IDS Update

Study in Costa Rica – focus on health

The Development, Health and Environment in Costa Rica Summer Study Abroad Program will host an information meeting on Monday, February 10, 5-6 pm, in 530 South Kedzie.

This program is an in-depth study of the challenges associated with development, health and environment, in the Central American country of Costa Rica. Explore how economic and social development, agriculture, environment and health interact in the particular political and cultural context of Costa Rica, both historically and today. Examine from an ethical point of view the policy dilemmas concerning these matters, such as those related to environmental regulation and public health. The program will run May 25th- July 18th, 2014.

Students enroll in three 400-level credits of History and five 400-level credits of Philosophy (classes taught in English, by MSU instructors). Students also take Spanish language classes appropriate to their level, for which they receive four MSU Spanish language credits (these classes taught by certified Spanish instructors from the host institution in Costa Rica). Students live with Spanish-speaking Costa Rican families within walking distance of classrooms. In addition, there will be several field trips, including visits to farms, beaches, volcanoes, and the rainforest. For more information, please contact Dr. Fred Gifford at: gifford@msu.edu

AJ Harris Scholarships for internship experiences

The AJ Harris II Interdisciplinary Studies Major Student Experience Scholarship is open to any IDS sophomore through senior who will be engaged in an internship or field study project in the Summer 2014, Fall 2014 or Spring 2015 semester. Applicants are selected based on academic achievement and financial need. At least two awards will be given, with a minimum of $1500 for international internships, $800 for out-of-state internships, and $500 for in-state internships. Additional scholarships will be awarded as funds allow.

Pick up an application in room 302 Berkey Hall, or review the information on our web site (http://ids.socialscience.msu.edu/ids/AJHarrisScholarship1112Info.php).
College of Social Science Scholarships

Consider applying for a College of Social Science Scholarship. Information is available on the College of Social Science web site (http://socialscience.msu.edu/asa/scholarships.html), and most are due by March 31. Please check the requirements and deadlines for each individual award.

The College of Social Science also invites you to apply for a Study Abroad Scholarship (http://socialscience.msu.edu/current/study_abroad.htm) or a Study Away Scholarship (http://msustudyprograms.wordpress.com/scholarships/). Application deadlines for these awards are listed on the web site, and some occur as soon as Mar. 1.

Lecture on Black female undergraduates

The Department of Educational Administration and the Graduate Programs in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education is sponsoring a lecture in the 2013-2014 HALE Speaker Series entitled “Identity Development in Black Undergraduate Women: A Grounded Theory Study”, presented by Dr. Christa J. Porter, Assistant Professor, Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education, Michigan State University.

It will be held Thursday, February 6, 2014, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, in 252 Erickson Hall.

While there has been significant research on race and gender related to college students, Black undergraduate women represent a specific intersection that has not been thoroughly examined. This lecture will discuss the findings from a constructivist grounded theory study that conceptualized how Black undergraduate women developed their identity as Black women.

Christa Porter is an Assistant Professor in Higher, Adult, and Lifelong Education (HALE) and Coordinator of the Student Affairs Administration Master’s program within HALE. Christa received her Ph.D. in Counseling and Student Personnel Services at the University of Georgia, her MA in Higher Education from the University of Maryland, College Park, and her BA in Social Relations from Michigan State University.

Contact the HALE Program at haleadm@msu.edu with...
It’s time to plan your classes for the coming semesters

Students should review the Tentative Schedule of Courses for Summer 2014, Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 (http://schedule.msu.edu/). Academic Progress Plans that you make may be saved in Schedule Builder at this time, then, when enrollment begins, you will just have to click on the Enroll button. Use Degree Navigator to help you figure out what courses you need to complete your degree (https://degnav.msu.edu/).

It is much more difficult to schedule appointments in April, because our office gets very busy, so, please try to get a head start and make your plans now. Advising appointments may be scheduled at this link: http://ids.socialscience.msu.edu/ids/index.php. We suggest that you first make and save your academic progress plans in schedule builder, then make an advising appointment to review your course selections in the office. You may schedule with any of the available IDS major advisors. We look forward to working with you, soon!