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Genocide and Human Rights University Program, August 1-12, University of Toronto. May 31 MSU's Kellogg Biological Station Summer 2011 Courses MSU's list of online History courses offered Summer 2011 Graduate Program in Women's Studies, York University, Ontario

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These resource lists are also available on GenCen's website.

GPID Working Paper now available online:

WP 299. Kwiatkowski, Lynn. *Prolonging Suffering: Domestic Violence, Political Economy, and the State in Northern Vietnam.* 29 pp. (2011)

GJEC Fellowships for Dissertation Research and Completion for the 2011-12 Academic Year

Application Deadline: April 15

Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of three \$10,000 fellowship opportunities in the following 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. Application requirements for GJEC Research Fellowship: Completed Application Form with Research Budget; Copy of Approved Departmental Dissertation Proposal; Five-page (double-spaced) Summary of the Dissertation Proposal; Letter of Recommendation from Dissertation Committee Chair.

GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Eligibility: Ph.D. students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree program including dissertation research. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2012, and their dissertations must focus on gender as it relates to environmental and/or agricultural change. Application requirements for GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship: Completed Application Form; Five-page (double-spaced) Summary of the Dissertation Research; Letter of Recommendation from Dissertation Committee Chair.

Funding must be used during the 2011-12 academic year. Applications are available at http://www.gjec.msu.edu/fellowships.htm and http://gencen.msu.edu/resources/funding.htm. Submit completed application and all supporting documents to the GenCen Advisor at 206 International Center, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824 or at gencenad@msu.edu.

Spring 2011 Colloquia Series: *New Research on Women and Gender: Global and Local Perspectives* 1:30pm-3:00pm, 201 International Center

April 15 ***Special Location: 204 International Center***

Rocio Quispe-Agnoli; Department of Romance and Classical Studies

Taking Possession of the New World: The Powerful Female Agency of Early South American Encomenderas

This presentation will examine the production and impact of written texts produced by Spanish and Indigenous women who acted as settlers and/or land grant owners in the first decades of the European intervention in South America. Contrary to those assumptions that excluded traditionally considered peripheral subjects from being part of historiography and canonical lists of academic knowledge, the group of women that will be discussed here learned to use a variety of legal texts for their own means, not only to satisfy immediate domestic needs for themselves or their families, but also for their personal gain. The presentation intends to demonstrate the textual ways in which Spanish and Indigenous women of sixteenth-

century South America learned to display their social, economical and political power through the patriarchal authority invested in the perceived "masculine rhetoric" that framed the production of legal documents such as letters or accounts of Indies (*cartas de relación* or *relaciones de Indias*), as well as point out how these women related to the act of writing and the production of texts in their time.

CASID/GenCen Friday Forum

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

April 8

Laura Apol, The Back Door of Heaven: Poems out of Rwanda

April 15

Erica Windler

Asian Studies Center Spring Colloquia ***Co-Sponsored by GenCen***

Health, Sex, and Feminism in the Trans-Pacific World

3:30pm-5:00pm, 303 International Center

April 7

Ethan Segal, Historical Memory, Textbook Patriotism and Japan's Move to the Right

April 12

Kathleen Erwin, Communities of Fate: Blood Donors, Exchange Relations and Public Health Practices in Postsocialist China

April 19

Haeng-ja Chung, On the Verge of (II)Legality: Korean Nightclub Hostesses in Japan

April 26

Hong Zhang, Impact of Birth control Policy and Market Reform on Family Life and Fertility Trends in Rural China

Gendered Perspectives on International Development Editors' Series: Dorothy Hodgson

"The Mother of Women:" Maanda Ngoitiko and Maasai Struggles for Gender Justice in Northern Tanzania Thursday, April 7

4:00-5:30pm, International Center, Spartan Room C

How does an illiterate Maasai girl living in a remote homestead in northern Tanzania become a nationally and internationally recognized activist, noted for her fearless confrontations with local and state authorities over land rights, education, and corruption (among other issues) and the creation of the Pastoralist Women's Council (PWC), a nongovernmental organization that has successfully mobilized hundreds of Maasai women to challenge arranged marriages and domestic violence, become visible and vocal leaders in their homesteads and communities, embrace the education of their daughters, transform property rights, and seek collective modes of ensuring their economic security? By exploring "from the ground up" the experiences and perspectives of Maanda, the PWC and the women (and men) they work with, this talk contributes to the growing literature on women's collective action in Africa, gendered modes of activism and institution-building, and the possibilities and perils of alternative discourses and strategies for seeking gender justice.

Meet the Author event with Dorothy Hodgson

Friday, April 8

9:00-11:00am, 201 International Center

Dorothy will discuss the themes presented in her seminar, as well as the content of two chapters from her recent book. The chapters are available for free download here and here. Please email gencen@msu.edu if you would like the articles emailed to you.

MSU Events

Earth Month Dim Down Events

Fridays

12:00-1:00pm

Every Friday in April, OCS encourages fellow Spartans to use less energy by turning off lights and unplugging electronics during the lunch hour.

