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500 YEARS AFTER COLUMBUS: REINTERPRETING AMERICAN HISTORY

How should Americans commemorate the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's voyage to the Americas? Was it a discovery? encounter? invasion? conquest? A national debate rages about the meaning and legacy of Columbus's voyage, and its relationship to contemporary events, to how we see our history and our identity. Dr. Alfonso Ortiz and Dr. William Truettner, two prominent figures in this debate, will speak on the UM-St. Louis campus on March 17 and 31 as part of the ongoing series of programs, *500 Years After Columbus*. Ortiz is a professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico. Truettner is Curator of the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution. The free lectures are sponsored by the UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies and Humanities Partnerships in cooperation with the St. Louis Mercantile Library.

Ortiz, will speak on *500 Years After Columbus: the Survival of Native American Cultures* at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17 in room 222 of the J.C. Penney Building. A Tewa Pueblo Indian, Ortiz maintains that Columbus's trip resulted in the destruction of Indian populations in the Americas, a demographic collapse the likes of which hadn't been known in human history. "Until we face up to this heritage, we will continue as a people to live a lie," he says.

Ortiz sees himself as an advocate for Native American traditions, teachings that he says have



Emanuel Leutze, *The Departure of Columbus from Palos in 1492, 1855*.

much to offer an America in environmental and spiritual crisis. He believes Europeans originally did not so much come to live in the Americas as to plunder them — an attitude that remains today and has led to the overuse, overexploitation and pollution of the earth.

Truettner is the curator of the spectacular Quincentenary art exhibition, "The West as

America: Reinterpreting Images of the Frontier 1820-1920." The controversial exhibit was displayed March 15 - July 7 at the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art. Truettner will discuss the show in his talk *Reviewing "The West as America: Images and History"* at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31 in room 222 of the J.C. Penney Building.

Truettner's reinterpretation of works by famous western artists including George Caleb Bingham, George Catlin and Frederick Remington, eschews their romantic view of the frontier to focus instead on the political and economic conditions in which they were produced. He repeatedly drives home the argument that frontier art served an ideological purpose: that it celebrated capitalist expansion and justified dispossession of native peoples and despoilment of the environment. Truettner writes that Western art depicted Indians as savages to help "white people justify the removal of red Indians from the path of settlers."

The program series began last fall with the teachers' conference, "Rethinking Columbus: Multicultural Perspectives for Teaching about the Quincentenary." *For more information, call the Center for International Studies, at 553-5753.*

Ortiz will speak at the Mercantile Library at noon on Wednesday, March 18 and Truettner at noon on April 1. For more information on the Mercantile Library programs, call 621-0670.

GEOGRAPHY FOR THE 90s: FOCUS ON RUSSIA, THE CIS, AND EASTERN EUROPE

The rapid pace of political and economic change in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union has left classroom teachers with obsolete textbooks, maps and videotapes. Help is on the way in the form of the Fourth Annual Geographic Education Conference, to be held Wednesday, April 22, 4:30-8:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Building, on the UM-St. Louis campus. The program will provide K-12 educators up-to-date information and materials for teaching about Eastern Europe,

Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. The conference registration fee of \$30.00 includes dinner and materials. Registration deadline is April 13.

Dr. Charles Hess, professor of geography at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, will give the keynote address, *A Geographer and the Former Soviet Union*. Workshops for elementary, middle and high school teachers will present materials and strategies for the classroom.

The Geography Education Conference is sponsored annually by UM-St. Louis GEOPAC (Geography Program Advisory Council) and the Missouri Geographic Alliance. GEOPAC is a coalition of area teachers, and the UM-St. Louis Center for Economic Education, Center for International Studies, Continuing Education-Extension, and School of Education.

For information call Yvonne Chang at 553-5961.

JAPANESE EXPORT BUSINESS COULD BOOST LOCAL ECONOMY

What do aquariums, vending machines and Hallmark Cards have in common? They are some of the newest items Japan imports from Missouri and Illinois, according to a Japanese business expert who spoke recently at a University of Missouri-St. Louis seminar on trade opportunities with Japan.

Tsugio (Ted) Kusajima, chief executive director of the Chicago office of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), said United States' exports of manufactured goods to Japan are steadily increasing, which could mean new sources of revenue and jobs for Missouri and other Midwestern businesses.

