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The Ebola Epidemic in West Africa: Etiology and Socio-Cultural Factors

The Clark Center for International Education; The Department of Health; The Department of Biological Sciences; The Student Health Service, and the International Programs Office



Date: November 13 @ 12:00 – 1:00

Location: Jacobus Lounge, Brockway Hall

What is the Ebola virus? When did it appear in the world? How does it spread? What are potential treatment regimes for Ebola? What countries has it affected so far? You have a lot of questions about Ebola. Come attend this panel and go beyond the sensationalist headlines to learn from specialists on our campus about the impact of the Ebola virus in West Africa.

Panelists: Dr. Ben Wodi – Professor, Department of Health;
Dr. Christa Chatfield – Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences;
Dr. Devin Coppola – Medical Director, Student Health Service

Moderator: Dr. Alexandru Balas, Director, Clark Center for International Education

1989-2014 Berlin Wall to Ukraine. From Cold War to Cold War?

Lecture by Ionut Lacusta, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

Sponsored by the International Studies Program, the Clark Center for International Education, Project on Eastern and Central Europe (PECE), Department of Political Science, and a grant from the Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALS)



Date: November 20, 2014, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
Location: Moffett Center, Room 2125

2014 marks 25 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of Communism in Central and Eastern Europe. Ionut Lacusta, a scholar currently affiliated with the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, will assess the changes that occurred in the last 25 years. Ionut Lacusta is an Eastern European diplomat who was a lead diplomat on the Nabuco pipeline negotiations, was a foreign policy advisor for the President of Romania, for the leader of the Senate, and a national delegate for the Europe-Caucasus-Asia Transport Corridor.

Working as an International Diplomat

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Date: November 21, 2014, 12:45-1:45 p.m.

Location: Old Main, Room 230

Ionut Lacusta will share his experience as an international diplomat. What do you need to become a diplomat? What should you focus on in your college years? What tools do you need in your toolset to achieve this dream? What is it like to work as a diplomat? What are the challenges and what are the benefits?

Ionut Lacusta, an Eastern European diplomat, will share his experience with SUNY Cortland students interested in diplomacy.

Climate Change and Sustainability in Rural Africa: Some Perspectives

Lecture by A. Peter Castro, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Syracuse University

Part of the Brooks Museum 2014-2015 Lecture Series: Culture, Technology, and Sustainability

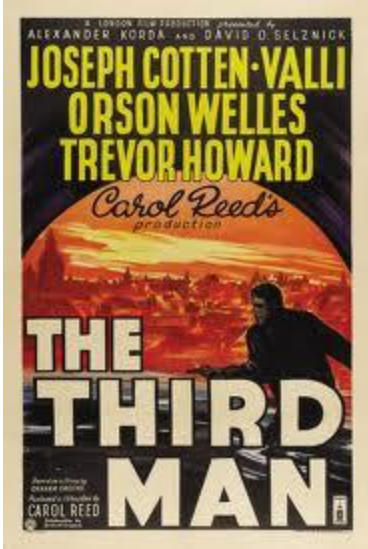
The Brooks Museum Lecture Series is sponsored by a grant from ASC and the Cortland College Foundation



Dr. Castro highlights the effects of human-induced climate change on rural Africans whose voices on this subject have been largely muted. He argues that we have much to learn about sustainability from rural Africans and will focus on Darfur, Ethiopia, Mali, Kenya, and Somalia.

Date: November 5, 2014, 4:30 p.m.
Location: Moffett Center, Room 2125

The Third Man (1958), Post-WWII "Rubble" Film Series



In this Cold War spy classic, Holly Martins, a third-rate American pulp novelist, arrives in postwar Vienna, where he has been promised a job by his old friend Harry Lime. Upon his arrival, Martins discovers that Lime has been killed in a traffic accident, and that his funeral is taking place immediately. When Martins is told that the late Harry Lime was a thief and murderer, the loyal Martins is at first outraged. Gradually, he discovers the truth about Harry Lime and who "The Third Man" is.