During Dim Downs, special events will be held:

April 8: Sustainability Research Symposium

12:00-2:00pm, Wonder Hall Kiva

Research conducted at MSU with a focus on sustainability will be presented

April 15: State of the State Energy Discussion

12:00-1:00pm, Wonder Hall Kiva

Learn about statewide energy policy, MSU's Energy Transition Planning Process and energy efficiency at home

April 22: Take-a-Tour

12:00-1:00pm, MSU Surplus Store and Recycling Center

Take a tour of the facility which has earned LEED gold certification

April 29: Dim Down Walk

12:00pm, Hannah Administration Building

Celebrate a month of energy conservation and enjoy the sunshine

Peace Corps Information Meeting

April 11

6:00pm, 303 International Center

Come find out about opportunities to serve abroad in the Peace Corps. We will have guest speakers on hand to talk about their experiences and we will talk about what Peace Corps is and how the application process works. http://peacecorps.isp.msu.edu/

Peace and Justice Lecture

April 11

3:00-5:00, 303 International Center

James Dawes, Making Monsters: War Crimes and Ordinary Men

Lunch for students with Dawes, Monday April 11 12:30-2:00pm, Location TBA. RSVP kolenica@msu.edu if you would like to join the lunch.

Israeli-Palestinian Peace: OneVoice Visits Campus

April 14

7:00-9:00pm, Wonders Hall Kiva

OneVoice is an international grassroots movement that amplifies the voice of mainstream Israelis and Palestinians, empowering them to propel their elected representatives toward a two-state solution. The movement works to forge consensus for conflict resolution and build a human infrastructure capable of mobilizing the people toward a negotiated, comprehensive and permanent agreement between Israel and Palestine that ends the occupation, ensures security and peace for both sides, and solves all final-status issues in accordance with international law and previous bilateral agreements. Student leaders from Israel and Palestine will be on campus to lead the MSU community in a Town Hall Discussion.

French and Francophone Film Festival April 14-16

The festival will feature recent French and Francophone films which explore contemporary identity dilemmas arising within gender and class relations, the lives of diasporic communities, and cultural and religious minorities in France and Québec. This year, French-New Caledonian filmmaker Valerie Morignat will present her film short *Idara*. Her film short is inspired by a text authored by 19th-century French feminist and anarchist Louise Michel, who was deported to New Caledonia for her radical militantism during the insurrectional period known as La Commune in the Parisian district in 1871. Morignat will also be giving a talk focusing on digital cinema and cyber culture.

History Department Spring 2011 Speaker Series

http://history.msu.edu/speaker-series/

April 15

4:00pm, 340 Morrill Hall

Brodwyn Fischer, A Century in the Present Tense: Reflections on the Intellectual History of Latin America's Informal Cities

Homelessness Simulation hosted by MSU Students for Peace and Justice and Students for Social Work **April 15-16**

The Homelessness Awareness Simulation gives students the chance to experience living "homeless" for a weekend. This experience is meant to be as realistic as possible. As such, many common items will be offlimits for the weekend (money, cell phones, electronic devices, etc.). Students will be visiting local shelters, food banks, and the like in order to meet their physical needs. Participants will learn what it is like to navigate the aid system with minimal resources and experience sleeping without shelter for a night. This event is intended to raise personal and community awareness of the issue of homelessness. Participants will be encouraged to take what they learn this weekend and put it into action, volunteering at community agencies, educating their peers, and donating material goods to local organizations.

Students and faculty interested in participating should send an email expressing their interest to Students for Peace and Justice (peaceandjusticemsu@gmail.com) by Thursday, April 7.

Key Dates:

Sunday, April 10: Participant Orientation (mandatory)

Friday, April 15: Homelessness Simulation begins at 8:00am

Saturday, April 16: Simulation ends ~3:00pm with a debriefing lunch

Volunteer Recruitment Info Session for International Student Orientation Fall 2011 **April 15**

5:00pm, 1281 Anthony Hall

OISS needs your help for the Fall International Student Orientation Program! This is a great opportunity to make new friends and be a part of MSU's global community. Pizza will be provided at this information session. If you are interested in volunteering and want to know more about orientation, please visit http://www.oiss.msu.edu/students_orientation_schedule.php. The international student welcome will be August 22 and 23, 2011. The online application is available at http://www.oiss.msu.edu/volunteer.php. A mandatory full-day orientation volunteer training will be held from 10:00am-4:00pm on August 18 in the Erickson Kiva. Lunch will be served. Group leaders will have a meeting the morning of August 19 as well.

Walk for Peace to Benefit the Refugee Development Center April 16

11:00am

In mid-Michigan alone, there are approximately 10,000-13,000 refugees who have suffered injustice and persecution in their countries of origin – often due to their racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds. The walk will raise awareness about global persecution and raise money for an organization that provides local refugees with crucial support and services: the Refugee Development Center of Lansing. All participants are asked to make a \$10 donation to RDC and, following this fundraising event, will enjoy a FREE LUNCH, accompanied by a discussion on privilege and oppression. Any questions? Please contact interfaith.msu@gmail.com or Community Service Chair Erin O'Connor at erinkoconnor09@gmail.com or see the Facebook event.

MSU Sustainable Michigan Endowed Project: Grant Opportunity for MSU Faculty

This grant opportunity is aimed at enhancing engaged sustainability scholarship collaborations. Purpose: to propose funding for the creation or enhancements of a collaboration of individuals that will result in a proposed plan for a project or activity that will have a well-specified outcome (e.g., research proposal or conference). Proposal must have at least one principal investigator who is a tenure-system MSU faculty member and should also involve others (e.g., MSU faculty or students; other knowledge institutions' faculty or students and non-faculty (e.g., civil society). Uup to \$15,000 per project will be awarded for a duration of 1 year. Proposals for SMEP grants are accepted on a continuous basis, contingent upon available SMEP funds for granting purposes. The SMEP RFP is available here: www.smep.msu.edu.

