the busses until the end of the event. While CATA lines service the majority of the attractions, there are a few that are not on a bus route, and patrons may need to drive to get there.

Volunteers Needed for Raise the Minimum Wage Campaign

Raise Michigan and Mothering Justice seek volunteers to help with a petition campaign to raise the minimum wage in Michigan. If you are interested in being a part of this process through petition gathering, please contact organizer Jen Smith at (573) 268-2406 or jsginger82@gmail.com. Raise Michigan is a coalition of civil rights, faith, labor, and community groups (one of which is Mothering Justice) who believe in economic justice for all people. We believe if you work full time you should not live in poverty. That's why we have launched a ballot petition to raise the minimum wage and insure no worker earns less than minimum wage. Mothering Justice is a statewide project dedicated to returning decision-making power to the ones affected by these decisions the most. By empowering mothers to influence policy on behalf of themselves and their families, Mothering Justice hopes to change the future of families in Michigan for the better. Mothers act with a one focus - what is best for their families. But, so often, women with children have to rely on others' judgment on issues of financial security. When women with children are not able to advocate for solutions to the problems they care about, a vital voice is missing from the discussion.

Sign the petition to drop the appeal against marriage equality in Michigan action.equalitymi.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=1418

In light of a federal judge's ruling that Michigan's prohibition on Gay Marriage was unconstitutional, Governor Rick Snyder and Attorney General Bill Schuette filed an appeal to withhold state-level benefits from couples who were recently married. However, Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder announced that federal benefits will be extended to these couples. Sign the petition in an effort to tell Attorney Schuette to drop the appeal and extend state-level benefits to these marriages.

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Conferences and Workshops

MSU Symposium: *Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region and Beyond*

April 2

1:30-4:30pm, Kellogg Center

sciencefestival.msu.edu/schedule/featured-events/climate-change-in-the-great-lakes-region-and-beyond

A few decades ago global warming was a little known concern. Today it is a defining challenge of our era. Warming and changes in precipitation are occurring globally and in our Great Lakes Region. Join global and regional climate change experts for informative talks addressing new findings, impact on the Great Lakes, and what can be done.

MSU Fate of the Earth Symposium: *Human Well-Being and the Environment*

April 3

8:00am-9:00pm, Kellogg Center

www.espp.msu.edu/fateoftheearth.php

The Environmental Science and Policy Program is launching a symposium series to explore the challenges and opportunities we face in enhancing human well-being while protecting the environment. This symposium will bring distinguished thinkers from around the world to explore what we know, what we need to know and what we must do as we move into a century of unprecedented environmental change, technological advancement and scale of human activity. The event will include research focused seminars and discussion but will emphasize events and presentations that will speak to the broader MSU and Michigan community. In addition to live events and webcasts, the Inaugural Symposium will generate educational materials that can be used in classes and non-traditional education in the spring and beyond.

MSU Undergraduate Philosophy Conference

April 4-5

530 South Kedzie

This conference will consist of presentations from undergraduate students nationwide as well as a keynote address by Professor Lorraine Code. Code is a philosopher at York University in Toronto, Canada who specializes in feminist epistemology. Her keynote address can be categorized as a scholarly work in the disciplines of epistemology, ecology and ecofeminism. There is no registration fee and the conference is open to all. If you plan on attending, please email Chandi Guntupalli at guntupal@msu.edu. If you have any questions, please email Jenny Carmichael at carmic31@msu.edu. Friday Schedule: 3:00-4:30pm—Reading Group. 6:00pm—Reception. Saturday Schedule: 9:00-9:50am—Breakfast. 10:00am-1:00pm—Presentations. 1:00-2:00pm—Lunch. 2:00-5:00pm—Presentations. 5:00pm—Keynote Address by Lorraine Code: “Doubt and Denial: Epistemic Responsibility Meets Climate Change Skepticism.”

