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MSU's Fourth Annual *Workshop on Food Justice.* **May 13-14**

5<sup>th</sup> Annual Restorative Justice @MSU Symposium. **June 28**

3-Day Circle Keeper Training. **June 29, 30, July 1**

*Broad Family Days.* 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays monthly

**Microaggressions Macroimpact: Take a Stand Against Microaggressions**

Sexuality & Gender Research through the LGBT Research Center's Web Resources

State News Article of Interest: "VP for Student Affairs and Services Maybank answers variety of questions from ASMSU"

MSUToday Article of Interest: "Widespread Sexual Harassment Persists In India"

## Other News and Events

**Sexual Assault Awareness Month Graphics Toolkit**

Donate or Volunteer with the Greater Lansing Food Bank

Great Girls in Michigan History Exhibit

Indiegogo Campaign for *Break The Chain*, a documentary on Human Trafficking in Michigan communities and the US

*Take Back the Night* events. **April 7**

Webinar: *Access to Justice: Support for Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases.* **April 8**

Webinar: *Holding Complexity: Young People, Sex Work, and Trafficking.* **April 12**

HUES Monthly Meeting. **April 12**

Equality Knowledge Project Speaker Series: *OUTcasts: LGBTQ Homeless Youth Surviving in the South.* **April 14**

Buzzfeed's Another Round at the University of Michigan. **April 14**

*LGBT-Q's with MSU Alliance and HUES.* **April 14**

*Creating Community and Change through Music with #MidWestHungers.* **April 14**

Mother Earth Day Extravaganza. **April 16**

*Queerceanera: A Coming of Age Party for Queer/Trans POC & Allies.* **April 16**

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5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Summit: *Formation: Creating Bonds and Building Unity.* **April 17**

*Michigan and Climate Change: How Can We Unravel Resistance to Positive Climate Change Action?* **April 21**

Planned Parenthood Activist Night. **April 21**

*Beauty for Ashes Gala* (Fundraiser for the House of Promisenon-profit). **April 21**

Support Autism Speaks with MSU Alpha Xi Delta's Step It Up 5k. **April 24**

Webinar: *Thriving While Healing: Skills-based Support for LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Violence.* **April 26**

Webinar: *Why Opposing Hyper-Incarceration Should be Central to the Anti-Domestic Violence Movement.* **May 12**

MSU Sexual Assault Program Volunteers for Summer 2016 Training Class. Deadline **May 27**

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

Support The Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame through Amazon Smile

Michigan State Board of Education Issues New Draft Guidance on LGBTQ Safety and Inclusion for Michigan Public Schools

Article of Interest: "Casperperson to introduce legislation in response to Department of Education LGBTQ document"

Article of Interest: "Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings arraigned in Jackson County"

EVE Executive Director Statement on Stuart Dunnings' charges

USAToday Article of Interest: "Native American girls fall through the cracks"

Article of Interest: LGBT leader Bill Beachler remembered as 'trailblazer'

It's On Us Video of Interest: 1 in 5

## Conferences and Workshops

THINKING GENDER: *Spatial Awareness, Representation, and Gendered Spaces.* Graduate Research Conference. **April 7-8**

Journal of West African History International Launch Conference: *The State of the Field and New Directions.* **April 8-9**

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Gender, Bodies & Technology: *(In) Visible Futures*. **April 21-23**  
CODESRIA Symposium on Gender: *Women's Struggles Today*. **May 9-10**  
Gender and Migration Conference: *Critical Issues and Policy Implications*. **May 11-14**  
1st International Women's Congress: *Beyond Borders: Strategies for Women's Empowerment*. **May 16-18**  
Gender Studies in Debate: *Pathways, challenges and interdisciplinary perspectives*. **May 25-27**  
WisCon 40 (Academic Programming Track). **May 27-30**  
Sexuality Studies Association 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: *Energizing Communities*. **May 29-31**  
Technology Summit on Working with Survivors of Abuse. **July 25-27**  
Anarchist Studies Network International Conference: *Anarcha-feminism*. **September 14-16**  
Seneca Falls Dialogues: *Lean Out: Gender, Economics, and Enterprise*. **October 21-23**.  
National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference. **November 10-13**

### Calls for Papers and Proposals

Seneca Falls Dialogues: *Lean Out: Gender, Economics, and Enterprise*, October 21-23. Deadline: **April 30**  
*Gendered Perspectives on International Development Working Papers*  
*QED: A Journal in GLBTQ Worldmaking*  
*Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal*  
*Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*

### Positions and Internships

CAL Graphic Design Internship Opportunity. **April 9**  
GenCen Undergraduate Office Internship. Application Deadline: **April 15**  
2016-17 American Association of University Women of Michigan (AAUWMI) Student Advisory Council (SAC). **April 25**  
MSU CANR Assistant Director for Undergraduate Diversity  
Assistant Director of Health Promotion, Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist at William and Mary  
Full-Time Assistant-Professor-in-Residence in Interdisciplinary Degree Programs, University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
Tenure-track position in Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Indiana University Bloomington  
University of California Riverside Faculty Cluster Hiring

### Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

MSU GJEC Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships. Application Deadline: **April 15**  
MDHHS Crime Victim Services Commission grants. Application Deadline: **April 18**  
MSU Creating Inclusive Excellence Grants **May 23**  
MSU GenCen Graduate Student Grants to Support Travel for Conference Presentations  
MSU GenCen Graduate Student Grants to Support Travel for Research Collection

### Study Opportunities

Summer 2016 MSU Courses of Interest  
Spring 2017 MSU Courses of Interest  
University of Toronto's Genocide and Human Rights University Program. Application Deadline: **May 31**  
Oregon State U Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Fall 2016 Study Abroad in London. **Sept 4-Dec 10**  
MSU Graduate Specialization in Women and Gender  
MSU Minor in Defense Studies & Leadership  
MSU Undergraduate Specialization in Bioethics, Humanities, and Society  
MA in Women's History at Sarah Lawrence College  
MA in Women's and Gender Studies at University of Southern Florida  
Concentration in Gender and Sexuality Studies at Syracuse University in Florence  
MA in Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Florida

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Our **NEW WEBSITE** is finally live! Please check it out at [www.gencen.msu.edu](http://www.gencen.msu.edu). If you notice any problems (or typos) within our new website, please email us at [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu), or utilize our new email **comment function** on the site. Please include the problem, which page it is located on, and if you are emailing us screenshots would be appreciated! We are relying on you to help us find problems early on! Thank you!

### Find GenCen on Facebook

GenCen has an active Facebook Group ([www.facebook.com/groups/MSUGenCen/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/MSUGenCen/)), which is a great way to get more local, national, and international news items of gender-related interest, all on your Facebook News Feed. It is also a great way to network among students, staff and faculty, and it is more informal than the monthly GenCen Digest. We encourage all of our members to post relevant content in our group and share comments! We also have an “official” Page ([www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen](http://www.facebook.com/MSUGenCen)), where we post our events and other items of GenCen/MSU-related interest. Feel free to “like” us to stay up-to-date!

### Student Advising Appointments: **SPRING 2016 Walk-In Hours: WEDNESDAYS 2:00-4:00PM**

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

### Summer 2016 Women’s Studies Courses

There are several Women’s Studies courses being offered during both summer sessions, as well as classes that satisfy requirements for the LGBTQ and Sexuality Studies minor. To view the list of available Women’s Studies classes, visit the Schedule of Courses at <https://schedule.msu.edu/> and look up Women’s Studies in the search bar. For a list of requirements for the LGBTQ and Sexuality Studies minor, visit the **Office of the Registrar’s LGBTQ Minor page**. The Office of the Registrar also hosts requirements pages for the Women’s and Gender Studies **major** and **minor**.

### GenCen Undergraduate Office Internship

Application Deadline: **April 15**

GenCen is seeking an office intern for its Gender, Development, and Globalization (GDG) Program for Fall Semester 2016, with an option of beginning work in Summer 2016. This is a **paid position** requiring a commitment of 10–15 hours per week during our office hours of 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Applicants must be enrolled at Michigan State University and should be at the level of sophomore or junior by Fall Semester 2016. Excellent writing and research skills are required. Also necessary are basic computer knowledge, an ability to work independently, and a strong interest in issues of diversity and women's issues, preferably on an international and global level. The internship involves working on content for GenCen's website and Facebook pages, the Digest and GPID Resource Bulletin, and other projects. In addition, each intern is assigned a special project of his/her own, identified in collaboration with the Co-Directors. Depending on performance, the position will continue beyond Fall Semester 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for students of Women's and Gender Studies, LGBTQ Studies International Relations, Public Policy, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work, Geography, or anyone interested in development and globalization issues and their effects on women and gender.

**TO APPLY:** Applications should consist of **1)** a brief letter of interest describing your qualifications and how the position would contribute to your study/career goals, **2)** a current resume, **3)** a writing sample (maximum of 2 pages; excerpt samples from class papers are most common), and **4)** a list of other work/club/class commitments that may occur during our office hours (e.g., if your fall class schedule is mostly finalized, please include that information in your application). Electronic submissions are highly preferred, emailed to [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) with the subject line "GenCen Undergraduate Office Internship application." Include within

the body of your email your full name, your expected graduation (e.g. Spring 2017), and your preferred contact email. Attached to the email should be your four application components; all attachments must be in Microsoft Word (up to Word 2013) or PDF formats. Applications are due by midnight, April 15. Interviews will be scheduled within the two weeks following the deadline and all applicants will be notified by the end of the semester as to their status. **If you have any questions, please contact us at [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu).**

### **MSU GJEC Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships**

Application Deadline: **April 15**

**The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program**, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2016-17 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of four up-to-\$10,000 fellowship opportunities in two categories, Research and Completion.

#### **GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship**

Eligibility for Dissertation Research Fellowship: PhD 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)

#### **GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship**

Eligibility for Dissertation Completion Fellowship: PhD students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree program including dissertation research. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2017, and their dissertations must focus on gender as it relates to 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)

Funding must be used during the 2016-17 academic year. Submit completed application and all supporting documents by April 15 to: GenCen Advisor, MSU GJEC Program, 206 International Center, 427 N Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824. Email: [gencenad@msu.edu](mailto:gencenad@msu.edu) Phone: (517) 353-5040 Fax: (517) 432-4845.

### ***"She, a Chinese" Director: Xiaolu Guo and Transnational Authorship***

#### **April 7—*She, a Chinese* Film Screening**

**8:00pm, B122 Wells Hall**

Directed by Xiaolu Guo and adapted from her novel of the same name, *She, a Chinese* is the story of Mei, a young woman on a trip from East to West after her escape from her provincial Chinese village. Beginning in Chongqing and a disastrous factory job, Mei soon heads out for London and a marriage to an older man where her entrapment begins anew.

#### **April 8—Patricia White presentation**

**3:00pm, B122 Wells Hall**

This presentation builds on *Women's Cinema/World Cinema: Projecting Contemporary Feminisms* (Duke University Press), Patricia White's recent study of feminist politics and discourses of value in contemporary global art cinema. The talk uses the work of Xiaolu Guo, a Chinese writer and filmmaker based in the UK, to frame questions of authorship, translation, and mode of production, as well as consider the wider context of transnational feminist film culture.

Patricia White is a scholar of feminist film and Eugene Lang Research Professor of Film and Media Studies at Swarthmore College. She is also the author of *Uninvited: Classical Hollywood Cinema and Lesbian Representability* (Indiana University Press 1999) and her work has been published in *Camera Obscura*, *Cinema Journal*, *GLQ*, *Screen* and in the edited collections *Inside/Out* and *A Feminist Reader in Early Cinema*, among others. She serves on the board of the non-profit feminist media arts organization Women Make Movies and the editorial collective of the feminist film journal *Camera Obscura*. She is an advisory editor of *Film Quarterly*. Events co-sponsored by College of Arts & Letters, English, Film Studies, and GenCen.

### **Taiwan Film Festival**

**April 11, 107 S Kedzie, *Murmur of Youth*; director Lin Cheng-sheng Q/A**

**April 12, 109 S Kedzie, *Betelnut Beauty*; director Lin Cheng-sheng Q/A**

*Murmur of Youth* is a film about two girls who work together in a movie theatre box office and have a brief romantic fling—which means more to one of them than the other. *Betelnut Beauty* follows a girl who runs away from home to sell betelnuts (which can produce a mild high) and gets involved in Taipei's criminal underground, though she longs for a career in show business. This year Taiwan has elected its first female president (the first female state leader in a Chinese-speaking country or region), so the gender-focused theme of this festival is timely.

This series is co-sponsored by Asian Studies, GenCen, Linguistics & Languages, Film Studies, GSAH, The China Experience at MSU, Taipei Cultural Center in New York, and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago.

### **SANDRA KIM from Everyday Feminism—Building Inclusive Leadership to Develop Anti-Oppression Work Environments**

**April 12**

**6:30-8:00pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium (219 S Harrison Rd)**

Sandra Kim is the Founder & Publisher of the world-famous virtual magazine, *Everyday Feminism* ([www.everydayfeminism.com](http://www.everydayfeminism.com)), whose mission is "to help people heal from and stand up to everyday violence, discrimination, and marginalization through applied intersectional feminism." Sandra Kim is the Founder and Executive Director of Everyday Feminism. In 2013 and 2014, Sandra also developed and leads the online courses for Everyday Self-Love and Relationships, which helps people become free of toxic messages from systemic oppression and to practice being loving to themselves and others. In Spring 2016, Sandra developed the model for Compassionate Activism, which helps people address everyday oppression with love and justice, and is currently developing both in-person and online programs to make this model accessible. As a person with multiple marginalized identities, she is committed to intersectional feminism that is focused on personal and social liberation for everyone. Sandra brings an inside-out approach to feminism because she believes personal transformation and social transformation are interdependent. She's also pioneering an innovative online business model for feminism and social justice to make this work sustainable for activists. She will be speaking at MSU as part of the MSU Women's Resource Center's Gender & Its Intersections Series on "Building Inclusive Leadership to Develop Anti-Oppression Work Environments." Kim's talk will be a call to action to effectively and boldly do this work at an institution like MSU. This event is FREE and open to all. Questions? Contact WRC at 517-353-1635 or [wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu).

Co-sponsors include: MSU Women's Resource Center, Center for Gender in Global Context, LGBT Resource Center, Diversity Programs Office, College of Engineering, College of Veterinary Medicine, MSU Human Resources, MSU HealthTeam, College of Natural Science, History, Geography, Broad College of Business MBA Programs, Sociology, College of Human Medicine, Experience Architecture, College of Arts & Letters, Office of Diversity & Pluralism CANR, Lyman Briggs, Asian Pacific American Studies Program, Honors College.

### **Workshop with Sandra Kim—How To Engage in Intersectional Listening Versus Privileged Listening**

**April 13**

**9:00-10:30am, 303 International Center**

Sandra Kim, founder and editor of Everyday Feminism, will be facilitating a workshop following her public lecture. RSVP is not required, but would be appreciated since we will be providing snacks! (To RSVP, email [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu))

When someone shares their personal struggle with you, we sometimes don't know how to listen in a way that feels supportive to them. Instead we often want to 'fix it' or change the subject. This can be especially true when it's around something we have no experience with and struggle to relate to. On top of that, we've also been taught to dismiss and minimize the experiences of marginalized people by systemic oppression like sexism, racism, and transphobia. So when what they're struggling with is related to those identities, it can be even harder for us to be supportive—whether that's due to our unconscious privilege or internalized oppression. This workshop will support people in learning how to give up listening from their privileges and biases in order to support someone in the way they want.