Support Gender Neutral Housing at Michigan State University Petition

http://www.change.org/petitions/support-gender-neutral-housing-at-michigan-state-university?share source=share-petition em&ue=sei

Please sign only if you are an MSU student, faculty or staff member. *Gender Neutral MSU* is seeking the support of students, faculty, and staff at Michigan State University for the creation of gender neutral housing options in the University Housing system. Gender neutral housing at MSU will be at on-campus living option that enables students to live with their peers, regardless of sex or gender. This would allow students to access housing options already available off-campus in Lansing and East Lansing-area apartments and houses.

Other Events

LCC Science Department presents Café Scientifique April 19

7:00pm, Eastwood Schulers

Schuler Books has teamed up with the Lansing Community College Science Department to bring you Café Scientifique, a monthly science discussion group. This month's subject is *The Confusing Climate: The role of images in conveying climate change.* Visual imagery is ubiquitous in science and a powerful tool for conveying science to both experts and novices. In general, scientists initially create images to convey information to each other; these images are often simplified and enhanced before being used to convey information to students and the general public. Both the science of image design and visual literacy – the extent to which people can understand images – are often missing in the image development process. Without considering these, the potential for misinterpretations of science to unintentionally arise cannot be underestimated. Michigan State University professors Julie Libarkin and Stephen Thomas will discuss the research on visual literacy, image design, and science communication, with a particular focus on climate change. Using surveys, eye tracking, and interview techniques, they have identified significant disconnects between the expectations of scientists and the ability of students to engage with climate change imagery.

Conferences and Workshops

From the Fields to the Academy Michigan State University April 15-17

The symposium brings together migrant farmworkers who are now faculty members, students, and the community to discuss topics relating to the transition from migrant farmworker to academic. The goal of the Symposium is to record the stories of former migrant farm workers, provide a venue for current students to see how this group of individual overcame their hardships to become professionals, and create a space to dialogue. Registration is \$75 for the professional and academic community; \$25 for community members; \$10 for non-MSU students; and, free for MSU students. The registration form is available at http://fromthefieldstotheacademy.wordpress.com/registration/

Africa Here; Africa There: Canadian Association of African Studies Conference York University, Toronto, Canada May 5-7

http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~caas/en/2011conference.html

This conference is themed in recognition of 2011 having been proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly as the International Year for People of African Descent. During the modern era, the movement of African peoples has taken place under three major contexts: various trades in human beings; economic hardship emanating from natural and non-natural factors; and political, ethnic, religious and other types of persecution. Whether internal or external, the displacement of African peoples has always led to greater complexities within the host societies. Africans and people of African descent—free, freed or enslaved—made up a sizeable proportion of the population of Évora and Lisbon during the late 1400s and early 1500s and performed much of the most menial manual work while speaking various West and West-Central African languages and supplying characters and speech patterns to the works of contemporaneous playwrights like Gil Vicente. The same was true of London, not to mention other places in the United Kingdom, from at least the time of Shakespeare to the early 19th century. By the mid-1800s, their presence and influence was even more pervasive in Brazil, as well as Cuba. Similarly if Africans and the descendents of Africans attempted to recreate their homelands, imagined or not, amongst host societies, as was the case of the marooned Zanj in Iraq (869-883 A.D.), the great Bantu state of Palmares in XVIIth century Brazil, or later the Igbo in Maryland and Virginia, Jamaica, and Barbados, the process today is no less omnipresent as exemplified by the existence of Little Angola in Rio de Janeiro, Little Nigeria in Houston, or the current attempt to establish a Little Ethiopia in Toronto. In other words, Africa has long existed within the old continent and beyond as well. This reality, far from signifying solely an African presence, points to a series of new ways of moving across and exploiting space stemming from an evolving division of world labour, distribution of resources, and production of modes of living together. Africa Here; Africa There will explore, in English and in French, the multifaceted complexities generated by these phenomena within and outside of Africa over time from the perspective of various disciplines.

Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action Ontario, Canada

May 10-14

The conference will showcase exemplars in Community-University partnerships worldwide, and explore and introduce creative ways of strengthening local communities. The Expo will be a unique experience in which local and international representatives of NGOs, foundations, students and university faculty will have the opportunity to enjoy conversation and together explore the importance of Community-University partnerships. The CU Expo movement began in Canada as a response to individuals involved in community-

university partnerships needing a forum to share experiences, strategies and ideas. CU Expo 2011 will address the conference objectives, themes and streams through a variety of presentation formats and opportunities for dialogue. For further information on submitting a proposal, please go to: http://www.cuexpo2011.ca/.

Species, Space and the Imagination of the Global: Association for the Study of Literature and the Environment (ASLE)

Indiana University

June 21-26

http://www.indiana.edu/~asle2011/index.shtml

ASLE seeks proposals for papers, panels, roundtables, workshops, and other public presentations connecting language, nature, and culture. As always, we welcome interdisciplinary approaches; readings of environmentally inflected fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction; and proposals from outside the academic humanities, including submissions from artists, writers, practitioners, activists, and colleagues in the social and natural sciences. The conference theme seeks to engage with questions of humans' relation to nonhuman species, both plant and animal, and to explore intersections between work on nonhuman species in disciplines such as biology, anthropology, philosophy, neuroscience, literature, and art. Our goal is to do so in a transnational framework that will allow us to reflect on how different historical, geographical and cultural contexts shape our encounters with the natural world and with environmental crises. Please visit http://www.indiana.edu/~asle2011/call.shtml for more details and guidelines for submission.

Naming and Framing: The Making of Sexual (In)Equality: International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society (IASSCS) Madrid, Spain July 6-9

http://www.iasscs.org/2011conference/

The theme focuses on the multiple ways that equality and inequality are articulated through sexuality and will explore diverse situations and issues of (in)equality with regard to sexuality in the global arena, bringing together researchers, advocates, policymakers and practitioners to critically share their strategies and challenges that inform and inspire new forms of action and thinking about sexuality. The theme of the meeting invites dialogue and analyses of the interplay of sexuality, sexual identity, gender, class, race, ethnicity, age, citizenship and inequality. As well, the conference theme invites analyses placed within the context of the state's willingness (or reticence) to discuss and incorporate practices, discourses, laws and public policies that acknowledge sexual rights for all men and women and promote gender equality, and recognition of sexual diversity. In line with the IASSCS' mission, the conference seeks to promote links between researchers, academics, advocates and activists by addressing the process of taking theory into practice, conceptualizing the meaning and significance of advocacy at the national and community level, and supporting and advancing the implementation of sexual rights.

Calls for Papers

African Studies area of the Midwest Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association October 14-16, Milwaukee, WI

Proposal Submission Deadline: April 30

The African Studies area seeks papers whose topics address any aspect of popular culture on the African continent. Topics might address, but are not limited to: Literature; Film or media; Theatre and performance; Music; Visual art; Gaming; Pedagogy and education; and Advertising. 250 word abstracts may be submitted via email. Please include your name and affiliation, email address, postal address, phone number, and A/V requirements (limited to a TV/DVD). Abstracts may be sent as attachments or in the body of the email. Please direct inquiries and proposals to the area chair, Jessica Brown-Velez, Department of Theatre and Drama, University of Wisconsin-Madison at brownvelez@wisc.edu. More information on the conference may be found at www.mpcaaca.org.

JENdA: A Journal of Culture and African Women Studies

Submission Deadline: May 1

http://www.africaknowledgeproject.org/index.php/jenda/about/submissions

There continues to be a dearth of scholarly published material about African women in leadership. This special issue will focus on women as religious leaders. We are hoping for both historical and contemporary views of African and African descended women serving as religious leaders. For example, John S Mbiti noted that women served as leaders within African Traditional Religion (Mbiti, 1988). Similarly, there are women serving within both mainline and African instituted churches in African countries. However, women do continue to be underrepresented in the highest levels of religious leadership, in a phenomenon named the "stained glass ceiling" not only in Africa but other countries around the world (Adams, 2007; Sullins, 2000). The special issue will focus on women breaking that stained glass ceiling, in terms of the strategies they use to survive and thrive as leaders in religious institutions—churches, religious schools and religious organizations. Papers are invited which are focused on but not limited to the following sub topics: historical portraits of women as religious leaders in ATR; contemporary portraits of women religious leaders; historicizing women's leaders; explicating theories useful in interrogating womens leadership; experiences in religious contexts; country-and/or denomination-specific accounts of women's religious leadership; women's spiritual leadership outside of religious organizations. The papers will be blind peer reviewed by at least two reviewers so do not include identifying information in the body of your paper.

Journal of Women's History Special Issue: *Human Rights, Global Congresses, and the Making of Postwar Transnational Feminisms*

Submission Deadline: May 15

We invite authors to submit articles that address the historical dimensions of the intersection between human rights and transnational feminist organizing. We are particularly interested in pieces that explore the following question: "How did United Nations-sponsored World Conferences for women (beginning in 1975) and meetings of feminists at similarly large-scale congresses—for example at the World Social Forums beginning in 2001—transform the landscape for transnational feminism in the post-World War II era?"

Of particular interest to the editors are assessments of the tensions between universality and particularity in the making and sustaining of transnational feminist networks. We invite papers that trace centrifugal effects from the meetings outward to local organizing, or recursive effects from organizing on the local level feeding back into the large-scale congresses. Did the large global conferences impact relationships between feminist organizations and other non-governmental organizations? Did they transform the meaning of feminist organizing on the ground? Did these gatherings structure or restructure relationships between feminists and governmental entities? How did they shape relationships among feminists from different geographic and

social locations? Were there specific feminist and women's issues that the meetings served to highlight or, conversely, that they repressed? As this broad call for articles for the special issue lends itself to feminist theoretical examinations of law, universalism, and possibilities for cross-cultural advocacy in their historical and social specificities, authors should confront relevant theories about feminist practices in the last half-century, particularly those that address the intersection of gender with class, ethnic, and racial identities. Authors should also place their analysis in its specific historical and social contexts. We encourage submissions from academics, activists, and meeting attenders. Submissions will be part of the regular review process employed by JWH. Please submit papers to both Jean Quataert (profquat@binghamton.edu) and Benita Roth (broth@binghamton.edu). The special issue is slated to appear in September 2012.

Barbara Wertheimer Prize in Labor History

Submission Deadline: June 15

To recognize serious study in labor and work history among undergraduate students, the New York Labor History Association will award the Barbara Wertheimer Prize of \$250.00 for the best research paper written during the 2010-2011 academic year. An abstract of the winning entry will, with permission, be posted on the NYLHA website. Papers on any aspect of labor or work history will be considered. Entries will be evaluated on the basis of scholarship and literary merit. Entrants should send one copy of their paper to: Brian Greenberg, Department of History and Anthropology, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ 07764.

Signs Special Issue: Women, Gender, and Prison: National and Global Perspectives

Submission Deadline: (Beginning May 1) June 30

Despite neoliberal commitments to cut back the state, during the last decades of the twentieth century many states dramatically increased spending and infrastructure development on policing, imprisonment, and the military. Initiatives designed to get tough on crime, wage war on drugs, suppress dissent, militarize borders, and criminalize migration contributed to major growth in the prison population. In striking contrast to earlier eras, the growth rate for women's incarceration has outstripped men's. Since 1977, the population of women in U.S. prisons has increased roughly 700 percent; in Britain, it has grown by 200 percent. Ethnic minority women are drastically overrepresented in prison populations, as are women who have suffered physical and sexual abuse. Imprisonment poses unique challenges for women, particularly with respect to reproductive rights and freedoms, childbearing, and childrearing. The exponential increase in women's incarceration also coincided with the privatization of prisons and the emergence of new gendered divisions of prison labor. The "war on terror" has fostered a "war on immigrants," and increasing numbers of women have been held in detention without charge on suspicion of terrorist connections or immigration violations. For this issue, submissions are sought that address women's imprisonment and detention, including gendered carceral regimes, challenges to bodily integrity, reproductive freedom, and mothering in prison; the effects of imprisonment on families and communities; the relationship between the welfare state and the penal state; the social, economic, and political mechanisms that generate punishment of women; and the effects of race, ethnicity, class, nationality, sexual orientation, and transgender on experiences of imprisonment and practices of punishment. The issue is scheduled to appear in Winter 2013. For more information, visit http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/page/signs/call.html

Diesis: Footnotes on Literary Identities

Submission Deadline: Ongoing

www.diesisjournal.org/

Diesis: Literary Studies in Gender and Sexuality is an online open-access, peer-edited journal devoted to the exploration of gender and sexuality across time, space, and genre. *Diesis* is particularly interested in working with and publishing burgeoning scholars of all educational backgrounds.

Nature Climate Change

Submission Deadline: Rolling Basis

http://www.nature.com/nclimate/index.html

Understanding the Earth's changing climate, and its consequences, is a scientific challenge of enormous importance to society. Nature Climate Change is a monthly journal dedicated to publishing the most significant and cutting-edge research on the impacts of global climate change and its implications for the economy, policy and the world at large. Nature Climate Change publishes original research across the physical and social sciences and strives to synthesize interdisciplinary research. The journal follows the standards for high-quality science set by all Nature-branded journals and is committed to publishing top-tier original research in all areas relating to climate change through a fair and rigorous review process, access to a broad readership, high standards of copy editing and production, rapid publication and independence from academic societies and others with vested interests. In addition to publishing original research, Nature Climate Change provides a forum for discussion among leading experts through the publication of opinion, analysis and review articles. It also highlights the most important developments in the field through Research Highlights and publishes original reporting from renowned science journalists in the form of feature articles.

Details for submission are available at http://www.nature.com/nclimate/authors/index.html.

Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal

Submission Deadline: **Ongoing** http://www.womeninjudaism.org.

Women in Judaism: a Multidisciplinary Journal, published exclusively on the Internet as a forum for scholarly debate on gender-related issues in Judaism, is seeking book reviewers. The journal is particularly intended to promote critical analysis of gender inequalities within Jewish religion, culture and society, both ancient and modern. The journal does not promote a fixed ideology, and welcomes a variety of approaches. The material may be cross-methodological or interdisciplinary. To access the list of the available review copies, click on the Review Books link on the homepage of the journal. The list can also be obtained by emailing the editor-inchief. All reviews are 500-1000 words and due 30 days from receipt of the book. To expedite this undertaking, the journal will offer a small honorarium to each reviewer. Queries, along with a current CV or list of publications, should be made by email to dina.eylon@utoronto.ca.

Positions and Internships

Undergraduate Internship: The A.N.G.L.E. Southern California Internship

Application Deadline: April 15

Applicant contacts host organization which they want to work with and codevelops a successful curriculum encompassing key elements of non-profit operations and program development. Who can apply: Current undergraduate students with strong academic record. Duration: 8 weeks, 40 hour week (\$5000 Grant to sponsoring 501(c)3). Location: An established 501(c)3 nonprofit in Southern California with a commitment to the advancement of LGBT equality. TO APPLY: 1. Visit www.scotthittfoundation.org for details. 2. Choose a pro-LGBT 501(C)3 non-profit organization to sponsor your internship. 3. Agree to the terms of your internship and scope of work with your sponsoring organization. Construct sponsor agreement in cooperation with your chosen 501(c)3. 4. Submit your cover letter, personal essay, résumé and sponsor agreement by the deadline to the website. For additional inquiries, email scotthittfoundation@gmail.com.

R. Scott Hitt Foundation Grants for Paid LGBT Internships for Undergraduates and Post-Graduates

The R. Scott Hitt Foundation is offering funding for qualified candidates with the vision to be future leaders in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) movement. Applicants do not need to identify as LGBT in order to apply. The pro-LGBT sponsoring organization that you choose to apply with will receive funding to compensate your internship position while you strengthen your resume and gain valuable skills towards becoming a leader of the future.

Post-Graduate Internship: Scott Hitt Internship in Leadership Development

Application Deadline: May 13

Applicant contacts host organization which they want to work with and codevelops a successful curriculum encompassing these key elements: communications, fundraising, board development and grassroots policy. Who can apply: Post-graduate students with strong academic record. Duration: 7-9 months, 40 hour week (\$20,000 Grant). Location: An established 501(c)3 nonprofit with a commitment to the advancement of LGBT equality.

Assistant Canvass Director – Grassroots Campaigns, Inc.

Grassroots Campaigns, Inc. is a progressive political consulting firm that's main goal is to get people more engaged and involved in politics. We do this by working with different humanitarian and progressive organizations such as Amnesty International, Save the Children, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) to drive forwards a progressive agenda by taking action. We're hiring upcoming graduates to direct our campaigns this summer. Students who are interested should apply directly to: Laura Zander, Izander@grassrootscampaigns.com, (510) 684-8487. Assistant Canvass Director Job Responsibilities: Recruitment: Build a team of 15-40 canvassers by recruiting from within the local community. Interview prospective staff and make hiring decisions. Staff Management: Teach canvassing/fundraising skills. Work with your staff in individual and group settings, with a particular eye towards developing leaders. Cultivate a welcoming and motivating atmosphere. Canvassing: Canvass in the field for four days per week, to train new and experienced staff in the field and meet personal fundraising requirements. Administration: Carefully track income and expenses. Manage the budget for your office. Process staff payroll. Maintain records for future organizing efforts. Qualifications: Strong communication and motivational skills, work ethic, and desire for political change are essential. Candidates must be able to work within a team, have proven leadership ability and an orientation towards handling a lot of responsibility. Strong self-direction and the ability to take initiative are also necessary qualifications. Previous field or canvassing experience is a plus, and may qualify candidates for additional leadership positions. Training: Newly hired directors will typically spend three weeks doing field training, working intensely alongside experienced directors and will also attend a week-long

national classroom training. Additionally, directors receive support from regional management staff throughout their time on staff. After one year in the position, staff will have learned the basics of running a successful grassroots campaign, including, but not limited to, fundraising and donor recruitment, hiring and supervising staff and/or volunteers, and turf management. Expectations: Positions are through the 2012 Presidential elections. Campaign hours can run 80-100 hours per week, including work on weekends. Salary/Benefits: Annual salary for Assistant Canvass Directors begins at \$24,000. Staff may opt into our health care plan (PPO). Paid training, vacation and sick days are included; student loan assistance is available. Timing and Location: Positions are available beginning post-graduation, in cities nationwide. Ask Laura for details. Please visit our website, www.grassrootscampaigns.com, for more information about current and past campaigns.

Postdoctoral Fellow, African and Afro American Studies/Women's and Gender Studies, Brandeis University https://www.h-net.org/jobs/job_display.php?id=42360

First consideration will be given to applications received by April 15, 2011.

The Department of African and Afro-American Studies and the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Brandeis University invite applications for a two-year joint appointment as a post-doctoral fellow. We seek a junior scholar whose research and teaching at the intersections of race and women, gender, and/or sexuality will support the missions of both programs. The specific discipline and focus of the position are open, although literary studies is not a particular need at this time. The successful candidate will demonstrate promise in research and publication as well as excellent teaching. The Fellow will offer one course, either in or cross-listed with AAAS and WGS, each semester for the term of the fellowship. The successful applicant should have a Ph.D. in hand, and should have received it within the past five years. Applicants should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, a writing sample, and a teaching dossier to: Shannon Hunt, AAAS/WGS Search, MS 082, Brandeis University, Waltham MA 02454-9110.

Institute of Women, Gender, and Development Studies, Egerton University, Kenya

The Institute is looking for advanced graduate students or faculty who would be willing to come and teach gender and/or development courses. The position is unpaid. The university will provide comfortable furnished accommodations for the lecturer (and family if applicable), as well as assistance with visas and research permission. This opportunity is ideal for those on sabbatical, Fulbright, or otherwise looking for a combined teaching/research opportunity. The beginning date is flexible. Egerton University is located near Nakuru. The Institute of Women, Gender, and Development Studies is a dynamic organization offering a variety of academic programs and advocating for gender equity on and off campus. To apply for the position, please contact Dr. Rose Odhiambo, Director, ogwangodhiambo2001@gmail.com. If you would like to hear about a past Fulbrighters (extremely positive) experiences at Egerton, please contact Deborah Freedman Lustig, PhD, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues UC Berkeley, dlustig@berkeley.edu, (510) 643-7238.

Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellowship Program Washington D.C.

Application Deadline: May 1

This Fellowship Program of the National Academies is designed to engage its Fellows in the analytical process that informs U.S. science and technology policy. Fellows develop basic skills essential to working or participating in science policy at the federal, state, or local levels. Eligibility: Graduate students and postdoctoral scholars and those who have completed graduate studies or postdoctoral research in any social/behavioral science, medical/health discipline, physical or biological science, any field of engineering, law/business/public administration or any relevant interdisciplinary field within the last five years are eligible to apply. For more information or to apply, visit www.national-academies.org/policyfellows. Please note the requirement for submission of an online reference from a mentor/adviser.

Hagley Library Exploratory Research Grants

Application Deadlines: June 30 and October 31 http://www.hagley.org/library/center/grants.html

These grants support one-week visits by scholars who believe that their project will benefit from Hagley research collections, but need the opportunity to explore them on-site to determine if a Henry Belin du Pont research grant application is warranted. Priority will be given to junior scholars with innovative projects that seek to expand on existing scholarship. Applicants should reside more than 50 miles from Hagley, and the stipend is \$400. Questions about their grant procedures may be directed to Carol Lockman, clockman@Hagley.org.

Henry Belin du Pont Fellowships at the Hagley Library

Application Deadlines: June 30 and October 31

http://www.hagley.org/library/center/grants.html

These research grants enable scholars to pursue advanced research and study in the collections of the Hagley Library. They are awarded for the length of time needed to make use of Hagley collections for a specific project. The stipends are for a maximum of eight weeks and are pro-rated at \$400/week for recipients who reside further than 50 miles from Hagley, and \$200/week for those within 50 miles.

Fulbright Scholar Program

Application Deadline: August 1

The competition for the 2012-13 Fulbright Scholar program is now open. Eligibility requirements include U.S. citizenship at the time of application, college/university teaching at the level of the award, and doctorate or equivalent professional experience. The catalog of awards and other information can be found on the website of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars at www.cies.org/. Although faculty apply for these awards individually, MSU's Fulbright Program Advisor, Professor Roger Bresnahan, is available to meet with faculty to discuss awards and application procedures, and to read and comment on written drafts. Professor Bresnahan's contact information is: Fulbright Program Adviser, MSU, Room 201-A International Center, (517) 432-8244; or (517) 355-3507; email: bresnaha@msu.edu or rogerbres@gmail.com.

Study Opportunities

Genocide and Human Rights University Program August 1-12, University of Toronto

Registration Deadline: May 31

This comprehensive two week graduate-level course, accredited by the University of Toronto, is taught by ten renowned scholars in a seminar setting. Incorporating theory on genocide and the gross violation of human rights, history, sociology, political science and international law, it explores through a comparative analysis of major case studies and special themes, such issues as: The Causes of Genocide; Patterns of Genocide; Women, Children and Genocide; Genocide and International Law; Genocide Denial; Preventing Genocide; Reconciliation Between Perpetrator and Victim's Groups. Join a diverse group of highly motivated students from all over the world and learn how by comparing case studies one can identify patterns, which may lead to predictions that open the possibility of prevention. For more details, contact: admin@genocidestudies.org or visit www.genocidestudies.org/GHRUP/index.html.

MSU's Kellogg Biological Station Summer 2011 Courses

http://www.kbs.msu.edu/education/summer-courses

KBS summer courses provide students with a unique opportunity to get hands-on field and research experience that addresses applied and theoretical concepts in ecology and evolutionary biology. Students in residence at KBS become part of a community where they can develop new skills, explore career options, interact with graduate students and faculty from MSU and elsewhere, and form friendships that will last a lifetime. Courses at KBS give students the opportunity to study ecological issues in both natural and managed system and are research focused.

MSU's list of online History courses offered Summer 2011

Found at http://history.msu.edu/onlinecourses/

Graduate Program in Women's Studies, York University, Ontario CA

http://www.yorku.ca/gradwmst/index.html

The Graduate Program in Women's Studies offers an MA and a PhD in Women's Studies to full-time and part-time students. Our Program is fundamentally interdisciplinary in formation and practice. One of our primary goals is to develop and apply a feminist analytical perspective to teaching and research on women and gender as they intersect with sexuality, race, ethnicity, class, ability, and age. A second goal is to provide rigorous interdisciplinary training that provides students with the tools to enact social transformation in theory and praxis and enables students to conduct research and analysis both within and outside academia.

Online Resources

Africa Past and Present Podcast

http://afripod.aodl.org/

"Africa Past and Present" is a biweekly podcast about history, culture, and politics in Africa hosted by Michigan State University historians Peter Alegi and Peter Limb.

Association for Women's Rights in Development

http://www.awid.org/

AWID is an international, multi-generational, feminist, creative, future-orientated membership organization committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights. A dynamic network of women and men around the world, AWID members are researchers, academics, students, educators, activists, business people, policy-makers, development practitioners, funders, and more. AWID's work is structured through multi-year programs known as Strategic Initiatives. Each strategic initiative includes a range of activities from membership consultations and surveys, primary research and dialogues with policy makers (including targeted advocacy) to capacity building institutes, regional networking and information dissemination. In addition, AWID works to ensure that the specific priorities and voices of young women are strongly represented in all our initiatives. Website sections include *Women's Rights in the News* (broken down by region, topic, and AWID initiative), *Issues and Analysis* (broken down by region, topic, and AWID initiative), *Tools* (broken down by region, topic, and AWID initiative), and *Women in Action* (broken down by announcements, resources, events, calls for participation, appeals and urgent actions, and general links).