Anthropocene Feminism

April 10-12

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

<http://c21uwm.com/anthropocene/>

The concept of the anthropocene postulates a new geological epoch defined by overwhelming human influence upon the earth beginning with the Industrial Revolution in the late eighteenth century, and provides a framework through which to account for and depict the impact of climate change in a variety of media forms and practices. The concept has arguably been implicit in feminism, critical theory, and queer theory for decades, a genealogy that is largely ignored, or worse, erased, by the masculine authority of science. This conference will consider the ways in which feminism has long been concerned with the anthropocene, and what current interest in the anthropocene might mean for feminism, in its evolving histories, theories, and

practices. The conference seeks to highlight both why we need an anthropocene feminism and why thinking the anthropocene must come from feminism. How has feminism anticipated the concept of the anthropocene, and what might it yet have to offer: how can feminism help us to historicize, challenge, or refine the concept of the anthropocene? What do new materialist feminism or ecofeminism (to name just two) add to (or detract from) current humanistic understandings of the anthropocene? What does feminism have to say to the claim that humans now act as a geological force in ways that are independent of or indifferent to social, cultural, or political will or intent? Second, and equally important, is there (or should there be) an anthropocene feminism? Does the claim that we have entered a new epoch in which humans are a major geological force on the planet call for a reconceptualization of feminism? Does feminism require a new formulation specific to the age of the anthropocene, a new historical or period designation? How should feminism in an anthropogenic age take up an increased attention to or concern for the nonhuman world? We encourage participants to investigate and analyze the anticipation of this concept in feminism and other related theoretical paradigms and, in turn, to speculate upon its implications. We are also interested in work that pays attention to the place of the nonhuman in feminist theory and practice, in order to offer some suggestions about how the humanities, arts, and social sciences might best treat the anthropocene as we move forward in the 21st century.

Unite for Sight: Global Health and Innovation Conference

April 12-13

Yale University, Connecticut

www.uniteforsight.org/conference

The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world's largest global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference. This must-attend, thought-leading conference annually convenes 2,200 leaders, changemakers, students, and professionals from all fields of global health, international development, and social entrepreneurship.

Women and Economic Security Conference: Changing Policy & Practice

May 14-16

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

tinyurl.com/WomenandEconomicSecurity

This interdisciplinary, multisector conference will focus on identifying and combating barriers that women living in poverty face as they seek economic security and mobility. National researchers and practitioners will join U-M faculty, bringing multiple perspectives to this complex concern with policy recommendations as the expected outcome. This is a joint conference, presented by the Center for the Education of Women (CEW), University of Michigan and the National Council for Research on Women (NCRW). The conference registration fee is \$150 to attend all three days, or \$100 per day. Students not enrolled at U-M may attend for \$25.00. Please contact CEW for your special coupon code at contactcew@umich.edu.

Women & Policy in the Global Community

May 19-23

Registration Deadline: April 25

plen.org/programs/seminars/global/

College women will learn about international policy from women whose work impacts the entire world during this week in Washington, D.C. Students will hear from women leaders advocating for humanitarian issues, citizens' rights, international security, and international development in an increasingly interconnected world.

Building and Maintaining a Comprehensive Survivor-Centered Campus

May 20-21

Central Michigan University, Mt Pleasant, MI

www.bmcscscc.com/

This Conference was developed in response to requests by various campus communities for information on CMU's peer advocacy program, policies and procedures, campus resources and collaboration. This conference is an opportunity for higher education professionals who engage with survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking to learn more about developing a survivor-centered campus. The purpose of the conference is to serve as an excellent occasion to gather and meet as professionals to learn and discuss the roles of various departments and the importance of department collaboration. CMU will share its history as well as ongoing developments, placing an emphasis on the importance of building a matrix among various campus resources and departments. A comprehensive analysis of university policies and procedures will be provided and discussed from micro and macro perspectives. Further discussion will focus on identification and roles of key administrators in creating a survivor-centered campus. Key administrators from CMU's own campus will present their own roles as well as their collaboration with other campus resources. Additionally there will be extensive dialogue on how to develop and sustain a student peer advocacy program.

Berkshire Conference: *History of Women*

May 22-25

University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

www.berks2014.com

When you register for the conference, you can sign up for enlightening, exciting, and fun events (tours, workshops, and evening programming) organized for conference participants. For more information, check out our website before you register. Many of the events are capped, so read up and sign up!