Kusajima was one of several speakers at a two-day seminar entitled "Doing Business With Japan," sponsored by the UM St. Louis Center for International Studies, Continuing Education-Extension and JETRO, a non-profit Japanese government-supported organization. JETRO is dedicated to promoting mutually beneficial trade relationships between Japan and other nations, with particular emphasis on helping American exporters find their niche in the Japanese market.

The conference was organized by JETRO Chicago and Ryota (Roy) Morinaga, the senior trade representative for JETRO in St. Louis, in cooperation with University of Missouri Curator James L. McHugh and Center for International Studies Interim Director Joel Glassman. The program was attended by 150 representatives of small and medium-sized businesses.

Curator McHugh is also president of the St. Louis chapter of the Japan America Society, a non-profit educational organization that conducts programs for the St. Louis business community, and a member of the Missouri Department of Economic Development Export and Infrastructure Board.

McHugh said that while "friction" exists in the US-Japanese trade relationship, the relation-



University of Missouri Curator James McHugh, Joel Glassman, Interim Director of the Center for International Studies and Tsugio (Ted) Kusajima at the two-day seminar "Doing Business With Japan."

ship is still advantageous, since together the two powers make up more than 37 percent of the world's total gross national product and share a common goal: "to increase exports of US products to Japan, which will stimulate the US economy and create jobs while improving the quality of life for the Japanese consumer," he said.

Japan has increased its purchases from the United States by an average of \$5.5 billion a year since 1988, making Japan the No. 2 export market for the United States after Canada, Kusajima said during an overview of current US-Japan trade relations. "This shows that many opportunities exist for Missouri and Midwest exporters to be successful in Japan."

In addition, Japan is the main export market

for US agricultural products, which account for about 20 percent of all US agricultural exports. Historically, much of that has been grown in the Midwest, and the Japanese have set their sights on other goods made in the region.

For example, in Missouri, JETRO trade advisors have already negotiated deals for the export of vending machines and automatic garage doors made in St. Louis, along with Hallmark greeting cards and writing products and Kenneth Smith golf clubs from Kansas City, Kusajima said. Japanese demand has also created markets for computer-related products, biochemicals, furniture, and processed foods such as pasta, he said.

(From a Spirit article by Ivie Lewellen.)

CONFERENCE LINKS GLOBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITH BIODIVERSITY

The UM-St. Louis International Center for Tropical Ecology and Center for International Studies and the Missouri Botanical Garden will be the hosts for a major national conference on *Biodiversity and Development: Meeting Dual Needs*.

Scheduled for fall, 1993, the three-day program will bring together faculty from the Association of Big Eight Universities and specialists from midwestern environmental consulting firms, non-profit research institutions and private voluntary organizations.

Conference participants will explore the complexity of the relationship between biodiversity and economic development; the relevance of biodiversity to sustainable yields; and the global crisis caused by the loss of ecological and genetic biodiversity.

There is a growing awareness that modern industrial development, when unchecked, contributes to ecological degradation. This conference will explore the conditions necessary to advance sustainable development—the use of resources in

such a way that the present generation does not deplete them to such an extent that it robs future generations of their use.

Interdisciplinary university teams of scientists, economists and political scientists will articulate the changes required in teaching and research to address critical issues in biodiversity and development.

Both the UM-St. Louis International Center for Tropical Ecology and the Missouri Botanical Garden have made preservation of tropical rain

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JAPANESE SOCIOLOGIST EXAMINES US-JAPAN BUSINESS RELATIONS

The Japanese people were shocked last January when President Bush and US auto manufacturers traveled to Japan and appeared to the Japanese to be seeking a "quick fix" for America's economic woes. To the Japanese, it looked like the US was trying to change the rules of the game of international trade rather than resolve America's own problems. So said Dr. Chikako Usui, UM-St. Louis assistant professor of gerontology and sociology and Center for International Studies Fellow, whose recent trip to Japan overlapped with Bush's visit.

US-Japan industrial relations, and the comparison of business practices in the two countries are among Usui's areas of specialization. In addition, she specializes in comparative political economy, the sociology of aging and gender issues. She is currently teaching courses in social gerontology and retirement in modern societies.