Feminist Majority Foundation

http://www.feminist.org/default.asp

The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF), founded in 1987, is a cutting edge organization dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and nonviolence. FMF utilizes research and action to empower women economically, socially, and politically. FMF research and action programs focus on advancing the legal, social and political equality of women with men, countering the backlash to women's advancement, and recruiting and training young feminists to encourage future leadership for the feminist movement in the United States. To carry out these aims, FMF engages in research and public policy development, public education programs, grassroots organizing projects, leadership training and development programs, and participates in and organizes forums on issues of women's equality and empowerment. The website features feminist job and internship listings, (with a "weekly job email" listserv), a media center including blogs, press releases, and reports/fact sheets, a research center including lists of feminist books, magazines/publications and women's research centers, links to domestic and sexual violence hotlines, a feminist calendar and more.

Gender, Bodies & Technology listserv

In Spring 2010 the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Virginia Tech hosted an interdisciplinary conference entitled Gender, Bodies & Technology (GBT) that attracted international participation from over 120 scholars working in this exciting field of research from a wide range of disciplinary approaches. Feedback from the participants was overwhelmingly positive and requests to strengthen and build a network of scholars in this area were strongly articulated. Please visit our website which includes an archive of the 2010 conference: http://www.cpe.vt.edu/gbt/. We invite scholars whose work relates to the Gender, Bodies and Technology nexus to join our growing listserv which serves as a place to share about new works, publications and art exhibitions, as well as circulate relevant calls for papers and job postings. The list is also an opportunity to network with other scholars in this area of research and to build a sense of community among those of us that otherwise might not cross paths due to our own disciplinary locations. We are also in the process of drafting a call for papers for a 2012 conference, details of which will be forthcoming. To subscribe to the list,

address a new message to *listserv@listserv.vt.edu*. In the body of the message, type: subscribe [Gender_Bodies_and_Technology] [First Name] [Last Name].

Gender, Citizenship and Governance, April 11, 6-7:30pm, 303 International Center

http://portals.kit.nl/gender citizenship governance

Do you need information on gender and women's issues in relation to governance and citizenship in the South for study and research? Want to have easy access to free electronic documents on gender, citizenship and governance? The information portal *Gender, Citizenship and Governance (GCG)* provides access to more than 500 free, full-text internet resources on women's political participation and representation, women's civil and political rights, women/gender and local government, gender and accountability, gender and institutional mainstreaming, and gender in policy processes. The resources include e-publications, websites (including weblogs), e-newsletters, audio-visuals, and bibliographic and project databases. These are selected by information specialists and can be searched by keyword(s), author, resource type, year of publication. The portal was launched by the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT) in December 2008.

Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW)

http://gaatw.org/

GAATW is an Alliance of more than 100 nongovernmental organizations from across the world. The GAATW International Secretariat is based in Bangkok, Thailand and coordinates the activities of the Alliance, collects and disseminates information, and advocates on behalf of the Alliance at regional and international level. Member organizations include migrant rights organizations; anti-trafficking organizations; self-organized groups of migrant workers, domestic workers, survivors of trafficking and sex workers; human rights and women's rights organizations; and direct service providers. Resources include publications, e-Bulletins, Alliance News, reports, and more.

Institute for Women's Policy Research

http://www.iwpr.org/index.cfm

The Institute for Women's Policy Research conducts rigorous research and disseminates its findings to address the needs of women, promote public dialogue, and strengthen families, communities, and societies. IWPR focuses on issues of poverty and welfare, employment and earnings, work and family issues, health and safety, and women's civic and political participation. The Institute works with policymakers, scholars, and public interest groups around the country to design, execute, and disseminate research that illuminates economics and social policy issues affecting women and families, and to build a network of individuals and organizations that conduct and use women-oriented policy research. IWPR, an independent, non-profit, research organization also works in affiliation with the graduate programs in public policy and women's studies at **The George Washington University**.

International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement

http://www.iiav.nl/eng/index.html

This organization's bilingual website [Dutch/English] provides access to extensive, searchable databases of information about women's resources and women's issues. In addition, the site offers the contents of the Dutch journal *LOVER*, *Magazine on Feminism*, *Culture and Science* as well as a newsletter available in Dutch, English, French, and Spanish.

International Museum of Women

http://imowblog.blogspot.com/

Visit the official IMOW blog – recently renamed Her Blueprint - to hear the latest news on what's happening at the museum and get daily updates on some of the causes and issues that our staff and blog contributors care

most about. Go behind the scenes of our exhibitions and programs, read exclusive interviews with our favorite thinkers, artists, and supporters, and learn more about issues close to our hearts as activists for women's human rights.

PulseWire

http://www.worldpulse.com/pulsewire

PulseWire is an interactive space where women worldwide, including those using internet cafes in rural areas, can speak for themselves to the world and collaborate to solve global problems. PulseWire provides online tools that enable women and allies to support each other across borders by telling our stories, exchanging resources, sharing solutions and collaborating in groups. Dive into editorial content and then connect with many of the featured leaders and writers on PulseWire. You can now seamlessly navigate between PulseWire community discussions and World Pulse editorial content—articles, interviews, arts and marketplace recommendations, and updates on the latest news through the eyes of women.