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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

SPRING 1994

That Hum You Hear Is Asia Growing

While the U.S. and Europe hover at growth rates of less than 3%, the Asian economy is booming, led by China with a growth rate of over 13% in 1993. On Wednesday, May 11, international studies scholars will examine Asia's economic dynamism and its impact on the U.S. and the world at the Second Annual State of the World Conference, **Asian Economic Growth: Shaping a New World**. Open to the public, the program will be held 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building on the UM-St. Louis campus. The registration fee of \$40 includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Keynote speaker Dr. Linda Lim is an economist and a native of Singapore. Lim teaches international business and economics at the University of Michigan, where she is also director of the Southeast Asia Business Program. In a recent article, she summarized the significance of Asia's economic expansion. "A major historic shift in

"The rise of Asian influence proves that Asians have successfully overcome European dominance: that they can match and may even surpass the economic achievements of the West..."

— Dr. Linda Lim

global power relations is taking place as the 20th century draws to a close. Today, Asia is vigorously challenging 500 years of Western dominance of world political, economic, technological and cultural affairs."

Dr. Robert Oxnam, senior correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour and president emeritus of The Asia Society, will give the conference's second major address, *Looking at Asia from the Inside Out*. Oxnam is a China expert and recently hosted a nine-part special on contemporary China broadcast this winter on the NewsHour. The Asia Society is America's leading public education organization concerning the Asia/Pacific region.



Keynote speaker Dr. Linda Lim



Briefing sessions led by UM-St. Louis faculty

will create opportunities for participants to interact with Asian studies experts in economics, sociology, business, music, history, politics and environmental issues.

The conference is sponsored by the University of Missouri-St. Louis Center for International Studies, Alumni Association and Friends and the World Affairs Council of St. Louis.

For program information call (314) 553-5753. For registration information call (314) 553-5972.

NAFTA Now: What Do Businesspeople Need to Know?

Three and one-half years of heated debate over the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) have made it difficult for Americans to see beyond the rhetoric to a clear understanding of just what NAFTA is and what its implementation will mean. For businesspeople, educators and others who seek that understanding, the Center for International Studies is sponsoring the conference **NAFTA Now: The Changing Political Economy of North America**. The program will be held on Friday, April 8, 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in room 126 of the J.C. Penney Building on the UM-St. Louis campus. Registration fees are \$35 (full day with continental breakfast and lunch) and \$25 (lunch and afternoon program).

According to conference director, Dr. Brenda McPhail, visiting assistant professor of political science and communications at UM-St. Louis, "The ratification of NAFTA has

dramatically changed the political economy of North America. In order to work in this new environment, business will need to have an understanding of the economic, political and cultural changes NAFTA will bring." *NAFTA Now* will offer participants an opportunity to analyze the Treaty, its likely consequences and how it will change the way Americans operate politically and economically. The afternoon program will focus on the business opportunities and challenges that NAFTA creates for Missouri. A live, interactive video conference with Mexico and Canada will provide practical advice on *How To Cash in on NAFTA*.

Conference keynote speaker Dr. Sidney Weintraub is a distinguished economist and authority on NAFTA, who holds the William E. Simon Chair of Political Economy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He

is also Dean Rusk Professor of International Affairs at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, where he directs the U.S.-Mexico Policy Studies Program.



NAFTA Speaker
Dr. Sidney Weintraub

The conference is co-sponsored by UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension and the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association and supported by grants from the Canadian Embassy, the Canadian Consulate General of Chicago, Clark Oil and Refining Corporation of St. Louis and Southwestern Bell Corporation.

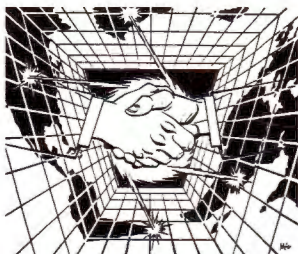
For registration information, call (314) 553-5972. For program information call (314) 553-5753.

