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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

Concentration in Gender and Sexuality Studies at Syracuse University in Florence

# GenCen News and Events

## **Please bear with us as we experience ongoing website issues!**

The websites within our college (International Studies and Programs) are currently undergoing a lengthy overhaul and upgrade. During this process, we are very limited in being able to update our website content. Many of our pages will be out-of-date, so please check our homepage (that hopefully we will be able to keep updating), our Facebook page and group, and our event/Digest emails for updates on events and news. Feel free to email us at [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) if you have any specific questions or concerns! We hope our new website will be up and running early this summer.

## **Find GenCen on Facebook**

GenCen has an active Facebook Group ([www.facebook.com/groups/MSUGenCen/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MSUGenCen/)), 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! We also have an “official” Page ([www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen](http://www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen)), where we post our events and other items of GenCen/MSU-related interest. Feel free to “like” us to stay up-to-date! We have added a calendar feature to our page, listing GenCen/MSU/Other relevant Facebook events. The direct link to the calendar is [www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen/app\\_101709316537832](http://www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen/app_101709316537832)

## **Student Advising Appointments:**

### **Spring 2015 Walk-In Office Hours are Wednesdays from 2:00-4:00pm**

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](mailto:gencenad@msu.edu) to schedule an appointment.

## **Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Fellowships for Dissertation Research and Completion Application Deadline: April 15**

Application materials can be found at <http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/funding/gjec.htm>.

The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2015-16 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU’s Graduate School has allowed for the development of four up-to-\$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following two categories: GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship Eligibility: 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. GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship Eligibility: 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 2016, and their dissertations must focus on the gender dimensions of environmental and/or agricultural change. Funding must be used during the 2015-16 academic year. Inquiries may be directed to Dori Hopkins ([gencenad@msu.edu](mailto:gencenad@msu.edu)).

## ***Cross-Generational Dialogues in Black Women’s History Conference***

**March 20 (9am-4pm) and March 21 (9am-4pm)**

**East Lansing Marriot at University Place, 300 M.A.C. Ave, East Lansing, MI**

[www.bwhxg.org](http://www.bwhxg.org)

This gathering will honor a group of pioneering scholars in Black Women’s History. In addition to emphasizing the importance of intergenerational mentoring, the presentations will also offer innovative approaches within the field. Day one will include sessions on: Black Women in Slavery and Freedom; Theorizing Black Women’s History: Politics, Place, and Pedagogy; Black Women, Incarceration, Violence, and Resistance. Day two will include sessions on: Black Women, Diasporic Consciousness, and Internationalism; Herstory in Action; Black

Women, Education, Migration, and Networking. For more information visit the website.

### ***Round Table: Women's and Gender Studies in Turkey***

**March 20**

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

In recent years there has been a major increase in the number of programs devoted to Women's and Gender Studies within Turkey. From the outside, this appears to be an entirely positive development. Within Turkey, however, conversations among academics reveal significant measures of concern and anxiety over this trend. Indeed, some Turkish scholars depict these programs' establishment, organizational structure, and even their names as expressions of the current government's conservative agenda. This presentation provides an overview of Women's and Gender Studies programs within Turkey, past and present. Based upon this survey of historical developments and ongoing trends, the potential for collaborative projects with Turkish institutions of higher education is then assessed. This appraisal is based largely on observations derived from an MSU Strategic Partnership inquiry of various public and private universities in Istanbul and Izmir that was conducted during Summer 2014 by the MSU faculty participating in this presentation. There will be a round-table consisting of presentations from participants, followed by opportunities for questions-and-answers and discussion. Participants will include Emine Ö. Evered, PhD (Associate Professor of History), Michelle Kaminski, PhD (Associate Professor of Human Resources & Labor Relations), Stacy Hickox, J.D. (Assistant Professor of Human Resources & Labor Relations), Hannah Brenner, J.D. (Lecturer in Law, College of Law).

### ***Gender, Women, and Sexuality: An Undergraduate Research Showcase***

**April 3**

**9:00am-2:00pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor International Center**

Registration Deadline: **March 30**

Registration is required for this event, free and open to the public, and includes catered lunch with Keynote speaker Amy Bonomi, Professor and Chair of the Human Development and Family Studies Department at Michigan State University. Email [GenCen@msu.edu](mailto:GenCen@msu.edu) with subject line "Undergrad Research Showcase Registration". Email should include your full name, major/department, and MSU affiliation (undergraduate, graduate, faculty, etc.) if applicable.

### ***Queer Conversations II: Queer Rage Symposium, April 15***

Submission Deadline: **March 14**

[www.queerconversations.com](http://www.queerconversations.com)

*Queer Conversations* is a half-day graduate symposium inviting conversation and collaboration on queer issues and research intending to highlight the queer work graduate students are doing across disciplines and departments. At last year's symposium, we listened to speakers from an array of fields and disciplines talk about contemporary queer topics and themes. From queer performance art to investigating queer lives in the academy, speakers challenged audience members to think queerly about their areas of interest. This year's symposium will include Ignite talks, a works in progress forum, a reception and resource fair, and evening performances by queer artists. We are now accepting proposals for the following: Works-in-Progress Forum: 1-2 folks working in related areas or on related topics who want to facilitate a conversation on a queer theme or tension will jump start a works-in-progress conversation with a brief sharing of their own work. Please submit a proposal of 200 words that explains the general topic and each speaker's focus. Ignite Talks: these are 5-minute individual talks accompanied by no more than 5 slides. Ignite sessions will be concluded with open discussion and networking. Please submit a brief proposal of 200 words indicating the talk's topic. Performance Pieces: Readings, demonstrations, art displays, video screenings, dramatizations, and other performances are welcome. Please give an overview of the performance piece, its approximate length, and/or display needs in your 200-word proposal. **To submit**: Send proposals as an attachment to [queertheoryplayground@gmail.com](mailto:queertheoryplayground@gmail.com). Please indicate which session type your proposal is for (work-in-

progress forum, Ignite talk, or performance), and include presenter(s) name(s), degree program(s), and email address(es) with the proposal. If you have questions, please contact Trixie Smith at [smit1254@msu.edu](mailto:smit1254@msu.edu). Sponsored by The Queer Theory Playground in Rhetoric & Writing (in WRAC), The College of Arts and Letters, GenCen, and The Writing Center.