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Calls for Papers and Proposals

Association for Interdisciplinary Studies 36th Annual Conference

October 16-19, 2014, MSU, East Lansing MI

Proposal Deadline: July 31

The organizers are seeking proposals for individual papers, panels, workshops, and roundtable sessions. The program committee is especially interested in presentations that employ research from two or more disciplines. Presentations on any relevant topic are welcomed, and proposals should include the presenter's name, title, organizational affiliation, email address, title, and a 150-200 word paper abstract. Proposals for roundtable discussions, workshops, or panels should include the organizer's and presenters' names, titles, organizational affiliations, email addresses, session and paper titles, and a 250-400 word session abstract. Proposals should be emailed to ais2014@msu.edu with the word "Proposal" in the subject line. Proposals submitted by May 15 will be given priority and will receive a response by June 1, but proposals will be accepted until the deadline of July 31. Please direct questions to ais2014@msu.edu.

Gendered Perspectives on International Development

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Gendered Perspectives on International Development (GPID) publishes scholarly work on global social, political, and economic change and its gendered effects in developing nations. *GPID* cross-cuts disciplines, bringing together research, critical analyses, and proposals for change. Our previous series, the *WID Working Papers* (1981-2008), was among the first scholarly publications dedicated to promoting research on the links between international development and women and gender issues. In this tradition, *GPID* recognizes diverse processes of international development and globalization, and new directions in scholarship on gender relations. The goals of *GPID* are: 1) to promote research that contributes to gendered analysis of social change; 2) to highlight the effects of international development policy and globalization on gender roles and gender relations; and 3) to encourage new approaches to international development policy and programming. *GPID Working Papers* are article-length manuscripts (9,000-word maximum) by scholars from a broad range of disciplines, disseminating materials at a late stage of formulation that contribute new understandings of women's and men's roles and gender relations amidst economic, social, and political change. Individual papers in the series address a range of topics, such as: gender, violence, and human rights; gender and agriculture; reproductive health and healthcare; gender and social movements; masculinities and development; and the gendered division of labor. We particularly encourage manuscripts that bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice. If you are interested in submitting a manuscript to the *GPID Working Papers* series, please send a 150-word abstract summarizing the paper's essential points and findings to Rowenn Kalman, Managing Editor, at papers@msu.edu. If the abstract suggests your paper is suitable for the *GPID Working Papers*, the full paper will be invited for peer review and publication consideration. Please note that authors retain the copyright to their papers and are encouraged to publish their papers in other journals.

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Positions and Internships

Faculty Position in Religion and Politics

Washington University in St. Louis

rap.wustl.edu/senior-faculty-position/

Washington University in St. Louis, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics, invites applications and nominations across the humanities and social sciences for a senior (tenured) faculty position, to begin as early as July 1, 2014. Candidates should have scholarly expertise in one or more religious traditions with presence in the United States and should be broadly trained in U.S. religious history, the sociology of religion, American politics, or a related field. It is expected that candidates will have completed the Ph.D. and have a significant record of publication. Duties for the position will include teaching, conducting research, writing for publication, presenting seminars, participating in Center governance, and university service. Applications from women and members of underrepresented groups are especially encouraged. To apply, send a letter of nomination or application, along with a curriculum vitae, to rap@wustl.edu.

Assistant Professor, U.S. History 1830-1945

University of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

www.uacareertrack.com/ (job number: 53650)

The Department of History at the University of Arizona seeks a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor in U.S. history, to begin Fall 2014. We request applications from scholars whose U.S. history research expertise falls within the period of 1830-1945, with specializations in one or more of the following topics: race and ethnicity, gender, labor and work. The successful candidate will be expected to have a doctorate in history or a relevant discipline by August 2014. Candidates should demonstrate a strong potential for excellence in research and an ability to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The department seeks individuals who are able to work with diverse students and colleagues and who have experience with a variety of teaching methods and curricular perspectives. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. We anticipate conducting interviews at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2014, in Washington, D.C. To apply, please complete the online faculty application and attach a letter of application describing research and teaching interests and experience, cv, one writing sample (chapter or article-length) and the names of three recommenders. Please arrange for the letters of recommendation to be sent to Prof. Katherine Morrissey by email as pdf attachments to HistoryJobSearch@email.arizona.edu. Other materials, such as graduate transcripts and teaching evaluations, may be requested at a later date.

