

International Education: A Bridge to Everywhere

International Education Week 2008, November 17-21

Monday, November 17, 2008

All Day	CC Rocking Chair Lounge	Ten Thousand Villages Sale Ten Thousand Villages provides vital, fair income to world artisans and their families to improve their homes, educate their children, and put food on the table, improving the economic vitality of their communities. Purchase exquisite home décor, personal accessories, and gift items handcrafted by these world artisans.
10:30-11:30	CC Barkley Room	West Meets East: Comparisons and Contrasts <i>-Dick Dougherty, Pam Matlock, Suguru Nakamura, Robin Taffler</i> Drawing from their May 2008 experience in the Discover China II Program, presenters will share brief highlights comparing and contrasting Western and Eastern cultures—foods, arts and architecture, academia, and protocol. Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and share in discussion during the concluding open panel forum.
2:00-3:00	CC Barkley Room	Effects of Corruption on Sub-Saharan Africa - <i>Seid Hassan</i> Dr. Hassan will discuss research on corruption in Ethiopia, its impact on economic development, and the publication of articles that have earned both popular approval and Ethiopian government hostility.
4:00-4:30	CC Barkley Room	W.E.E.P. for Southern Sudan - <i>Tamsyn Garner, Jeff Finley, Danielle Nethery, Jason Hudson</i> W.E.E.P. for Southern Sudan is a Murray-based non-profit that currently sponsors ten girls from a Sudanese refugee camp in attending high school in Kenya. This presentation shares their stories and shows that the education of a young woman is also an education of her family.
6:00	CC Ballroom	Phi Beta Delta Induction & Dinner - <i>By Invitation Only</i>

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1:30-2:00	CC Barkley Room	What Can We Do for You? Using the University Libraries @ Home and Abroad <i>-Ashley Ireland, Don Kim, Jill Mahoney, Julie Robinson</i> This presentation will discuss and demonstrate how librarians can assist international students abroad and at home in accessing library resources, services, and material to support their educational and research needs.
2:00-5:00	CC Mississippi Room	Student's Perspectives on French and Spanish Culture and Literature <i>-Jackie Oswalt, Samantha Carver, Melissa Wurth, Jason Stinnett, Jessica Wilson, Elaine Kight, Amanda Crider</i> Students present talks on women in art, religion, and revolution; poetry and poets; and U.S. political and economic imperialism in Cuba and the Dominican Republic.
3:00-3:45	CC Ohio Room	Reflections on the 2008 Discover China I Program - <i>Brian Clardy, Tom Denton, LaDonna McCuan, Bonnie McNeely, Sam McNeely, Pamela Wurgler</i> The participants in the Discover China I program will offer their individual perspectives on this MSU professional development and travel opportunity. Each panel member will relate his/her experiences to his respective academic discipline and answer questions about the program.
4:00-5:00	CC Barkley Room	Middle East Conflicts: Current Status & Future Prospects <i>-Major General David Kratzer (Ret), Farouk Umar, Chris Bierwirth</i> A discussion of areas of conflict, focusing on Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Iran, and Afghanistan/Pakistan. A brief summary of the current status of each and possible future scenarios will be presented, followed by a minute question and answer session.

- 6:00 CC Barkley Room **U.S.-Russian Relations: Implications of the Invasion of Georgia** -*Dr. Riad Attar, Dr. Brian Clardy*
This panel will focus on the ramifications of the U.S.-Russia relations in the aftermath of the Russian invasion Georgia. Specific emphasis will be placed upon the U.S. diplomatic response and the direction of relations between Moscow and Washington.
- 7:00-9:30 CC Theatre **Feminists Behind the Wheel in Iran: A Screening and Discussion of Abbas Kiarostami's *Ten***
- *Timothy Johns*
American news broadcasts rarely, if ever, consider the complex problems facing contemporary Iranian women. Abbas Kiarostami's *Ten*, a film which follows a strong-willed, driving divorcée around Tehran, offers rare insight into this neglected topic. A discussion will follow the 90-minute screening.