**Gender, Justice and Environmental Change (GJEC) Brown Bag.** Free and open to the public.

***At home and at the plaza: Indigenous claims to the city in northwestern Mexico***

**April 16**

12:00-1:00pm, 204 International Center

Presented by Lucero Radonic, PhD, MSU Department of Anthropology.

***When Sade meets French Porno-Punk: The Marquis and Virginie Despentes***

**April 17**

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

This presentation will analyze how Sade's materialism allows for the development of the queer "liberated woman" as she is depicted in Virginie Despentes's novel *Baise-moi*. The presentation will focus on sexuality, transgression and knowledge acquisition in Despentes's novel, and examine how these aspects are linked to Sade's transgressive philosophy of materialism. The materialistic quest of knowledge depicted in Sade's and Despentes's works challenges the concept of heteronormativity, since it is not restrained by any gender norms. Valentina Denzel is an Assistant Professor of French Literature (17th and 18th century) in the Department of Romance and Classical Studies at Michigan State University. Her fields of interest are Italian and French Literature (15th–18th century), Queer and Gender Studies, Narratology, Possible World Theory, Relation between fiction and reality, and *Querelle des femmes*. She has published several articles in this field of research. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in French literature and language.

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## ***Break the Shackles: New MSU Student Club***

Break the Shackles is an anti-human trafficking organization dedicated to the fight against modern slavery. They meet once a month with some of Michigan's most elite officers—police officers, FBI officers, policy makers and more. These officers and policy makers are all part of the Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection and liberation of victims of human trafficking. Email [breaktheshacklesmsu@gmail.com](mailto:breaktheshacklesmsu@gmail.com) or [blum.carly@gmail.com](mailto:blum.carly@gmail.com) for more information.

## **Kay Chernush special exhibits on human trafficking (Co-Sponsored by GenCen)**

Kay Chernush is an award-winning photographer with 30 years of experience in commercial and fine art photography. Her interest in human trafficking began with a photography assignment for the State Department in 2005, work that has since been exhibited at the United Nations in New York and Vienna, Princeton, Kean University and the World Bank. She is the founder and director of ArtWorks for Freedom.

### ***Bought & Sold: Voices of Human Trafficking Exhibit***

**Through March 30 (M-F 8:00am-5:00pm)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery, MSU College of Law Building**

The goal of this exhibit is to prompt a reconsideration of the commodification of human beings and the dehumanizing social interactions that make it possible for slavery to exist today. The exhibit speaks to the experiences and suffering of the millions of men, women, and children caught up in slavery's web. The exhibit asks you to consider their plight, challenging us to imagine the daily horrors, tedium, desperation and ambiguities of their lives. For additional information contact the MSU College of Law Exhibition Coordinator, Professor Nicholas Mercurio, [mercurio@law.msu.edu](mailto:mercurio@law.msu.edu) or 517 432-6978.

### ***Borderless Captivity: The Face of Modern Slavery Exhibit***

**Through March 18 (M-F, 10:00am-3:00pm)**

**MSU Global Gallery, 301 Nisbet Building**

Modern day slavery, or human trafficking as it is also known, exists in every country and in many guises. It is fueled by extreme poverty, corruption, cultural norms that devalue and commodify women and children in particular, and also by a seemingly insatiable demand for exploitive sex and cheap labor. These photographs are intended to put a human face on the statistics and headlines, to tell the stories of modern day enslavement and the journey towards freedom.

## ***The Bully Prevention Project Community Forum***

**March 17**

**7:00pm, WKAR (Communication Arts and Sciences Building)**

The community forum will address bullying behaviors, current policy and law, and the positive impact of student empowerment and community engagement. The Bully Prevention Project is designed to educate parents, teachers and our community about the physical and psychological dangers of bullying, and to showcase what the Lansing School District and the city of Lansing are doing to engage, educate and inspire students to take a stand against bullying and other asocial behaviors in the school and the community. Support for the Bully Prevention Project is provided in part by a grant from the Capital Region Community Foundation Youth Action Committee. The event is free but online reservations are required at [www.wkar.org](http://www.wkar.org).

## **Inspirational Woman of the Year Recognition Reception**

**March 18**

**4:00pm, MSU University Club (3435 Forest Rd, Lansing MI)**

Please join the MSU Women's Resource Center to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Audrey Bentley, Dr. Karin Wurst, and Dr. Jeanne Wald. RSVP by March 12 by calling 517-353-1635 or emailing [wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu).

## **CAL Peer Mentor Program Information Session**

**March 19**

**5:00pm, B310 Wells Hall**

CAL is kicking off a brand-new peer mentor program for first semester freshmen within the college in fall 2015. This program will be facilitated through the AL 101 seminar, and we are currently looking for enthusiastic CAL Spartans to serve as peer mentors! As a peer mentor, you will have numerous responsibilities to aid in your mentees' transition experience and success at MSU. You have the unique opportunity to be on the ground floor of this program, making your feedback and experience especially important in shaping the program for future semesters. If you are interested in learning more, go to <http://www.cal.msu.edu/current-students/advising/peer-mentor/> to read the job description and access the application form.

## ***Love, Sex and Greed: Reflecting Gender and Class in French Comic Opera***

**March 19**

**12:15-1:30pm, MSU Museum Auditorium**

This presentation will be given by Marcie Ray, MSU College of Music, as part of the "Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives" brown bag series, which explores and presents the richness and diversity of worker experience and workers culture through an ongoing program of exhibits, lectures and presentations; writing and research projects; and reunions, dialogues, demonstrations and discussions.

## **Teaching Abroad Panel Discussion**

**March 20**

**1:30-3:30pm, B122 Wells Hall**

This informational session is designed for students from all majors who are interested in teaching abroad. You will hear from panelists who have participated in a variety of teaching abroad experiences in a range of different locations including teaching English abroad in Spain, teaching in an international school in the UAE and volunteering abroad in Panama just to name a few. Come learn about the opportunities available.

## **Applications for Undergraduate CAL Commencement Speaker**

Deadline: **March 20**

Applications for student speaker for spring and summer Commencements are available. Email [havlatk1@msu.edu](mailto:havlatk1@msu.edu) for more information.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Dia de la Mujer* Conference**

**March 21**

**8:00am-5:00pm, MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

[www.ddlm.ocat.msu.edu](http://www.ddlm.ocat.msu.edu)

Empowering With Life Decision Tools: the largest Latina event in Michigan. The conference will include workshops on health, education, finance, legal, careers in STEM, self-improvement, business and more. The keynote speaker will be Maria Hinojosa, award-winning journalist and producer of Latino USA. Register at the website above.