Assistant Professor of Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

www.calpolyjobs.org (job number: 103079)

The College of Liberal Arts at California Polytechnic State University seeks applications for a full-time (academic year), tenure-track assistant professor in gender, race, culture, science, and technology (GRCST) to begin September 15, 2014. Candidates must demonstrate the ability/potential to collaborate across disciplines and contribute to the curricular and scholarly development of the interdisciplinary area of GRCST. Although applications are sought from any traditional liberal arts discipline (arts, communications, humanities, social sciences) or interdisciplinary area, we are particularly interested in applicants with backgrounds in or connections to anthropology, ethnic studies, geography, philosophy, sociology, or women's and gender studies. Disciplinary expertise alone is not sufficient; that expertise must intersect in meaningful ways with science and technology.

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Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Humanities Without Walls (HWW) Global Midwest Initiative

Michigan State University

Proposal deadline: **April 27**

www.cal.msu.edu/hic/hww-rfp2014/

The HWW is a consortium of humanities centers at 15 research universities throughout the Midwest and beyond and the Global Midwest Initiative is designed to link the consortial partners in a common commitment to research and dialogue around a set of important, mutually articulated problems of broad public interest. Its principal long-term objectives are to reveal and rethink the Midwest as a major force in this century's global economy and culture for scholars, policy-makers, government officials, social scientists, and an enlightened public and to demonstrate how the "applied humanities," through collaborations of artists, scholars in the humanities, and scientists (both social and natural), can contribute to the work on grand intellectual challenges. **Up to four \$5000 awards** will be made to collaborative project proposals submitted by MSU faculty. Projects funded by this seed program will be eligible for consideration for a larger \$750,000 grant program during Fall semester 2014. Collaborations should include faculty from other HWW partners as well as from within MSU. Cultural Entrepreneurship projects are public, engaged scholarly projects designed to change minds and improve the day-to-day conditions for those communities in which and with which the project is conducted. They are ambitious, but focused efforts do critical Humanities work in the public arena.

Proposal Format: We request three page proposals for projects to receive start-up funding of up to \$5000. Each proposal should clearly discuss 1. The Need (in scholarly and local communities) and Opportunity (including the approach, experience, and expertise of the team) to launch the project. 2. Project Goals, linked to an Activity Timeline & Resource Plan (including a rough budget). 3. Expected Results and Implications (including ideas for sustaining the project beyond the startup phase). Please also include short (2pg.) CVs for each member of the project team. Questions about this initiative should be sent to Deanna Thomas, thomasde@msu.edu.

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Study Opportunities

MSU Summer Courses of Interest

Women's Studies:

WS403-730 Women & Change in Developing Countries. Second Session. This newly revised version of WS 403 focusses on enhancing knowledge, skills and abilities to increase gender equality and women's empowerment through international development projects in the *agriculture* and *environment* sectors. Through successful completion of the course, students will be able to: Analyze significant challenges to gender equity and women's empowerment through agricultural and natural resource development; Apply gender and development theories, frameworks, concepts and tools for data collection and analysis to improve development outcomes; Identify key stakeholders and their associated approaches to gender/development; and Design appropriate program interventions to address challenges to gender equity in these sectors.

Social Work:

SW 491 Social Work and the Human Animal Bond. **August 8-9.** The School of Social Work is offering a unique one-credit elective for the second summer session. The class is SW 491 section 301, special topics in social work. The class will run for two full days, August 8 and August 9. The content is Social Work and the Human Animal Bond. The class will have presentations by people who work with animal assisted therapy, companion animals, service animals. It will be a very interactive class. There will also be veterinarians and medical technicians who experience compassion fatigue (secondary post-traumatic stress disorder). This is due to the very difficult things they have to do to care for our companions. Directions for enrollment are found in the MSU Schedule of Courses.

Human Development and Family Studies:

The Department of Human Development and Family Studies will be offering a selection of courses online this summer. The following courses will be offered:

HDFS 145 Individual, Marriage, & the Family

HDFS 211 Child Growth & Development

HDFS 225 Lifespan Human Development in the Family

HDFS 238 Personal Finance

HDFS 413 Adult Development & Family

HDFS 414 Parenting

HDFS 442 Ethnic Families in America

HDFS 444 Interpersonal Relationships in the Family

HDFS 445 Human Sexuality

*Students will need to have at least 56 credits completed to enroll in the 400-level courses.

Professional Writing:

WRA 320 Technical Writing. First Session. In Technical Writing you learn the skills that you need to be a successful writer in the workplace. During this course you will hone your skills in instructional writing, technical reviews, document design, technical style, and team writing. Furthermore, this course will allow you to practice writing using video, screen casting, and print design, making you prepared for the many different situations of technical communication. Instructor: John Lauckner. 3 credits.