Date: November 18 @ 7 p.m.
Location: Sperry Center, Room 104

"Sweet Home Beijing: Then and Now", part of Transcendences: Dowd Gallery Exhibition

Lecture by Luo Xu, Professor, History Department

Sponsored by: Dowd Gallery, Clark Center for International Education, International Programs Office



The Dowd Gallery will present Transcendences, an exhibition of panels, drawings and sculpture by Diana Al-Hadid and video-still chromogenic prints by Wang Gongxin and Lin Tianmiao from October 22-December 10.
Diana Al-Hadid was born in Aleppo Syria, raised in Cleveland, OH, and currently



Date: November 11 @ 5pm

Location: The Dowd Gallery, Room 106

The exhibit will be on display until December 10.

Top: Diana Al-Hadid, Block Pontormo (detail), 2012. Courtesy of Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York. © Diana Al-Hadid
Bottom: Wang Gongxin and Lin Tianmiao, Here? Or There? (detail), 2002. Gift of the artists.

lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. Her works featured in the show, created from 2011 to 2014, appear to transcend time in material and form.

The series of large-scale video-still prints from the "Here? Or There?" video installation by Wang Gongxin and Lin Tianmiao alternates between depictions of a rational and a spiritual world. "Here? Or There?" was created for the 2002 Shanghai Biennale and was generously donated by them to SUNY Cortland in May, 2014, when Wang Gongxin was awarded an honorary degree from the college. He also attended SUNY Cortland in the 1980s as a visiting scholar from Capital Normal University in Beijing.

The exhibition's opening reception will be held on October 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Diana Al-Hadid will give an artist's talk on October 27 at 5:15 pm.

Luo Xu, Professor in the History Department, who grew up in Beijing and attended Capital Normal University at approximately the same time as Wang Gongxin and Lin Tianmiao, will give a lecture entitled "Sweet Home Beijing: Then and Now" on November 11 at 5:00 pm.

All programs are free and open to the public and will occur in the Dowd Gallery (Dowd Fine Arts Center, Room 106).

Taste of the World

Presented by the Asian/Middle Eastern Studies Department



The Taste of the World event will feature a delectable banquet and fascinating cultural performances including Tai Chi, Africana Dance, Bag Pipes, Chinese music, Salsa Dancing, A Capella performance.

Date: November 3, 2014, 6pm(dinner); 6:30pm (show)

Location: Corey Union Function Room, Rm. 316

Cost is $10 for faculty, and $5 for students

The People's Congress of Colombia: Organizing for a Voice at the Peace Table

Lecture by Colombian Marylen Serna, Spokesperson for the Colombian People’s Congress; leader, Small Farmers Movement of Colombia

The talk is sponsored by a CALS grant, Latino-Latin American Studies Program, CEPS, and the departments of

Modern Languages and Geography



Date: November 19 @ 12 p.m. (Jacobus Lounge, Brockway Hall) & 4:30 p.m. Sperry 205

Marylen Serna is a national spokesperson for the Colombian Congreso de los Pueblos or People's Congress, and is a leader of the Movimiento Campesino de Colombia (Small Farmers Movement of Colombia). She will speak on positive organizational strategies and the involvement of civil society in the peace talks currently underway in Colombia. The People's Congress is successfully bringing together diverse groups within Colombia (indigenous, campesino, AfroColombian, students, and urban sectors), and this in turn is having a major impact not only on the peace talks but on the future direction of Colombian society.

International Events In the Area

International Panel on the State of Democracy in the 21st Century

The panel will be moderated by Cornell historian Isabel Hull. Jointly organized by the Einaudi Center and the College of

Arts and Sciences, this event is part of Cornell's sesquicentennial celebration.



Date: November 18, 2014, 5 p.m.

Location: Schwartz Auditorium in Rockefeller Hall, Cornell University

As we approach the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of Francis Fukuyama's landmark essay, "The End of History," this international panel will consider the following pressing questions: How is democracy doing, at home as well as abroad? How is it likely to fare in the years to come? Is democracy likely to reign triumphant, or find itself increasingly under siege across much of the world?