Geography Conference for Educators

Geography for Teaching about an Interdependent World

is the theme of the Sixth Annual Geographic Education Conference for Elementary, Middle and Secondary Educators, to be held on Wednesday, April 27, 3:45 p.m.–8:00 p.m. on the UM-St. Louis campus. St. Louis's largest geography education program, the conference features presentations by UM-St. Louis faculty and workshops conducted by Missouri Geographic Alliance (MGA) Teacher Consultants. For the first time, the program will also include pre-conference exhibits that showcase state-of-the-art teaching resources, effective teaching strategies and professional development opportunities. The registration fee, which includes dinner, is \$30. For registration information call (314) 553-5972.

Dr. J. Martin Rochester, professor of political science and research associate in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis, who is an expert on international relations, will give the keynote address, *Earthquakes, Sea-Changes, and Gale-Force Winds: The Revolutionary Transformation of the International System in the Late 20th Century and Its Connection to the Teaching of Geography, Ecology and Other Things*. Rochester will discuss how dynamic changes



in world politics and economics require a new approach to the teaching of environmental issues, one which combines natural science and social science perspectives, local and global views, and empirical and value clarification dimensions.

Lectures by Dr. Patricia Pollard, research economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, and Dr. Cynthia Radding, assistant professor of history and fellow in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis, will present concepts and information for secondary teachers of economics, history and geography. Radding's slide lecture will demonstrate the geographic interdependence and shared history of northwest Mexico and the American Southwest. Pollard will speak on *Winners and Losers: America and the Economics of Global Interdependence*.

MGA Teacher Consultants, classroom teachers trained by the MGA and National Geographic Society, will lead workshops that provide strategies and materials for elementary and middle school classrooms.

The conference is sponsored by UM-St. Louis Continuing Education-Extension, Center for Economic Education and Center for International Studies and the Missouri Geographic Alliance. For program information, call 553-5248.

Honorary Doctor of Laws

Chancellor Blanche Touhill with Dr. Y.S. Tsiang, secretary general to the President of the Republic of China, who was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at the UM-St. Louis winter commencement. Tsiang is credited with masterminding Taiwan's land reform, which laid the foundation for the country's post-war modernization. He has held virtually every top position in Taiwan's political arena.



Dance in China

Juliana Yuan, UM-St. Louis lecturer of Asian art history, will lead a tour of China that focuses on the art of dance, July 25–August 11, 1994. The tour group will be the official U.S. delegation attending two major dance events in Beijing: the Beijing International Arts College Dance Festival and the Fourth National "Tao Li Cup" competitions.

Fifteen countries and regions will participate in the international dance festival, displaying ballet, classical, folk and modern dance. The tour also includes a classical dance performance in Xian, folk dance in Kunming and a college dance school in Shanghai. The tour cost is \$3,800. Reservations and deposits are due by April 25.

The dance tour is sponsored by the UM-St. Louis College of Arts and Sciences and Continuing Education-Extension and the Ballet Conservatory in St. Louis. For more information, contact Connie Jeffries at (314) 553-5972.

Yuan, who has a B.A. in Asian studies and an M.A. in art history, has led two tours of China's gardens. She is a past president of the Asian Art Society of Washington University and UM-St. Louis. Tour participants will also be accompanied by Nathalie LeVine, director and founder of the Ballet Conservatory, and Patricia Kelsten, who is production manager and co-director of the Conservatory.



New Intensive French & Spanish Courses

INTERSESSION & SUMMER SESSION, 1994

May 17–August 4

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
8:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

15 Credit Hours

Fulfills foreign language requirement for UM-St. Louis undergraduates

FOR INFORMATION:
Dept. of Foreign Languages and Literatures
(314) 553-6240

Anthropologist Draws Students to African Studies Courses

By Harry Murray

Dr. Sheilah Clarke-Ekong joined the UM-St. Louis department of anthropology in 1992, and is teaching the courses *Cultures in Africa* and *Cultural Continuity and Change in Sub-Sahara Africa: An Anthropological Perspective*. She earned a B.A. in sociology and anthropology from Florida National University, a master of philosophy in socio-cultural anthropology from University of Ife, Nigeria, West Africa and a Ph.D. in social cultural anthropology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Shortly after completing her bachelor's degree Clarke-Ekong traveled to West Africa, where she spent the next ten years teaching high school and college in Nigeria and continued her own education and research.