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### **He Named Me Malala film screening**

**April 13**

**7:00pm, MSU Main Library Green Room**

He Named Me Malala is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls' education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim (*An Inconvenient Truth*, *Waiting for Superman*) shows us how Malala, her father Zia, and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide. The film gives us an inside glimpse into this extraordinary young girl's life—from her close relationship with her father who inspired her love for education, to her impassioned speeches at the UN, to her everyday life with her parents and brothers. Professor Emerita of Sociology Khalida Zaki will lead a discussion after the film. Co-sponsors: Muslim Studies, GenCen, Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison College, History, College of Social Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, Philosophy, Canadian Studies, African Studies, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Anthropology, CERES, Asian Studies; Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, and Peace and Justice Studies

### **Spring Poetry Festival: Tarfia Faizullah**

**April 13**

**7:00pm, RCAH Auditorium, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall**

Poet, editor, and educator Tarfia Faizullah was born in 1980 in Brooklyn, NY and raised in west Texas. She received an MFA in poetry from Virginia Commonwealth University and is the author of *Seam* (SIU 2014), which U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey calls "beautiful and necessary," as well as *Register of Eliminated Villages*, (forthcoming from Graywolf 2017). Focused around a long sequence "Interview with a Birangona," the book explores the ethics of interviewing as well as the history of the *birangona*, Bangladeshi women raped by Pakistani soldiers during the Liberation War of 1971. Tarfia received a Fulbright award to travel to

Bangladesh and interview the *birangona*. Of her book, Tarfia has said, "I don't believe that there is an art that can ever render something as unreasonable and as violent as human suffering. I tried to write a book that acknowledges the limitations of that rendering as much as it is helpless before those 'images of the atrocious' and the ways in which those images are forgotten even as they continue to haunt us." She is the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professor of Poetry in the Helen Zell Writers' Program at the University of Michigan. She co-directs the Organic Weapon Arts Chapbook Press and Video Series with Jamaal May, and lives in Detroit, MI. Co-sponsored by GenCen, English, RCAH Center for Poetry, and Creative Writing.

**GJEC Brown Bag** Please feel free to bring your bag lunch! Cookies, coffee, and tea will be provided.

**April 20, 12:00-1:00pm, 201 International Center**

***A Gender Analysis of the Adaptation and Coping Strategies of Fisherfolk in the Face of a Seasonal Fishing Ban in Tamil Nadu & Puducherry, India***

Presented by doctoral candidate Julia Novak Colwell, MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife

***Out in the Night*, part of *The Matter is Life: Black Women and Violence Film Series***

**April 21**

**8:00pm, B122 Wells Hall**

*Out in the Night* is the story of four queer black women who were incarcerated for varying amounts of time following a violent altercation with a man on the street in 2006 in Greenwich Village. Renata Hill and Patreese Johnson, two of the women dubbed the "New Jersey 4" and the focus of the film, will be joining us for this event. One hot August night in 2006, in New York's Greenwich Village, a group of young African-American lesbian friends are violently and sexually threatened by an older man. They defend themselves and a fight begins that draws in strangers on the street. It ends quickly, and all involved walk away until the man realizes he has been stabbed. The women are charged with gang assault, a serious felony. The media labels them a "Gang of Killer Lesbians" and the man an "admirer." Three of the friends plead guilty and are released but four continue to fight, claiming self-defense. *Out in the Night* uncovers how their lives leading up to that night compelled these young women to defend themselves. Through this act, and their audacity to claim innocence in the courtroom, these young women became known as The New Jersey 4.

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

**\*WILL BE RESCHEDULED—DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. Check our Facebook and website for updates\***

***Implementing Culturally Adapted Parenting Interventions with Low Income Latino/a Parents: Addressing Cultural and Gender Challenges.*** Presented by Ruben Parra-Cardona, Department of Human Development & Family Studies/Research Consortium on Gender-Based Violence

Underserved ethnic minority populations continue to be affected by intense mental health disparities in the United States, particularly if they are not likely to access the services they need to improve their quality of life. Community-based culturally adapted parenting interventions constitute a highly promising alternative to reduce health disparities by offering efficacious interventions to diverse populations, in ways that are culturally meaningful and relevant to their life experiences. This presentation will describe an applied cultural adaptation program of research implemented with underserved Latino/a families with children ages 4-12. Grounded in community-based collaborations, the history of the program will be presented along with reports from participants describing their satisfaction with the adapted parenting interventions. Parents' reports will also focus on describing the ways in which the acquired parenting skills helped them to improve their parenting practices, particularly if they were engaged in risky parenting behaviors (e.g., spanking, yelling). A gender-informed perspective will be described, which led to high retention rates of families (87%) and fathers (85%), while embracing a collaborative approach that was used to question fathers' controlling behaviors whenever it was applicable.

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### Career Services Resources

#### Spring 2016 Drop-In Advising

<http://careernetwork.msu.edu/services-locations/career-advising-drop-in-hours.html>.

If you are looking for a part-time job, resume or cover letter help, interview strategies, internships, or other career related support, we welcome you to drop in or to make an appointment. However, if you are exploring career options or looking to take a career assessment, we recommend that you make an appointment to have a conversation with a career advisor. Our Spring 2016 Drop-In hours can be found on the website linked above.

#### NEW Resource: Career Tools

<http://careernetwork.msu.edu/resources-tools/video-resources.html>

[www.CareerNetwork.msu.edu/search](http://www.CareerNetwork.msu.edu/search)

Career Services is pleased to announce a new dynamic search tool for finding personalized career resources: Career Tools. Use it to find the information you need, fast! Trending topics, peer ratings, and staff picks guide Spartans to popular resources. Plus, use filters such as identity (About Me), industry, and geography (Where I'm Headed) to find resources specifically for your students' needs.

### Take Back the Night Events

#### April 7

##### **\*PLEASE NOTE SOME LOCATION UPDATES DUE TO WEATHER\***

Take Back The Night is an event dedicated to ending sexual assault and domestic violence through spreading awareness. By sharing our stories as survivors and allies, we can empower one another to make a lasting change in our community and beyond. This event coordinates efforts between Michigan State University and Greater Lansing activists. Everyone is welcome to attend and all events are free!

10:00am-4:00pm: The Clothesline Project & Resource Fair—Main Lobby MSU Union

11:00am-12:00pm: **"Militant Self-Care" Workshop** (registration requested)—MSU Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor MSU Union

12:15 pm-1:15 pm - Healing Yoga—MOSAIC Center Studio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor MSU Union

1:30 pm-3 pm: Every 2 Minutes Theatre Troupe Performance— MSU Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor MSU Union

4:00-5:00pm: Keynote Speaker Lachrista Greco, founder of Guerrilla Feminism—Main Lobby MSU Union

5:00-6:30pm: Speak Out—Main Lobby MSU Union

6:30-7:00 pm: March on MSU Campus

7:00-8:00pm: Speech by Firecracker Foundation founder, Tashmica Torok – MSU Room, MSU Union

### ***"She, a Chinese" Director: Xiaolu Guo and Transnational Authorship***

#### **April 7—*She, a Chinese* Film Screening**

**8:00pm, B122 Wells Hall**

Directed by Xiaolu Guo and adapted from her novel of the same name, *She, a Chinese* is the story of Mei, a young woman on a trip from East to West after her escape from her provincial Chinese village. Beginning in Chongqing and a disastrous factory job, Mei soon heads out for London and a marriage to an older man where her entrapment begins anew.

#### **April 8—Patricia White presentation**

**3:00pm, B122 Wells Hall**

This presentation builds on *Women's Cinema/World Cinema: Projecting Contemporary Feminisms* (Duke University Press), Patricia White's recent study of feminist politics and discourses of value in contemporary global art cinema. The talk uses the work of Xiaolu Guo, a Chinese writer and filmmaker based in the UK, to frame questions of authorship, translation, and mode of production, as well as consider the wider context of transnational feminist film culture.

Patricia White is a scholar of feminist film and Eugene Lang Research Professor of Film and Media Studies at

Swarthmore College. She is also the author of *Uninvited: Classical Hollywood Cinema and Lesbian Representability* (Indiana University Press 1999) and her work has been published in *Camera Obscura*, *Cinema Journal*, *GLQ*, *Screen* and in the edited collections *Inside/Out* and *A Feminist Reader in Early Cinema*, among others. She serves on the board of the non-profit feminist media arts organization Women Make Movies and the editorial collective of the feminist film journal *Camera Obscura*. She is an advisory editor of *Film Quarterly*. Events co-sponsored by College of Arts & Letters, English, Film Studies, and GenCen.

### **Mujer a Mujer Series**

**6:00-8:00pm, C136 Holden Hall**

**April 7, 21**

*Mujer a Mujer* is a female-focused group in South Neighborhood based on a mission to empower undergraduate women at the University level to help them develop professionally through inspirational role models.

### **University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum (UURAF)**

**April 8**

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

Registration Deadline: **Friday, February 19, 11:59pm**

UURAF is an opportunity for students to showcase their scholarship and creative activity to the University community in a conference-like venue. Students present their work to faculty judges in an oral, poster, or performance presentation. Students need to register by the deadline. Registration and other detailed information can be found at the website above. The opportunities for student participation are very broad. Last year, nearly 750 students presented 518 programs at the event. It was an impressive display of student scholarship and talent.

### **Resume Boot Camp student workshop**

**April 8**

**11:00am-3:00pm, 113 Student Services Building**

Bring your resume. Don't have one? No problem! Receive one-on-one resume coaching. Get your free professional headshot taken at the LinkedIn photo booth! Drop in to Career Services to learn more! All students and majors are welcome.

### **Looking Back, Moving Forward: Student Leaders for Diversity and Inclusion**

**April 8**

**2:00pm, MSU International Center**

RSVP at [www.bit.ly/big3townhall](http://www.bit.ly/big3townhall)

The Associated Students of Michigan State University, Residence Halls Association, and University Activities Board are hosting a town hall discussion by students, for students within the MSU community. The town hall will be centered around the initiatives the organizations have been working on to advocate and implement a more diverse and inclusive campus community. The organizations will be discussing their current and future goals for their members, their constituencies, and the greater university. A breakout discussion will be held to discuss what students in attendance think the organizations can begin doing immediately going into the next session. All members of the respective organization (students staff members, representatives, etc.) CORES and COPS members, and any interested student are encouraged to be a part of the discussion! As students, we can work together to set societal standards, we can work together to set societal standards for ourselves and peers for the future that benefit everyone.

**Muslim Students Association 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Dinner**

**April 8**

**7:00pm, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

We invite students, families, alumni, and community members to join us for a night of food, entertainment, and a celebration of the beautiful diversity within our Muslim community. Our speaker will be Shaykh Mohammed Ishtiaq. Tickets are on sale now! For ticket reservations email [msaofmsu@gmail.com](mailto:msaofmsu@gmail.com). Include your name and number of tickets and a confirmation invoice will be sent after the reservation is made. Ticket pricing is as follows: First 50 ticket-buyers: \$20, 50+ buyers: \$25, Tickets at the door: \$30, Family of 5: \$80.

*Afro-Roots: A Night of Music and Arts*

**April 8**

**7:00pm-9:00pm, MSU Horticultural Gardens North Garden and Conservatory**

[www.kipajikisumu.weebly.com](http://www.kipajikisumu.weebly.com)

Join us for Afro-Roots: A Night of Music and Art as we celebrate the cultural beauty of Africa through a showcase of African dances, musical performances, artwork and cuisine. The event will serve as a benefit for the Kipaji Art Centre in Kenya, an after school program based in a rural community that is committed to providing an opportunity for young children to develop their art talents. Purchase your tickets today! This event will serve as a lead into Kongamano's service project for this year's SPARTANS WILL. POWER. A Global Day of Service coordinated by the MSU Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, and the MSU Alumni Association, and will help support Zack Okello's service and outreach organization, the Kipaji Art Centre of Kisumu, Kenya, which is an after school program based in a rural community that is committed to providing an opportunity for young children to develop their art talents. Throughout this month we will be collecting music instruments and art supplies for the Kipaji Art Centre. Tickets are available for online purchase only, and are offered on a first come, first serve basis. Ticket includes admission into the event and access to the African dinner buffet. The first 50 Student and Non-Student tickets that are sold will be offered at a discounted price. Ticket Prices are as follows: VIP and Donor: \$16.82 (\$15.00 + \$1.82 fee)  
Student Early Bird: \$6.27 (5.00 + \$1.27 fee)                      Student Regular: \$8.38 (\$7.00 + \$1.38 fee)  
Non-Student Early Bird: \$8.38 (\$7.00 + \$1.38 fee)            Non-Student Regular: \$11.54 (\$10.00 + \$1.54 fee)

**23rd Annual *Día de la Mujer* Conference**

**April 9**

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

[www.facebook.com/events/1642580462686775/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1642580462686775/)

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. Attendance is FREE for MSU students!

**2016-17 MSU Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC)**

Application Deadline: **April 9, 11:59pm**

<http://goo.gl/forms/3ZtVag1DjL>

The MSU Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is now accepting applications for the 2016-17 academic year. SHAC members are MSU undergraduate students interested in public health issues, and in providing a

voice for students in regard to health and wellness concerns on the MSU campus. The application for the MSU Student Health Advisory Council is available at the link above. Please share widely to those with a passion for college public health, regardless of major.

### ***Lavender Reception and MOSAIC Awards Gala***

**April 10**

**1:30pm, Kellogg Center Big Ten Room C**

The Lavender Reception is a time to recognize our graduating queer and trans Spartans while also coming together to celebrate another year of progress and struggle. RSVPS are requested on a form at the website above! Each year during the Reception, hosted by the MSU LGBT Resource Center, the Alliance of Queer & Ally Students sponsors the Mosaic Awards Gala, an event to recognize and honor student leaders, programs, and organizations who have made significant contributions to support the campus queer community. Mosaic Award categories: Individual Awards: Outstanding Executive Board Member; Outstanding Emerging Leader. Program Awards: Outstanding Social Program; Outstanding Educational Program; Outstanding Collaborative Program; Outstanding Campus Initiative. Organization Awards: Excellence in Team Building; Excellence in Community Building.

### **RHA Presents: Dr. Stacey Pearson Wharton**

**April 11**

**7:00pm, MSU Union Building**

Join RHA to hear Dr. Stacey Pearson Wharton speak on the topic of microaggressions; “When Intent Doesn’t Equal Impact: Healing Relationships In The Wake Of Offense.” The talk will be followed by a discussion led by MSU faculty and staff. Dr. Stacey Pearson Wharton holds a PhD in Counseling Psychology and has served on the Governing Board of the American College Personnel Association as the Director of Equity and Inclusion where she used her expertise and experience to navigate complicated social justice issues. Doors are at 6:30 pm, Show starts at 7 pm. Admission to this event is free.

### **Title XI Coordinator Open Office Hours**

**April 12**

**4:00-6:00pm, 150 Student Services Bldg**

Don’t miss this opportunity to meet MSU’s new Title IX Coordinator, Jessica Norris! Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to stop by to meet Jessica, share concerns and offer suggestions to help advance MSU’s education, prevention, and response efforts surrounding relationship violence and sexual misconduct.

### **Department of Student Life Annual Leadership Awards**

**April 12**

**7:00-9:00pm, Kellogg Center**

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. The purpose of the Program is to showcase leaders and their organizations as well as the faculty and staff who support and advise them. It is our intention to highlight and celebrate the programmatic and leadership efforts over the 2015-2016 academic year. GROUP AWARDS: Student Organization Achievement; Emerging Student Organization; Campus Impact (Organization); Outstanding Service Organization; Outstanding Professional Organization; Outstanding Academic Organization; Outstanding Greek Organization; Internationalizing the Student Experience. LEADER AWARDS: Campus Impact (Individual); Outstanding Spartan Parent; Graduate Student Leader; Emerging Leader; Leader of the Year; Student Veteran of the Year; Student Veteran Supporter of the Year. ADVISOR AWARDS: New Advisor; Advisor of the Year.

## **SANDRA KIM from Everyday Feminism—Building Inclusive Leadership to Develop Anti-Oppression Work Environments**

**April 12**

**6:30-8:00pm, Kellogg Center Auditorium (219 S Harrison Rd)**

Sandra Kim is the Founder & Publisher of the world-famous virtual magazine, *Everyday Feminism* ([www.everydayfeminism.com](http://www.everydayfeminism.com)), whose mission is "to help people heal from and stand up to everyday violence, discrimination, and marginalization through applied intersectional feminism." Sandra Kim is the Founder and Executive Director of Everyday Feminism. In 2013 and 2014, Sandra also developed and leads the online courses for Everyday Self-Love and Relationships, which helps people become free of toxic messages from systemic oppression and to practice being loving to themselves and others. In Spring 2016, Sandra developed the model for Compassionate Activism, which helps people address everyday oppression with love and justice, and is currently developing both in-person and online programs to make this model accessible. As a person with multiple marginalized identities, she is committed to intersectional feminism that is focused on personal and social liberation for everyone. Sandra brings an inside-out approach to feminism because she believes personal transformation and social transformation are interdependent. She's also pioneering an innovative online business model for feminism and social justice to make this work sustainable for activists. She will be speaking at MSU as part of the MSU Women's Resource Center's Gender & Its Intersections Series on "Building Inclusive Leadership to Develop Anti-Oppression Work Environments." Kim's talk will be a call to action to effectively and boldly do this work at an institution like MSU. This event is FREE and open to all. Questions? Contact WRC at 517-353-1635 or [wrc@msu.edu](mailto:wrc@msu.edu).