A native of Japan, Usui came to the US to earn a Masters degree at Eastern Michigan University and a Ph.D. at Stanford. She taught for several years at Tulane University before joining the Sociology Department and Gerontology Program at UM-St. Louis in fall, 1991.

The sociology of aging, with particular reference to retirement issues, is the focus of Usui's current research. She is looking at cross-national differences in social security systems and, in particular, the treatment of women. She believes that the US system works against women in a number of important ways, such as requiring them to be married more than ten years before they can



claim benefits through a deceased husband's social security.

This summer, a grant will enable Usui to collect data cross-nationally on retirement patterns, their causes and timing. She will be looking at the impact of economic variables (income, pension, social security), government policies and culture on retirement decisions in the US, Japan and Western European countries.

Working through the Center for International Studies, Usui is also developing a major collaborative research and teaching project between UM-St. Louis and a Japanese university. With her

colleague Richard Colignon, she has created a graduate course on the sociology of Japanese and American business to be offered in fall, 1992, and spring, 1993 to students at UM-St. Louis and Washington University through the new Joint Center for East Asian Studies. Students will compare the historical and cultural foundations of business practices in the two societies, examining collectivism, social hierarchy and Confucianism in Japan and individualism, economic stratification and Protestantism in the US. The study of government-business relations, industrial policy, corporate decision making, and employment relations will give students an understanding of the distinctive business practices of the two societies.

Usui and Colignon's Japan-America project also features plans for a scholar exchange program to begin in 1993 and an international conference to be held in the following year. The exchange program will enable UM-St. Louis students to do internships with Japanese companies and faculty to teach at a Japanese university and observe Japanese business practices first hand. The proposed interdisciplinary conference will bring together researchers, students, business people and the media to consider how the most recent and up-to-date scholarship can be used to solve problems in Japanese-American business relationships.

Professor Chikako Usui adds important new dimensions to the University's agenda of enhancing teaching and research in gerontology, international business and East Asian studies.

Conference Links Global Economic Development With Biodiversity (Continued)

forests and biodiversity a major focus of their teaching and research programs. Biologists estimate that at least one-third of all species on the planet are found only in tropical rain forests. The University, in cooperation with the Garden, recently established a doctoral program with a special emphasis on tropical biology.

UM-St. Louis is uniquely positioned to organize the upcoming conference because it is one of the first universities to establish a tropical ecology program that includes a conservation program along with a political science component. University faculty participating in the program include Victoria Sork, associate professor of biology, and Eduardo Silva, assistant professor of political science and Center for International Studies Fellow. Sork is a specialist in population biology of tropical



International Center for Tropical Ecology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis

forest trees. Silva's speciality is political economy. He recently developed with Bette Loiselle, assistant professor in biology, a course on the public policy of tropical rain forest conservation and sustainable development.

The conference is part of a larger project on environment and development sponsored by the Association of Big Eight Universities and funded by the US Agency for International Development. A year-long series of events to be held on five university campuses aims to build awareness of the global nature of environmental issues with particular respect to efforts to alleviate poverty, reduce over consumption and promote sustainable development. The project will help universities introduce an international and development-related perspective into their environmental teaching program. The project will also promote collaboration between universities and private institutions in research and development assistance projects.

For more information contact the International Center for Tropical Ecology, 553-6219.

BUSINESS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN LONDON

In winter semester 1993, UM-St. Louis will inaugurate a 15-week Business Internship Program in London. The program will give undergraduates and graduate students an opportunity to learn first-hand about business practices in England and earn 12 hours of academic credit from the University.

During their internship semester, students are required to take 12 semester hours of credit. Requirements are a six-credit-hour *Internship in International Business*, a three-credit-hour *Seminar in International Business*, and a three-credit-hour course in *British Life and Culture*. For the internship, students will work 20+ hours each week in a non-paying position in a work assignment selected by the faculty internship director. A member of the Business School faculty from UM-St. Louis will supervise the internships and teach the seminar in international business.

Internship projects will include a variety of tasks such as market research, analysis/design of systems, feasibility studies, cost/benefit analysis, strategy evaluation, developing business plans, recommendations for international firms marketing to Americans, and other appropriate topics.

Students are required to pay regular educational fees to UM-St. Louis and a program fee for housing, social activities, etc. In addition, they are responsible for their meals, transportation, textbooks, and other personal expenses.

For an application and more information about the program, contact the Center for International Studies, 553-5798.