## **MSU Health4U Emotional Wellness: *Relaxing Under the Stars***

**March 25, April 15**

**12:10-12:50pm, Abrams Planetarium**

[http://health4u.msu.edu/classes/relaxing\\_under\\_stars.html](http://health4u.msu.edu/classes/relaxing_under_stars.html)

Remember when you were a kid, when you would lie on the grass on a clear night and just look up at the stars? There is something about staring up at the night sky that is peaceful and relaxing, allowing us to forget about any stress that we may be experiencing. Join Health4U and Abrams Planetarium for "Relaxing Under the Stars" to re-capture that feeling of relaxation and wonderment. The first 20 minutes consists of a guided

constellation tour using the impressive Digistar, the computer-graphics based planetarium projector. The second half of the program will feature relaxing music to complement your star gazing experience. **To register: Complete a registration form**, email [health4u@msu.edu](mailto:health4u@msu.edu), or Call Health4U at 517.353.2596.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Annual International Awards Ceremony**

**March 25**

**3:00-5:00pm, Huntington Club (4<sup>th</sup> floor Spartan Stadium, 535 Chestnut Road)**

MSU's International Studies and Programs invites you to the International Awards Ceremony to congratulate the 2015 award recipients! Ralph Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs at MSU: Irvin E. Widders, Horticulture. John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award: Yael S. Aronoff, James Madison College and Jewish Studies. Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award: Salleh B. Mohd Nor, Forestry. Gill Chin Lim Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation in Global Studies: Vanessa K. Hull, Fisheries and Wildlife. MSU Award for Outstanding Service to Study Abroad: Barb Sears, Plant Biology and Genetics Program. Homer Higbee Awards for International Educational Exchange: Boris Hsieh, Economics; Andrew R. Jason, Arts and Humanities; Symbat Payayeva, Economics; Mitsuko Marx, CVIP Community Volunteer. Charles A. Gliozzo International Award for Public Diplomacy: Michael Rush, Broad Art Museum. Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding: Nanda P. Joshi, Animal Science; Cindy Felbeck Chalou, Study Abroad.

### ***Neoliberalism and Public Higher Education Conference***

**March 27-28**

**Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

[www.jsri.msu.edu/events/neoliberalism-and-public-higher-education-conference](http://www.jsri.msu.edu/events/neoliberalism-and-public-higher-education-conference)

MSU's Julian Samora Research Institute is hosting a nationwide conference on neoliberalism and public higher education. Nationally-known and emerging scholars and researchers will present and participate on panel discussions on the corporatization of public universities, the privatization of public higher education and its implications for democracy, performance-based budgeting and its implications for institutional governance, neoliberalism and shared governance, rising tuition rates and their implications for working class and minority students, the assault on ethnic studies and its implications for academic freedom and the curriculum, and flexible labor and the dramatic increase of adjunct faculty members. For more information visit the website.

### ***Working for Justice: Legacies of Latina Activism in Southeastern Michigan***

**March 30**

**12:15-1:30pm, MSU Museum Auditorium**

This presentation will be given by Maria Cotera, American Studies and Women's Studies Programs, University of Michigan, as part of the "Our Daily Work/Our Daily Lives" brown bag series, which explores and presents the richness and diversity of worker experience and workers culture through an ongoing program of exhibits, lectures and presentations; writing and research projects; and reunions, dialogues, demonstrations and discussions.

### **2015 Fate of the Earth Symposium**

**April 1-2**

**Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, MSU**

<http://www.environment.msu.edu/reg/fate.php>

The Environmental Science and Policy Program has launched 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 MI community. In addition to live events and webcasts, the Symposium will generate educational materials that can be used in classes and non-traditional education in the spring and beyond. For more information and to register visit the website.

### **MSU Counseling Center Sexual Assault Program 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Teal Ribbon Award Ceremony**

**April 2**

**6:00pm, Broad Art Museum**

[www.eventbrite.com/e/msu-counseling-center-sexual-assault-program-35th-anniversary-celebration-and-teal-ribbon-award-tickets-15708712181](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/msu-counseling-center-sexual-assault-program-35th-anniversary-celebration-and-teal-ribbon-award-tickets-15708712181)

Space is Limited – RSVP is required. Schedule of events: 5:00pm: Backstage Pass Fundraiser (\$35 Ticket Price), Cash Bar Available. 6:00pm: General Reception (Free), Refreshments will be served. 6:30pm: Award Ceremony with Remarks from President Simon and Screening of *Every Two Minutes* followed by Post-Film Discussion.

### ***Race in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America Conference***

**April 14-15**

**MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

[www.jmc.msu.edu/raceconf](http://www.jmc.msu.edu/raceconf)

The ninth biennial Race in 21st Century America conference is FREE to attend and it brings to campus leading scholars, community activists, public officials and residents, representing racial, ethnic, gender and ideological diversity, to participate in an important conversation with the MSU community about the problem of race in America. Though the conference will cover a number of areas, our theme this year is Race and Democracy. The race conference, as we call it, is fundamentally designed to examine systems of power and privilege in the United States, especially the ways in which they impact communities of color. We also identify specific goals and strategies that promote democratic, yet radically transformative, social, economic and political structures...Our project is not simply about identifying and examining problems, but especially proposing actionable recommendations for addressing twenty-first century challenges.

### ***What People Mean When They Say “I Can’t Do That, It Violates My Conscience” Webinar***

**April 15**

**12:00-1:00pm, C102 East Fee Hall and online**

<http://bioethics.msu.edu/brownbag-webinar/2014-2015-series>

"Conscience clause" legislation, first enacted following Roe v. Wade, intends to protect a health care provider's (HCP) right to refuse services on the basis of conscience. And yet, 40 years later, the precise meaning of conscience is not well understood. When conscience is defined, it is in abstract, theoretical terms that are removed from the meaning of conscience in day-to-day practice. We use a sociological perspective to challenge this asocial depiction: while individuals act on their consciences, one's conscience has a social basis. Using interviews with 61 care providers we identify the social basis of conscience and how health care providers understand it in their everyday practice, examining the conditions under which conscience is invoked in the process of deciding whether or not to perform a medical procedure.

### **Lavender Reception & Mosaic Awards Gala**

**April 19**

**1:30-4:00pm, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Big Ten Room C**

RSVP at <http://lbgtrc.msu.edu/lavender-reception-and-mosaic-awards/>.