In Nigeria, Clarke-Ekong observed that students often called her "sir." At first, being a "he" to these students when she was so obviously a "she," mystified her. Later, as she learned the Yoruba language, she determined that the Yoruba word for sir was *Oga*, and that she was being honored by being addressed as *Oga-Madam*, or "woman as good as man." She also recounted her pleasure at being *oyinbo dudu*—meaning you are foreign, but you are black, like we are.

One of the exciting things for Clarke-Ekong about coming to UM-St. Louis is the support she has received for conducting research in Africa. "I will not teach about Africa if I can't go there. Everyone else can watch CNN and read about West Africa, but I won't do that. I won't do it for me. I won't do it to my students," she said. However, the political instability in Nigeria has had an influence on Clarke-Ekong's plans for research in West Africa.

She was in Nigeria last August, shortly after President Babangida voided the results of the June presidential election and tens of thousands of people rioted in Lagos. Clarke-Ekong said that she was not surprised by the "coup," but she had not expected it so soon.

Clarke-Ekong observed that in Nigeria religious strife is still an underlying problem, particularly in its politicization. "People have made certain alignments in the belief that the Islamic north will continue to dominate the politics of Nigeria," she said.

She is strongly considering doing her future research in Ghana. There is a certain historical alliance, and there are many similarities between Nigeria and Ghana, accord-



Dr. Sheilah Clarke-Ekong,
assistant professor of anthropology at UM-St. Louis

ing to Clarke-Ekong. She was in Ghana last summer for a course on Africans and Afrocentric education. She was the only anthropologist among fourteen scholars from the Americas and the African continent. Clarke-Ekong attended the course as a recipient of the National Council of Black Studies award, funded by the Ford Foundation. While in Ghana she laid plans for the coming summer, when she will spend two months conducting research, including work on the behavior of African teenagers.

The participation of teenagers in very traditional festivals in Ghana is of particular interest to Clarke-Ekong. She hopes to learn more about what keeps young people participating and what the purposes of these festivals are. She will seek to identify the mechanisms that are used to transfer community values and to maintain community stability. She said, "If I can understand those mechanisms in Ghana, I would like to

make the leap that one can understand what kinds of indigenous institutions would have to be enhanced in ethnic communities in the U.S. so that the same kinds of things could happen. The possibilities excite me. If we can understand it in one place, we can understand why or why not in another place."

"I'm a pretty happy citizen right now," Clarke-Ekong said. "The students at UM-St. Louis have been receptive, even though I think sometimes that I stretch them a little bit. I take some of them places they're not sure they want to be." In the introductory course, *Cultures in Africa*, she tries to break down stereotypes. One requirement of the course is to read a novel by a continental African author. African novelists often have been the social critics of their times, according to Clarke-Ekong. "They can say things others can't say, and then get out of the country before they are jailed. Their books are 'faction,' some fact and some fiction," she said.

This class is popular with students. Last semester 102 students were enrolled, most of them not anthropology majors. There is a disproportionate number of African-American students, according to Clarke-Ekong. Many of them are meeting their "non-Euro" requirement, but many are also seeking more knowledge about contemporary Africa and their own roots. Some are contemplating traveling to Africa.

Clarke-Ekong described her advanced course, *Cultural Continuity and Change in Sub-Sahara Africa*, as interdisciplinary with an anthropological perspective. "In this course we look more in depth at cultural continuity and the changes that are occurring. We also examine a number of continental Africans' writings, including works by historians, columnists, social critics, and literary people."

Clarke-Ekong said that her three teenage daughters were initially not thrilled with the move from Southern California to Missouri. However, she said that she had trained her daughters well—they had become good negotiators. Each daughter had her own terms for moving (one included adding a dog to the family). Apparently negotiations were successful, since Clarke-Ekong and her family now reside in St. Louis County.

New Scholarships for Study in Europe

By Linda Weber

Bi-lateral student exchange programs between the United States and Europe have a long history of introducing students to new countries, cultures, and ideas during their college years. In 1986, European universities launched the Erasmus program, which allows European students to move freely throughout the European university system. Today, European universities are cosmopolitan places filled with students of all nationalities. But as the educational barriers in Europe fall, American universities have become concerned that their students may be left out of this rapidly growing nexus of student exchange.