JOHN DILL TO HEAD UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

John F. Dill has a lighted globe in his office. It reminds his employees that Mosby-Yearbook Inc. is an international company with rapidly expanding overseas operations. Dill, who is President and CEO of Mosby-Yearbook, has been named chair of the newly formed International Affairs Committee of the Chancellor's Council at UM-St. Louis. The Council is a group of community leaders who advise Chancellor Blanche Touhill on the role and future direction of the University.

Dill and his Committee are charged with the mission of advising the UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies. A top priority for the Committee will be working to provide students with international experiences, including study at universities and internships with businesses in foreign countries. In particular, the Committee is challenged with making work and study abroad programs more accessible to non-traditional students. Jobs, family responsibilities and lack of money for travel abroad are major obstacles that preclude international experiences for non-traditional students.

Dill became President and CEO of Mosby-Yearbook, Inc. in 1989 when the company's headquarters was established in St. Louis. The company is the leading publisher of scientific, technical and medical publishing in the US. With operations in London, Barcelona, Berlin, Toronto, Japan and



John F. Dill, President and CEO of Mosby-Yearbook, Inc.

Sydney, Dill anticipates a time when "it will not be unusual for employees of our far-flung world operations, or in our domestic operations, to move between countries to different jobs." He is a strong advocate of the "global education" that will be required of future employees at Mosby-Yearbook.

Serving with Dill on the Committee are Denny Coleman, Frankie Freeman, Irving J. Gross, Robert Hermann, Eugene Mackey III, Ronald R. Mierzejewski, Betty Sims, George Sloan, Tom K. Smith and Stuart Symington, Jr.

Dr. Joel Glassman, Interim Director of the Center for International Studies, and Kathy Osborn, Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Relations, are campus liaisons to the Committee.

JACQUES COUSTEAU TO RECEIVE WORLD ECOLOGY MEDAL

The UM-St. Louis International Center for Tropical Ecology will award the 1991 World Ecology Medal to world-renowned environmentalist Jacques-Yves Cousteau. Each year the Center awards the prestigious medal to an ecology activist who has made a personal commitment to focus international attention on the environmental crisis facing the world today. Cousteau is expected to visit the Center in the Spring to accept the Medal. Last year's recipient was entertainer and ecology activist John Denver.

For more than 50 years, Cousteau has explored the earth's seas, observing the life supported by the planet's water system. Since 1943, when he and Emile Gagnan developed the SCUBA breathing device, Cousteau has sought to foster an appreciation for the underwater world.

Originally, his life's work was devoted to observing and studying ocean life as a scientist. He became an environmental activist as he became aware of the constant deterioration of sea water quality and destruction of marine life. In 1973, he founded the Cousteau Society, an organization



dedicated to the protection and improvement of life. The non-profit, membership-supported organization now has more than 350,000 members, principally in the United States.

The International Center for Tropical Ecology is at the forefront of efforts to address the global crisis created by deforestation in the tropics. The Center's strong doctoral program, offered in conjunction with the Missouri Botanical Garden, has gained international recognition and is attracting students from Brazil, Colombia, and Costa Rica as well as the United States.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

June 15-26, St. Louis

- for secondary teachers & grad students
- cost: tuition for 3 hrs. credit (\$351.21)

The University of Missouri-St. Louis offers a political science course (#488), Studies in International Relations: Middle East Seminar that provides an intensive introduction to the political, historic, economic, religious and cultural dynamics of the Middle East. Features an interdisciplinary and hands-on approach that includes slides, videos, and speakers from community organizations. Class meets 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For course information: Dr. Larry Timpe, 537-1675. For enrollment information: Yvonne Chang, 553-5961.



TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN ASIAN STUDIES

June 16-18, Ann Arbor, MI

- K-12 teachers
- application required (first-apply, first-accepted)
- deadline: May 1
- cost: \$10/day or \$20 for 3 days

This annual program features faculty lecturers from University of Michigan's centers for Chinese, Japanese, South & Southeast Asian studies and classroom teachers who conduct workshops. Subjects are China (June 16), Southeast Asia (June 17), and Japan (June 18). Application requires a letter and resume. For information: (313) 764-6308.