Co-sponsors include: MSU Women's Resource Center, Center for Gender in Global Context, LBGT Resource Center, Diversity Programs Office, College of Engineering, College of Veterinary Medicine, MSU Human Resources, MSU HealthTeam, College of Natural Science, History, Geography, Broad College of Business MBA Programs, Sociology, College of Human Medicine, Experience Architecture, College of Arts & Letters, Office of Diversity & Pluralism CANR, Lyman Briggs, Asian Pacific American Studies Program, Honors College.

## **Workshop with Sandra Kim—How To Engage in Intersectional Listening Versus Privileged Listening**

**April 13**

**9:00-10:30am, 303 International Center**

Sandra Kim, founder and editor of Everyday Feminism, will be facilitating a workshop following her public lecture. RSVP is not required, but would be appreciated since we will be providing snacks! (To RSVP, email [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu))

When someone shares their personal struggle with you, we sometimes don't know how to listen in a way that feels supportive to them. Instead we often want to 'fix it' or change the subject. This can be especially true when it's around something we have no experience with and struggle to relate to. On top of that, we've also been taught to dismiss and minimize the experiences of marginalized people by systemic oppression like sexism, racism, and transphobia. So when what they're struggling with is related to those identities, it can be even harder for us to be supportive—whether that's due to our unconscious privilege or internalized oppression. This workshop will support people in learning how to give up listening from their privileges and biases in order to support someone in the way they want.

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### ***Racial Healing Workshop Sponsored by MSU Police, Facilitated by Ken Ponds***

**April 13**

**9:00am-4:30pm, Kellogg Center, Big Ten B & C.** Lunch Provided, RSVP to [mcglothian-taylorf@police.msu.edu](mailto:mcglothian-taylorf@police.msu.edu).

This workshop is designed to promote critical thought and introspection while sustaining a safe space for conversation about diversity and inclusion between the police and the community. The session will focus on educating and increasing awareness of unintentional bias and racial disparities within our communities. The workshop will examine issues that shape institutional and structural inequities in our culture as participants discuss race and other social constructs. Through dialogue participants will explore and identify forms of racism, look at a history of racism, share stories and ultimately work to seek transformation of the minds and hearts of people in our communities.

### ***Doctoral Study Abroad Fellowships: Graduate Student Fellows? Practical Experiences with International Education***

**April 13**

**11:30am-1:00pm MSU Union, Lake Superior Room**

**Registration is required and free.**

Doctoral Study Abroad Fellowships (DSAFs) are intended to provide professional development to doctoral students seeking a qualification to lead education abroad programs in their future careers. The fellowship program consists of a seminar series during spring semester; an in-country experience of at least two weeks over the summer with an experienced study abroad program leader serving as mentor; and a capstone project designed by the student to meet his or her specific learning needs. This session will consist of a panel of past and present DSAF fellows. Fellows will describe and reflect on their experiences as well discuss how their participation in the program has contributed to their professional development. The session will conclude with a Q&A session with audience members. Lunch will be provided. Presenters: **Dawn Branham**, *Doctoral Student, Higher, Adult, & Lifelong Education*; **Chelsea Cowan**, *Doctoral Student, Music Performance*; **Karenanna Creps**, *Doctoral Student, Arts Education*; **Nathan Leaman**, *Doctoral Student, English*. Moderator: **Alison Kolodzy**, *Doctoral Student, History, and Office of Study Abroad*.

### ***Spring Poetry Festival: Tarfia Faizullah***

**April 13**

**7:00pm, RCAH Auditorium, C20 Snyder-Phillips Hall**

Poet, editor, and educator Tarfia Faizullah was born in 1980 in Brooklyn, NY and raised in west Texas. She received an MFA in poetry from Virginia Commonwealth University and is the author of *Seam* (SIU 2014), which U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey calls "beautiful and necessary," as well as *Register of Eliminated Villages*, (forthcoming from Graywolf 2017). Focused around a long sequence "Interview with a Birangona," the book explores the ethics of interviewing as well as the history of the *birangona*, Bangladeshi women raped by Pakistani soldiers during the Liberation War of 1971. Tarfia received a Fulbright award to travel to Bangladesh and interview the *birangona*. Of her book, Tarfia has said, "I don't believe that there is an art that can ever render something as unreasonable and as violent as human suffering. I tried to write a book that acknowledges the limitations of that rendering as much as it is helpless before those 'images of the atrocious' and the ways in which those images are forgotten even as they continue to haunt us." She is the Nicholas Delbanco Visiting Professor of Poetry in the Helen Zell Writers' Program at the University of Michigan. She co-directs the Organic Weapon Arts Chapbook Press and Video Series with Jamaal May, and lives in Detroit, MI. Co-sponsored by GenCen, English, RCAH Center for Poetry, and Creative Writing.

### ***He Named Me Malala* film screening**

**April 13**

**7:00pm, MSU Main Library Green Room**

*He Named Me Malala* is an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by a gunshot when returning home on her school bus in Pakistan's Swat Valley. The then 15-year-old was singled out, along with her father, for advocating for girls' education, and the attack on her sparked an outcry from supporters around the world. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as co-founder of the Malala Fund. Acclaimed documentary filmmaker Davis Guggenheim (*An Inconvenient Truth*, *Waiting for Superman*) shows us how Malala, her father Zia, and her family are committed to fighting for education for all girls worldwide. The film gives us an inside glimpse into this extraordinary young girl's life—from her close relationship with her father who inspired her love for education, to her impassioned speeches at the UN, to her everyday life with her parents and brothers. Professor Emerita of Sociology Khalida Zaki will lead a discussion after the film. Co-sponsors: Muslim Studies, GenCen, Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison College, History, College of Social Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, Philosophy, Canadian Studies, African Studies, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Anthropology, CERES, Asian Studies; Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, and Peace and Justice Studies

### ***MSU Muslim Studies Conference: Defining the Islamic***

**April 13-15**

Join MSU's Muslim Studies Program and a number of other co-sponsoring departments for a series of events celebrating their 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference. This year's theme is *Defining the Islamic*. Events include a Wednesday evening film screening at the MSU Library, and a series of panels on Islamic Contexts on Thursday and Friday at the MSU International Center. Keynote presentation will be offered Thursday at 7:00pm by Khaled Abou El Fadl. Co-sponsors: Muslim Studies, GenCen, Office for Inclusion and Intercultural Initiatives, College of Arts and Letters, James Madison College, History, College of Social Science, Religious Studies, Sociology, Philosophy, Canadian Studies, African Studies, Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, Anthropology, CERES, Asian Studies; Global Studies in the Arts and Humanities, and Peace and Justice Studies

### ***Are We There Yet? The Promise, Perils and Politics of Prison Reform***

**April 14**

**2:00pm, MSU College of Law, Room 471**

Free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

Dr. Gottschalk is a professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in American politics, with a focus on criminal justice, health policy, race, the development of the welfare state, and business-labor relations. Her latest book is *Caught: The Prison State and the Lockdown of American Politics* (Princeton University Press, 2014). She is also the author of *The Prison and the Gallows: The Politics of Mass Incarceration in America* (Cambridge University Press, 2006), which won the 2007 Ellis W. Hawley Prize from the Organization of American Historians, and *The Shadow Welfare State: Labor, Business, and the Politics of Health Care in the United States* (Cornell University Press, 2000). Professor Gottschalk is a former editor and journalist and was a university lecturer for two years in the People's Republic of China. She was a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation in New York and was named a Distinguished Lecturer in Japan by the Fulbright Program. She served on the American Academy of Arts and Sciences National Task Force on Mass Incarceration and was a member of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Causes and Consequences of High Rates of Incarceration. She is a contributor to the Academy's final report, *The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences* (National Academies Press, 2014). She has a B.A. in history from Cornell University, an M.P.A. from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Yale University. This event is co-sponsored by the MSU Residential College in the Arts and Humanities, College of Law, School of Criminal Justice and James Madison

College, in collaboration with the Citizens Alliance on Prisons and Public Spending (<http://2015capps.capps-mi.org/>).

### **Cultivating an Inclusive Campus Culture for Veterans**

**April 15**

**12:00-4:00pm**

This workshop is put on by the Consortium of Michigan Veterans Educators. CMVE seeks to cultivate truly veteran-friendly campuses. More details will be made available on their Facebook page. The MSU event is part of a state-wide workshop series.

### **Go Green! Go Wild! MSU's Official Drag Show**

**April 15**

**8:00pm, International Center**

It's that time of year again! In partnership with UAB & RHA, MSU's Official Drag Show is finally here! Come watch your favorite kings and queens perform at this jungle themed event. Want first row? Come to the Tangerine Movie Screening followed by a Q and A session that will take place at Wells Hall, Rm B122 at 6:00pm presented by RHA and the LGBT Resource Center. The first 50 attendees of the movie screening will get a guaranteed seat and special prize at the show.

### **2015-16 MSU Community Engaged Learning Survey**

**Completion Deadline: April 15**

The 2015-16 MSU Community Engaged Learning Survey is now open to faculty, staff, and student organizations. The deadline for completing this survey and reporting your student community engaged learning and community service activities is Friday, April 15. The annual index report that is generated from this survey will be organized by college and will highlight exemplar courses and projects. The intent to demonstrate the breadth and depth of our campus-wide efforts. Each year MSU reports on student community engaged learning and community service activities. In the 2014-15 academic year, Michigan State University was recognized by the Michigan Campus Compact as the 2014 Engaged Campus of the Year, acknowledged "with distinction" on the U.S. President's Community Service Honor Roll, and awarded the Carnegie Foundation Elective Classification in Community Engagement. It is the dedicated efforts of our faculty, staff, and students, along with our community partners that elevate Michigan State University's recognized leadership in community engaged teaching and learning that ignites the spirit of community service among our students. By the end of this academic year, the Center for Service-Learning & Civic Engagement will release the first annual Michigan State University Community Engaged Learning Index. This first edition will highlight exemplars, promising practices, and unique innovations from among the student registrations reported by our campus in the 2014-2015 academic year. It will also provide snapshots of the amazing efforts reported. The annual MSU Community Engaged Learning Index will provide valuable information to our campus and partners as we continue to demonstrate our commitment to the public purpose of higher education. The data for this index is generated directly from the information provided by the MSU Community Engaged Learning Survey. We strongly encourage faculty, staff, and student organizations to report their efforts so that the story of community engaged learning at MSU is complete and we can acknowledge and celebrate our collective efforts. If you have questions, please contact Laurenza Riojas at [riojas@vps.msu.edu](mailto:riojas@vps.msu.edu) or 517-353-4400.

### **MSU Summer Intensive on Community Engaged Scholarship, June 6-9**

**Applications/Nominations Deadline: April 15**

Attention: Early career, tenure-track faculty and advanced graduate students seeking faculty or staff positions in higher education! Michigan State University's Office of University Outreach and Engagement is hosting a Summer Intensive at the Kellogg Center that will focus on community engaged research and community



engaged teaching and learning, including service-learning and community-based research in classes. The Summer Intensive is composed of 14 interactive workshops, lunches in disciplinary clusters and with senior community engaged scholars, dialogue with community partners, and time to develop your own community engagement plan for your return to campus. **Cost:** \$350 (includes 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, a networking reception, and all teaching and learning materials). At the end of three and half days, you will come away with:

- Conceptual frameworks and scholarly resources
- Practical partnership, collaboration, and evaluation tools
- Perspectives from community partners
- Career advice from senior community engaged scholars
- Strategies for publishing community engaged scholarship
- Support from a network of interdisciplinary colleagues

### **Spartans Will Power Global Day of Service**

#### **April 16**

The last day to register for the Global Day of Service is **April 12**. To sign up, go to <https://serviceday.msu.edu>  
The fourth annual SPARTANS WILL. POWER Global Day of Service is being held on April 16, 2016. Imagine what it would look like if Spartans from every corner of the globe joined together on one day to serve. In 2015, Spartans donated approximately 16,000 hours of service to their local communities through this initiative! Here's how you can help make this year even more successful: Sign up for a volunteer opportunity on our website, which lists worldwide projects that are being hosted. You can contact the Global Day of Service coordinator listed to learn more about projects that interest you. Don't see a project happening near you? Connect with a local charity or organization and register an individual project. SPARTANS WILL. POWER is an excellent way for you to engage others in service for an organization that you care about. You can also check back on the website later as new projects are posted daily. Bring your friends and family; everyone is welcome to be a part of the Global Day of Service. Many projects are noted as family friendly and the registration form provides space for you to register multiple participants. SPARTANS WILL. POWER provides a wonderful way for families to serve together. Promote the event using the hashtag #MSUServiceDay on social media. For questions, contact Carlos Fuentes at [fuentes@msu.edu](mailto:fuentes@msu.edu) or at 353-1671.

### **DISCOVER ENGLISH: Your Passion, Your Preparation, Your Path**

#### **April 16**

**1:30pm, 112 Brody**

RSVP at <http://www.cal.msu.edu/englishevent>

This is the annual chance for students to meet and chat with professors and alumni who will share their passion for English and Film Studies. Hear alums from the department tell how their English or Film degree led to a career. Professors will talk about the strengths of the various paths in the major (literature, creative writing, education, film studies, pop culture). The career and internship advisors will speak about how the skills developed over the course of an English or Film major provide fundamental preparation for any job. Students will be invited to participate in Q & A with alums as well as chat with them in the mixer following the program. The public is welcome. All students, including current MSU English majors, non-English majors, and future English majors from high school or community college, are welcome. Advisors, high school English teachers and counselors are also invited! There will also be refreshments during the event, and t-shirt prizes for literary quizzes.

### **Spring 2016 Red Cedar River Cleanup!**

#### **April 17**

**10:00am-2:00pm, MSU Bike Center, Farm Ln (Just behind Bessey Hall facing the river)**

Come out Sunday morning and help make a difference in your campus! We're starting at 10:00am and going until 2:00pm. So even if you can only make it out for an hour or so, every person's contribution counts! Come

see how you look in some awesome waders and get crafty with grappling hooks! Hope you will join us in our efforts! Lunch provided! Note: Details may change closer to the date pending on weather/etc. But save the date and check the facebook event for updates!

## **22nd Annual Race for the Place 5K**

**April 17**

**1:00pm, MSU Jenison Fieldhouse**

[www.facebook.com/events/921667694615990](https://www.facebook.com/events/921667694615990)

The Race for the Place supports **MSU Safe Place**, a program that addresses relationship violence and stalking. The course begins and ends at Jenison Field House. 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! Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/EastLansing/RaceforthePlace>. In honor of MSU Safe Place, we're encouraging our supporters to "Chip in \$20 More." Every donation of \$20 enters you in a drawing for great prizes! Looking for a reason to donate? **Here are 20!** Group discounts are available: Register a group of 4 individuals for \$60! We're happy to announce that race participants will receive free admission to the MSU softball game on Sunday, April 17, scheduled at 1:05pm. All you need to do is show your race bib! Race for the Place 5K has been endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports! This means that our 5K counts for The Pure Michigan Fitness Challenge. Sign up today (for free) to earn free swag!

<http://michiganfitness.org/pmfs-challenge>

## **Volunteers Needed for Race for the Place 5K!**

**April 17**

Race for the Place, MSU Safe Place's annual 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, April 17. We are hoping that this year's event will be the best yet! The 5K course on Michigan State University's campus begins and ends at Jenison Field House. Volunteers are needed on race day to help with various tasks, including, assisting with set-up and refreshments, serving as a course guide, assisting at the finish line or helping with break-down/clean up. **Volunteer shifts are:**

Shift #1: 9:30-11:30am (8-10 people needed – set-up)

Shift #2: 10:30-1:30pm (4 outgoing people needed - to greet race participants)

Shift #3: 11:30-3:00pm (60-70 people needed – race course and food)

Shift #4: 1:00-4:00pm (15-20 people needed – kids events and tear down)

If you would like to volunteer for one shift or for the whole day, please contact Alyssa Baumann at

[baumann9@msu.edu](mailto:baumann9@msu.edu). Please include your name, email address, phone number and your first and second (if possible) shift preference.

## ***Black Trans Lives Matter***

**April 19**

Black Trans Lives Matter will consist of events throughout the day celebrating queer and transgender people of color with an evening showcase. The showcase will include queer and transgender artists, poets, musicians, and activists of color sharing their talents and discussing their passions. MSU students and community members who are queer/transgender people of color are invited to perform in an open mic part of the night, email [qpoccmsu@gmail.com](mailto:qpoccmsu@gmail.com) for more information. For more information, email [qpoccmsu@gmail.com](mailto:qpoccmsu@gmail.com). Sponsored by Queer and Trans People of Color Coalition; The Alliance of Queer and Ally Students; Black Student Association.

## ***Rape in the Fields* film screening and panel**

**April 19**

**6:00pm-8:00pm, N100 Business College Complex**

Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention Team and the MSU College Assistance Migrant Program (C.A.M.P.) have teamed up to screen the documentary Rape in the Fields that looks to reveal the hidden price many migrant women working in America's fields and packing plants are paying to keep their jobs. Join us in watching this film and participating in a panel to delve into an in-depth discussion about obstacles facing migrant workers and their families.

### **Office for International Students and Scholars' 2016 Globie Awards Ceremony**

**April 20**

**4:00pm-6:00pm, 303 International Center**

The Globie Awards recognizes members of the MSU community who have gone above and beyond in service to international students and scholars. Celebrate our 2016 winners with a short program followed by refreshments and conversation. Please RSVP at the following link: <http://evite.me/7aVwgFeGCK>

### **Q-CROSS Executive Board Elections**

**April 20**

**7:30-9pm, Lake Michigan Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor MSU Union**

Q-CROSS (Queer Christians Reclaiming Our Sexuality & Spirituality) is hosting their executive board elections for the upcoming academic year during their regular weekly meeting. This is a great opportunity to build leadership skills. Positions available include President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. For more information, contact Q-CROSS at [qcrossmsu@gmail.com](mailto:qcrossmsu@gmail.com).

### **Earth Day Extravaganza with MSU Sustainable Spartans**

**April 21**

**11:00am-3:00pm, MSU Rock, Farm Ln**

Additional information at [www.facebook.com/events/1623204261237819/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1623204261237819/)

Come join the Sustainable Spartans on April 21st for our annual Earth Week Extravaganza! Activities include plant giveaways, free bike repairs, pot decorating, games, and more! Stay tuned for more details.

### ***Alternative Reporting Options for Sexual Assault: An Overview of the You Have Options Program***

**April 27**

**4:00-5:30pm, Room 6 Student Services Building**

**Please RSVP by April 20 to Sara Marino at [saram@ss.msu.edu](mailto:saram@ss.msu.edu)**

MSU Sexual Assault Program (SAP) will be viewing a new webinar and invites you to attend! Presenters: Detective Carrie Hull & Christia Currie, MSW. Webinar Objectives: \*Explain the options offered to sexual assault victims when they report to a You Have Options Program (YHOP) law enforcement agency through an overview of the program's "Twenty Elements." \*Describe ways law enforcement can work with victims to identify and address the unique barriers victims face when choosing whether to pursue an investigation and possible prosecution. \*Outline the seven phases of implementation for law enforcement agencies after attending a YHOP Introductory Session. Please send RSVP and any questions to Sara Marino by responding to this email ([saram@ss.msu.edu](mailto:saram@ss.msu.edu)).

### ***MSU's 4th Annual Workshop on Food Justice: Bringing Theory and Practice Together***

**May 13-14**

Food justice is a growing movement that has inspired both on-the-ground community projects and theoretical articulations across multiple disciplines. This workshop aims to help scholars and practitioners identify and address the challenges and opportunities in food justice. The 2016 workshop will include scholarly talks and visits to local environmental justice projects. The workshop is intended as a transdisciplinary space to forge connections between theories and between theory and practice, and papers should be accessible to a public audience. Previous papers have been informed by disciplines such as anthropology, critical race studies,

disability studies, indigenous studies, economics, gender and sexuality studies, geography, history, literary criticism, philosophy, religious studies, sociology, and the human dimensions of agricultural and environmental sciences. Please direct any questions to [workshopenfoodjustice@gmail.com](mailto:workshopenfoodjustice@gmail.com).

### **5th Restorative Justice @MSU Symposium: The Power of Circles and Storytelling Featuring Kay Pranis**

**June 28**

**1:00pm-5:00pm, MSU Union Building, Lake Superior Room**

[www.facebook.com/events/878688675563276/](http://www.facebook.com/events/878688675563276/)

Our featured speaker this year is Kay Pranis, an internationally renowned author, trainer, and consultant. Kay is a two-time alum of Northwestern University. Kay served as Director Minnesota Citizens Council Research Services for the Minnesota Citizens Council on Crime and Justice from 1988 to 1994. From 1994 to 2003, Kay served the Minnesota Department of Corrections as their Restorative Justice Planner. Since leaving Corrections, Kay has traveled the world as a self-employed trainer and facilitator for peacemaking circles in schools, workplace, neighborhoods and in the justice system. Kay describes her work as “creating spaces in which people can come together to discover their individual wisdom and the collective wisdom for moving forward toward the common good – especially in the face of great differences or painful circumstances.

Advance registrants will receive a copy of *The Little Book of Circle Processes* [Pranis, 2005]. Registration is \$25 for students, \$50 for all others, and can be completed here:

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetg/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx>

### **3-Day Circle Keeper Training**

**June 29, 30 and July 1**

**8:30pm-5:00pm, MSU Union Building, Lake Superior Room**

This training will introduce participants to the peacemaking circle process and explore: foundational values and philosophy of peacemaking circles, creating safe, respectful space for dialog, consensus decision making, structure of the circle process, facilitation of the circle process, multiple applications of circle process in schools, relationship to school climate, social-emotional learning skills, the use of circles for conflict resolution, problems and challenges in circles. This training will explore the values and philosophy that provide the foundation of the peacemaking circle process, acknowledging its indigenous origins. It will also analyze the structure of the peacemaking circle process and describe a variety of types of circles. The training will provide examples of multiple uses of the process in schools. Participants will learn to design and conduct peacemaking circles for community building and conflict resolution. Both philosophy and practice will be addressed. The training will be conducted in the peacemaking circle format and will be highly interactive, using the life experience of all the participants as a teaching resource. Special attention will be given to the role of the facilitator and the key skills of circle facilitation for conflict. Registration is \$350 (includes lunch each day, snacks, parking, and a certificate of completion) and can be found, under “Circle Keeper Training,” at

<https://commerce.cashnet.com/cashnetg/selfserve/BrowseCatalog.aspx> For more information contact [rj@msu.edu](mailto:rj@msu.edu).

### ***Broad Family Days***

**First Saturdays of the Month**

**12:00-4:00pm, Broad Art Museum**

The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum offers monthly Family Days both inside and outside of the museum walls. On the first Saturday of every month (excluding major holiday weekends), families with children of all ages can enjoy making art with professional teaching artists, family targeted museum tours and a variety of interactive activities in our expansive education wing. These events are free and open to the public!

### ***Microaggressions Macroimpact: Take a Stand Against Microaggressions***

In response to growing social justice issues of race, gender, sexual orientation, ability, etc., Residence Halls

Association has launched its campaign, *Microaggressions Macroimpact*. The primarily student-run initiative will focus on educating the campus community on microaggressions, and encouraging our fellow Spartans to create events, discussions, and initiatives on the impact our words have on one another. With consent, the photo campaign will highlight the faces and stories of students who deal with exclusion and prejudice on a daily basis. Look for their #WeAreAllSpartans on social media. For more information and to find out how you can help, visit their website [here](#).

### **Be a Part of Sexuality & Gender Research through the LGBT Research Center's Web Resources!**

The LGBT Resource Center gets several requests to send research opportunities out to our listserv. Rather than sending out multiple annoying e-mails, we have centralized all of our research opportunities in one place on our website. We currently [December 2015] have opportunities to participate in the following research projects:

- LGB Healthcare Service Experiences
- LGB Person's Attitudes and Experiences
- LGB Persons Coping with Discrimination
- Lesbian Body Image
- Transgender/Gender Nonconforming Experiences and Mental Health Study
- Transgender Students and Socioeconomic Status
- Work and Family Experiences of Same Sex Couples

To access these opportunities, head to the site listed above. If you have questions about a particular posting, contact the person listed.

### **State News Article of Interest: "VP for Student Affairs and Services Maybank answers variety of questions from ASMSU"**

Maybank was questioned regarding the sexual assault investigation process. Members of the general assembly asked about the amount of time it takes to decide a case. She detailed the filing and appeals processes for dismissal-related cases and reiterated that she has the final say over all decisions in any disciplinary action leading to a dismissal. "The process is, if it is a suspension or a dismissal of any kind, sexual assault or otherwise, it has to come across my desk," Maybank said. Also discussed was the state of the MSU Counseling Center and the university's position on mental health. Concern was raised about long wait times to be assigned a counselor, insufficient staffing and resources, and the referral of students to external counseling services they might have to pay for personally. Maybank said the division is taking steps to address these issues. "There are efforts around communication ... there's ongoing progress," Maybank said. Representatives expressed interest in initiatives to create gender-neutral bathrooms on campus, the first of which would be built in Student Services building because of its hosting of the LGBT Resource Center. Maybank put her support behind the project, saying she has taken every chance to put the idea forward, but citing a construction cost of \$68,000 as a barrier to completion. "There is no question in my mind that this building needs its own gender-neutral bathroom," Maybank said. "(However) we cannot change what we have here, we have to add. It's not as simple as putting up a sign... There is no stamp you're going to put on a door that makes a place safe," Maybank said. "That's not what this is about. It's about saying that we are committed to engage, to listen, to learn, to understand." ASMSU president and public policy senior Domonique Clemons expressed gratitude that Maybank was able to attend and answer questions, but maintained that he wasn't fully satisfied with her answers. Clemons said he wasn't "excited" by all of Maybank's answers, but he believed them to be honest answers.

### **MSUToday Article of Interest: "Widespread Sexual Harassment Persists In India"**

Sexual harassment remains a pervasive problem in India despite tougher laws enacted more than three years ago after a woman was gang raped on a bus and later died of her injuries, indicates new research by a Michigan State University criminologist. About 40 percent of women surveyed in Delhi said they have been

sexually harassed in a public place such as a bus or park in the past year, with most of the crimes occurring in the daytime. Further, 33 percent of women have stopped going out in public and 17 percent have quit their jobs rather than face harassment, or worse, in public places. “What this means is that women, despite Nirbhaya, are still afraid,” said MSU’s Mahesh Nalla. Nirbhaya became the pseudonym given to the gang rape victim whose death in 2012 brought worldwide attention to violence against women. “Women in India do not feel safe being in public spaces, which is clearly a human rights issue.” While sexual harassment is a problem experienced by women worldwide, it may be more prevalent in emerging democracies such as India and other countries in South Asia where women are becoming more involved in the workforce, said Nalla, MSU professor of criminal justice and a native of India. The problem is intensified by the existence of a cramped, inadequate public transportation system, massive youth migration to urban areas and the fact that India is a traditional patriarchal society where many still believe a woman’s place is in the home.

... To address the problem, Nalla recommends: Better education on the consequences of sexual harassment and the principles of gender equality. This should start in grade school and be written into the curriculum. Implementation of public-awareness efforts. This should include public-service messages and the display of “zero tolerance on sexual harassment” signs at highly visible areas such as bus stops, buses and roadsides. More and better law enforcement and security in public places, including beefed-up police patrols and the installation of security cameras. “The findings from this study,” Nalla said, “highlight the importance and immediacy of addressing women’s safety in public spaces and women’s human rights.”

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## Other News and Events

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month Graphics Toolkit

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has a webpage resource for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. It includes all sorts of images and social media options such as facebook profile picture covers, coloring book pages, and other advertising graphics for use in raising awareness this month!

### Donate or Volunteer with the Greater Lansing Food Bank

FOOD GREATEST NEEDS: <http://greaterlansingfoodbank.org/get-involved/give-food/items-needed/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: <http://greaterlansingfoodbank.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>

The Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is a non-profit organization that provides emergency food to individuals and families in need in Ingham, Eaton, Clinton, Shiawassee, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot counties. Food is distributed through an extensive network of food pantries and community kitchens located throughout the region. The Food Bank annually serves tens of thousands of people, many of them seniors and children. Our recipients also include the “working poor,” those individuals who are employed but don’t earn enough to meet housing, health, transportation and food needs. Services provided by the Food Bank: Emergency food orders, which include enough non-perishable food to last a needy family for six days; Support to home and community gardeners, which includes providing seeds, plant starts and tools; Mobile food distributions. How to help the hungry in our community: A donation of \$60 feeds a family of four for six days. Food assistance is needed throughout the year, not just during the holidays. You can also help the Food Bank by: Distributing donation envelopes at your organization’s meetings, in your workplace or at your place of worship; Organizing a **food drive** in your neighborhood, at your local school or where you work; Becoming a **volunteer** for the Food Bank, Food Movers or The Garden Project; Donating by credit card at on our secure site or over the phone at 517-853-7800. TO VOLUNTEER: The Food Bank has fluctuating needs throughout the year based on season, product, and volunteer availability. To sign up for a volunteer opportunity, visit the website above for more information and to fill out the online application.

### Great Girls in Michigan History Exhibit

Through February 2017, Michigan Women’s Historical Center & Hall of Fame, 213 W Malcolm X St, Lansing Michigan girls do great things. In this exhibit you will meet nine girls from different eras, with different dreams, from across the state of Michigan who all accomplished something amazing before the age of 20. It was not always easy for these girls; most had significant obstacles to overcome to reach their goals. Visitors will leave knowing what qualities Great Girls possess and inspired to reach their own dreams. This is appropriate for visitors of all ages. **Admission:** \$3.00 adults; \$2.00 students (6-18 yrs); Free for children under 5. **Hours:** Wednesday-Saturday 12:00-4:00pm and the 1st Sunday of every month 2:00-4:00pm. The Center is closed on major holiday weekends. Flexible times are available with advance group reservations.

### Indiegogo Campaign for *Break The Chain*, a documentary on Human Trafficking in Michigan communities and the US

*BREAK THE CHAIN* is a feature-length documentary film that addresses the often "hidden-in-plain-sight" issue of Human Trafficking within Michigan communities and the United States. The film chronicles two survivors of Human Trafficking within Michigan communities—providing a detailed look at how trafficking goes unnoticed within our backyards. Kwami, a child survivor of Labor Trafficking, was enslaved for nearly five years with three other children in Ypsilanti, Michigan before anyone noticed. Debbie, a survivor of Sex Trafficking, takes us through her experience of being sold for sex around the Detroit-Area between the ages of 13 and 18. Accompanying the stories of these survivors are nearly 20 interviews with researchers, Senators, non-profit organizations, legal service agencies, law enforcement officers and several artists actively working to raise awareness for this global issue. The film teaches us that what we see in the media about human trafficking is one small sensationalized form—that it occurs anywhere and everywhere within our world. More importantly,

viewers will learn how we are all connected to this extremely profitable business and that we have the power to choose what we support, and ultimately, how we break the chain. What makes us different? We are a different kind of film. *BREAK THE CHAIN* is being developed for the sole purpose of education, awareness and providing a valuable resource for the non-profits, shelters and law enforcement agencies that work to end human trafficking every day. At it's very core, this is a community film project—we are working directly with so many different organizations and taskforces to create a film that is desperately needed for the Human Trafficking community. How the film can be used: \*Trainings for Non-Profits and Law Enforcement Agencies \*Websites for Non-Profits and Shelters to support their mission \*Awareness events to raise money for the cause \*Education for Survivor's family and friends. Let's finally make this problem visible. Help us create a film that will educate our public and provide a resource for the organizations and people that work every day to end Human Trafficking. By joining our mission, you are providing a larger audience for these organizations to continue theirs. **Kirk Mason** and **Laura E. Swanson**, the Co-Directors for this project, previously worked on another documentary film titled '**Every Two Minutes**' (E2M). Much like the subject of Human Trafficking, E2M addressed the difficult and controversial topic of sexual assault within the United States. The film was created and released in early 2014. Upon receiving an enormous amount of positive feedback from the survivor and advocate communities, E2M went on to win a National Grant, an International Documentary Award, it has been screened on campuses throughout the nation and used as a training video for Sexual Assault Programs and Medical Professionals. Can't contribute financially, but still want to be involved in the mission? Yes, funding will make this documentary a reality but at it's core 'Break the Chain' is part of a larger movement to educate our communities about the nature of Human Trafficking. Sometimes spreading the word and being a voice for change is even more valuable than giving your hard-earned cash! \*Share our campaign on YOUR Facebook and other Social Media outlets! \*'Like' us on OUR **Facebook Page**. \*Keep us informed. If you have any information that would benefit the film or the public, let us know! \*ADVOCATE. Get involved with one of the many organizations working to end Human Trafficking. \*"Break the Chain" yourself. Don't give into myths and misconceptions surrounding this issue. Break away from traditional ideas and be an informed consumer. \*There are so many ways you can be a part of the movement to end Human Trafficking—the buck doesn't have to stop here!

### **Take Back the Night Events**

**April 7** \*PLEASE NOTE SOME LOCATION CHANGES DUE TO WEATHER\*

Take Back The Night is an event dedicated to ending sexual assault and domestic violence through spreading awareness. By sharing our stories as survivors and allies, we can empower one another to make a lasting change in our community and beyond. This event coordinates efforts between Michigan State University and Greater Lansing activists. Everyone is welcome to attend and all events are free!

**April 7, 10:00am-4:00pm:** The Clothesline Project & Resource Fair—Main Lobby MSU Union

11:00am-12:00pm: "**Militant Self-Care**" **Workshop** (registration requested)—MSU Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor MSU Union

12:15 pm-1:15 pm: Healing Yoga—MOSAIC Center Studio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor MSU Union

1:30 pm-3:00pm: Every 2 Minutes Theatre Troupe Performance— MSU Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor MSU Union

4:00-5:00pm: Keynote Speaker Lachrista Greco, founder of Guerrilla Feminism—Main Lobby MSU Union

5:00-6:30pm: Speak Out—Main Lobby MSU Union

6:30-7:00 pm: March on MSU Campus

7:00-8:00pm: Speech by Firecracker Foundation founder, Tashmica Torok – MSU Room, MSU Union

### **Webinar from the Center for Court Innovation: *Access to Justice: Support for Self-Represented Litigants in Domestic Violence Cases***

**April 8**

**2:00-3:15pm EST. Register now!**

All too often in domestic violence cases, one or both of the parties is self-represented. Navigating the justice system without legal representation presents a challenge not only to self-represented litigants, but to judges,



court staff, and other stakeholders. Moreover, if it is only the victim who is self-represented, a relationship in which there is already abuse and an imbalance of power, is tipped even further. Courts and community partners can take steps to increase procedural justice and promote equal access to justice for self-represented litigants. Please join us for a free webinar that will explore best practices and highlight innovative approaches in the field. **Presenter:** Darren Mitchell, Consultant to the Center for Court Innovation. **Questions:** For questions about this webinar, please contact Jenna Smith at the Center for Court Innovation at [smithje@courttinnovation.org](mailto:smithje@courttinnovation.org). We strive to make our work accessible for all participants. Please let us know at least five business days before the webinar if you require closed captioning, materials in large print, or have other access needs.

**Webinar from the Northwest Network: *Holding Complexity: Young People, Sex Work, and Trafficking***  
**April 12**

**12:00-1:30pm PST. Register now!**

The intersections of sex work and sex trafficking are complex, and often result in tensions among practitioners who work in the sexual assault and human trafficking fields. In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, this webinar will focus on deconstructing language and policies that tend to divide us, rather than unite us in our work to support young people in living healthier, safer lives. Centering LGBTQ youth, participants will learn from young people and practitioners, about strategies for building rapport with, and developing supportive youth-centered responses for youth engaged in the sex trade. By examining where we are, this webinar will offer methods to keep a vision of the future we want to create. **Presented by:** Northwest Network and Break the Cycle

**HUES (Humans Uniting for an Equal Society) Monthly meeting**

**April 12**

**7:00pm, Everybody Reads – 2019 E Michigan Ave, Lansing, MI 8912**

Join us for our April Coalition Meeting! This month we'll be talking all about body positivity! April, in case you aren't aware, is Mathematics Awareness Month, Humor Month, and also, for MSU, Pride Month on campus! As always, feel free to reach out to us via email or Facebook ([www.facebook.com/humansuniting/](http://www.facebook.com/humansuniting/)) with any questions or concerns. We hope to see you next week!

**Equality Knowledge Project Speaker Series: *OUTcasts: LGBTQ Homeless Youth Surviving in the South***

**April 14**

**5:30pm, 329 King Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti MI**

Presented by Brandon Robinson, University of Texas-Austin. Brandon explores the meanings, motivations, and consequences that LGBTQ homeless youth ascribe to their actions and situations through conducting ethnographic fieldwork and interviews at a homeless youth drop-in center in Austin, Texas, and at a LGBTQ youth homeless shelter in San Antonio, Texas. By situating LGBTQ homeless youths' voices and lived experiences at the forefront of this project, he uncovers how norms around heterosexuality and gender conformity affect the youths' pathways into and experiences of homelessness. This exploration reveals the inner-workings of gender, sexuality, homophobia, and transphobia within this changing time around LGBTQ civil rights. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Richards, Assistant Director of the Equality Research Center, at [nrichar8@emich.edu](mailto:nrichar8@emich.edu)

**Buzzfeed's Another Round at the University of Michigan**

**April 14**

**6:30pm doors open, 7:30pm show starts, U of M Union Ballroom**

**[www.facebook.com/events/1188375341195164/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1188375341195164/)**

The School of Social Work People of Color Collective is thrilled to host a live recording of the BuzzFeed podcast, Another Round with Heben Nigatu and Tracy Clayton. These co-hosts cover everything from race,

gender and pop culture to squirrels, mangoes, and bad jokes on their weekly podcast. They've interviewed a number of esteemed guests, including Ta-Nehisi Coates and Hillary Clinton. Now they're taking the show on the road! Join the ladies of Another Round for a LIVE SHOW on U of M's campus. This event will be free, open to the public, and will take place in the Michigan Union Rogel Ballroom. RSVP is encouraged via Eventbrite. Doors open at 6:30pm for resource fair showcasing campus and community organizations. Show starts at 7:30pm. There will also be an after party at Club Above for \$5 per person. You can register for the free event and purchase tickets for the club above after party at Eventbrite. **NOTE:** The Eventbrite RSVP filled up quickly!! You are still welcome to attend if you did not RSVP, but we encourage everyone to arrive early as empty reserved seats will be given away!

### **LGBT-Q's with MSU Alliance and HUES**

**April 14**

**7:00-9:00pm, 224 Erickson Hall**

We're putting on a trivia night that centers LGBT culture, history and activism, complete with music, snacks, and prizes. Bring your friends and come on out! Since April is Pride month at MSU, we thought it would be perfect for The LGBT-Qs with Alliance and HUES! It'll be a fun night full of trivia (most of which will be LGBTQ-related), community, and a little competition (the winner gets a prize!). So come on out, bring your friends, and test your LGBT knowledge with a little trivia. The room number at the International Center will be coming shortly. Hope to see you all there!

### ***Creating Community and Change through Music with #MidWestHungerIs***

**April 14**

**7:30pm, Wharton Center**

Join us for a night of fun and music while supporting your local food bank. This night will feature original music by Michigan Composers, with text from the **#MidWestHungerIs** anthology performed by local-area choirs and chorales. Admission is free, but donations will be taken at the door for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The performance is part of The Writing Center's Community Composing Project, an initiative to bring Greater Lansing Community partners together to address global social issues through writing, and the **#MidwestHungerIs** initiative, which addresses unique experiences of the Midwest alongside global social justice concerns. The concert also is being supported in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts. [www.cal.msu.edu/communityconcert/](http://www.cal.msu.edu/communityconcert/)

### ***Queerceanera: A Coming of Age Party for Queer/Trans POC & Allies***

**April 16**

**9:00pm-onward (see schedule of events below), Robin Theater, 1105 S Washington, Lansing MI**

MICCA (Michigan Indigena/Chicanx Community Alliance) and the MSU Council of Grad Students present this special event! There is NO COVER CHARGE! Schedule of events: 7:00-9:00pm Makeup Pre-party (get ready with MICCA); 9:00-10:00pm Christening and Show (drag performance, giveaways, and radical literature performances); 10:00pm-1:30am Dance Party (DJ Eddie + special guests). Email [repmicca@gmail.com](mailto:repmicca@gmail.com) with any questions!

### **22nd Annual Race for the Place 5K**

**April 17**

**1:00pm, MSU Jenison Fieldhouse**

[www.facebook.com/events/921667694615990](https://www.facebook.com/events/921667694615990)

The Race for the Place supports **MSU Safe Place**, a program that addresses relationship violence and stalking. The course begins and ends at Jenison Field House. 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! Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/EastLansing/RaceforthePlace>. In honor of MSU Safe Place, we're

encouraging our supporters to "Chip in \$20 More." Every donation of \$20 enters you in a drawing for great prizes! Looking for a reason to donate? **Here are 20!** Group discounts are available: Register a group of 4 individuals for \$60! We're happy to announce that race participants will receive free admission to the MSU softball game on Sunday, April 17, scheduled at 1:05pm. All you need to do is show your race bib! Race for the Place 5K has been endorsed by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports! This means that our 5K counts for The Pure Michigan Fitness Challenge. Sign up today (for free) to earn free swag!

<http://michiganfitness.org/pmfs-challenge>

### **Volunteers Needed for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Race for the Place 5K!**

**April 17**

Race for the Place, MSU Safe Place's annual 5K Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, April 17. We are hoping that this year's event will be the best yet! The 5K course on Michigan State University's campus begins and ends at Jenison Field House. Volunteers are needed on race day to help with various tasks, including, assisting with set-up and refreshments, serving as a course guide, assisting at the finish line or helping with break-down/clean up. **Volunteer shifts are:**

Shift #1: 9:30-11:30am (8-10 people needed – set-up)

Shift #2: 10:30-1:30pm (4 outgoing people needed - to greet race participants)

Shift #3: 11:30-3:00pm (60-70 people needed – race course and food)

Shift #4: 1:00-4:00pm (15-20 people needed – kids events and tear down)

If you would like to volunteer for one shift or for the whole day, please contact Alyssa Baumann at [baumann9@msu.edu](mailto:baumann9@msu.edu). Please include your name, email address, phone number and your first and second (if possible) shift preference.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Peace Summit: *Formation: Creating Bonds and Building Unity***

**April 17**

**3:00pm-6:00pm, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center**

The intent of the Peace Summit is to allow for individuals from different cultural backgrounds to come together to share, learn, and gain greater insight into common issues that they deal with locally and globally. Furthermore, to destroy myths and stereotypes about each other and commit to establishing and sustaining relationships. Attire is semi-formal. RSVP here: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gIBYq6S8RA1evQ-MF5c0fISSU2qIKA\\_wmGV46j3WrUg/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1gIBYq6S8RA1evQ-MF5c0fISSU2qIKA_wmGV46j3WrUg/viewform?c=0&w=1)

### ***Michigan and Climate Change: Does the UN Paris Agreement Go Far Enough? And How Can We Unravel Resistance to Positive Climate Change Action?***

**April 21**

**7:00pm, University United Methodist Church's Asbury Room, 1120 S. Harrison Rd, East Lansing**

Free; Free Parking; Open to the Public. Presenters: David Gard, senior consultant with 5 Lakes Energy; Tom Stanton, principal researcher for Renewable Resources & Energy Efficiency at National Regulatory Research Institute. Co-Sponsors: Greater Lansing United Nations Association (GL-UNA), Michigan State University United Nations Association (MSU UNA), Peace Education Center, Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club / Central Michigan Group.

### **Planned Parenthood Activist Night**

**April 21**

**5:00pm, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, 115 W Allegan St, Lansing, MI 48933**

Do you think all workers in Michigan should have earned paid sick days? Right now in Michigan, more than 1.5 million workers don't have access to a single paid sick day. Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan is part of a coalition working to get Earned Paid Sick Days on the ballot in November. Join us in downtown Ann Arbor as we collect signatures for this ballot initiative to ensure that everyone in Michigan has access to earned sick

time. We'll gather at the Planned Parenthood, get trained, and then go collect signatures! Email [Lauren.Bacans@ppmchoice.org](mailto:Lauren.Bacans@ppmchoice.org) for more information and to RSVP.

### ***Beauty for Ashes Gala (Fundraiser for the House of Promise non-profit)***

**April 21**

**7:00-9:30pm, Kellogg Center**

The Beauty for Ashes Gala is an inaugural event launched to educate, inspire, challenge, and charge the fight AGAINST human trafficking. This Fundraising Gala will be a night that will include amazing music, delicious hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, remarkable guest speakers, hearing the heart of the founder of The House of Promise and so much more... So women, pull out your evening dresses and men, your ties and join us as we, together, raise money to purchase the much needed house for these young girls and women who have survived the evils of human trafficking.

### ***Support Autism Speaks with MSU Alpha Xi Delta's Step It Up 5k***

**April 24**

**Kids Dash 11am, 5k immediately following, MSU Campus**

Sign up at <http://events.autismspeaksu.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1158487>

Come join the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta at MSU as we Step It Up to raise funds for Autism Speaks! Register by April 10 to receive a shirt at the event. Registrants after April 10 will receive their shirt following the event.

### ***Webinar from the Northwest Network: Thriving While Healing: Skills-based Support for LGBTQ Survivors of Sexual Violence***

**April 26**

**12:00-1:30pm PST. Register now!**

This webinar will discuss highlights and lessons learned from the NW Network's unique, strengths-based sexual assault support group, *Thriving While Healing: Finding Joy, Resilience and Support in the Aftermath of Sexual Assault*. This all-gender support group, specifically oriented to LGBTQ survivors offers skills, education, and tools to name and confront the silence, isolation, and shame which so many survivors experience, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Themes and interactive activities from the group such as cultivating resilience, normalizing the process of healing, trigger planning, positive sexuality, and self-trust will be discussed during this webinar. **Presented by:** Amaranthia Torres and Sydney Pk, the Northwest Network.

### ***Webinar from the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women: Why Opposing Hyper-Incarceration Should be Central to the Work of the Anti-Domestic Violence Movement***

**May 12**

**3:00-4:30pm EST. Register now!**

The term "hyper-incarceration" highlights that the tremendous growth in incarceration is concentrated in particular geographic locations (low-income neighborhoods of color) and has concentrated effects felt disproportionately by African Americans. In this webinar, Professor Donna Coker will discuss the enormous growth of the US prison population and the policies and practices that contribute to these high incarcerations rates. She will briefly discuss how survivors end up in prison for crimes that flow from their victimization; the physical and sexual violence perpetrated against individuals who are incarcerated; and the ways victims of DV and/or SA in neighborhoods targeted for surveillance and arrest related to the "war on drugs" fear police intervention. She will then examine some of the larger, less well-known aspects of hyper-incarceration that have dramatic effects on DV and SA. Professor Coker will then discuss collateral consequences that limit the economic and civic opportunities of those with criminal convictions; prison trauma and the deepening of destructive masculinities; and the weakening of a community's social structure, economic viability, and political clout. She will then examine how these harms are tied to increased risks for the occurrence of domestic violence. She will then discuss how these connections between hyper-incarceration and DV and SA

should impact the work we do. **Presenter:** Donna Coker is a Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law. **Registration Details:** This webinar is open to the general public. The webinar is free of charge (but you will have to pay for the phone call if you dial in). Do you require closed captioning? The National Clearinghouse requires at least 5 business days' notice. Please email us at [ncdbw@ncdbw.org](mailto:ncdbw@ncdbw.org) with "Closed Captioning Hyper-Incarceration Webinar" in the subject line. Questions? For questions about this webinar, please contact the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women at [ncdbw@ncdbw.org](mailto:ncdbw@ncdbw.org). Please put "Hyper-Incarceration Webinar" in the subject line.

### **MSU Sexual Assault Program now recruiting Volunteers for Summer 2016 Training Class**

Information Session: **May 25**, 5:00pm, Room 6 Student Services Bldg

Application Deadline: **May 27**, 5:00pm

Sexual Assault Crisis Intervention \*Mandatory\* Training Dates:

Wednesday, **June 1**, 6:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday, **June 4**, 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, **June 5**, 9:00am-5:00pm

Wednesday, **June 8**, 6:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday, **June 11**, 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, **June 12**, 9:00am-5:00pm

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 and 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! After completing the 40-hour foundational training you will be eligible to: \*Staff the MSU 24-hour Sexual Assault Crisis Line, \*Provide legal, academic, institutional, and personal advocacy, \*Participate in educational & community outreach. For an opportunity to learn more about our training program in person we encourage you to attend the upcoming Informational Meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 5:00pm in Room 6 Student Services Building. It's a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have while meeting the MSU Sexual Assault Program staff and other prospective volunteers. Apply to be a volunteer by emailing Harriet McTigue, [mctigueh@cc.msu.edu](mailto:mctigueh@cc.msu.edu) with a completed application (available at the website). You can also fax or mail in the application. Contact Harriet at her email or 517-884-1258 if you have any questions. Help spread the word! Invite anyone you know who may be interested to attend.

### **Help The Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame Earn Cash by Shopping at Kroger with a Plus Card and/or Support The Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame through Amazon Smile**

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

Your online shopping can also help support the Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame. Visit <http://smile.amazon.com/> and search for Michigan Women's Studies Association next time you're ready to make a purchase and 0.05% of the proceeds of your purchase will automatically be contributed.

### **Michigan State Board of Education Issues New Draft Guidance on LGBTQ Safety and Inclusion for Michigan Public Schools**

The State Board of Education has developed and published its new recommendations and guidance on how schools can become safer and more inclusive environments of kids of all identities. These progressive best practices for schools have generated much response and some controversy. The draft guidance is open for **public comment through May 11**. We strongly encourage you to read the guidance and offer reasoned,

supportive comments.

### **Equality Michigan Article of Interest: “Casperson to introduce legislation in response to Department of Education LGBTQ document”**

“Today, State Senator Tom Casperson announced he will introduce anti-LGBTQ legislation in response to the Michigan State Board of Education proposed guidance document, “Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Students.” Equality Michigan unequivocally denounces this effort to write discrimination into law against vulnerable children, exposing schools noncompliant to federal laws and regulations to further lawsuits, and marks Michigan to the business community as a state that’s moving backwards rather than forward on issues of equality. The proposed bill protects no one but will harm children, schools, and the economic prosperity of this state. Bills such as the one being suggested by Sen Casperson have failed in state after state for good reason. Michigan deserves better and so do our kids.” – EQMI

### **Article of Interest: “Ingham County Prosecutor Stuart Dunnings arraigned in Jackson County”**

“Ingham County Prosecutor **Stuart Dunnings** was arraigned on multiple charges related to prostitution patronage and willful neglect of duty Monday in Jackson County District Court.”

### **EVE Executive Director Statement on Stuart Dunnings’s charges**

"Dear Ingham County Residents, End Violent Encounters (EVE) joins you in your shock after hearing of the charges filed against Ingham County Prosecutor, Stuart Dunnings III. We support law enforcement and the judicial system in navigating the legal aspects of this situation. EVE is grateful to Sheriff Wriggelsworth and his team for their dedication to seeking justice for victims of domestic and sexual violence. EVE’s primary concentration is to offer counseling, supportive services and advocacy to victims. We must make sure that each and every survivor is believed and given the chance to be heard and supported. In collaboration with our community partners: MSU Sexual Assault program, Firecracker Foundation, Listening Ear, SafeCenter, SIREN, Sparrow Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program, Small Talk Children’s Assessment Center and law enforcement agencies, EVE is working to expand the resources available for victims of sexual assault in Ingham County. When situations like this one make the news we are reminded that there are countless individuals and families whose lives are touched by domestic and sexual violence that do not come to the public’s knowledge. Domestic and sexual violence thrive on coercive control and inequitable power differentials. Statistics consistently show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men are victims of domestic and/or sexual violence. Attorney General Schuette pointed out that cases of human trafficking and in this case more specifically, sex trafficking, characteristically incorporate violent methods of exploitation, confinement, drugging and other means of control. EVE and our collaborative partners are here to work with you to support individuals affected by domestic and sexual assault and walk with them as they heal. Your support of community based agencies is crucial. We, as community members, citizens, neighbors, and humans must come together as a voice of hope, healing and support for victims and each other. Together, and only together, will we create the safe and caring community we seek.

In peace and healing, Erin Roberts, Executive Director"

### **USAToday Article of Interest: “Native American girls fall through the cracks”**

They’re poor, more likely to be sexually abused, end up in foster care, drop out of school, become homeless. They’re often the prey of traffickers. American Indian and Native Alaskan girls are a small fraction of the population, but they are over-represented in the juvenile justice system, whether they are living on or off the reservation. Native American girls have the highest rates of incarceration of any ethnic group. They are nearly five times more likely than white girls to be confined to a juvenile detention facility, according to the U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. There are programs on tribal lands that work with Native girls who have been caught up in the system, using federal funds. But American Indian girls often find

themselves without state or local social service programs tailored to their cultural backgrounds and experiences, which are distinct from other girls living in or on the edge of poverty. “As Indian people, our greatest hope is our children. And our kids are really at risk,” said Carla Fredericks, director of the American Indian Law Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder. “The only way we can help these girls is if we do it cooperatively, with the states, federal government and within our own communities.”

**LSJ Article of Interest: “LGBT leader Bill Beachler remembered as 'trailblazer'”**

“William "Bill" Beachler spent decades on the front lines of the human rights movement. Along the way, he never wavered in his commitment to break down barriers to equality and raise awareness of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues, friends and fellow activists said. “He was not one of those people who just complained about things,” Lansing City Councilwoman Carol Wood said. “He actually did something about it.” Beachler, of Lansing, died Jan. 11. He was 70.”

**It's On Us Video of Interest: “1 in 5”**

“This angry, hungry bear in our house is a big problem. You wouldn't put up with that. So don't put up with this. 1 in 5 women will be sexually assaulted by the time they finish college. Do something about it. Take the pledge at [www.itsonus.org](http://www.itsonus.org).”

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## Conferences and Workshops

**THINKING GENDER: *Spatial Awareness, Representation, and Gendered Spaces* Graduate Student Research**  
April 7-8, UCLA, CA

[www.csw.ucla.edu](http://www.csw.ucla.edu)

Thinking Gender 2016 with the conference theme of “Spatial Awareness, Representation & Gendered Spaces”: will engage with the politics of gender, race, sexuality, and space. We also intend to address international and transnational encounters, and colonization and decolonization practices, and topics that focus on the awareness of self, representation, and the navigation and negotiation of social and cultural space. Topics may include: Gender representation and state feminism; Physical culture and the body; Innovation through gender; Productive and reproductive labors; Security and gendered nationalism; Implicit bias and stereotype threat; Migration and transnational encounters; Women, gender, and health; Women and sustainable development; Identity formation in memory and memoir; Controversial and transgressive art; Socialization and sexuality. Event is free and open to the public.

**Journal of West African History International Launch Conference: *The State of the Field and New Directions***  
April 8-9, East Lansing Marriott

Sponsored by the Provost's Office and President Lou Anna K. Simon, the Journal of West African History will be hosting a number of leading figures in African thought: Hon. Akwasi Opong-Fosu, a minister of state for the Republic of Ghana, Dr. Obiaegli Ezekwesili, a senior advisor for World Bank Africa and founder of the #BringBackOurGirls movement, and Dr. Johnnetta Cole, director of the National Museum of African Art, former president of Spelman College, and the recipient of 68 honorary doctorate degrees (one of which was granted by Michigan State University).

**MSU's 23rd Annual *Día de la Mujer* Conference**

**April 9, 8:00am-5:00pm, Kellogg Center, MSU**

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. 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. 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. MSU student attendance is FREE!

**MSU Muslim Studies Conference: *Defining the Islamic***

**April 13-15**

Join MSU's Muslim Studies Program and a number of other co-sponsoring departments for a series of events celebrating their 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference. This year's theme is *Defining the Islamic*. Events include a Wednesday evening film screening at the MSU Library, and a series of panels on Islamic Contexts on Thursday and Friday at the MSU International Center. Keynote presentation will be offered Thursday at 7:00pm by Khaled Abou El Fadl.

***Gender, Bodies & Technology: (In) Visible Futures* Conference**

**April 21-23, Roanoke, VA**

Gender, Bodies, & Technology (GBT) is an initiative within Women's and Gender Studies at Virginia Tech that aims to creatively and intellectually explore the multiple, proliferating, and gendered dimensions of technologized bodies and embodied technologies. Through our initiative and biannual conference, we seek to demonstrate, theorize, and perform the discursive and material nodes around which gender, bodies, and technologies both cohere and fracture. We invite scholars, activists, and artists from the humanities, social



and natural sciences, visual and performing arts, life sciences, disability studies, STEM fields, and queer and feminist science studies for papers, panels, workshops, new media, art, and performance pieces that explore the intersections of gender, bodies & technology in contexts ranging from virtual reality labs and engineering classrooms to grassroots movements and queer and feminist hacking spaces. How, we ask, might topics such as computer hacking, mass incarceration, or neuroscience produce new lines of inquiry when filtered through a GBT perspective? For more information or questions please contact: Christine Labuski/GBT Coordinator and Conference Director Women's and Gender Studies Program, Department of Sociology, Virginia Tech, McBryde Hall (0137) Blacksburg, VA, 24061 USA [chrislab@vt.edu](mailto:chrislab@vt.edu).

### **CODESRIA Symposium on Gender: *Women's Struggles Today***

***May 9-10, Cairo, Egypt***

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) announces the organization of the CODESRIA Gender symposium. This year, the topic of the annual forum will be “Women’s Struggles Today”. Paying attention to African history is to try and understand, beyond silences and omissions, women’s struggles to bring key contributions to the development and emancipation of their societies. Without travelling far into history, one can say that through their participation in anti-colonial fights to defend both their economic interests and political rights as well as their frontline involvement in popular protests of the post-colonial period, African women have always demonstrated their ability to evade the private space configured for them by society and its patriarchal values. Today, women’s struggles must be understood through a paradox which materializes the complexity specific to our days. Even if African women have gained greater visibility thanks to the positions they currently fill in local, national and international organizations, one cannot avoid the feminization of poverty, the non-attainment of the MDGs, the scale of gender-based violence and terrorism which downgrade them to the status of mere human bombs and sex slaves serving ideologies which ignore the sanctity of life.

What struggle strategies do African women develop today in a context marked by neoliberal hegemony with an amplification of poverty and inequalities in societies in which they live in greater vulnerability, especially in an environment of land grabbing and climate change? How do African women struggle and develop a discourse in their quest for equality and the full realization of their citizenship in a context of resurgence of cultural and religious fundamentalism, with terrorism and insecurity gaining more and more ground on the continent? What can be the impact of the rise of homophobia on African women’s struggle and even the very receptiveness to their discourses? What are the new challenges imposed today on the struggle of African by the current trajectory of the African States which looks like an “ambiguous adventure” of democracy (the Arab Spring, constitutional changes, empty political debate and fragmentation of the political space)? To which extent does the observed security drift, both at global and local levels, and the exacerbation of violence it generates impact on the struggle of African women today? How do women build spaces for contesting and for influencing public policies for greater consideration of their rights and liberties? How have the African Union and the sub-regional organizations carried the struggles of African women and how does this influence the agenda of these organizations to better reflect the issue of gender equality both economically and politically? This important meeting shall also provide an opportunity to question the female leadership personalities emerging today on the continent, the new types of women’s organizations and the features of the women’s social movement in the current context. Other highlights will include new issues in the women’s struggle agenda and how women’s ways of doing things are impacted by the social networks and other ITCs. What have been the responses of the States and other segments of society? These issues and others not listed here shall be at the heart of the debates for the 2016 edition of the CODESRIA Annual Gender Symposium. The Symposium will provide an opportunity for African scholars to present their research on the selected theme and also to exchange views with their peers and contribute in the development of an African perspective. For specific questions, please contact [gender.symposium@codesria.sn](mailto:gender.symposium@codesria.sn).

## **Gender and Migration Conference: *Critical Issues and Policy Implications***

**May 11-14, Izmir, Turkey**

The conference will explore the following themes: \*Mass Migration of Syrians: National and international security, sexual violence and sexual trafficking, child marriage, human shelters, education, uncertainty of legal status, working permit, gender based employment experiences, gendered human security, transnational families, illegal second marriage victimization, stigmatization of transnational families, camp policies, relations with host country, radicalized youth, refugee militarization. \*Implications of Migration: How does gender influence migration decision and outcomes? How does migration influence gender relations? Who migrates and why, and how is the decision made? How does migration impact on migrants themselves? How do migrants perform in the host country labour markets, and what are the gendered outcomes? How does discrimination and equality in relation to gender, apply within the field of employment in a legal context? What are the limitations of the principles of non-discrimination and equal treatment in achieving entering the labor market? \*Policies: What are the impacts of policies that cause gender-discrimination in the context of migration and refugees? What kind of policy and practices are needed in the global policy agenda to address gender equality in the migration context? \*Family reunifications: Do some individuals migrate to escape the constraints of family life – particularly the gender roles? In general, who appear more likely to migrate to join or accompany other family members? What are the obstacles to family reunification? How does family reunification shape the migration policies of states? \*Domestic workers: What would be effective laws and policies by the state central to the promotion of human rights and ending of conditions deemed to be modern slavery? What problems do domestic workers face? \*Refugees and Gender: What is the legal, socioeconomic and political status of refugees in host countries? What are the gendered implications of migration for refugees? What are the possible policy interventions to improve the status of refugees? \*Geneva Convention on asylum: What are the problems with the 1951 Geneva Convention related to aspects such as: definition, inconsistencies of interpretation and application, the migration channel, government concerns and government hypocrisy, inequities, etc. \*Human Trafficking: How can we approach the human trafficking issue from a gender and a rights-responsive development paradigm? What are the victims' experiences, especially rooted in their unequal social locations, their special needs? Do the international law and the state laws protect the victims, or do we need revision in legislation?

## **1st International Women's Congress: *Beyond Borders: Strategies for Women's Empowerment***

**May 16-18, Ankara, Turkey**

Registration Deadline: **April 11**

The peninsula where Turkey is now located has been home for many goddesses, female rulers, female folk heroes, and female saints including Saint Mother Mary. Besides its historical significance, Turkey was chosen as the first venue for the International Women's Congress because it is a modern democratic country that joins two continents, (Europe and Asia), harbors numerous ethnicities and religions, and thus symbolizes a bridge in a globalized world. We are expecting a large and committed group of professionals and scholars at this gathering, whose contributions will be key in formulating sustainable solutions for the improvement of women's social, economic, and political realities. We hope this congress will provide a continuous platform for the empowerment of women across cultures and regions. The inaugural IWC will accept abstracts for oral presentations and posters on a range of subjects, including international relations, politics, business, sociology, health care, social work, psychology, literature, history, and cultural studies. The following are the themes the congress hopes to explore: Women and Leadership; Women and Migration; Women and Law; Women and Religion; Violence Against Women; Women and Health; Women and Nature; Women and Science; Child Marriage and Child Mothers; Mental Health of Women Survivors of Violence/Trauma; Girls' Education; Women in the Workplace; Women Paid and Unpaid Work; Women and Poverty; Gender Roles and Gendered Norms; Women and NGOs; Women and Local Governments; Women and Disability; Women and Literature; Women and Politics; Women and Substance Abuse; Women and Social Work; Women in Media;

Women's Studies Research Centers in Universities. This congress is organized jointly by the Center for Women's & Gender Studies at Florida International University, and Yildirim Beyazit University, Ankara, Turkey.

### **Gender Studies in Debate: *Pathways, challenges and interdisciplinary perspectives***

**May 25-27, University of Lisbon, Spain**

Gender and women studies and feminisms have produced important transformations in our daily life and in our understanding of reality. While the topic of equality of rights is increasingly on the public agenda, there have been advances and retreats and persisting gender inequalities continue to challenge us to look for more solid analyses. We count on you to address questions such as: what impact have had different gender equality policies on the effective implementation of rights? How to ensure the implementation of laws and prevent perverse effects? Power, relations of power, masculine domination and gender: which connections? Are there frontiers between activism and research, and if yes, how/where to draw them? How to balance the collective subject 'women' with ethnic, class, generational, sexual orientation, and global diversity? How is gender performed in daily life and in different institutions: between reproduction and agency? Heteronormativity, bodies, and sexuality: central issue for gender studies? Men and masculinities: new configurations? What backlash effects have the crisis, the increased inequalities and the neoliberal thinking had on the current life of men and women? We also wish to bring to the debate the contributions of researchers from different parts of the world to help us reflect upon the pathways followed by gender and women studies and feminisms in their geographic, political and sociocultural contexts.

### **WisCon 40 (Academic Programming Track)**

**May 27-30, Madison, WI**

WisCon is the world's leading feminist science fiction convention. WisCon encourages discussion and debate of ideas relating to feminism, gender, race and class. WisCon welcomes writers, editors, and artists whose work explores these themes as well as their many fans. We have panel discussions, academic presentations, and readings as well as many other uncategorizable events. WisCon is primarily a book-oriented convention and has a track of academic programming that is open to undergraduate, postgraduate and independent scholars. One of the benefits of this track is that it strengthens the links between the wider feminist science fiction community and students and other scholars working on feminist SF and fantasy and related fields. The track operates very much like a conventional academic conference, with presentations based on extensive research. However, scholarly work on all aspects of feminist science fiction reaches an audience at WisCon that gives a kind of passionate and informed feedback that is rare at academic conferences. Over the years, people have presented papers on fantasy, horror, and science fiction literature, media and fandom, examining issues of feminism, gender, sexuality, race, disability, and class amongst many others. An incomplete list of possible subjects: Gender, sexuality, race, class, and disability in individual works of science fiction and fantasy, especially the work of this year's Guests of Honor Sofia Samatar, Justine Larbalestier, and Nalo Hopkinson; Feminist, queer, critical race, and critical disability analysis of science fiction and fantasy in media (film, television, music, video games, online culture); Speculative aspects of feminist and social justice movements; Science fiction and feminist science and technology studies; Race, colonialism, and speculative fiction; Afrofuturism and related cultural movements; Fan cultures and communities; Feminist pedagogy and speculative fiction in the classroom. If you have questions, please email [academic@wiscon.net](mailto:academic@wiscon.net). Registration is \$50 adult attending / \$20 teen & youth attending / \$15 supporting. Registration is capped at 1,000 members. We do not guarantee availability of at-the-door memberships.

### **Sexuality Studies Association 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: *Energizing Communities***

**May 29-31, University of Calgary, Alberta Canada**

In keeping with the 2016 Congress thematic focus on "Energizing Communities" we are particularly interested in topics that problematize notions of community and belonging as they intersect with sex, gender and sexuality. As critical scholars and activists situated in relation to various academic, artistic, and political

networks, we are involved in the creation of queer communities and kinship systems. The integration of academic scholarship and community-based research has a long and varied history. Critical sexuality studies resists systems of heteronormativity that privilege dominant kinship structures and sexual practices. Our association cultivates intersectional, decolonizing, and multidimensional theories and methods. We are committed to challenging homonationalist projects that re-inscribe normativity as a technology of governance. These re-inscriptions of power naturalize and privilege dominant epistemologies by subtending ways of knowing prevalent in other/ed communities. This year, we will explore the following questions: What are the places of resistance and collusion operationalized by contemporary sexualities and sexuality studies? Which communities and forms of belonging are made viable, and which are rendered uninhabitable within contemporary framings of sexuality? What are the affective stakes of critically “energizing” communities? How might we engage and envision cultures and communities in an age of global politics and transnational relations?

### **Technology Summit on Working with Survivors of Abuse**

**July 25-27, San Francisco, CA**

This unique 3-day training focuses on the intersection of technology and domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking. Covering a wide range of technology-related issues, this conference will be helpful to advocates, law enforcement, and legal professionals who work with survivors of abuse. For more information about previous Technology Summits, visit <http://techsafety.org/technology-summit> or check out last year’s **program book**. All workshops will be 60-90 minutes in length. Registration for the Technology Summit will open soon and will be announced with other information through our listservs and on [techsafety.org](http://techsafety.org). Please feel free to contact us at [safetynet@nnedv.org](mailto:safetynet@nnedv.org) if you have any other questions.

### **4th International Anarchist Studies Network Conference: *Anarcha-feminism***

**September 14-16, Loughborough University, UK**

The global resistance faces turbulent times, as the balance of hope teeters between inspiring mobilization and reactionary retrenchment. In Rojava, Kurdish communities are implementing libertarian socialism and feminist leadership on a scale unseen since the Spanish civil war, while world powers bomb the democratic Syrian opposition alongside ISIS. The mobilization of African Americans against police brutality goes beyond liberal platitudes to highlight systemic racism, while competitors for the Republican candidacy outdo one another in barefaced bigotry and misogyny. In these uncertain days, the elaboration of anarchist analysis which bridges theory and practice and speaks to the needs of social movements assumes increasing importance. The central theme for the conference is anarcha-feminism. By recognizing the legacy of anarcha-feminists and women's activism in anarchism we want to strengthen the ties between contemporary anarchists and feminists and use the recognition of misogynist practices and hierarchical gender structures to open up the event to other marginalized peoples. We hope to have presentations that are concerned with anarchism and one/more of the following: anarcha-feminist and queer theory, anarcha-feminist critiques of the state, anarcha-feminist histories, Ecofeminism, individualist anarcha-feminism, anarcho-primitivist feminism, posthuman, cyborg and sci-fi anarcho-feminism, Feminist critiques of anarchism and anarchist engagement with feminism, Intersections between gender, sexuality, race, class, abilities and anarchism, local anarcho-feminist struggles / experiences, Love, sex, relationships (or resistance to), Masculine and feminine representations and the movement between them, Sex work and reproductive rights, The role of women and non-binary people in the struggle against capitalism. ASN conferences aim to breach new frontiers in anarchist scholarship, and encourage cross-pollination between disciplines.

### **Seneca Falls Dialogues: *Lean Out: Gender, Economics, and Enterprise***

**October 21-23, Seneca Falls, New York**

The biennial Dialogues are a collaborative effort to reinvigorate Seneca Falls as a site of feminist activism and intellectual exchange. We invite students, activists, and teachers to participate in a weekend of dialogue on

the following themes: Divisions of Labor; Class, Gender, and Sexuality; Teaching Economic Justice; Representations of Work; Gender and Entrepreneurship; Global Economies; Art, Activism, and Social Justice; Women in Business. Registration opens in June. The SFD is sponsored by The Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL) in collaboration with the College Alliance (Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Monroe Community College, The College at Brockport: State University of New York, the University of Rochester, St. John Fisher College), Friends of the Women's Rights National Park, the National Women's Hall of Fame, the Town of Seneca Falls, and the Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women.

### **National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference: *Decoloniality***

**November 10-13, Montreal, Quebec**

Decoloniality is a worldview that denaturalizes settler colonial logics and structuring violences. Coloniality and settler governance are transnational in scope and include territorial occupation, conquest, removal, economic exploitation, resource extraction, displacement, and dehumanization. Settler colonialism is also a way of knowing that permeates institutions, including education, the law, science, economics, politics, and religion. Decoloniality disrupts and departs from settler logics, structures, myths, stories, archives, institutions, affects, embodiments, aesthetics, desires, ontologies, categories, cartographies, and politics. It has a long, diverse genealogy and can be understood as an ongoing process of co-resistance and alliance. As an approach to thought and action, decolonial work exposes how coloniality is not "past": simultaneously, it traces forms of critical and creative resistance and shows possibilities for (and the necessity of) decolonial being/ knowing/ loving/ resisting/ creating (L. Simpson 2015).

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# Calls for Papers and Proposals

Seneca Falls Dialogues: *Lean Out: Gender, Economics, and Enterprise*

October 21-23, Seneca Falls, New York

Proposal Deadline: **April 30**

The biennial Dialogues are a collaborative effort to reinvigorate Seneca Falls as a site of feminist activism and intellectual exchange. We invite students, activists, and teachers to participate in a weekend of dialogue on the following themes: Divisions of Labor; Class, Gender, and Sexuality; Teaching Economic Justice; Representations of Work; Gender and Entrepreneurship; Global Economies; Art, Activism, and Social Justice; Women in Business. Registration opens in June. The SFD is sponsored by The Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL) in collaboration with the College Alliance (Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Monroe Community College, The College at Brockport: State University of New York, the University of Rochester, St. John Fisher College), Friends of the Women's Rights National Park, the National Women's Hall of Fame, the Town of Seneca Falls, and the Greater Rochester Area Branch of American Association of University Women. We are seeking group-led sessions that involve active audience participation and focused discussion of issues raised by the conference themes. Session proposals should indicate how organizers will present information, pose questions, and facilitate conversation. Submit proposals to [senecafallsdialogues@gmail.com](mailto:senecafallsdialogues@gmail.com). All proposals must include the following: Title of the session; a 2-3 sentence summary of its focus and relevance to one or more of the conference themes; name of each session organizer; name of one organizer who will serve as the contact person; include for the contact person her or his home or institutional address, email, and telephone number; 250-500 word description of the session's focus and organization; This should include how the organizers will introduce the topic, questions they will pose and a clear explanation of how the organizers will involve the audience in dialogue; list of technology needs.

**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 Jessica Ott, Managing Editor, at [papers@msu.edu](mailto:papers@msu.edu). If the abstract suggests your paper is suitable for the *GPID Working Papers*, the full paper will be invited for peer review and publication consideration. Please note that authors retain the copyright to their papers and are encouraged to publish their papers in other journals.

**QED: A Journal in LGBTQ Worldmaking** Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

*QED: A Journal in LGBTQ Worldmaking* ventures to bring together scholars, activists, public intellectuals, policy makers, artists, and other cultural producers to explore issues that matter to the diverse lived experience,

struggle, and transformation of GLBTQ peoples wherever they may be. With an emphasis on worldmaking praxis, QED mobilizes public argument, theory, criticism, and history through its published essays, commentaries, interviews, roundtable discussions, and event, performance, and book review. The journal is published three times per year. Submission guidelines can be found at the website linked above.

***Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal*** Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

*Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal* is an academic, refereed journal published exclusively on the Internet, and devoted to scholarly debate on gender-related issues in Judaism. The ultimate aim of the journal is to promote the reconceptualization of the study of Judaism, by acknowledging and incorporating the roles played by women, and by encouraging the development of alternative research paradigms. Cross-methodological and interdisciplinary, the journal does not promote a fixed ideology, and welcomes a variety of approaches. Submissions are always welcome. Electronic submissions through the journal's system are encouraged at all times. See the link above for submission citation and formatting guidelines. What to submit: Articles; essays; short notes; book, film and theatre reviews; conference proceedings and bibliographies from all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. Materials for the Journal are submitted to a blind-review process. The editors reserve the right to edit manuscripts with respect to length and content; however, any substantial changes will be made in consultation with the author. Previously published materials are also considered. However, it is the author's responsibility to obtain the copyright permission from their publisher. Authors are welcome to include images and/or pictures with their submission. Copyright issues for these should be cleared by the authors before submission. *Women in Judaism* usually publishes within twelve months. Every effort is made to shorten the publication schedule. Authors are encouraged to inquire about the status of their submissions periodically. Prior to the publication date, authors will be required to sign a copyright agreement with *Women in Judaism Inc.* Basically, this copyright agreement grants *Women in Judaism* the exclusive rights to publish the work on the Internet. *Women in Judaism: A Multidisciplinary Journal* is a non-paying market.

***Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*** Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

*Trauma, Violence, & Abuse* is devoted to synthesizing, expanding, and organizing knowledge on all forms of trauma, violence and abuse. It is dedicated to professionals and advanced students who work in all forms of trauma, violence and abuse and is intended to compile knowledge that impacts practice, policy, and research. A practitioner-oriented journal, *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse (TVA)* publishes review manuscripts which cover a body of empirical research, legal case studies, or theoretical/conceptual ideas affecting practice, policy, and research. *TVA* does not publish case studies nor reports of individual research studies. *TVA* accepts comprehensive reviews of research, legal cases, or conceptual and theoretical developments in any aspect of trauma, violence or abuse. Each manuscript must begin with a clear description of the knowledge area that is being researched or reviewed and its relevance to understanding or dealing with trauma, violence, or abuse. Each review manuscript must also provide a clear discussion of the limits of the knowledge which has been reviewed, and must include two summary tables; one of critical findings and the other listing implications of the review for practice, policy, and research. The tables must accompany submission. Manuscripts should be prepared in APA style and may be up to forty typed double spaced pages in length. All manuscripts are peer reviewed and should be submitted with a letter indicating that the material has not been published elsewhere and is not under review at another publication. Manuscripts should be submitted electronically to <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tva> where authors will be required to set up an online account on the SageTrack system powered by ScholarOne. Inquiries may be made by email at [contej@u.washington.edu](mailto:contej@u.washington.edu).

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## Positions and Internships

### CAL Graphic Design Internship Opportunity

Application Deadline: **April 9**

The College of Arts & Letters is looking for a creative, talented, and self-driven graphic design intern. A successful candidate must have a strong sense of color, typography, information hierarchy, and layout. Our interns work with the College of Arts & Letters' marketing director, communications director, senior editor, and senior graphic designer to produce brochures, logos, illustrations, posters, event materials, and other collateral. This is a Summer/Fall position and pays \$10/hr.

### GenCen Undergraduate Office Internship

Application Deadline: **April 15**

GenCen is seeking an office intern for its Gender, Development, and Globalization (GDG) Program for Fall Semester 2016, with an option of beginning work in Summer 2016. This is a **paid position** requiring a commitment of 10–15 hours per week during our office hours of 8:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday. Applicants must be enrolled at Michigan State University and should be at the level of sophomore or junior by Fall Semester 2016. Excellent writing and research skills are required. Also necessary are basic computer knowledge, an ability to work independently, and a strong interest in issues of diversity and women's issues, preferably on an international and global level. The internship involves working on content for GenCen's website and Facebook pages, the Digest and GPID Resource Bulletin, and other projects. In addition, each intern is assigned a special project of his/her own, identified in collaboration with the Co-Directors. Depending on performance, the position will continue beyond Fall Semester 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for students of Women's and Gender Studies, LGBTQ Studies International Relations, Public Policy, Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work, Geography, or anyone interested in development and globalization issues and their effects on women and gender.

**TO APPLY:** Applications should consist of **1)** a brief letter of interest describing your qualifications and how the position would contribute to your study/career goals, **2)** a current resume, **3)** a writing sample (maximum of 2 pages; excerpt samples from class papers are most common), and **4)** a list of other work/club/class commitments that may occur during our office hours (e.g., if your fall class schedule is mostly finalized, please include that information in your application). Electronic submissions are highly preferred, emailed to [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) with the subject line "GenCen Undergraduate Office Internship application." Include within the body of your email your full name, your expected graduation (e.g. Spring 2017), and your preferred contact email. Attached to the email should be your four application components; all attachments must be in Microsoft Word (up to Word 2013) or PDF formats. Applications are due by midnight, April 15.

Interviews will be scheduled within the two weeks following the deadline and all applicants will be notified by the end of the semester as to their status. **If you have any questions, please contact us at [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu).**

### 2016-17 American Association of University Women of Michigan (AAUWMI) Student Advisory Council (SAC)

Application Deadline: **April 25**

The SAC is a state coalition of college students who will advise the American Association of University Women of Michigan on strategies for the future of young women and girls, make program recommendations, write for the AAUWMI newsletter and blog, develop student workshops and introduce speakers at the AAUWMI Fall Leadership Conference and the State Annual Meeting & Convention. Serving on the AAUWMI SAC will provide college women with many opportunities to represent the voices of students, develop as leaders, network, and gain valuable, résumé-building experience. Members will serve a one year term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Students are to participate in monthly electronic or telephone meetings and attend our Fall Leadership Conference on October 22, 2016 in Traverse City and our 2017 Annual Meeting & Convention next spring. AAUWMI will pay for SAC members' registrations to these events. Application form and instructions can be found at the above website.



### **MSU CANR Assistant Director for Undergraduate Diversity**

### **Search for posting 2991**

The Assistant Director for Undergraduate Diversity reports to the Associate Dean & Director of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR), Office of Academic & Student Affairs. Principal responsibilities are to provide leadership for enhancement, implementation, and evaluation of pre-college programs; support for under-represented students as needed to enhance recruitment and retention; work cooperatively with CANR departments to coordinate events or activities focused on access and inclusion; and collaboration with other entities in CANR that provide opportunities for student learning, engagement and career enhancement as it relates to underrepresented students. **Qualifications:** Candidate should have at least general understanding of agriculture and natural resources with a minimum of a Master's degree in Student Affairs, Higher Adult Learning, or closely associated fields. Background or expertise should involve student advising, particularly for underrepresented and culturally diverse populations; program planning experience; knowledge of student support systems (admissions, residence life and engagement) and budget management. Individual should have demonstrated competency in workplace technologies and promotion of effective teamwork among faculty, staff and students.

### **Asst. Director of Health Promotion, Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist at William and Mary**

Application open until position filled. Review of application began on March 4.