In response to this concern, UM-St. Louis has more than doubled the number of bi-lateral study abroad programs available to the University's students. This year, a grant from the U.S. Department of Education has not only dramatically increased the opportunities for study in Europe, but also provided scholarship funds for UM-St. Louis students.

The University is a member of two new multi-lateral networks, the Association of Big Eight Universities (ABEU)—Utrecht (Netherlands) Network and the Missouri-European

Community (EC) Science Network. The University will award four competitive student scholarships of up to \$3,000 each to help support UM-St. Louis students to study at any one of the twenty program sites.

Under the terms of the ABEU-Utrecht agreement, each of the eleven American universities (Florida, Iowa State, Kansas State, Kansas, Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska-Kearney, Nebraska-Omaha, Oklahoma State, Purdue and UM-St. Louis) will receive scholarship money to be awarded to participating students. The students can then attend one of sixteen European universities in the Netherlands, Denmark, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, United Kingdom, Germany, France, Spain and Greece.

The Missouri-EC Science Network agreement allows each of the campuses in the University of Missouri system to award scholarships to biology, biochemistry, or chemistry students. Students may then choose to attend one of the participating European schools: Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain; University of East Anglia, Norwich, England; University of Parma, Italy; or University of Stuttgart, Germany.



Scholarship funds are available to support study at many schools in Europe, including the Universidade de Coimbra in Portugal.

For information about these programs, contact the study abroad office in the Center for International Studies, room 366 Social Science and Business Building. (314) 553-5798.

Linda Weber is the study abroad coordinator in the Center for International Studies.

Study in St. Louis's Sister Cities

By Linda Weber



Galway, Ireland



Lyon, France



Stuttgart, Germany

In recent years the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis has greatly increased the number of study abroad opportunities for students. The Center now offers arts and sciences and business programs in Australia, Japan, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom, but the exchange programs with our sister cities, Galway, Lyon and Stuttgart, remain the most popular with UM-St. Louis students.

Studying abroad as part of a formal exchange allows students to experience another culture firsthand while paying regular tuition to UM-St. Louis. Exchange students can also use federal financial aid and are eligible for partial scholarships awarded

by the Center. In addition, St. Louis's sister city committees have provided financial assistance to UM-St. Louis students for study in Galway, Lyon, and Stuttgart.

Jerry Kane, a recipient of a scholarship from the Galway Sister City Committee, says that studying in Galway offered him the opportunity for "spiritual growth." He hopes to return to Ireland after graduation.

Marnie Rhae, a political science major now studying at University College Galway, is continuing Jerry's tradition of St. Louisans in Galway. She reports that, aside from the cold and rain, all is going well.

The students returning from Lyon, the bustling city of southern France where the Rhone and the Soane meet, also report that a year spent in another culture proved to be an invaluable addition to their education that they will carry with them through the rest of their lives. Jennifer Saunders, a French major, says that living in Lyon improved her French and gave her a new, deeper under-

standing of people from other countries and an appreciation for the subtleties of international relations.

David Wilson, a finance and French major, and Tanya Thurman, a French major, are at Université Jean Moulin. David reports that he is surprised to find the students so friendly, theater tickets cheap and no public water fountains.

Markus Bauman and Julie Ludlum, who are both majoring in communication and German, are spending a year at the Universität Stuttgart on our oldest exchange program. In addition to perfecting their German and experiencing the culture, these students are traveling! Markus reports that he has already visited twenty-four countries and plans to see more.

Soon Marnie, David, Tanya, Julie and Markus will return home with a wealth of memories of events and friendships made in St. Louis's sister cities. They will enrich us all as they share their stories from lands not really so very far away—Stuttgart, Lyon, and Galway.

Community Supports Study Abroad

Making the opportunity to study abroad accessible to all students is a high priority for UM-St. Louis Chancellor Blanche Touhill. So strongly does she feel about this issue, Touhill has begun approaching area businesses and organizations to secure financial assistance.

The St. Louis community has responded generously to Touhill's message with a growing number of donations for study abroad scholarships. Friend of UM-St. Louis Marlyn Essman recently made a generous gift for scholarships. Alumna Lynn Hesterberg, recognizing the growing value of international study for UM-St. Louis students who will constitute the area's future work force, has established an annual scholarship. Alumni of the School of Business Administration have donated funds to support students participating in the Missouri London Business Internship.