Join the LGBT Resource Center and the Alliance of Queer and Ally Students to celebrate outstanding Spartans. This event is a time to recognize the student members and organizations of the LGBT community on campus, especially graduating students. If you have questions, contact DaShayla Bradford at [bradf108@msu.edu](mailto:bradf108@msu.edu).

## **MSU Counseling Center Personal Counseling Groups**

A full list of groups is available at [www.counseling.msu.edu/services/group](http://www.counseling.msu.edu/services/group).

The Counseling Center offers a variety of counseling, support, and educational groups each semester.

Participants in groups benefit from the mutual support and learning that occurs from interaction with others who have similar concerns. For more information about groups, or to schedule your pre-group interview, please call 355-8270.

## **MSU Safe Place Website Resources**

[www.safeplace.msu.edu/](http://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](mailto:noabuse@msu.edu).

## **Hollaback! East Lansing**

<http://eastlansing.ihollaback.org/>

Hollaback! East Lansing began after the team leaders and their friends and peers noticed a significant amount of street harassment going on within East Lansing, and decided that something had to be done to make our public spaces feel more safe for everyone. Street harassment is sexual harassment that takes place in public spaces. It is a serious issue that can have lasting effects on those who experience being harassed. Hollaback believes that we can eliminate street harassment through speaking out, having community-based conversations, and connecting with other activists around the world.

## **The Race Card Project comes to MSU**

[www.inclusion.msu.edu/Outreach/The%20Race%20Card%20Project.html](http://www.inclusion.msu.edu/Outreach/The%20Race%20Card%20Project.html)

As part of her visit to MSU on September 15, award-winning journalist and NPR-contributor Michele Norris launched the MSU version of The Race Card Project at Wharton Center's World View Lecture. TRCP started as a way to encourage people to share their ideas of race during her book tour. The catch was that these thoughts had to be shared in a six-word sentence on a postcard. Because of such an overwhelming response, the "cards" are now submitted and displayed on [theracecardproject.com](http://theracecardproject.com). Norris and MSU have collaborated to create a unique space for people to contribute within TRCP's site. All throughout the fall 2014 semester, MSU students, staff, faculty members, alumni and community members are invited to share their six-word thoughts and feelings to the ongoing conversations on race. People can submit their six words at the website listed above.

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## Other News and Events

### ***Learn, Play, Be: A Symposium on K-12 LGBT Inclusion***

**March 7**

**10:00am-3:00pm, McKenny Hall, Eastern Michigan University**

<http://www.equalitymi.org/events/2015/learn-play-be-symposium-lgbt-k-12-inclusion>

Register at <http://bit.ly/1EqwXeR>

This one day symposium addresses the need for school staff to respond to the experiences of LGBT identified students. Particular focus of this event is on bullying and inclusion in school sports. Research and policy analysis on current problems and best practices will be discussed by researchers, advocates, and practitioners. A panel of children will talk about their experiences and perceptions. CEUs available for educators. Registration is \$60 for the public and FREE for students.

### **Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame Women's History Month Reception: *Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives***

**March 12**

**5:00-7:00pm, 213 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing, MI**

A first look at the new 2014 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame inductee plaques and a brief program, followed by the Women's Hall of Fame Raffle. Grand Prize is \$2,000 cash or one of 3 amazing trips. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6/\$100 and available at the door or by contacting the office (Samantha at (517) 484-1880 x 203). Need not be present to win.

### ***Standing On Sacred Ground* Documentary Screening**

**March 15**

**7:00-8:45pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, 855 Grove Street, E Lansing**

*Standing on Sacred Ground* is a documentary series portraying indigenous people in eight parts of the world struggling to protect sacred lands and cultures, while defending their human rights, and the natural environment critical to their cultural heritage. The first of four films, *PILGRIMS AND TOURISTS* focuses on native Altaian people in remote regions of Russia confronting GasProm and its proposed pipeline, and the Winnemem Wintu, an unrecognized tribe in northern California's Mt Shasta region where raising the dam is proposed. An audience conversation with Altai Project director Jennifer Castner will follow the screening.

### ***Nuwarine: Women Proud to Serve* Exhibit at the Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame**

**Opening Reception, March 19, 5:00-7:00pm**

**213 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing, MI**

[www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org/](http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org/)

See the roles women have held in the military since WWII and discover personal stories from American Legion NUWARINE Post 535 members' military experience- the last remaining all-female Post in Michigan. There will be a brief program at 6pm. The opening reception is sponsored by the Michigan Women's Commission. This exhibit is made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

### ***Great Girls in Michigan History* Discussion and Book Signing**

**March 28**

**2:00pm, Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame, 213 W. Malcolm X Street, Lansing, MI**

Author Patricia Majher will share stories from her new book *Great Girls in Michigan History*, which highlights girls from Michigan's past who did amazing things before they turned 20 years old. This event is appropriate for visitors of all ages, so bring the entire family! This event is sponsored by Wayne State University Press.

## **V-Day Lansing Presents: *A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant & A Prayer***

**March 28**

**2:00pm and 6:00pm, The Avenue Café, Lansing, MI**

[www.facebook.com/lansingvdaymmrp](http://www.facebook.com/lansingvdaymmrp)

This production is a groundbreaking collection of monologues by world-renowned authors and playwrights, 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: brutality, neglect, a punch, even a put-down. The volume features such authors and topics as Edward Albee on S&M; Maya Angelou on women's work; Michael Cunningham on self-mutilation; Dave Eggers on a Sudanese abduction; Edwidge Danticat on a border crossing; Carol Gilligan on a daughter witnessing her mother being hit; Susan Miller on raising a son as a single mother; Sharon Olds on a bra; Patricia Bosworth on her own physically abusive relationship; Jane Fonda on reclaiming our Mojo; and many more. 100% of event proceeds will benefit CARE, a Domestic Violence Post Arrest Response Team and the only post-arrest response team for victims/survivors of domestic violence in Lansing, Lansing Township, Meridian Township, East Lansing and the MSU campus. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for general public.