CONTEMPORARY MEXICO: FACING NORTH

June 19-July 2, New York City

- high school & college teachers of social studies & foreign language
- application required; first come basis
- cost: \$200 for lunches & materials

The Columbia University-New York University Consortium in Latin American Studies and US Dept. of Education conduct a summer institute that focuses on contemporary Mexico. Lectures and workshops on economics, politics, literature, art and growing Mexican presence in US. On-campus lodging at Columbia University available for an additional fee. For information: Judy Rein, (212) 854-1555.

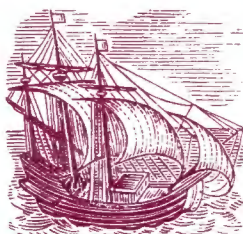


ENCOUNTERS OF CULTURES: PERSPECTIVES ON THE COLUMBIAN QUINCENTENARY

June 15-19, Gainesville, FL

- teachers, grades 6-12
- application required
- cost: transportation & lodging; tuition waived
- academic credit from University of Florida

The Center for Latin American Studies and History Dept. at the University of Florida offer a summer institute that examines Columbus's voyages in relationship to the issues of global interdependence, cultural pluralism, humanity and the environment. For information: Dr. Linda Miller, (904) 392-0375.



TROPICAL RAIN FORESTS

June 15-26, Missouri Botanical Garden

- K-12 educators
- cost: tuition for 2 hrs. credit, grad (\$170) or undergrad (\$140.20)
- pre-registration required

University of Missouri-St. Louis and Botanical Garden present a 2-week workshop on tropical rain forest ecology, users, destruction and methods of conservation. Workshop meets 9:00 a.m.-noon and provides teaching material and resource information. For information: 553-5961. Garden also conducts a trip to Peruvian rain forest, July 19-25. For information: 577-5140.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE: HERO OR NEMESIS?

June 18-19, Urbana, IL

- teachers, students & public
- registration fee: \$35

Sponsored by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Continuing Education in International Affairs and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Conference will explore multicultural approaches and legacies of Columbus and provide curriculum materials. For information: Terry Iversen, (217) 333-1465.

THE NEW COMMON-WEALTH; SOVEREIGN STATES JOINED TOGETHER FOREVER?

June 20, Urbana, IL

- pre-collegiate & college teachers & community educators
- pre-registration required
- deadline: June 5
- cost: \$7.50 for optional lunch

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Russian and East European Center conducts a workshop, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For information: Elizabeth Talbot, (217) 333-1244.



ARABIC LANGUAGE & CULTURE SUMMER INSTITUTE

July 8-August 12, Columbus, OH

- secondary social studies and foreign language teachers
- application required
- deadline: May 1
- cost: lodging & travel provided, plus \$250 stipend
- optional 15 hrs. grad. credit
- funded by NEH

The Ohio State University sponsors this institute designed to help teachers integrate language and culture of the Arab world into social studies and foreign language curriculum. Includes introductory and advanced Arabic instruction. For information: Sandra Welch, (614) 292-9255.

RELIGION IN MODERN SOUTH ASIA

July 10-11, Chicago

- secondary & junior college teachers
- pre-registration required
- deadline: June 15
- cost: \$20

The University of Chicago's South Asia Outreach Educational Project presents an intensive workshop on contemporary religious dynamics in South Asia. Explores religion in politics and impact of economics, urbanization, modern technology on popular religious traditions. Call Sandra Mulholland at (312) 702-8635.



SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

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ETHNIC DIVERSITY AND CONFLICT: BEYOND OUR BORDERS

July 13-24, New Haven, CT

- teachers, administrators & curriculum coordinators
- competitive application
- deadline: May 31
- cost: \$50 tuition

Funded by the US Dept. of Education and Connecticut Council on the Humanities, the Yale Center of International and Area Studies explores multiculturalism in today's world. Summer institute for teachers features lectures by faculty experts on the Middle East, India, Africa, East Asia, Russia and Eastern Europe. For information: Mary Ann D'Adamo, (203) 432-9713.

TEACHING ABOUT THE USSR: BUSINESS AND THE ECONOMY

July 13-24, New Haven, CT

- K-12 social studies teachers, administrators & curriculum specialists
- competitive application
- deadline: May 31
- cost: \$50 (tuition), \$200 (housing), \$195 (meals)

At the 11th annual Yale University and Hopkins Summer-School Russian Studies Seminar participants work with professors and master teachers to produce curriculum units. Funded by US Dept. of Education grant. For information: Brian Carter, (203) 432-3424.