Among the earliest contributors are St. Louis's sister city committees for Galway (Ireland), Lyon (France) and Stuttgart (Germany), which provide financial assistance for students participating in exchange programs in those cities.

Friend of UM-St. Louis Ruth Bryant was instrumental in arranging a partnership with the English Speaking Union for ongoing annual support for students studying in English speaking countries.

According to Center director Joel Glassman, the new European study abroad programs for academic year 1994-95, created through the ABEU-Utrecht and the Missouri-EC Science networks, are opportunities for giving where modest donations can make a big difference. The four \$3,000 scholarship awards granted by the U.S. Department of Education will generally cover a student's airfare and tuition. Students' living expenses will cost, on average, an additional \$5,000. Donations, when combined with the \$3,000 grant scholarship, will enable students to study abroad who couldn't otherwise afford to do so.

For information about contributing study abroad scholarship funds, contact Jim Kemp at (314) 553-6666.

First Student Exchange with Chinese Sister City

In November 1979, St. Louis became the first U.S. city to establish a sister relationship with a city in the People's Republic of China. In celebration of the fifteenth anniversary of their ties, the two cities have announced a series of special events, beginning with the First Annual Nanjing-St. Louis High School Student Exchange. From June 12-26, 1994, Dr. Ching-ling Tai, the vice president of the Nanjing St. Louis Sister City Committee and a teacher of Chinese at St. Louis University High School, will lead the first St. Louis exchange students on a study tour that will visit Nanjing and five other Chinese cities. The cost of the tour, including lodging, sightseeing, meals, airfare from St. Louis, and a special language and cultural study program is \$2,550. Reservations should be made by March 25. *For information contact Dr. Tai, (314) 567-1690.*

According to Dr. Tai, parents are also welcome to join and discover China through this unique study tour designed specifically for St. Louisans. Prior to departure, St. Louis students will correspond with pen friends at the Nanjing Foreign Language School. During

their stay in Nanjing, the students will meet their pen friends, visit the Foreign Language School and enjoy a day of sightseeing with the Nanjing students.

Nanjing students will be invited to complete the exchange with a visit to St. Louis in summer 1995.

Another special feature of the study tour is a visit to Qufu, Confucius's birthplace, an 8,000-year-old small town, whose residents have preserved architecture and customs that have all but disappeared in larger cities. In Qufu, the group will enjoy a special program of instruction on Chinese language and culture. The study tour will also visit Xian, Shanghai, Beijing and the ancient capital Luoyang where the 1,300 Longmen (Dragon Gate) Caves with over 100,000 images and statues of Buddha mark a high point of Buddhist culture in China.



Dr. Ching-ling Tai, leader of student exchange tour to Chinese sister city



International Studies Alumni Notes

UM-St. Louis alumna Rochelle Lipsitz ('81) is director of international affairs for the law firm of Shea and Gould in Washington, D.C., where she is responsible for developing international business. Lipsitz speaks highly of her international studies experiences, both on campus and abroad. "I... remember being fortunate to augment my studies with studies abroad. I was able to experience different cultures and learn how different countries operate; it geared me for the global outlook I need now." (from UM-St. Louis Magazine)

Fulbright Scholarships

The U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright Program funds fellowships for graduate and undergraduate student research and study abroad in over 129 countries. In January, the Center for International Studies formed a faculty committee to identify qualified UM-St. Louis students and assist them in applying for Fulbright Fellowships. Over the past few years, more than 50% of all grants have been awarded to recent graduates who have not yet enrolled in graduate school. These grants support research projects or study abroad for the purpose of pursuing a specific project or area of study that requires the student to go abroad. Applicants should have a good academic record and fluency in the appropriate language. The next application deadline is October 1. Because the application process is time consuming, students are advised to begin work on their submissions early. *For information call the study abroad office in the Center for International Studies, (314) 553-5798.*



**INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES:
GLOBALIZING YOUR CURRICULUM**
June 13-24

- Lawrence, KS
- K-12 educators
 - \$365 includes 3 hours tuition
 - May 1 deadline

Summer institute sponsored by the University of Kansas examines current topics and the underlying economic principles to help educators understand changes in the world economy. Call (913) 864-4236.



**ECOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
IN SOUTH ASIA**
July 8-9

- Chicago
- secondary and junior college teachers
 - \$20
 - June 15 deadline

This workshop sponsored by the South Asia Outreach Educational Project at the University of Chicago explores conflicts between development and environment, deforestation, erosion, pollution and population growth. Call (312) 702-8635.



**ASIA: PREPARING FOR
THE PACIFIC CENTURY**
June 23-24

- Urbana-Champaign, IL
- high school & junior college teachers & students
 - \$45 (\$25 for students)
 - June 15 deadline

The Fourth Annual Summer Program on International Affairs sponsored by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign includes speeches by scholars and diplomats, a teacher workshop and student briefing. Call (217) 333-1465.



**SULTANS, SHEIKHS, STATESMEN
AND MISSIONARIES: THEIR IMPACT
ON THE U.S. & VICE VERSA**
June 27-30

- Cambridge, MA
- high school teachers
 - \$50
 - May 15 deadline

The summer conference of the Teaching Resource Center of the Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies includes lectures, workshops, videos and museum visits that focus on history, culture, politics and mutual perceptions. Call (617) 495-4078.



RELIGION AFTER COMMUNISM
June 18

- Urbana-Champaign, IL
- K-12 educators
 - free of charge
 - June 6 deadline

This workshop presents lectures by scholars and religious leaders on Christian churches, Islam and Judaism in the former Soviet Union. Call (217) 333-6022 or 333-1244.



**SUMMER SEMINAR/WORKSHOP
ON CANADA FOR TEACHERS**
June 28-July 2

- Burlington, VT & Montreal
- K-12 educators
 - \$218 includes 3 hours credit & field trip
 - June 18 deadline

The Canadian Studies Program at the University of Vermont offers a three-day seminar on the University campus and two-day field trip to Montreal on strategies for teaching about Canada in the social studies classroom. Call (802) 656-3062.



**THE TROPICAL ECOLOGY
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO:
A NINE DAY EXPEDITION
FOR TEACHERS**
June 30-July 8

- Trinidad & Tobago
- K-12 teachers
 - \$1,750

The Missouri Botanical Garden is the organizer of this study tour for teachers and "other adventurers." Cost includes all travel from St. Louis, lodging and meals. Call (314) 577-9506.



**UNDERSTANDING A CHANGING
GLOBAL ECONOMY**
July 11-22

- New Haven, CT
- secondary & college educators
 - \$250 tuition
 - June 21 deadline

Admission to this institute sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies is by competitive application. Call (203) 432-6253.

MARCH

through March 20

The **St. Louis Art Museum** show *Obata's Yosemite* displays the work of influential Japanese American artist and teacher Chiura Obata created in Yosemite National Park in 1927. For information: (314) 721-0072.

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Dr. Fanny Bryan, UM-St. Louis assistant professor of history and fellow in the Center for International Studies, speaks on *The Militant Godless: Antireligious Work in Stalin's Russia* in the **UM-St. Louis Monday Noon Series** in room 229 of the J.C. Penney Bldg. For information: (314) 553-5541.

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Dr. Nali Nadkarni delivers the **UM-St. Louis Jane and Whitney Harris Lecture on Tropical Ecology** in conjunction with the OMNIMAX® film *Tropical Rainforests* at the St. Louis Science Center. The film is at 7:30 p.m. and the lecture at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for the film and lecture and an additional \$22 for the reception. For information: (314) 553-5442.

20-April 24

The **Austral Gallery** show *Australian Landscape: M(other) Nature* exhibits oil paintings by Mandy Martin. Opening reception at 1:00-3:00 p.m. on March 20. For information: (314) 776-0300.

APRIL

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The UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies and St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Assn. sponsor the conference **NAFTA NOW: The Changing Political Economy of North America — What Do Businesspeople Need to Know?** Features an interactive video conference with Mexico and Canada, *How To Cash in on NAFTA*. Held in the J.C. Penney Bldg. 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Registration fee of \$35 for full day, \$25 for afternoon or \$15 for students includes lunch. For information: (314) 553-5972.