## **2015 *Young Women Strong Leaders* Conference**

**April 3**

**Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan**

Registration Deadline: **April 1**

The Young Women Strong Leaders Conference provides skill development and professional mentoring opportunities to prepare women who are college students for success in professional life. In this one-day workshop, attendees will meet women leaders—student, academic, corporate, and political—from across the state, building a network that will enable students to successfully work to improve the status of Michigan women and their own leadership abilities. \$25 registration fee includes lunch. Scholarships Available! If you need a scholarship to attend the conference, please e-mail Elizabeth Thompson, of the Michigan Women's Commission, at [thompson5@michigan.gov](mailto:thompson5@michigan.gov). Please put "YWSL Scholarship" in the subject line. Should your plans change, you may transfer your registration to another person at any time. *Otherwise, registration fees are nonrefundable.* To transfer your registration to another individual, please contact Evette Chavez at [chavez@msu.edu](mailto:chavez@msu.edu) or (517) 353-1635. For additional information, including online registration and payment, visit [www.wrc.msu.edu/news/index.html](http://www.wrc.msu.edu/news/index.html). Questions? Contact the MSU Women's Resource Center at [wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu) or (517) 353-1635.

## **Help The Women's Historical & Hall of Fame Earn Cash by Shopping at Kroger with a Plus Card**

The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame can earn reward points every time you use your Kroger Plus Card. Signing up is free and only takes a few minutes. Plus, you can earn points for yourself to save money on groceries and fuel. Once you're signed up, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and use your Kroger Plus Card when checking out. The Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame will start earning points right away. If you have any questions about this process or need help signing up, call office manager Samantha Cumbow at 517-484-1880 x203.

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## Conferences and Workshops

### ***Cross-Generational Dialogues in Black Women's History* MSU Conference**

**March 20 (9am-4pm) and March 21 (9am-4pm)**

**East Lansing Marriot at University Place, 300 M.A.C. Ave, East Lansing, MI**

[www.bwhxg.org](http://www.bwhxg.org)

This gathering will honor a group of pioneering scholars in Black Women's History. In addition to emphasizing the importance of intergenerational mentoring, the presentations will also offer innovative approaches within the field. Day one will include sessions on: Black Women in Slavery and Freedom; Theorizing Black Women's History: Politics, Place, and Pedagogy; Black Women, Incarceration, Violence, and Resistance. Day two will include sessions on: Black Women, Diasporic Consciousness, and Internationalism; Herstory in Action; Black Women, Education, Migration, and Networking. For more information visit the website.

### ***Neoliberalism and Public Higher Education* Conference**

**March 27-28**

**Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, MSU**

[www.jsri.msu.edu/events/neoliberalism-and-public-higher-education-conference](http://www.jsri.msu.edu/events/neoliberalism-and-public-higher-education-conference)

MSU's Julian Samora Research Institute is hosting a nationwide conference on neoliberalism and public higher education. Nationally-known and emerging scholars and researchers will present and participate on panel discussions on the corporatization of public universities, the privatization of public higher education and its implications for democracy, performance-based budgeting and its implications for institutional governance, neoliberalism and shared governance, rising tuition rates and their implications for working class and minority students, the assault on ethnic studies and its implications for academic freedom and the curriculum, and flexible labor and the dramatic increase of adjunct faculty members. For more information visit the website.

### ***Pursuing Justice in Africa***

**March 27-28**

**University of Cambridge**

<http://www.crash.cam.ac.uk/events/25640>

In recent decades, justice has been overshadowed as a subject of concern to scholars of Africa by vast literatures centering on rights, crime, punishment, policing and social order. This neglect of justice is striking given the increasing presence of international justice institutions, such as the International Criminal Court on the African continent and the remarkable diversity of legal structures of justice. Across Africa, complex pluralities of "customary," religious, state, and transnational justice regimes interact on what is often contested terrain. This interdisciplinary conference will place the past and present negotiation of competing notions of justice under scrutiny, with presentations from a range of disciplines, including but not limited to anthropology, history, law, criminology and politics.

### ***MSU 2015 Fate of the Earth Symposium***

**April 1-2**

**Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, MSU**

<http://www.environment.msu.edu/reg/fate.php>

This symposium will explore the challenges and opportunities we face in enhancing human well-being while protecting the environment and 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 MI community. In addition to live events and webcasts, the Symposium will generate educational materials that can be used in classes and non-traditional education in the spring and beyond.

## **2015 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Campus Responses**

**April 7-9**

**New Orleans, LA**

[www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=26](http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=26)

Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others in this conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence and campus responses. Registration fees are listed at the website, as well as a link to online registration and more information about the conference.

## ***Race in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America* MSU Conference**

**April 14-15**

**MSU Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

[www.jmc.msu.edu/raceconf](http://www.jmc.msu.edu/raceconf)

The ninth biennial Race in 21st Century America conference is FREE to attend and it brings to campus leading scholars, community activists, public officials and residents, representing racial, ethnic, gender and ideological diversity, to participate in an important conversation with the MSU community about the problem of race in America. Though the conference will cover a number of areas, our theme this year is Race and Democracy. The race conference, as we call it, is fundamentally designed to examine systems of power and privilege in the United States, especially the ways in which they impact communities of color. We also identify specific goals and strategies that promote democratic, yet radically transformative, social, economic and political structures...Our project is not simply about identifying and examining problems, but especially proposing actionable recommendations for addressing twenty-first century challenges.

## **Equality Research Leadership Conference**

**May 1-2, Ypsilanti, MI**

[www.er2a.org/](http://www.er2a.org/)

Equality Research Leadership is a conference intended to highlight new research focusing on LGBTQ people, communities, and issues. The conference will feature academic papers, white papers, research reports, and work-shops, bringing the work of scholars and researchers to the public sphere. The conference accepts submissions from all fields and methods of inquiry. While all LGBT equality topics are welcome, the conference is particularly interested in submissions presenting new research on the following: \*K-12 educational environments and practices, \*Higher education environments and practices, \*Workplace discrimination effects and policy, \*Trans\*phobia, discrimination, and policy, \*Aging LGBT populations needs and issues, \*HIV/AIDS trends: treatment, communication, prevention, \*Coming Out, \*LGBT family issues and policy, \*Political action and activism, \*Community building initiatives.

## **International Conference on Gender and Education Critical Issues, Policy and Practice**

**May 28-30, Bloomington, IN**

Registration deadline: **March 27**

[www.eventbrite.com/e/international-conference-on-gender-and-education-critical-issues-policy-and-practice-tickets-14959061957](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/international-conference-on-gender-and-education-critical-issues-policy-and-practice-tickets-14959061957)

The International Conference on Gender and Education aims to engage researchers, academics and policy makers in discussions and debates concerning the interplay between gender related issues and educational dynamics. This conference will explore the consequences and reflections of hierarchical structures in organizational settings, societal resistance involving gender issues, the politics of gender inequality, and gender dimensions of laws and gendered aspects of cultural norms and values that intersect with education.