MULTICULTURALISM: THE CLASSICS AND THE CANON

July 13-17, St. Louis

- Secondary teachers
- pre-registration required
- cost: \$150

The International Education Consortium devotes its summer institute to the topic multiculturalism, the literature and history of the diverse populations which make up the US. For information: 721-3255.

CALENDAR

MARCH

through March 14



The Austral Gallery displays **Utopia Men's Paintings**, an exhibit of Australian aboriginal paintings and prints. Gallery hours are Wednesdays and Saturdays 1-5 p.m. and by

appointment. For information, 776-0300.

through April 12



The St. Louis Art Museum exhibits **Islamic Art: Treasures from Kuwait**, a survey of 10 centuries of Islamic art that includes illuminated manuscripts, jewelry, ceramics, glass,

metalwork, stonework, textiles and rugs. On loan from the Kuwait National Museum. For information, 721-0072.

6-7

The Role of the United States in the 21st Century is the title of the 22nd Annual Central Illinois World Affairs Conference to be held at the Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria, Illinois. Sponsored by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Continuing Education in International Affairs. Registration fees are \$17 - \$25 (adult) and \$13 - \$19 (students). For information, (217) 333-1465.

6-7

Proceeds from the performances of the Athol Fugard play **Blood Knot** at the Edison Theatre will benefit the St. Louis Chapter of the American Friends Service Committee. Tickets are \$18. Call the AFSC at 862-5773.

5 and 19

The World Community Center sponsors a lecture/discussion series based on the Great Decisions briefing books that examine issues in US foreign policy. The free lectures are held at 12:30 p.m. at the Salad Bowl Restaurant. On March 5 Webster University associate professor of philosophy, Art Sandler and Angie O'Gorman, immigration law practitioner at the International Institute, speak on **The Refugee Crisis: How Should the US**

Respond? On March 19 Webster associate professor of political science Dan Hellinger speaks on **Latin America's New Course: Bridge to Closer Ties?**

through April 5

The Smithsonian Institution traveling exhibit **Tropical Rainforests: A Disappearing Treasure** is displayed at the Science Center. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for members of the Science Center and co-sponsoring institutions, the Zoo and Missouri Botanical Garden, children, seniors and groups. Free admission Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - noon, Tuesdays 2-5 p.m. In conjunction with the exhibit, events are held at Zoo, Garden and Science Center. For information, 289-4400.

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The UM-St. Louis Center for Economic Education conducts a workshop to introduce their new curriculum, **The Voyages of Columbus: An Economic Enterprise**, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Bldg. Registration fee of \$35

includes the curriculum unit, a continental breakfast and lunch. For information, 553-5248.

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Alfonso Ortiz, Tewa Pueblo Indian and professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico speaks on **500 Years After Columbus: The Survival of Native American Cultures** at 12:30 p.m. in room 222 of the J.C. Penney Bldg. on the UM-St. Louis campus. Program is free of charge and is followed by a reception. Sponsored by the Center for International Studies, Humanities Partnerships and the Mercantile Library. For information, 553-5801. (See related article.)

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William Truettner, curator of the controversial exhibition displayed last fall at the Smithsonian National Museum of American Art, **The West as America: Re-interpreting Images of the Frontier, 1820 - 1920**, gives a free lecture on the UM-St. Louis campus. Truettner speaks at 2:00 p.m. in room 222 of the J.C. Penney Bldg. on the topic **Reviewing "The West as America: Images and History**. Reception follows. Sponsored by the Center for International Studies, Humanities Partnership and the Mercantile Library. For information, 553-5801. (See related article.)

CALENDAR (Continued)

APRIL

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The Committee on Teaching about Asia holds its annual conference on **Teaching about Asia in the K-12 Classroom** at the Sackler Gallery of the Smithsonian. Educators from across the country present the latest resources and teaching ideas, and panels address major issues in the field. For information call chairperson Mary Hammond Bernson, (206) 543-1921.

2

The UM-St. Louis School of Business Administration Alumni Association co-sponsors with Price Waterhouse a lecture by Edward E. Whitacre, Jr. Chairman and CEO of Southwestern Bell on **Foreign Expansion: Capitalizing on a Global Market**. The free program is held at 7 p.m. in the Summit Lounge of the University Center. For information, 553-5833.