The Sexual Violence Prevention Specialist (SVPS) plays a key role in W&M's efforts to promote a healthy campus community and prevent sexual and interpersonal violence. The SVPS will provide leadership and expertise in public health and health promotion, with particular emphasis on sexual violence prevention and education in compliance with the Violence Against Women Act, and aim to enhance overall student wellness and success.

### **Full-Time Faculty-in-Residence in Interdisciplinary Degree Programs, University of Nevada, Las Vegas**

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis, accepted until position is filled.

<https://hrsearch.unlv.edu/currentvacancies.aspx> (posting 16089)

The UNLV Interdisciplinary Degree Programs invites applications for a Faculty-in-Residence to begin fall 2016. This is a full-time, 9-month position. Primary responsibilities include teaching undergraduate courses in both Interdisciplinary Studies and Gender & Sexuality Studies; working with students; and participating in appropriate service in the department. Interdisciplinary Degree Programs houses a number of dynamic programs, offering both majors and minors in African American & African Diaspora Studies, American Indian & Indigenous Studies, Asian Studies, Gender & Sexuality Studies, Latin American Studies, Latina/o Studies, Multidisciplinary Studies, and Social Science Studies. Qualifications include an earned doctorate in an interdisciplinary field from an accredited university, in hand by July 1, 2016; teaching experience; experience in interdisciplinary studies, including Gender & Sexuality Studies or Women's Studies; experience with and commitment to a diverse student population. Areas of specialization are open, although we seek a scholar with proficiencies in one or more of the following areas: interdisciplinary studies; interdisciplinary/feminist research methods; race/ethnic, gender, class and sexuality studies; social justice.

### **Tenure-track position in Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Indiana University Bloomington**

Applications accepted until position is filled.

The first hire will have a starting date in August 2016, and be at either the assistant or associate professor level. The ideal candidate will be a scholar whose work is situated at the intersections of critical race, ethnic studies, gender and sexuality studies and must possess a PhD in one of these fields or a related field. Candidates from other interdisciplinary fields whose work centrally addresses feminism, sexuality and/or gender will be considered. We are especially interested in interdisciplinary scholars whose areas of specialization include any combination of the following: critical race and queer of color critique; transnational and postcolonial feminisms; film and media; dis/ability studies; and transgender studies. We are open to

various interdisciplinary methodological approaches. Applicants must hold a doctorate by the time of the appointment. The successful candidate will be expected to maintain an active research and publication profile. Teaching responsibilities include both the undergraduate and graduate core and elective courses and advising student research at all levels, including direction of doctoral dissertations. Salary, fringe benefits, research and teaching expectations and opportunities are consistent with peer RU/VH institutions. To apply, submit materials electronically via the website above. Include a letter of application detailing how your research agenda, teaching experience, and philosophy fit with job description and department, a curriculum vitae, and enter the names and contact information for three references. Questions can be directed to Stephanie Sanders, Search Committee Chair, [sanders@indiana.edu](mailto:sanders@indiana.edu).

### **Cluster Hire in Race, Immigration, and Integration, University of California Riverside**

Applications accepted until position is filled.

The University of California Riverside is embarking on a major new hiring initiative that will add 300 tenure-track positions in 33 cross-disciplinary areas selected through a peer-reviewed competition. Over the next three years, we will hire multiple faculty members in each area and invest in research infrastructure to support their work. This announcement aims to fill up to four positions, at both the junior and senior levels, in social science research related to “Race, Immigration, and Integration: Empirical and Applied Approaches.” Topical areas of focus in this cluster search include: social movement and political power, including community mobilization against discrimination, hate crimes, police brutality, and immigrant detention; educational opportunities across the K-16 education pipeline with a focus on racialization, including its intersections with class, gender, sexuality, and immigration status; the study of media (including mainstream media, ethnic media, and social media) and its relationship to social attitudes, civic engagement, and community formation; and demography and public health, including disparities in health and health care delivery, immigrant health, and culturally competent health care services. Candidates should clearly indicate their topic(s) of focus in their cover letter. We are looking for candidates with a strong research record commensurate with rank, including relevant fellowships, honors, and awards. Candidates will be expected to teach and guide the research of undergraduate and graduate students, and they should be committed to boosting UCR’s research in empirical and applied research on race, immigration, and integration.

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# Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants

## MSU GJEC Dissertation Research and Completion Fellowships

Application Deadline: **April 15**

**The Gender, Justice, and Environmental Change (GJEC) Program**, at the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen), is pleased to announce fellowships for MSU graduate students for the 2016-17 academic year. Generous funding provided by MSU's Graduate School has allowed for the development of four up-to-\$10,000 fellowship opportunities in two categories, Research and Completion.

### **GJEC Dissertation Research Fellowship**

Eligibility for Dissertation Research Fellowship: PhD 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)

### **GJEC Dissertation Completion Fellowship**

Eligibility for Dissertation Completion Fellowship: PhD students at MSU who have completed all requirements for their degree program including dissertation research. Applicants must graduate by Spring 2017, and their dissertations must focus on gender as it relates to 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)

Funding must be used during the 2016-17 academic year. Submit completed application and all supporting documents by April 15 to: GenCen Advisor, MSU GJEC Program, 206 International Center, 427 N Shaw Lane, East Lansing, MI 48824. Email: [gencenad@msu.edu](mailto:gencenad@msu.edu) Phone: (517) 353-5040 Fax: (517) 432-4845.

## **MDHHS Crime Victim Services Commission grants**

Application Deadline: **April 18, 3:00pm**

Agencies interested in applying for this Request for Proposal must first process a Project Director Request in <http://egramms-mi.com/dch>. Local organizations can apply for \$35 million in grants to provide services to crime victims through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Crime Victim Services Commission. The Crime Victim Services Commission will award three- to five-year U.S. Department of Justice grants of \$50,000 or more. The department will accept applications through 3:00pm on April 18. The purpose of the funding is to expand and enhance services to victims of crime, such as responding to the immediate needs of crime victims, reducing psychological consequences of victimization and helping restore victims' sense of dignity and self-esteem. Applicant agencies must be public or non-profit organizations – including faith-based organizations and American Indians tribes – that provide direct services to crime victims. Eligible organizations could include, but are not limited to, sexual assault treatment centers, domestic violence programs, child abuse programs, children's advocacy centers; and other community-based organizations, including those that serve survivors of homicide victims, drunken driving or elder abuse; and American Indian tribal victims or other underserved victims. The Department of Health and Human Services has released a Request for Proposals on the MI E-Grants system. Potential agencies for consideration of this grant include those that currently deal exclusively with providing direct services to victims of crime, including, 1) responding to the immediate needs of crime victims, 2) reducing the severity of psychological consequences of victimization, 3)

helping restore a victim's sense of dignity and self-esteem, and 4) assisting and encouraging victims to participate in the criminal justice system.

### **MSU Creating Inclusive Excellence Grants**

Application Deadline: **May 23** to [www.msuinclusion.wufoo.com/forms/cieg](http://www.msuinclusion.wufoo.com/forms/cieg)

Foremost among MSU's values are quality, connectivity, and inclusiveness. Inclusiveness provides opportunity for learners from all backgrounds to bring their passion and talent and join a vibrant, intellectual community built on mutual respect. The MSU community has the opportunity to create synergy within and across organizational systems in support of an inclusive educational and work environment through the "Creating Inclusive Excellence at Michigan State University" funding. Creating Inclusive Excellence funding presents an opportunity for Colleges and Academic Units to engage in efforts that will enhance academic quality, and through clearly articulated outcomes, demonstrably benefit students. Proposals for College and Academic Unit Funding should be aligned with the Bolder by Design strategic imperatives and also incorporate the institutional value of inclusiveness. Funding for multiple year projects may be requested under this category. Please note, while a request may be made for multiple-year funding, a meritorious proposal may be deemed more appropriate for one year of funding. Non-recurring funding is available for colleges, or academic unit requests that are supported by the college, and an individual or group of faculty and/or staff in departments, schools or all other major administrative units (e.g., Infrastructure Planning and Facilities, Residential and Hospitality Services, or Student Affairs and Services, etc.). Students may submit proposals with endorsement by faculty and/or staff. Proposals for projects or programs that are not ad hoc must include an explanation regarding the sustainability of the project or program beyond the funding period by the college, academic or administrative unit.

### **MSU GenCen Graduate Student Grants to Support Travel for Conference Presentations**

Deadline: **Rolling**

The Center for Gender in Global Context will be awarding a number of travel grants up to \$300 to support graduate students who will be delivering papers or other presentations on research related to Women's and Gender Studies at academic conferences. A student may only apply for this grant once per academic year, and preference will be given to those who have not previously won awards. These funds should supplement support from the student's home department. Students must apply prior to travel. The student must be registered for at least one credit in the semester that funding is awarded. Applications must include evidence that a paper/presentation has been accepted at an academic conference, a current CV, a letter of support from the student's advisor, evidence of support from student's home department, and an estimated budget of costs to be incurred. Please email all materials to [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) in either Word or PDF format. Hard copies can be sent to the GenCen office in the International Center if preferred.

### **MSU GenCen Graduate Student Grants to Support Travel for Research Collection**

Application Deadline: **Rolling**

The Center for Gender in Global Context will be awarding a number of travel grants up to \$500 to support graduate students whose major research focus is Women's and Gender studies, and who will be traveling to conduct preliminary exploratory research in advance of writing a dissertation grant proposal. Students may only apply and be awarded once in their graduate career. Students must apply prior to travel. The student must be registered for at least one credit in the semester that funding is awarded. Applications must include a cover letter describing the student's graduate program and project, a current CV, a letter of support from the student's advisor, evidence of support from student's home department, and an estimated budget of costs to be incurred. Please email all materials to [gencen@msu.edu](mailto:gencen@msu.edu) in either Word or PDF format. Hard copies can be sent to the GenCen office in the International Center if preferred.

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## Study Opportunities

### Summer 2016 MSU Courses of Interest:

**AL 497: Representing Gender and Sexuality in Museums** (1 cr). This is a two-week course (May 16-June 1, M/W 12:40-3:30pm) focusing on the MSU Museum's current exhibit "Up Cloche: Fashion, Feminism, Modernity." Led by MSU Museum curators Shirley Wajda and Mary Worrall, this workshop will use the exhibit as a launching point to examine how art, culture, history, and science museums present and address issues of gender and gender representation in their exhibits and collections. This class could be a great resume builder for a variety of majors. Open to all majors—non Museum Studies minors can request an override by emailing MSP adviser Britta Urness ([urness@msu.edu](mailto:urness@msu.edu)).

**EAD 315: Student Leadership Development.** 2 sections offered, one in Summer Session I and one in Summer Session II. Both sections are offered online. Please contact Trina Van Schnyndel ([trina@msu.edu](mailto:trina@msu.edu)) or Dr. Bill Arnold ([arnoldwh@msu.edu](mailto:arnoldwh@msu.edu)) with questions. Open to all students in all majors. No pre-requisites. This course may be especially interesting to rising freshman, sophomore, and junior students who are/will be in student leadership positions or who plan to pursue student leadership positions in the future. The course is designed to prepare students for leadership roles on campus, as well as in their communities, careers, and organizational activities after graduation. Students examine several broad themes related to leadership: leadership language; self-awareness and personal management; awareness of values, ethics, motivations, strengths, and limitations; interculturalism and the importance of a global perspective; communication skills; group dynamics around decision-making, followership, power, and flexibility.

**WRA 491: Fundamentals of Professional Writing** (3 cr). The Professional Writing program will be offering this course in both session I and session II this summer. The course focus is on "Fundamentals of Professional Writing," and will cover rhetorical skills and communicative moves key to any/all workplace contexts. Students from all majors are welcome to enroll. Section 730 in Session I will be taught by Casey McArdle ([cmcardle@msu.edu](mailto:cmcardle@msu.edu)), and Section 731 in Session II will be taught by Mike Ristich ([ristich@msu.edu](mailto:ristich@msu.edu)).

**WRA 491: Fundamentals of Professional Writing** (3 cr), Session I (Section 730, Casey McArdle, [cmcardle@msu.edu](mailto:cmcardle@msu.edu)) and Session II (Section 731, Mike Ristich, [ristich@msu.edu](mailto:ristich@msu.edu)). This course will cover rhetorical skills and communicative moves key to any/all workplace contexts. Students from all majors are welcome to enroll. The course is designed to support the learning of the basics of work-place communication by practicing core communicative acts required to function effectively as a professional in various work situations. We focus on three core rhetorical skills used across diverse businesses and organizations: 1. Writing to build relationships allows people to get along with one another, to interact, to do business, and, over time, to build trust. 2. Writing to report helps make ideas visible; establish shared contexts, and make arguments of fact, value, and policy. 3. Writing to propose involves pitching ideas and winning support for new projects. You'll learn that being a good professional means providing great leadership through communicating clearly and persuasively, giving constructive feedback, building a toolkit for a digital world, and understanding that effective professional communication begins with critical thinking and writing.

### Spring 2017 MSU Courses of Interest:

**HST850, Section 2: Seminar in Comparative History: Sexuality, Health, and Illness.** M 4:10-7:00pm. The topic is the history of sexuality, health, and illness, and the course is comparative in that it explores the US, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese histories in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The course will be useful for students studying medical anthropology, not to mention those in women, gender, sexuality studies. This course will be taught by professor Naoko Wake, [wake@msu.edu](mailto:wake@msu.edu).

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

Application Deadline: **May 31**

Join a diverse group of highly motivated students from all over the world in this comprehensive, two-week, graduate level course, offered in partnership with the University of Toronto. Now in its fifteenth year, the

program is taught by twelve renowned scholars in a seminar setting. Incorporating theory on genocide and the gross violations of human rights, it explores through an interdisciplinary and comparative analysis of major cases and special themes, such issues as Causes of Genocide; Patterns of Genocide; Gender and Genocide; Genocide Denial; International Law and Genocide; Genocide Prevention; The Relationship of Genocide to Human Rights; and Cases of Genocide: Armenian Genocide, Holocaust, Genocides of Indigenous Peoples, Cambodia, Rwanda, Guatemala. Each year we receive applications from a diverse group of highly motivated, bright and dynamic students from around the globe. We encourage applicants to contact us with their inquiries as soon as possible, as we have found there can be significant delays for those who require a visa to come to Canada. For more information or with any questions please contact [admin@genocidestudies.org](mailto:admin@genocidestudies.org).

### **Oregon State University Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Fall 2016 Study Abroad in London September 4-December 10, London, UK**

This faculty-led study abroad program is in conjunction with University of Oregon's GEO program, and will take place at the GEO Centre in Bloomsbury, very near Russell Square. Students from any college or university are welcome to participate and transfer credits back to their home institutions. Students may also take 1-2 additional courses at the GEO Centre for up to 16 credits.

**Law & Order: UK** (4 semester credits). This course explores a variety of British mystery novels and TV crime dramas from feminist and critical race perspectives. The selected novels and TV shows are set across an array of historical times and places in England, further affording us opportunity to explore British history and culture, the changing roles of gender, race, and class in the UK throughout the years, and British social institutions. Each week, we'll visit a "scene of the crime" related to the novel or crime dramas of the week.

**Gender, Race, Class & Religions in the UK** (4 semester credits). This course examines many of the religious traditions found throughout the UK with special attention to issues of gender, race, social class, immigration status, and sexual identity within the tradition. Drawing from transdisciplinary perspectives, we will explore the intersection of religion with significant global issues for the 21st century. Each week, we'll visit a religious site, such as the London Central Mosque and Islamic Cultural Center, Westminster Abbey, the West London Synagogue, and the Buddhapadipa Temple.

We'll also take excursions to Edinburgh, Oxford, Stonehenge, and Stratford-upon-Avon. We'll have a web site and application site up soon. In the meantime, please email [sshaw@oregonstate.edu](mailto:sshaw@oregonstate.edu) for more information.

### **MSU Graduate Specialization in Women and Gender**

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

### **MSU Undergraduate Minor in Defense Studies & Leadership**

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

### **MSU Undergraduate Minor in Bioethics, Humanities, and Society**

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**

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.

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

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

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

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

### **MA in Women's and Gender Studies at the University of Florida**

A Master's degree in Women's Studies prepares you for doctoral work in a broad range of disciplines or for careers in teaching, social policy making, nongovernmental organizations, health and human services, and the arts and performance. Students pursuing interdisciplinary graduate work in the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research at the University of Florida learn about feminist and other theoretical approaches and methodologies for examining the role of gender in cultural systems. Gender is understood in intersection with other sociocultural categories, including race, ethnicity, social class, sexuality, religion, physical ability, age, and nationality.

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