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# Calls for Papers and Proposals

## **MSU 3rd Annual Workshop on Food Justice: *Bringing Theory and Practice Together***

Submission Deadline: **March 13**

[www.workshopenfoodjustice.com/call-for-proposals/](http://www.workshopenfoodjustice.com/call-for-proposals/)

Food justice is a growing movement that has inspired both on-the-ground community projects and theoretical articulations across multiple disciplines. This workshop aims to facilitate scholars and practitioners coming together to share expertise around the challenges and opportunities in food justice. The two-day conference will include scholarly talks and visits to local environmental justice projects. Papers should be accessible to a public audience. We invite proposals on the justice of practices such as: food security and food sovereignty, local food, slow food, or other food-based social movements, international trade and regulation, agricultural ecology and sustainability, labor at all points in the food system, non-human animals in agriculture, food, diet, or cooking, intersectional perspectives on food systems, agricultural policy and food standards, seeds and genetically modified foods. The workshop is intended as a transdisciplinary space to forge connections between theories and between theory and practice. Papers in disciplines such as anthropology, critical race studies, disability studies, indigenous studies, economics, gender and sexuality studies, geography, history, literary criticism, philosophy, religious studies, sociology, and the human dimensions of agricultural and environmental sciences are all encouraged. Particularly welcome are talks which bridge theory and practice. 250-word abstracts for individual papers or posters, and 500-word panel proposals. Please submit proposals through the workshop webpage and direct any questions to [workshopenfoodjustice@gmail.com](mailto:workshopenfoodjustice@gmail.com).

## ***Queer Conversations II: Queer Rage Symposium at MSU, April 15***

Submission Deadline: **March 14**

[www.queerconversations.com](http://www.queerconversations.com)

*Queer Conversations* is a half-day graduate symposium inviting conversation and collaboration on queer issues and research intending to highlight the queer work graduate students are doing across disciplines and departments. At last year's symposium, we listened to speakers from an array of fields and disciplines talk about contemporary queer topics and themes. From queer performance art to investigating queer lives in the academy, speakers challenged audience members to think queerly about their areas of interest. This year's symposium will include Ignite talks, a works in progress forum, a reception and resource fair, and evening performances by queer artists. We are now accepting proposals for the following: Works-in-Progress Forum: 1-2 folks working in related areas or on related topics who want to facilitate a conversation on a queer theme or tension will jump start a works-in-progress conversation with a brief sharing of their own work. Please submit a proposal of 200 words that explains the general topic and each speaker's focus. Ignite Talks: these are 5-minute individual talks accompanied by no more than 5 slides. Ignite sessions will be concluded with open discussion and networking. Please submit a brief proposal of 200 words indicating the talk's topic. Performance Pieces: Readings, demonstrations, art displays, video screenings, dramatizations, and other performances are welcome. Please give an overview of the performance piece, its approximate length, and/or display needs in your 200-word proposal. **To submit**: Send proposals as an attachment to [queertheoryplayground@gmail.com](mailto:queertheoryplayground@gmail.com). Please indicate which session type your proposal is for (work-in-progress forum, Ignite talk, or performance), and include presenter(s) name(s), degree program(s), and email address(es) with the proposal. If you have questions, please contact Trixie Smith at [smit1254@msu.edu](mailto:smit1254@msu.edu). Sponsored by The Queer Theory Playground in Rhetoric & Writing (in WRAC), The College of Arts and Letters, GenGen, and The Writing Center.

## ***LGBT Health***

Submission Deadline: **July 27**

[www.liebertpub.com/mcontent/files/LGBT-CFP-email-022415-B.pdf](http://www.liebertpub.com/mcontent/files/LGBT-CFP-email-022415-B.pdf)

*LGBT Health* is the quarterly peer-reviewed journal dedicated to promoting optimal healthcare for sexual

orientation and gender identity (SOGI) minority people worldwide. Recent progressive developments in some parts of the world have created an extraordinary window of opportunity to lower the barriers to access to quality healthcare for LGBT-identified people, to research the most important health concerns and needs of each segment of the LGBT community, and to train clinicians in the best practices to meet those needs. *LGBT Health* publishes original research, reviews, short communications, and legal and policy perspectives that address the full range of healthcare, health research, and policy concerns relevant to LGBT health. We are currently seeking submissions in all areas within our scope but are especially encouraging articles that address the direct clinical care. Example topics of particular interest include: Care of gender variant minors; HPV screening and prophylaxis in one or more SOGI populations; Anal cytology: what we do and don't know; Pre and post-exposure HIV prophylaxis in MSM, including barriers to implementation; Pre and post-exposure HIV prophylaxis in trans women, including barriers to implementation; Drug interactions: Psychopharmacology in the era of highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART); Charting and coding in transgender care; Update on reimbursement for transgender care; Screenings for LGBT individuals: What every primary care provider should know; Update of federal funding for LGBT health research; Global perspectives on LGBT health.

### ***Gendered Perspectives on International Development***

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

<http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/publications/>

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](mailto: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

## Community Relations Coalition Internship

Application Deadline: **March 20**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xRSI0ob9dPEZiVaatjYltY0K0D8DuQRoYBdkYF3HO3k/viewform>

Interested in a paid internship for community building and leadership? Want to get more involved in leadership at the highest level at MSU and East Lansing? Would you like to represent the student perspective to the East Lansing government and community? Interested in working for a non-profit or doing grassroots organizing? Looking to develop your ability to network? Work in a dynamic team environment? Strategize solutions to broad-based community problems? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then the Community Relations Coalition (CRC) and MSU invite your application for the 2015-2016 CRC Internship. MSU undergraduate students at the junior level or above in good academic standing are encouraged to apply for this two-semester, paid internship. Please note that to apply for this internship, you must submit BOTH this online application and your resume via the Career Services Network job posting for the internship (job #129101). CRC Interns will spend 10 hours/week working toward the mission and purposes of the CRC: to build trusting relationships between the communities of East Lansing and MSU by fostering cooperation and communication between neighbors. For more information on the CRC visit [www.wealllivehere.org](http://www.wealllivehere.org).

## Part-Time Student Assistants, MSU Academic Orientation Program (AOP)

Application Deadline: **5:00pm, April 17**

For more information, please attend the information session **March 24** at 7:00pm in 402 Computer Center. 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: Student Assistant employees **MUST** be available every day, Monday through Thursday at the same time. They can either work from 7:00am-noon OR 1:00pm-6:00pm. Some job assignments require Friday hours as well. We do require the same time availability for both summer sessions. Student Assistant employees **MUST** be available June 8 through July 20, and during the week of August 24-30. Students interested in applying for these positions should visit [www.orientation.msu.edu](http://www.orientation.msu.edu) and click on "Work for AOP" or pick up a paper application in 268 Administration Bldg.