2, 16, and 30

The World Community Center's Great Decision lecture/discussion series continues with Peggy Olwell, director of conservation programs at the Center for Plant Conservation, speaking on **Planet Earth: Dying Species, Disappearing Habitats**. On April 16, political science professor John Grotzinger discusses **Africa South of the Sahara: Fresh Winds of Democracy?** On April 30, Dr. Linda Fisher, chief medical officer of the St. Louis County Department of Community Health speaks on **The AIDS Pandemic: Global Scourge, US Challenge**. Programs held at 12:30 p.m. at the Salad Bowl. For information, 862-5735.

3-4

The Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: The Collapse of an Empire is the theme of the 24th Annual Quad-Cities World Affairs Conference to be held at the Deere & Company Administrative Center. Registration fees are \$17 - \$25 (adult) and \$13 - \$19 (students). Sponsored by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Continuing Education in International Affairs. For information, (217) 333-1465.

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In the program **Cooking, Eating and Celebrating with Food in China, the Philippines, Singapore and India**, four experienced Asian chefs talk about cooking techniques,

festival menus and cultural preferences in food. The free-of-charge, Asian Art Society program is held at 7:30 p.m. at the Creve Coeur Country Club. Event will include a display of Asian food products by Dierberg's. For information, 553-6756.

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UM-St. Louis GEOPAC and the Missouri Geographic Alliance sponsor the **Fourth Annual Geographic Education Conference** for K-12 teachers, 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Bldg. on the University campus. Workshops and presentations focus on Eastern Europe, the CIS and Russia. Registration fee of \$30 includes dinners and materials. For information, call Yvonne Chang at 553-5961. (See related article.)

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In anticipation of the Columbian Quincentenary, Lakota Indian Ardis Iron Cloud-Hamilton speaks on the dilemmas Native Americans face in their efforts to preserve cultural traditions. This annual meeting of the **American Friends Service Committee** is open to the public. For information, 862-5773.

28 through September 26



The International Institute's exhibit **The Art of Lao Weaving** is displayed at the St. Louis Art Museum. Features 40 textile pieces of the traditional art of Lowland Lao weaving created by women in Laos and by members of the Lao refugee community in St. Louis.

Through the duration of the show, related slide lectures, gallery talks, a panel discussion and film are presented at the Museum and other locations. For information, 773-9090. Co-sponsored with Missouri Cultural Heritage Center, OASIS, the Weavers' Guild, the Lao Mutual Aid Association and the UNA.

MAY

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At its Spring Awards Dinner, the **International Institute** will recognize St. Louisans who have made important contributions to enhancing cross-cultural and international understanding. Honorees include Barbara Van Ausdall, Katherine Dunham, Tom Eagleton, Rotary International, George Hasegawa and J.W. Kisling. The dinner at the Adam's Mark Hotel is \$65 (regular) and \$100 (patron). For information, call Jane McGuire at 773-9090.

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The World Community Center's Great Decisions lecture series concludes with UM-St. Louis assistant professor of History Fanny Bryan speaking on **Breakup of the Soviet Union: US Dilemmas**. Free program is held at 12:30 p.m. at the Salad Bowl. For information, 862-5735.

14 - July 5



The St. Louis Art Museum exhibits the show **Africa Explores: 20th Century African Art**, a collection of

133 objects that depict the connection between modern and traditional African arts. For information, 721-0072.

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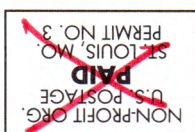
The American Forum for Global Education and World Affairs Council of Philadelphia present a national educators' conference, **Educating in a Multicultural World** to be held in Philadelphia. Speakers include US Secretary of Education Lamar Alexander. Registration fees are \$170 and up. For information, (212) 732-8606.

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"BOCON," a play about a Salvadoran teenager who is making his way to the US is presented by MUNY/Student Theatre Project at COCA at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adults: \$5.00. Children: \$3.00. For information or to arrange a production of the play in a local school, call Larry Pressgrove at 531-1315.

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Students at the College School put on a free cultural festival on the theme **Rainforests of Brazil**, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Students perform songs, dances and skits in Brazilian costumes. For information, 962-9355.



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