WRA 355 Writing for Publication. Full summer session. In WRA 355, you have the opportunity to explore the world of publishing and see what life is like as a freelance writer while working to polish your writing—from draft to finished product. You will learn how to research publication venues, how to query and pitch pieces, and how to write to a deadline for both online and print publications. The course provides a great opportunity to add pieces to your writing portfolio and a chance to launch your freelance writing career. Instructor: Kathryn Houghton. 3 credits

WRA 453 Grant Writing. Second Session. In Grant Writing you will research and write grant proposals for corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. You will learn to understand the processes of

successful grant writing and engage in various activities associated with proposing grants. The main course project is writing a complete grant proposal. Instructor: Dean Rehberger. 3 credits.

MSU Spring 2015 Courses of interest

ENG 473B/ENG 820/AAAS 891 *Racialized Gender Violence and the Law*

This course will consider the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender, class, sexuality, violence, and the legal ramification and outcomes of all of these, on a global scale. Given that violence is such a major influence in the lives of socially and economically oppressed people globally, specifically analyzing how violence affects the social, economic, and physical development of individual people of color and diasporic communities of college is a necessary endeavor. And understanding how the law, both de factor and de jure, differentially regulates, censures, and condones that violence—whether through indirect policies, explicit legislative enactment or implicit silences—is a crucial component of that endeavor.

Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies: Genocide and Human Rights University Program

August 4-15, University of Toronto, Canada

www.genocidestudies.org/GHRUP/index.html

The mission of the Genocide and Human Rights University Program is to help develop a new generation of scholars to engage in research and publication in the field of genocide and human rights studies. This goal is achieved through a comparative and interdisciplinary analysis of such cases of genocide as the Jewish Holocaust, the Cambodian Genocide, and the Rwandan Genocide, among others, using the Armenian Genocide, the archetypal genocide of the 20th century, as the point of reference. The program also seeks to help develop an academic level educational support system for those who wish to work toward the prevention of genocide. The program strives to show, through the study and sharing of the genocidal traumas of many peoples, that genocide is a universal human experience and that, as such, it must be the concern of all individuals and institution.

MSU Graduate Specialization in Women and Gender

<http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/academics/graduate.htm/#specialization>

http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/academics/documents/academics/Grad_Spec_WGS.pdf

The Graduate Specialization in Women and Gender is designed for completion by either Master's or doctoral students. The graduate specialization in Women and Gender is designed to foster the study of women and gender across disciplines and national borders, provide opportunities for graduate students to obtain a comprehensive, cross/interdisciplinary academic experience in women and gender, and to foster the growth of interdisciplinary research and teaching on women and gender. Emphasis is given to understanding the diversity of women's lives nationally and globally. The graduate specialization is open to graduate students with adequate undergraduate preparation in women and gender. The specialization should complement advanced, discipline-based degrees by providing an interdisciplinary, feminist component.

MSU Minor in Defense Studies & Leadership

www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/ProgramDetail.asp?Program=7721

The new minor in Defense Studies and Leadership is now available for enrollment. This minor is open to all undergraduates. The minor is administered by the Department of History, with Emily Tabuteau as advisor. She can be contacted at tabuteau@msu.edu. Students who want to talk before deciding whether to take on the minor should also email the advisor to set up a time to meet.

MSU Undergraduate Specialization in Bioethics, Humanities, and Society

bioethics.msu.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=202&Itemid=29

This program strives to serve students who seek to broaden their understanding of health and healing by

drawing on several disciplinary perspectives, including philosophy, history, literature, anthropology, sociology, and others. We commonly find that, among others, many pre-professional students (pre-nursing, pre-dental, pre-medical, and pre-public health) are interested in our program.

MA in Women's History at Sarah Lawrence College

www.slc.edu/womens-history

This program is intellectually challenging and highly focused. It introduces students to the growing historical literature on women, feminist theory, and research methods and resources in the field. You can also visit

MA in Women's and Gender Studies at University of Southern Florida

<http://wgs.usf.edu/news/index.aspx>

The mission of the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of South Florida is feminist undergraduate and graduate education, research, and practice for social justice by engaging students in the discovery and production of knowledge that emerges from feminist perspectives on culture and society.

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