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

- 9:30-2:00 CC Ballroom **International Bazaar**
MSU international students showcase their native language, arts, food, religion and more.
Countries represented include: Belize, China, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Japan, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey
- 1:30-3:00 CC Barkley Room **Counterintelligence: The FBI's Role** -*Special Agent Jerry L. Garner, FBI*
The FBI's current counterintelligence role will be discussed with a special emphasis on university-related issues.
Moderator: Mike Basile
- 3:00-3:30 CC Mississippi Room **Student Perceptions of Agriculture-Related Study Abroad Programs**
- *Whitney Peake, Bill Payne, Jay Morgan*
Discussion of research to determine student perspectives related to the MSU School of Agriculture study abroad opportunities, with results related to two recent trips to Hungary and Mexico.
- 3:30-4:00 CC Cumberland Room **Experience the Khmer...Connecting after the Killing Fields** -*Lindsey Talton*
Cambodia is a country with many needs, including the need of clean water, health care, adequate food, and education. This presentation explains an opportunity to partner with Resource Development International in order to help meet some of these needs.
- 4:00-4:30 CC Barkley Room **Pure Water, Pure Life: Implications of the Global Water Crisis and the Benefits of Water Purification** -*Lindsey Becker, Courtney Crain, Jeff Finley*
This open forum will discuss the global water crisis and its implications in the lives of people every single day. There are many possible solutions, but this presentation will focus on water purification and how students and faculty can become involved.
- 4:30-5:30 CC Barkley Room **What Can We Do For You? An International Studies Committee Open Forum**
IEW is an opportunity for American students, faculty, and staff to gain awareness of the benefits of international travel, study, and work. Not everyone has the resources or time for international travel, especially long term. One reason the university encourages enrollment of international students is to broaden our cultural knowledge and understanding here on campus. The International Studies Advisory Committee, the International Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, and the Global Campus Committee are among the groups that focus on international student life at MSU. To function properly, these committees need input from international students, staff, and faculty. The purpose of this session is to introduce the activities of the various committees, and more importantly, solicit ideas and suggestions on how these committees might better meet the needs of the MSU international community.
- 5:30-6:30 CC Mississippi Room **Mitigation of Global Warming: Policy Options in India**
-*Kolla Ashok Babu, K. Rama Krishna, P.K.Kiran*
Because of its negative impacts on human communities and ecosystems, global warming is the most important environmental problem the world faces. This paper discusses some of the policy options for India to mitigate global warming and stresses the need for a careful and balanced approach based on technology and policy.
- 7:00 CC Theatre **Successes of China in the 21st Century: The recent Olympic Games, China-US Relations, the Chinese Economy and What's Next**
-*Mr. He Xiangdong, Counselor for Congressional Affairs of the Chinese Embassy, Washington, D.C.*

Thursday, November 20, 2008

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| 11:00-11:30 | CC Ohio Room | A Taste of Australian Mathematics - <i>Lynn Patterson</i>
Australian problem solving mathematics will be presented and shared. Group participation will be required in this presentation. |
| 11:00-11:45 | CC Barkley Room | Discover Korea: Broadening Perspectives
- <i>Becky Atkinson, Bill McKibben, Terry Holmes, Richard Fritz</i>
Four participants in the 2008 Discover Korea Program will discuss their experience in South Korea and how they each incorporate what they learned through international travel into their professional positions at Murray State University. |
| 11:45-1:00 | CC Cumberland Room | Semester in Regensburg, Germany Information Session & Pizza Lunch
All students interested in studying abroad in Regensburg, Germany (and those who've already participated), are invited to stop in for any length of time and enjoy some pizza and pick up information on the Regensburg fall semester program. |
| 12:45-1:45 | CC Mississippi Room | Open the World to Murray
- <i>Kala Chakradhar, Jonathan Awori, Iin Handayani, Therese Saint Paul</i>
Murray State University's international faculty will focus on exposing students to global social issues particular to India, Kenya, Spain, Indonesia, and Belgium, with discussion of the ways in which prevailing cultures, traditions, and norms influence these issues. |
| 2:00-3:00 | CC Barkley Room | Health Care Experiences: International Perceptions
A forum involving students from abroad and from the United States on their experiences as health care consumers and/or providers. Audience participation is welcome. |
| 2:00-2:30 | CC Ohio Room | Does Aid Cause Trade? Evidence from an Asymmetric Gravity Model - <i>Simone Juhasz</i>
In this paper we develop an asymmetric extension of the Anderson-vanWincoop framework appropriate to examining the empirical link between foreign aid and trade. This model is estimated using world trade data. The results are striking. Foreign aid increases trade between donor and recipient, matching a long list of empirical results in the aid and trade literature. However, the comparative statistics show that aid affects prices so as to reduce the volume of trade of non-donor Northern exporters. Since most Northern countries are non-donors, the total volume of exports from the North actually decreases. |
| 3:00-3:30 | CC Mississippi Room | Lifestyle of Health and Sustainability (LOHAS) in Germany - <i>Timothy C. Johnston</i>
LOHAS is a market segment focused on health and fitness, the environment, personal development, sustainable living, and social justice. Germans and the Americans are credited for identifying the LOHAS lifestyle more or less contemporaneously and independently. Recent surveys have identified active and growing markets of producers and LOHAS consumers in Germany and the USA. |
| 3:30-5:00 | CC Ohio Room | Internships Abroad: Working, Living and Learning in Vienna
- <i>Ashley Wright, Theresa Luebbers, Jodi Keen</i>
Students who interned last summer in Vienna -- with little or no German -- will be describing their experiences in their internships in music, journalism, and marketing. |
| 5:00-5:45 | CC Barkley Room | International Environmental Service Learning: The Belize Experience
- <i>Ritchie Taylor, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, Western Kentucky University</i>
Since 2005 an environmental service learning program has engaged Western Kentucky University faculty and students with a rural community in Belize. Faculty and students have worked as an interdisciplinary team to provide environmental and health services, while the local community has provided cultural experiences |