## Director for International Health and Safety, MSU

[www.jobs.msu.edu](http://www.jobs.msu.edu), posting **0867**

MSU is seeking a Director for International Health and Safety to provide strategic leadership, planning, and operational management to the University and its constituents on matters of international health and safety. In collaboration with key stakeholders around the University, the Director for International Health and Safety will develop, manage, and champion a comprehensive travel preparedness and response strategy to promote and protect the well-being of MSU travelers. The successful candidate will identify, evaluate, mitigate and monitor international risks and implement a range of projects to advance this strategy. For immediate consideration, please go to the website and follow the application process.

## Sexual Assault Therapist, MSU Counseling Center Sexual Assault Program

<https://jobs.msu.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1422129360195>

Minimum/Required Qualifications: Knowledge equivalent to that which normally would be acquired by completing one or two years of graduate study beyond a bachelor's degree, such as a master's in social work; three years of related and progressively more responsible or expansive work experience providing advocacy and counseling to survivors of sexual assault; or an equivalent combination of education and experience; and state licensure as a social worker or professional counselor. Desired Qualifications: More than three years of experience providing advocacy and counseling to survivors of sexual assault; experience providing sexual

assault services and trauma treatment in a university or college setting; experience in facilitating training and presentations for large groups; experience with grant-related data collection and reporting. Job Summary: Will serve as Sexual Assault Therapist and provide individual and group therapy services to survivors of sexual assault and students who may be adults abused as children. This position serves as a member of the Sexual Assault Program, which is situated within the Michigan State University Counseling Center (MSUCC). The position serves as a consultant to other MSUCC staff, campus partners, and community members working with sexual assault victims; it provides direct service to clients by providing therapeutic interventions, providing in-person crisis intervention, advocacy services, and follow-up contact.

### **Museum Assistant, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame**

Job Purpose: To provide clerical and administrative support to museum operations and a high quality experience to museum visitors and event patrons. Key responsibilities: Database entry: processing payments, entering and updating contacts; Send mailings: routine membership reminder letters and thank you letters for donations, bulk mailings for large mailings; Clerical: copying, collating, filing, and organizing; Internet: update website and social media; Using the cash register; Docent: welcoming visitors, checking-in visitors and providing tours; Events: staffing special events and programs; Additional duties as assigned. Qualifications: Able to take direction, work well independently, and use good judgment; Can climb ladders, bend, squat, lift and move up to 50 pounds, be on feet for several hours at a time; Advanced experience with MS Office, quickly able to learn and use new technology and programs; Able to speak to a group and deliver excellent customer service. Preferred Qualifications: Impeccable attention to detail and highly organized; Personable and outgoing; Willingness to go above and beyond to deliver outstanding customer service; Ability to be flexible and positive in a fast-paced environment with shifting priorities. Schedule: During the semester student employees work 6-8 hours a week Wednesday-Saturday, noon-4pm. Occasional evening, weekend or special event hours are required and will be agreed upon and scheduled in advance. To Apply: Send cover letter, resume and list of professional references (minimum of 3) to: Emily Fijol, Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, 213 W. Malcolm X St. Lansing, MI 48933, Fax: 517-372-0170, Email: [info@michiganwomen.org](mailto:info@michiganwomen.org).

### **Community Garden Assistant, Greater Lansing Food Bank Garden Project**

The Garden Project was started in 1982 by early organizers of the Greater Lansing Food Bank who wanted to create a longer-term solution to the problem of hunger and to promote gardening as a vehicle for community development. Our goal is to cultivate connections so that all community members can have access to fresh healthy foods through gardening opportunities. Since its initiation, the Garden Project has grown to support a network of nearly 530 community gardeners and over 430 home gardeners by providing access to land, how-to education, free seeds and plants, tool lending, a networking hub and more. We are currently seeking 2 Community Garden Assistants for the upcoming 2015 season. Hours per week: Between 10-20. Day/times required: Both 9-5 business hours and evening and weekend obligations are to be expected. To apply please send resume and cover letter with start and end dates to: Katie Kabot, GLFB Garden Resource Coordinator: [katie@greaterlansingfoodbank.org](mailto:katie@greaterlansingfoodbank.org). We have worked with students for them to receive class credit for our internships. Please inquire if interested.

### **Direct Marketing Internships, Chapman Cubine Adams + Hussey**

Chapman Cubine Adams + Hussey looking for enthusiastic and detail-oriented students to join our intern program, on either coast. Interns will assist with the direct marketing programs for our clients, which include the Alley Cat Allies, the DNC, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Environmental Defense Fund, People For the American Way, and other progressive organizations. The ideal candidates must be well-organized, able to multi-task and bring a positive attitude. Interns will gain experience in account services, design, production, digital, and much more as part of the CCAH team. Selected interns will be responsible for an end-of-semester project that could be a great addition to your portfolio. This is a perfect opportunity for marketing, political science, journalism and communication majors, but all are encouraged to apply! Interns will be compensated

\$10.74/hr and many interns have applied this experience towards college credit. Please email cover letter and resume to [hr@ccah.com](mailto:hr@ccah.com) with "Internship" in the subject line.

### **Spartans Without Borders**

<https://spartanswithoutborders.msu.edu/apply/>

Through Spartans Without Borders, alumni and other members of the MSU community can join forces with other Spartans to volunteer time, skills and expertise to improve the quality of life in communities around the globe. Experience in education, social work, building construction and maintenance, entrepreneurship, business and non-profit management, agriculture, community development, language and web development are in particular demand, but our partner communities are identifying new needs daily.

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# Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

## **MSU Jim Beverwyk Ally Award**

Nomination Deadline: **March 20**

Current MSU Graduate Students, Staff, and Faculty are eligible for the award. Nominations may be self-submitted. This award will honor persons who are not LGBT for outstanding contributions to support and enhance the campus climate and support students marginalized by their sexuality or gender identity and expression. This is not a financial award. The winner of the award will be recognized at the annual Lavender Reception and Mosaic Awards. Each nomination must include 1) a nomination form, 2) a nomination essay, and 3) two letters of support for the nominee. Letters of support cannot come from the same person who submits the essay. The nomination essay is not to exceed 1000 words and should address the following: 1) History of nominee's activities supporting persons who are marginalized by their sexuality or gender identity and expression at MSU; and, 2) Description of how this person's actions as an ally have had an impact on a student, students, and/or campus climate. Application materials can be submitted electronically or via hard copy to the LGBT Resource Center. Electronic copies should be sent to [lbgrtc@msu.edu](mailto:lbgrtc@msu.edu) with "Beverwyk Award Application 2015" in the Subject Line. Hard copies should be mailed to LGBT Resource Center, 302 Student Services Building, (556 E. Circle Drive), East Lansing, MI 48824.

## **MSU R Cole Bouck LGBT and Ally Student Leadership Award**

Application Deadline: **March 27**

<http://lbgrtc.msu.edu/the-r-cole-bouck-lgbt-and-ally-student-leadership-award/>

This award celebrates rapidly changing times for LGBT persons everywhere; recognizes the shaming of, struggles endured by, and opportunities denied to LGBT persons; acknowledges the invaluable and tireless work of LGBT persons and their allies in advancing civil rights; represents the hope of obtaining equality and ending LGBT discrimination; and seeks to support opportunities for MSU students with the ambition and vision to achieve equality. This award will support student participation in internships, service-learning, or study away and abroad programs related to social justice issues facing the LGBT community. To be in contention for the Bouck Award Honoring Doreen Bouck, applicants must complete 1) an Application Form and 2) a Personal Statement. The Personal Statement, not to exceed 1200 words, should address the following: Academic Achievement; Involvement in the LGBT Community; Description of the learning opportunity the candidate seeks to participate in (i.e. service-learning, internship, study abroad); Description of how the funds are to be used; Financial need; Explanation of the relevance of the applicant's learning opportunity to the LGBT community; Description of how receipt of the award will impact the applicant's life and personal development; and, A plan for how learning from the experience will be shared with the campus community. Preference will be given to applicants who have at least a 3.0 GPA and are in financial need. Prior award recipients remain eligible to receive the same or other awards in subsequent years. Application materials can be submitted electronically or via hard copy to the LGBT Resource Center. Electronic copies should be sent to [lbgrtc@msu.edu](mailto:lbgrtc@msu.edu) with "Bouck Award Application 2015" in the Subject Line. Hard copies should be mailed to LGBT Resource Center, 302 Student Services Building, (556 E. Circle Drive), East Lansing, MI 48824.

## **Global Prize for Transformative Social Leadership**

Submission Deadline: **April 17**

<https://reason.kzoo.edu/csjl/prize/enter/>

The Kalamazoo College Global Prize awards **\$25,000** to an innovative and collaborative social justice leadership project from around the globe. The competition honors and uplifts grassroots work that challenges structural inequality and centers the voices of those most impacted by an injustice. Up to 10 finalists receive all-expense paid trip to Kalamazoo College to present their projects on campus during the Prize Weekend, October 9-11, 2015, and a panel of community-wide and national jurors determines the semi-finalists and winner, respectively. The Global Prize ceremony is a dynamic weekend where the finalists share best practices

with each other and the entire K community, who learn about these cutting-edge projects, interact personally with the finalists, and ultimately find inspiration for their own social justice-related pursuits. Entries must be in the form of 8- to 10-minute videos. Entries must describe the social injustice that will be addressed, show how the project will take a fresh approach in addressing it, and demonstrate **transformational** thinking and commitments in its leadership structure.

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# Study Opportunities

## Summer 2015 MSU Courses of Interest:

### **WS 403 Section 730 "Women & Change in Developing Countries"**

#### **Online Course, Summer Session One (May 16-July 2)**

This new, online version of WS 403 focuses on enhancing knowledge, skills and abilities to increase gender equality and women's empowerment through international development projects in the *agriculture* and *environment* sectors. With 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 and development; Begin to design appropriate program interventions to address barriers to gender equity in these sectors. This course counts toward multiple gender and international development specializations, majors and minors. For additional information contact Dr. Andrea Allen via email at [allenan9@msu.edu](mailto:allenan9@msu.edu).

### **MSU Communicative Sciences and Disorders Department Offering American Sign Language Summer Course**

This online course (CSD 490) provides you with the basic skills you need to become fluent in American Sign Language (ASL). The course text (\$150) is four online learning modules. The online modules will focus on conversational ASL and use videos to demonstrate the visual nature of signing. Included in the course will be online question and answer sessions with the instructor. For a PASS grade students must have successful completion of all four modules with 70% or better and a sign language video presentation or essay completed in the allotted time. Learning Objectives: Learn how to greet people, ask questions, describe things, tell stories, name things, express your feelings, and more. You will learn over 2000 Signs and know how to put them together to carry on meaningful conversations in ASL. Each lesson is accompanied with information about Deaf Culture. Additionally, you will have learned Receptive and Expressive knowledge of ASL.

## Fall 2015 MSU Courses of Interest:

### **WS 304: Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies**

Ellen McCallum, Associate Professor, Department of English, [emc@msu.edu](mailto:emc@msu.edu)

This course provides an overview of some of the central issues in the field of gay, lesbian, queer, bisexual, and transgender studies. We will take an interdisciplinary approach, beginning with historical and anthropological accounts from different times and cultures in order to place same-sex desire in perspective. As the course progresses, we will consider psychological accounts of same-sex desire, as well as discussions from literature, film, sociology, and politics. The aim is to consider not only how individuals experience same-sex desire, experiment with or transgress gender norms, but also how communities and social movements form out of individual experience. Inevitably this means we must consider how different cultural conditions sanction (in both senses, to restrict or make possible) the development of sexual identities and differences.

### **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](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 Undergraduate Minor in Defense Studies & Leadership**

[www.reg.msu.edu/AcademicPrograms/ProgramDetail.asp?Program=7721](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.slac.edu/womens-history](http://www.slac.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.

### **Concentration in Gender and Sexuality Studies at Syracuse University in Florence**

<http://suflorence.syr.edu/academics/academic-concentrations1/gender-sexuality-studies/>

Syracuse University in Florence is happy to announce the expansion of its academic concentration in Gender and Sexuality Studies, which now offers 9 upper-division courses cross-listed in both Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies (LGBT) and Women's and Gender Studies (WGS). Gender and Sexuality Studies in Florence provides an opportunity for students to explore European attitudes and lifestyles that are often very different from those current in their home culture. Internships and opportunities for Community Engagement with local organizations, municipal offices and activist groups are open to all students.

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