Celebrated public intellectual and Cornell alumnus Francis Fukuyama ('74) will give the keynote address at the international panel titled "Will Democracy Have Competitors in the 21st Century?" Responding to Fukuyama will be John Mearsheimer (PhD '80) of the University of Chicago, as well as Peter Katzenstein, Cornell University.

Fellowship, Grant & Scholarship Announcements

Host a German Undergraduate Intern @ SUNY Cortland, Summer 2015

DAAD is inviting research groups from all over the world to host a German undergraduate to assist with their research in the summer of 2015 as part of the DAAD RISE worldwide program. Eligible fields of research include biology, chemistry, physics, earth science, engineering, or a closely related field. For more information please register an internship offer in-between October 1, 2014 and November 30, 2014.

Summer 2015 Undergraduate Internships in Germany

For undergraduate students in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, Geology

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) - in cooperation with science organizations in North America and Germany - is pleased to invite undergraduate students from the US, Canada and the UK in

Registration starts:

December 6, 2014

Deadline: January 15, 2015

For more information please consult the website of the DAAD-RISE program.

the fields of biology, chemistry, physics, earth sciences and engineering to apply for a summer research internship in Germany. RISE summer placements take place with research groups at universities and top research institutions across Germany. The RISE interns are matched with a doctoral student whom they assist and who will also serve as their mentor.

DAAD will provide a monthly scholarship of 650,- Euro for a period of 8-12 weeks (pro-rated depending on length of stay). The earliest possible start is May 18, 2015. DAAD will also provide health insurance and accident and personal/private liability insurance and an allowance of 160,- Euro for travel within Germany. The host institution will assist the intern in finding reasonably-priced housing for the duration of the internship. The scholarship will not cover international travel costs. For more information about summer internships in Germany please click here.

Boren Awards for International Study

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships – for Undergraduate and Graduate Students

Boren Awards provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate and graduate students to study in Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East, where they can add important international and language components to their educations.
Boren Scholars and Fellows represent a variety of academic backgrounds, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili. As part of the African Languages Initiative, Boren Award applicants have the opportunity to further their study of Akan/Twi, French, Hausa, Portuguese, Swahili, Wolof, Yoruba, or Zulu. For a complete list of languages, visit the Boren website.
Undergraduate students can receive up to $20,000 for an academic year's study abroad and graduate students up to $30,000 for language study and international research. In exchange for funding, recipients commit to working in the federal government for a minimum of one year.

For more information, visit http://www.borenawards.org.

DL: January 27, 2014 (Graduate)
Boren Scholarship DL:

For more information on the Boren award and its deadlines at SUNY Cortland,

February 4, 2015 (Undergraduate)	call to make an appointment with Dr. O'Callaghan @ (607) 753-4314.

ASIANetwork Programs

Fall 2014 Application Deadlines

Summer 2015 Thailand Faculty Enhancement Program
(funded by the Mellon Foundation)
Application Deadline: Dec. 5, 2014

Provides teaching faculty from member institutions the opportunity to participate in a faculty seminar to study a country in Asia that lies outside their primary range of expertise.

"Thailand: Power, Land, and Belief in a Divided Society,"
June 11 – July 2, 2015

Program Directors: Dr. Robert Dayley, Political Economy, The College of Idaho, and Dr. Bonnie Brereton, Art History, Independent Scholar, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow Program
(funded by the Luce Foundation)
Application Deadline: Dec. 1, 2014

Provides member institutions the opportunity to apply for a $40,000 grant to hire a postdoctoral teaching fellow in Asian Studies.

Summer 2015 Student-Faculty Fellows Program
(funded by the Freeman Foundation)
Application Deadline: Dec. 1, 2014

Supports student research in Asia under the close supervision of one or two faculty mentors.

Marianna McJimsey Student Paper Competition
Application Deadline: Nov. 3, 2014

The annual prize recognizes the best undergraduate student paper dealing with Asia. Undergraduate students, currently or recently enrolled in ASIANetwork member schools, are eligible to submit their papers for competition.

For information about all of their programs and activities, please visit: ASIANetwork
Please note that SUNY Cortland has an institutional membership to ASIANetwork.

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