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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



GIFT PROMOTES GERMAN STUDIES AT UM-ST. LOUIS

The Hüls Corporation has funded a major initiative to enhance German studies programming through the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis. Hüls, a German-owned, St. Louis-based chemicals and electronic materials company, pledged \$75,000 over five years to support educational, cultural and business programs for the campus and the St. Louis community.

The first of these programs is Freya Klier, *An Artist as Political Actor: A Panel Discussion of Germany Before and After the Wall* to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 2 in the Summit Lounge of the J.C. Penney Conference Center at UM-St. