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Gendered Perspectives on International Development

Positions and Internships

Executive Director, Women, Food, and Agriculture Network. **March 24**
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Assistant Professor, U.S. History 1830-1945, University of Arizona
Chair, Native American and Indigenous Studies, University of Washington
Assistant Professor of Gender, Race, Culture, Science, and Technology, California Polytechnic State University
Women in Engineering Recruiting and Outreach Coordinator Position
Research Assistant, Promundo US

Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

MSU Excalibur Leadership Scholarship. **March 17, 5:00pm**
ASMSU’s Scholarship for Student Leaders. **March 17, 5:00pm**
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Study Opportunities

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MSU Summer Course SW 491: Social Work and the Human Animal Bond. **August 8-9**
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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.

Summer Internship Coordination

Deadline **EXTENDED** to **March 15**

The deadline for applications for summer 2014 internship coordination through GenCen has been extended to Saturday, March 15, to give students a bit more time to submit following Spring Break.

If you have an internship or community engagement requirement to fulfill for your major, the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen) internship program offers internship coordination services and support to MSU undergraduate and graduate students interested in gender issues related to social justice, human rights, community development, reproductive health, domestic violence, and/or environmental health and justice. The internship is designed to help students explore gender-related career fields while gaining valuable hands-on experience at local, national or international organizations.

Internship Details:

- Work with the GenCen Internship Coordinator to find the right organization for you and to arrange for MSU credit
- Flexible schedules—Fall and Spring internships are typically 10 hours per week
- Students can complete international GenCen internships along with some MSU study abroad programs
- Advanced undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply
- Most internships are unpaid, however some offer work-study to eligible students.

Students are encouraged to contact the GenCen internship coordinator to discuss upcoming scholarship opportunities. For more information, including an application and lists of potential local, national, and international internship opportunities, please go to <http://gencen.isp.msu.edu/academics/internships.htm>.

Electronic submissions are encouraged.

Students interested in international internships should contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator at gencenad@msu.edu as soon as possible to discuss programs and specific deadlines.

The following organizations are actively seeking summer interns, so please contact the advisor if you are interested! Women’s Resource Center; Women’s Center of Greater Lansing; SIREN/Eaton Shelter; The Garden Project/The Greater Lansing Food Bank; St. Vincent Catholic Charities; Refugee Development Center.

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

March 21 **SPECIAL LOCATION: 303 International Center**

Elvira Sanchez-Blake, Department of Romance and Classical Studies

Colombian Women: War, Peace and Hope

While decades of violence have impacted Colombian society as a whole, women have been particularly affected. They constitute the majority of the country's population, and many academics and governmental and non-governmental organizations consider the future of Colombia to be in their hands. This presentation examines the role of women in Colombia's recent historical events with focus on women organization's peace initiatives.

April 18

Jakana Thomas, Department of Political Science

Women Scored: 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.

March 26

3:00-5:00pm, 303 International Center

After Mr. Nowhere: New Proper Scientific Selves

Sandra Harding, UCLA

The anti-authoritarian social movements have refused for more than four decades to take "the view from nowhere" on which positivist philosophies of science depended. They have shifted the methodological

"technologies" of research to ones that maximize the scientific and political benefits of socially situated research. In doing so they have produced new kinds of "proper scientific selves." This presentation will identify three such intellectually and politically desirable subjects of research.

Event co-sponsored by Department of Philosophy and GenCen.

Women's History Month Event

March 27

3:00-5:00pm, 115 International Center

The Trans-Atlantic: How a Girl Becomes a Ship

Christina Sharpe, Tufts University

This presentation will introduce work from Sharpe's forthcoming book, *In the Wake: On Blackness and Being*. Central to *In the Wake* are questions of antiblackness, the longue durée of Atlantic chattel slavery, and the ongoing effects of Black Being in the aftermath of slavery. Sharpe theorizes these effects as the "wake," and rather than looking for political, juridical, or philosophical answers to the ontological negation of Black subjects, *In the Wake*, via the metaphor of the wake, explores what it means to inhabit that "zone of non Being" within and after slavery's denial of Black humanity.

Event co-sponsored by Department of History and GenCen.

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

2:00-5:00pm, Location TBA

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. At this time we are *taking proposals* for the following: **Roundtables:** 3-5 folks working in related areas or on related topics who want to facilitate a conversation on the topic, jump starting this conversation with a brief sharing of their own work. Please submit a roundtable 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 20 PowerPoint slides. We envision the sharing of works in progress. 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.

Send proposals as an attachment to smit1254@msu.edu. Please indicate which session type your proposal is for (roundtable, 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.

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The Stuart Hall Project

March 15

Broad Art Museum, 7:30pm

Join us at the Broad MSU for a screening of *The Stuart Hall Project*, a stirring film that charts the life and work of the influential cultural theorist Stuart Hall (1932-2014). By interweaving archival footage, specially filmed material, interviews and a soundtrack by Miles Davis, *The Stuart Hall Project* reveals how Hall's personal trajectory as a Jamaican immigrant living in the United Kingdom, coincided with the demise of the British Empire and the birth of a multicultural Britain. Far from being merely a portrait of a post-war immigrant whose radical ideas inspired artists, writers and political thinkers alike, this film is a poignant meditation on the struggles of race, class, gender and cultural identity that marked the latter part of the 20th century. The screening is followed by an open discussion focusing on Hall's legacy on both sides of the Atlantic.

13th Annual Student Life Leadership Awards

Nominations due: **March 17**

www.studentlife.msu.edu/leadership-development/leadership-awards-reception

The Student Life Leadership Awards were created to recognize outstanding leadership excellence at MSU. The awards are intended to recognize students, advisors, organizations, and programs for creating change and positive impact to the MSU and associated communities. We encourage you to nominate students, advisors, organizations, and programs deserving of this honor. Nomination packets are available online at the link above. Please submit all nominations to Emeka Igwe (igwechuk@vps.msu.edu) via email, and please feel free to contact him with any questions you may have about award submission. He may also be reached by phone by calling (517) 355-8286. This year's award program theme is: "Reflections of Leadership Excellence." This year's awards ceremony will take place on April 15 in the Kellogg Center.

Atonement Project

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, **through April 22**

In January 2014, the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities (RCAH) at MSU became a host site for the Atonement Project. Developed by Shaka Senghor (a formerly incarcerated Michigan native) and University of Michigan Professor Ashley Lucas, the Atonement Project is an innovative, arts-based approach to addressing issues that many crime victims and people who have committed crimes find difficult to discuss (i.e. forgiveness and reconciliation). Participants work to create spaces, both through an interactive website and through arts workshops in prisons and in communities affected by crime, where the arts and creativity can help us bridge the divides created by crime and incarceration. The long-term goal of the workshops is to bring together people whose lives have been shaped by crime so that we can join our efforts to prevent further harm to our families, loved ones, and communities. Anyone whose life has been touched by crime or incarceration is welcome to participate. All workshops are free.

Marathon of Majors

March 18

5:00-7:00pm, MSU Union Ballroom (2nd floor)

FOR ALL STUDENTS EXPLORING OR SEEKING NEW MAJORS. This event is a one-stop opportunity for students to meet with representatives from the Colleges to learn about MSU's majors and programs. Students can learn about choosing a major, major & College requirements, internships & career opportunities, tutoring and other support services.

Between the Private and the Collective: Writing Fiction about Social and Political Issues in Israel

March 18

100 Packaging, 7:00pm

The Jewish Studies Program presents Savyon Liebrecht, Israeli writer and novelist. Born in Munich in 1948 to Polish Jewish Holocaust survivor parents, Savyon Liebrecht grew up in Israel and studied philosophy and literature at Tel Aviv University. Her writing focuses on the milieu of survivors, on women and gender in patriarchal Israeli society, on relations between generations, and on the tragic complexities of Jewish-Arab individual relations in Israel.

Red Ant Dream Documentary Screening**March 18**

B112 Wells Hall, 7:30-9:30pm

Nearly 100 years ago the revolutionary patriot Bhagat Singh said, "Let us declare that the state of war does exist and shall exist." That warning resonates in India today, as the armed insurrection led by Maoist guerrillas simmers in Basta and indigenous communities of Odisha rise up against mining companies. This film weighs the possibilities of revolution in the present by chronicling the lives of those who fight for another ideal of the world. Q&A will be held after the film at 9:30 with director and writer Sanjay Kak.

Practicing Critical Awareness Film Series

www.endrape.msu.edu/events/practicing-critical-awareness-film-series-2

Practicing critical awareness helps us wake up to the ways in which the media culture creates and reinforces strict gender coding that can lead us to feel shame about our emotions, our bodies, and many other aspects of our day to day lives. This media literacy series is designed to help strengthen your ability to practice critical awareness, an essential element of Shame Resilience Theory.

America the Beautiful**March 18 and 19**

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

Miss Representation**April 15 and 22**

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

Evening of Networking and Panel Discussion**March 19**

James B. Henry Center, 4:30pm

The Women's Networking Association is hosting an "Evening of Networking & Panel Discussion." Networking begins at 4:30pm and a panel of executive female leaders begins at 5:15pm. This event is hosted by the Women's Resource Center. Please **RSVP** by March 17 to wrc@msu.edu or **517-353-1635**.

2014-2015 Homecoming Court

Application Deadline: **March 20, 5:00pm**

<http://alumni.msu.edu/programs/homecoming/files/Homecoming-Court-Application-Packet-2014.pdf>

MSU departments, units and organizations are asked to identify deserving students who exemplify the qualities of leadership, spirit, integrity and achievement through their contributions and involvement at MSU and encourage them to apply. All applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from a member of the MSU community (student, faculty or staff). The Homecoming Court will not exceed 10 people. Alternates will be chosen but not announced unless a court member cannot fulfill his or her obligations. The Homecoming Court selection committee, made of students, faculty, staff and alumni/community leaders, is looking for current MSU juniors or seniors who best represent the diversity and richness of the Spartan experience and who will serve as exceptional role models and ambassadors. Representing MSU on the Homecoming Court is

considered one of the highest distinctions for MSU seniors. Requirements of Homecoming Court ambassadors: Must be a full-time MSU undergraduate student who will have completed at least 90 credits (senior status) by Aug. 28, 2014; Must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5; Must be in good academic, legal and disciplinary standing; Must be in East Lansing during the 2014 fall semester. Completed applications must be submitted online, and consist of completing the online database, uploading three documents (resume, letter of recommendation and written response to three questions) and submitting a hard copy of the signed Homecoming Court release form. Late applications will not be considered. Questions may be sent to court advisers Natisha Foster at adamsna2@rhs.msu.edu or Mathias Koller at kollerm1@msu.edu.

And They Shall Become One Flesh: The History of Traditional Jewish Sexual Guidance

March 20

B122 Wells, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Dr. Evyatar Marienberg, Assistant Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill

Preparing for Takeoff: Launching into the Real World

March 21

MSU Union Lake Superior Room, 1:30-3:30pm

The College of Arts & Letters hosts this fair, with a variety of majors, jobs, and industries represented.

Refreshments provided.

OISS Globie Awards: Call for Nominations

Deadline: **March 21**

www.oiss.isp.msu.edu/globie/

Do you know someone who has distinguished themselves by their service to international students and scholars? The Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) would like to honor those who have given back, in ways both small and large, to the international community. This is a chance to recognize some unsung heroes. Nominate someone who you believe has made a difference in the lives of international students or scholars. Nominees can be students, faculty, staff, and/or community members. Winners will be presented with an award at the Annual Globie Awards Reception on Tuesday, April 15.

Cries for Freedom: A Depiction of Modern Day Slavery in the USA

March 22

7:30, Wharton's Passant Theatre

Cries for Freedom is about the underground criminal world of sex trafficking in Michigan. It tells the story of three girls who are sold into sexual slavery. Our hope is that this heart wrenching drama will educate, challenge, and inspire you. It is a not-for-profit show and we will be collecting donations for a charity that is raising funds to build a rescue home for women and children that were victims of sex trafficking. Admission is FREE. Please note the show is not suitable for children under 12 years of age.

9th Annual Israeli Film Festival

March 23

Room 147 Communication Arts & Sciences

6:30-8:45 pm, *Hunting Elephants* (2013). Synopsis: This bittersweet farce, about a teenage boy who joins his elderly grandfather and cronies to rob a bank, opened the 2013 Jerusalem Film Festival. Featuring veteran Israeli actors and also British acting legend Patrick Stewart. Hebrew and English, with English subtitles.

2:00-3:50 pm, *Fill the Void* (2012). Synopsis: Shira, the youngest daughter of an Orthodox Hassidic family in Tel Aviv, is grief-stricken when her older sister, Esther, dies during childbirth. As the family grieves, Shira is pressured to marry her late sister's husband. Shira faces a very difficult decision. Winner of 7 Israeli Academy

Awards. Hebrew, with English subtitles.

4:15-5:30pm, TV sitcom *Arab Labor* (2 episodes). Two episodes will be shown of the groundbreaking TV series that combines humor and drama to explore the cultural divide between Arabs and Jews in Israel. In this Michigan premiere of Season 4, Bushra discovers that she is pregnant. Her husband, Amjad, does not handle the news well. On his way to becoming the perfect husband, an exemplary father and a promising member of the Knesset, the road to his dilemmas is always paved with good intentions. Hebrew and Arabic, with English subtitles.

March 24

7:00-9:15 pm *Prime Ministers: The Pioneers* (2013). Synopsis: "The Prime Ministers: The Pioneers," based on the best-selling book by Ambassador Yehuda Avner, takes the audience inside the offices of Israel's prime ministers through the eyes of an insider, Yehuda Avner, who served as chief aide, English language note-taker and speechwriter to Levi Eshkol, Golda Meir, Yitzhak Rabin, Menachem Begin, and Shimon Peres. English and Hebrew, with English subtitles.

Women's History Month Poetry Potluck

March 25, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

LookOut! Gallery

The theme of this year's potluck is the Women's Rights Movement of the 1960s and 70s. Bring a poem by a female author or that has to do with women (it doesn't have to go along with the theme). If you're looking for inspiration, we suggest the following poets: Anne Sexton, Sylvia Plath, Margaret Atwood, Maxine Kumin, Maya Angelou, Adrienne Rich, Rita Mae Brown, Gwendolyn Brooks, Robin Morgan, Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni, Denise Levertov, Sappho, Anna Akhmatova, Margaret Walker, Diane Wakoski, Marge Piercy, and Muriel Rukeyse.

Religious Awareness Week hosted by Campus Interfaith Council

https://www.facebook.com/events/643830232330758/?notif_t=plan_user_joined

Join us in celebrating diversity on campus in a way that we never have before! We will be learning about aspects of many different belief communities around the world during the week. Celebrating the diverse belief communities here at MSU and celebrating cultural knowledge through experience and dialogue.

March 25

Professor Panel and Workshop & Interfaith Dialogue

Interfaith dialogue serve as an opportunity to promote relationships between peoples of differing faiths, work to integrate a religious aspect into student life, and encourage interfaith cooperation and understanding. We will include different professionals in this dialogue to add to the experiences that the group will discuss. Working with professors in the Religious Studies department to create engaging workshops for students to attend. The topic of this panel will be Secularity.

March 26

Day of Philanthropy

A day of philanthropy with different organizations around campus! We are planning on donating our time and service to an organization in the Lansing/East Lansing Area. This service is meant to create teamwork across religious groups and create discussion between individuals. Organizations include MSA, JSU, Hillel, and many more

March 27

Contemplative Science: Tibetan Buddhist Meditation and Neuroscience

7:00pm, 115 International Center. Lecture by B Allen Wallace (East Asian Religions)

March 28

Yoga, Meditation, and "Shabbat" dinner with JSU and Hillel

B Allen Wallace will be leading a meditation at 10am in the Union! There will be free yoga at 11am after the

meditation.

“Shabbat” Dinner (sharing of foods from different belief communities) and an Ask Big Questions session. We will be renting a kitchen on campus (most likely Mason-Abbot) to cook with Hillel during this session

Student Scholarships through the LGBT Resource Center

Deadline: **March 31**

<http://lbgrc.msu.edu/%E2%80%A8http://lbgrc.msu.edu/scholarships>

Visit our website to find information on scholarships available specifically to students at Michigan State University who are committed to LGBT communities. If you have any questions, please give us a call (517-353-9520) or send us an email (please use the word “scholarship” in the subject line). You may submit materials via email to Laura Holdeman at holdema1@vps.msu.edu or by mail to: LGBT Resource Center, ATTN: Laura Holdeman, 302 Student Services, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48824-1113.

Women’s Advisory Committee for Support Staff Forum and Resource Fair

March 31

www.adminsv.msu.edu/wacss/forum.html

The Women’s Advisory Committee to Support Staff is a committee of women support staff charged with advising the Executive Vice President of Administrative Services on issues affecting women staff. This event is open to all MSU support staff. Its purpose is to engage staff with key leaders at MSU to discuss current events and issues important to the success of employees—particularly as they relate to women—as well as discuss opportunities where we can contribute to the organization’s success. Questions received during registration will form the basis of topics covered at the Forum. The new Executive Vice President for Administrative Services (as well as other senior administrators from the University) will provide a short presentation and host a Q&A session of concerns taken directly from the floor. Featured each year at the Spring Forum is a Resource Fair that provides information and services available from departments, campus programs, groups, and local businesses that serve MSU employees. The Forum and Resource Fair provide an excellent opportunity to interact directly with senior administrators and other support staff, broaden knowledge on current issues and events, and receive answers to questions that directly affect you. We encourage your participation.

CLACS 2014 Symposium *The Art of Words: Myth, Legend and Tradition in Performance*

April 1-4

The symposium program, which is a key contribution to the College of Music’s Latin IS America initiative, includes two workshops focused on Hispanic storytelling and performance techniques, a public seminar on the art of storytelling, a consultation in the College of Music, and the April 4th grand finale public performance (in Spanish with English subtitles). This multi-faceted artistic finale, *Dar a luz: La aventura del pensamiento* (“Giving Birth: The Adventure of Thought”), embodies storytelling, visual arts and live music from the Hispanic and world traditions. This performance will take place April 4, 7:00-9:00pm in MSU’s Auditorium Hall.

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.

Volunteers Needed for UURAF, April 4

tinyurl.com/2014UURAFVolunteers

UURAF is a wonderful opportunity for MSU undergraduates to formally present their original research and/or creative works to an audience. We are seeking volunteers to help us staff the Forum. There are two kinds of volunteer opportunities. **Room Moderators:** A room moderator is the “grand organizer” of a breakout room. Room moderators introduce each student presenter, keep track of the time, and serve as a general supervisor of the area. With 118 oral presentations and a limited amount of space, it is essential that we keep each presentation “on time.” This is a great opportunity for you to see some of the amazing work being done in your college and across campus by outstanding undergraduate scholars. **Registration:** We also need help checking students into the event. The time will vary depending on the position. In general, morning registration will run from 8:15-11:00am and afternoon registration will run from 11:30am-1:15pm. In return for your help, all volunteers will receive a free lunch in the Union (good for 4 April) and a coupon for a free scoop of ice cream at the MSU Dairy Store. You can register to volunteer online at the link above.

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.

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.

MSUToday article of interest: "Weapons Tied to Repeat Domestic Abuse"

msutoday.msu.edu/news/2014/weapons-tied-to-repeat-domestic-abuse/

"Women are up to 83 percent more likely to experience repeat abuse by their male partners if a weapon is used in the initial abuse incident, according to a new study that has implications for victims, counselors and police. MSU researcher Amy Bonomi and colleagues studied the domestic abuse police reports of nearly 6,000 couples in Seattle during a two-year period. An estimated one in four women in the United States experience domestic violence at least once in their lifetime."

LiveIt! Spartans Connect with Respect

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

LiveIt! 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.gvfb.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

V-Day Lansing Fundraiser to benefit EVE, Inc

March 27

4:00-9:00pm, Noodles & Company, 205 E. Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI

Hungry and looking for a way to give back to your community? V-Day Lansing is having a fundraiser where 25% of sales will benefit Eve, Inc., a domestic violence shelter in Lansing. Come hang out with us and eat some yummy noodles! And bring your friends!

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.

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: On or before March 31: \$25.00. After March 31, and on Race Day: \$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.

MSU Sexual Assault Program Summer Volunteer Information Session

April 17

5:00pm, 6 Student Services

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.

Skydiving for a Cause: Two-Mile High Stand Against Sexual Assault

April 26

On April 26, thousands of people will take to the sky to participate in the Two-Mile High Stand Against Sexual Assault as part of Operation Freefall, to raise awareness of sexual assault. This is an annual event held simultaneously across the country on the last Saturday of each April, and it benefits both Speaking Out Against Rape (SOAR) and local community-based anti-sexual violence organizations. In the past thirteen years, Operation Freefall has raised over one million dollars (www.operationfreefall.com/about.html).

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.

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Conferences and Workshops

Embracing our Changes, Midlife and Beyond

March 21

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

www.obgyn.msu.edu

The Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Biology at MSU is hosting a one-day conference, “Embracing our Changes, Midlife and Beyond.” The anticipated conference audience is community healthcare providers, social workers, nurses, paraprofessionals, community-based organizations, churches, and other interested persons and/or groups. A downloadable schedule and registration can be found on the website.

Philosophy Graduate Student Conference

March 21-22

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

go.cal.msu.edu/gradconference

The aim of this year's conference is to examine the role of imaginative alternatives in critical social and political philosophy. Social theorists have to struggle with the limitations of the present imaginary in theorizing better possible worlds and new means of resistance while critiquing interlocking systems of oppression. Critical philosophers are often challenged to go beyond critique and provide accounts of alternatives that can guide political action aimed at achieving emancipatory social change. Today it is clear that such change is necessary. However, it is less clear 1) what a better world would be like, 2) what sorts of social and political changes are possible, 3) how we should proceed in engaging with such questions, and 4) whether the development of alternatives is a challenge that critical theorists should accept. This conference is intended to explore these questions.

21st Annual Dia de la Mujer Conference

March 22

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

<http://ddlm.ocat.msu.edu/conference-schedule/>

The Día de la Mujer Conference began in 1994 to highlight the accomplishments of Latina women in our community. Since that time DDLM has grown into a multi-faceted series of workshops focusing on education, health, political, inter-personal relationships, culture, personal development, and self-empowerment for Latinas of all ages and backgrounds. Our conference goals are to empower, motivate, inspire, connect and support Latinas and all women in their quest for advancement in society. DDLM is also an excellent opportunity for non-Latinos, who are interested in learning about the beliefs, views, and way of life in the Latino community. DDLM recognizes that there is value in difference and is an excellent cross-cultural experience for all who take advantage of the opportunity. DDLM is open to all regardless of ethnic background. We encourage everyone to attend and participate in all that DDLM has to offer. DDLM is open and inclusive of all who value diversity and wish to learn about the growing Latino community.

Whose Beloved Community? Black Civil and LGBT Rights

March 27-29

Emory University

www.womenscenter.emory.edu/Programs/whoseBelovedCommunity/index.html

The role of Black lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in both race-based and sexuality-based civil rights movements is frequently rendered invisible as a result of prevailing national narratives that present (presumed white) LGBT communities and (presumed straight) Black communities as opposing forces. In recent years, however, an increasing number of scholars and activists have produced work seeking to make visible

the vital points of intersection and contention among the U.S. Civil Rights movement, the LGBT equality movement, and Black LGBT communities. This work is shaped by questions related to identity formation, intersectionality, tokenism, marriage equality, the role of religion and “respectability” in African American communities, the emergence of the South as a center of Black LGBT life in the U.S., HIV/AIDS and its continuing effect on African American communities, the proliferation of a prison-industrial complex unprepared for its LGBT population, and the appropriation of the civil rights movement by the right. This conference seeks to make visible and critically engage the points of convergence and divergence between these two historic, overlapping, yet distinct social movements that continue to transform civil society, law, and the academy.

7th Annual Women in Business Leadership Conference

March 28

East Lansing Marriott at University Place, 8:30am-2:00pm

What is the best way to land your dream internship or full-time position? Women in Business Students' Association (WBSA) is giving all MSU students the opportunity to experience professional development and to network with Fortune 500 companies at their Seventh Annual Women in Business Leadership Conference. Registration is free. Go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-in-business-leadership-conference-tickets-10365093273?aff=efbevent> register. Women in Business Students' Association Annual Leadership Conference is a great event that is open to everyone. This event provides opportunities to network with Fortune 500 companies and to gain insight from business professionals. This year the theme is “Complete the Puzzle” and Dow Chemical, KPMG, and General Motors are presenting. WBSA is also excited to announce that Mary Sipes, General Motors Vice President Global Portfolio Planning will be our keynote speaker. Mary has responsibility for global planning, advanced concepts and global features and technology planning. She is also a member of the People with Disabilities Resource Affinity Group at GM. She earned her graduate degree from MSU's weekend MBA program. At the Women in Business Leadership Conference students will have the chance to participate in workshops that are built around the theme: Complete the Puzzle. These workshops will be held by our three Fortune 500 Companies: Dow Chemical, KPMG, and General Motors. There will also be Women in Business Young Alumni workshop, where former Women in Business Executive Board Members will share their experiences in the corporate world. The young female alumni represent PwC, Comer Holdings, Deloitte, TEKsystems and BDO. Please join WBSA at the Seventh Annual Leadership Conference on Friday, March 28th 2014 at 8:30 am in the East Lansing Marriott Hotel.

Education/Migration: Agriculture, Seasonal Migration and Access to Higher Education

March 28-29

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

The Chicano/Latino Studies Program will host an interdisciplinary conference on seasonal migration, agricultural labor, and access to higher education. The goal is to reflect upon “Migration/Education” as a generative concept covering a range of inquiry and exploration in relation to seasonal migration and educational access in the US. The conference will engage scholarship on the current state of “migrant education,” with an emphasis on emergent approaches that have the potential to inform policy innovation.

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

May 14-16

University of Michigan

tinyurl.com/WomenandEconomicSecurity

This 3-day interdisciplinary, multi-sector 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 Women and Economic Security Conference is one of CEW's 50th Anniversary events. The conference registration fee is \$150 to attend all three days, or \$100 per day.

Building and Maintaining a Comprehensive Survivor-Centered Campus

May 20-21

Central Michigan University

www.bmcsc.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

***Sprinkle*: an undergraduate Feminist and Queer Studies Journal**

Submission Deadline: **March 24**

www.freireproject.org/sprinkle/

Sprinkle, a peer-reviewed undergraduate Feminist and Queer Studies journal originally conceived in 2007 as a collection of student works from the McGill Sexual Diversity Studies course, seeks academic submissions for Spring 2014 edition. *Sprinkle* seeks to continue to produce a queer-positive, critical journal that works to challenge the normative experiences that are often privileged within our society. In this vein, we hope to draw attention to queer history and experience as well as other issues of gender and sexuality, subjects not often addressed within classroom curricula. This journal hopes to draw from and appeal to a wide audience, and people of numerous identities and backgrounds. *Sprinkle* aims to lend legitimacy to the thoughts and experiences of young people, and produce an engaging publication. Papers should be no more than 3000 words in length and show critical engagement with issues of gender and sexuality from all disciplines. We encourage submissions to explore the intersection of gender and sexuality with other social identities (race, class, dis/ability, etc.), however this is not required. We may also consider a small number of creative submissions (i.e. poetry, short stories, etc.). Please send submissions via email as .docx, .doc, .pdf, or .rtf attachments to sprinkle.journal@gmail.com with the subject heading: "Submission for Spring 2014 Issue." In the email please include the following information: name as you would like it to appear in the journal; email address; institution of study, and a 100 word bio. Your essays should be 'blinded' meaning that they should contain no information that would identify the author.

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 individuals 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

Executive Director

Women, Food, and Agriculture Network

Deadline: **March 24**

Women, Food and Agriculture Network (WFAN) was founded in 1997 by a group of visionary women to address the absence of female voices in agriculture. It has grown into a premiere national network of more than 4,000 women across the U.S., providing education, leadership development and networking opportunities. The mission of WFAN is to link and empower women to build food systems and communities that are healthy, just, sustainable, and that promote environmental integrity. Our dedicated staff and volunteer board of directors are mostly based in Iowa and a national advisory council is being created in 2014 to provide a broader scope of perspectives from various network constituents across the U.S. Reporting to the board of directors, the executive director will be WFAN's public face and speak for the organization on a regular basis. She will be in charge of all day-to-day operations, and have overall strategic and operational responsibility for WFAN's staff, programs, expansion, and execution of its vision and mission. She will develop deep knowledge of WFAN's programs, operations, and organizational plans. The executive director is also WFAN's chief fundraiser, responsible for raising the organization's budget and expanding the organization's development and individual donor campaigns. All candidates should have proven non-profit leadership, financial management, and relationship management experience. The successful candidate will demonstrate that she has the skills to move our growing organization from being funded primarily through grants to a more diverse funding portfolio, including a robust individual donor program. In addition, she must build upon our current growth and momentum to add to the size and effectiveness of WFAN by educating and advocating for women working in healthy food and sustainable agriculture across the nation. Please submit a cover letter addressing how you meet the above qualifications, resume, 4 professional references, and 2 writing samples (excerpts are fine, 3 pages max.) to wfanjobs@wfan.org no later than 5pm central time on March 24, 2014. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so early application is strongly recommended. Please put "Executive Director Application" in the subject line. Questions regarding the position announcement can be directed to Steph Larsen (StephL@cfra.org) or Dana Foster (Dana@Scattergood.org). NOTE: This position will remain open until after the March 24 application deadline. For more information on qualifications necessary and the application process, please visit: <http://wfan.org/executive-director-opening/>.

Faculty Position in Religion and Politics

Washington University in St. Louis

<http://rap.wustl.edu/>

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

<http://www.hr.arizona.edu> (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.

Chair, Native American and Indigenous Studies

University of Washington, Seattle

<http://apply.interfolio.com/23390>

The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington seeks candidates for a full-time associate or full professor, to serve as Chair in the Department of American Indian Studies. American Indian Studies (AIS) at UW is a multidisciplinary academic department that offers an undergraduate major and a minor. It is also home to the Native Voices graduate program in indigenous film, video, and digital media. The department faculty represent a range of disciplines and approach their teaching and research from a decolonized, community-based and global perspective. The department works with national and regional Native American communities through the UW Tribal Leaders Summit, Native American Advisory Board, UW powwows, the Intellectual House project, and campus symposia and conferences. It is a campus leader in facilitating the recruitment and retention of Native American and indigenous students. University of Washington seeks a scholar of Native American and Indigenous studies and will consider applicants in all areas of specialization. The critical qualifications are a Ph.D. or comparable terminal degree in the candidate's field; a record of distinguished scholarship and teaching; experience working with Native American communities and organizations; administrative experience that includes strategic educational planning, budget management, development and grant writing skills, advising, and personnel management. The chair will provide leadership for the department's educational mission, work to enhance professional development opportunities for faculty, advocate for AIS in relations with college and university administrators, administer and develop department budget and resources, supervise staff, and promote mutually beneficial relations with regional Native communities and organizations. University of Washington faculty engage in teaching, research, and service. The chair has the discretion to set a teaching schedule compatible with departmental leadership as his/her highest priority. The start date for this position is negotiable but may be as early as July 1, 2014. Candidates should provide a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests, statement of administrative philosophy and experience, teaching evaluations, and the names and contact information for at least three references. References will not be contacted until a candidate is being considered for a campus visit.

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

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

www.calpolyjobs.org (#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.

Women in Engineering Recruiting and Outreach Coordinator Position

The College of Engineering at MSU is seeking a Coordinator of Recruiting and Outreach for the Women in Engineering (WIE) Program. The College seeks a dynamic, innovative individual who will assist in the recruitment and retention of women engineering students; projects will be assigned by the program director and may include planning and implementation of pre-college and other outreach programs; projects include workshops, competitions, on-campus events, and other recruiting activities for prospective students; in addition, assistance in the coordination of week-long summer camps and other K-12 outreach events; assessment is expected. Applicants should have a strong commitment to students as well as a working knowledge of social media, strong communication and presentation skills, and proficiency in office software. Some travel, evening and weekend work is required. Knowledge equivalent to that which normally would be acquired by completing a four year college degree program; six months to one year of related and progressively more responsible or expansive work experience in admissions, counseling, public relations, student services or related area, including implementing programs and schedules, making formal presentations, and working with the public; experience with word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Research Assistant

Promundo US

Promundo-US, a DC-based international organization focused on engaging men in gender equality is seeking a part-time research assistant to work on an exciting new report: "State of the World's Fathers." Job description and desired qualifications: The research assistant would be responsible for locating, retrieving, and creating tables of international data on men's participation as fathers and caregivers, to be published as part of the first edition of the State of the World's Fathers report. Some basic data manipulation or analysis may be required. The research assistant should: Have an MA or be enrolled in a Master's program with significant background in quantitative methods and/or demography; Be familiar with international datasets such as DHS, MICS, Living Standards, and the World Values Survey; Have experience retrieving and tabulating data both from online sources and raw data files; Have experience with descriptive data analysis, creating cross-tabs, etc.; Be detail-oriented and self-motivated, able to work with little supervision; Preferred: Experience with data visualization and/or background in masculinities/fatherhood/gender studies. The researcher can be based in DC or work remotely. The work would be flexible and paid hourly, we anticipate no more than 10 hours per week over a period of 3-6 months. Hourly rate to be determined based on qualifications. If you are interested, please send CV and brief cover letter describing your qualifications to r.levtov@promundo.org.br.

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Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

MSU Excalibur Leadership Scholarship

Deadline: **March 17, 5:00pm**

spartanpartners.msu.edu/scholarship-applications/excalibur-leadership-scholarship/

Criteria: 2.75 GPA or in good standing with MSU; Demonstrates service to MSU student community; Nominated by university leadership for consideration; Senior status; Demonstrates financial need; Is a leader within the Residence Hall community.

ASMSU's Scholarship for Student Leaders

Deadline: **March 17, 5:00pm**

spartanpartners.msu.edu/scholarship-applications/2014-asmsu/

Associated Students of Michigan State University is the undergraduate student government. Along with representing MSU students on academic and non-academic issues affecting student life, ASMSU provides legal counsel, loans, free yearbooks, scholarships, blue books, and various other services to undergraduate students at Michigan State. ASMSU also provides funding for student organizations and hosts special events to benefit and enrich the campus community throughout the year. Through this scholarship, ASMSU wishes to honor those students who exhibit active educational and professional leadership throughout the university community and ensure that the financial demands and impacts on these students are minimized.

Cory L. Richards Memorial Scholarship

Deadline: **March 27**

www.guttmacher.org/richardsscholarship/

The Guttmacher Institute is pleased to announce the launch of the Cory L. Richards Memorial Scholarship to support emerging leaders in the field of sexual and reproductive health and rights. The scholarship honors the legacy of Cory Richards, a member of the Guttmacher Institute staff for nearly four decades, whose passion for mentorship and commitment to leadership development benefited countless individuals in the field. Building on his work, the Cory L. Richards Memorial Scholarship will nurture the development of future leaders by providing financial support to students seeking advanced degrees in the fields of public health or public policy who plan to devote their careers to advancing public policy related to sexual and reproductive health and rights. One individual will be designated each year as a Cory Richards Scholar and awarded a one-time scholarship of \$15,000 to support full-time graduate study at an accredited institution in the United States. Priority will be given to students with a demonstrated financial need.

MSU Presidential Fellows Program

Deadline: **March 27**

nifs.msu.edu/award/presidential-fellows-program

This unique non-resident program offers select undergraduate seniors and recent graduates a year-long opportunity to study: The U.S. Presidency; The public policymaking process; Chief Executive's relations with Congress, allies, the media and the American public. Presidential Fellows attend three-day leadership conferences in Washington, D.C. twice a year and discuss national issues with Presidential scholars, White House fellows, senior government officials, and nationally recognized public policy experts. The culmination of the Fellowship year consists of the student's original research paper on the modern Presidency, written with the help of a faculty advisor from MSU and a Center-appointed Mentor. Students present their papers at each conference, are eligible to receive two awards, and compete for publication in the annual anthology *A Dialogue on Presidential Challenges and Leadership*.

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Study Opportunities

Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute—June 9 to July 18

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of The New York Public Library

Application Deadline: **April 1**

www.nypl.org/locations/tid/64/node/29386

The Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute, held at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of The New York Public Library, encourages minority students and others with an interest in African American and African Diasporan Studies to pursue graduate degrees, especially PhDs, in the humanities. The program is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. It offers a six-week session for 10 rising seniors. The Institute, with the help of renowned scholars, will develop and nurture the students' interest in the appropriate disciplines, and provide them with the requisite intellectual challenges and orientations needed to pursue humanities careers and to reach their full potential.

MSU Summer Course 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.

MSU Summer Courses in 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.

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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