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The World Community Center continues its **Great Decisions** lecture series with a talk by Dr. Eduardo Silva, assistant professor of political science at UM-St. Louis, on *Argentina, Brazil, Chile: Democracy and Market Economics* at the Salad Bowl restaurant, 12:30 p.m. Free of charge. On May 12, UM-St. Louis associate professor of political science Dr. Joyce Mushaben speaks on *New World Disorder? U.S. in Search of a Role*. For information: (314) 862-5735.

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Geography for Teaching about an Interdependent World is the theme of the **Sixth Annual Geographic Education Conference for Elementary, Middle and Secondary Educators** held 3:45-8:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Bldg. on the UM-St. Louis campus. Features lectures, workshops and pre-conference exhibits. Registration fee of \$30

(\$20 for undergraduates) includes dinner. Sponsored by the UM-St. Louis Center for Economic Education, Center for International Studies and Continuing Education-Extension with the Missouri Geographic Alliance. For information: (314) 553-5972.

MAY

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In conjunction with the National Asian American Corporate Achievement Award banquet, The **St. Louis Organization of Chinese Americans** holds a *Diversity Forum* on ethnic diversity in corporations. Held free of charge at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 2:00-4:30 p.m. For information: (314) 878-2212 or (314) 935-4632.

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Asian Economic Growth: Shaping a New World is the theme of the **Second Annual State of the World Conference** held 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the J.C. Penney Bldg. on the UM-St. Louis campus. Featured speakers are Dr. Linda Lim, an economist and director of the Southeast Asia Business Program at the University of Michigan, and Dr. Robert Oxnam, president emeritus of the Asia Society. Sponsored by the UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies, Alumni Association and Friends, and the World Affairs Council of St. Louis. \$40 registration fee (\$25 for students) includes continental breakfast and lunch. For information: (314) 553-5972.

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International Trade Week in St. Louis focuses on China with a seminar for business people and a trade show from Nanjing, China, St. Louis's sister city, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Union Station. For information: (314) 425-3305.

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The Coalition of Asian Americans celebrates **Asian Pacific American Heritage Month** with a festival of ethnic foods, performances and displays at Faust Park. Free admission with a \$2.00 parking fee. For information: (314) 469-1049.

JUNE

6-8

The **World Affairs Council of St. Louis** sponsors a conference featuring speeches by U.S. Ambassadors to the ASEAN nations (Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei). For information: (314) 727-9988.

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In celebration of **American Indian Month**, the UM-St. Louis Office of Equal Opportunity holds a POW WOW on the south campus of UM-St. Louis with exhibits, games, music, dance, crafts and food. Co-sponsored with the Anthropology Department, anthropology alumni, Missouri Historical Society and the American Indian Center (St. Louis). For information: (314) 553-5695 or 553-6020.

Center for International Studies Spring Seminars

Room 331 SSB Bldg.

Free of charge

For information: (314) 553-5753

MARCH

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The Future of Political Reform in Russia

Dr. Nikolai V. Zlobin, associate professor of history, Moscow State University, and editor of *Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratization*. Co-sponsored with Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. 1:00-3:30 p.m.

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The Circle of the Protected: Toward a Re-definition of Alliance Politics

Dr. Andrew P. Dunne, Theodore Lentz Post-Doctoral Fellow in Global Issues, International Conflict and Peace Research. 1:00-3:30 p.m.

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Postmodernism and Ethnocide: The Death of Cultural Anthropology

Dr. Gerald Erchak, professor of anthropology, Skidmore College. Co-sponsored with Criminology/Criminal Justice, Women's Studies and Center for the Humanities. 1:00-3:30 p.m.

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Towards a European Foreign and Security Policy

Jolyon Howorth, professor of French civilization, University of Bath, UK. Co-sponsored by History Department. 10:00 a.m.

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What We Can Learn from Asian Education

Dr. Shin Ying Lee, University of Michigan. Sponsored by the Joint Center for East Asian Studies of UM-St. Louis and Washington University. 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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Tim Gurney, deputy director, British Information Services, New York. Co-Sponsored with History Department. 2:00-3:30 p.m.

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The Conscience of the Nation? Intellectuals in Unified Germany.

Dr. Joyce Marie Mushaben, associate professor of political science. Co-sponsored with Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. 2:00 p.m., Room 110, Clark Hall.

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