5:00-6:30	CC Mississippi Room	<p>Europe in Transition: Two Current Issues in the European Union A "Constitution" for Europe? - <i>Martin Battle, Department of Government, Law and International Affairs</i> The presentation will serve as a basic introduction to the EU, and will examine the proposed Constitutional Treaty and the Treaty of Lisbon which followed it. The presentation will also look at the current problems the EU is going through after the failures of the Constitutional Treaty and the Treaty of Lisbon. It will explain how different Lisbon was to the original treaty, and finally look at the way forward.</p> <p>The Right in France in the Last Forty Years: Political Steamroller or Shallow Shell? - <i>Terry Strieter, Department of History</i> After a summary of how the Right originated in France this presentation will survey the Right since the founding of the Fifth French Republic in 1958. An especially close look at Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front political party is the core of this presentation and how this party appeals to a sizeable voting block in contemporary France. There are also brief looks at other far-Right parties and the new moderate-Right President of France, Nicolas Sarkozy.</p>
7:30	CC Theatre	<p>Global Alumni Distinguished Lecture Series Alumni Guests Include: - <i>Mike Hamilton, '75</i>, Partner and Chief Learning and Development Officer for the Americas with Ernst & Young - <i>Darcy Winslow, '77</i>, founder of Designs for a Sustainable World Consulting, currently working with NIKE, Inc. - <i>Dwight Armstrong, '71</i>, retired vice president of Provimi Holding Co. and chairman of North American Nutrition Companies, Inc. <i>Moderator: Fred Miller, '79, MSU Department of Management, Marketing, & Business Administration</i></p>

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11:00-12:00	CC Barkley Room	<p>Civic Engagement: 'Be the Change' and the Backpack Program - <i>Michael Basile, Robin Taffler, Ashok Babu-Kolla</i> 'Be the Change' is an annual national day of service to inspire and foster civic engagement through volunteerism and community service. The Backpack Program is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at times when other sources are not available. Backpacks are filled with food that children take home on weekends and holiday vacations. Both programs will be presented with a discussion of student involvement in local community.</p>
12:30-1:00	CC Barkley Room	<p>Building Bibliothecal Bridges in Bulgaria: Do European and American Librarians Have Anything to Say to Each Other? - <i>Johan Koren</i> This presentation will report from the author's experience of the Globenet Sofia conference (Sofia, Bulgaria, November 2008). What is it like for a faculty member to attend a conference in a country that does not speak English? How has the country changed from an apparent haven for Russian mafia in 2002 to one with a large gypsy population in 2004, to a year-old member of the European Union in 2008?</p>
1:00-1:30	CC Mississippi Room	<p>Student's Perspectives on the Effect of Globalization on the Economy - <i>Eden Davis, Pilar Prather</i> A discussion on the economic trends in Vietnam and France beginning with a brief summary of the economic models of both countries and moving toward economic change relative to globalization.</p>
1:30-2:00	CC Small Ballroom	<p>Ernesto Lecuona: Popular Classics for Piano - <i>Richard Scott</i> Cuban composer Ernesto Lecuona (1896-1963) was known as the "Cuban Gershwin." He was a prolific composer/performer with works for theater, film, orchestra, piano, and voice. This presentation will include the performance of selected works for piano.</p>

For further details or to check on any additions or changes to the schedule, go to www.murraystate.edu/iew or email studyabroad@murraystate.edu.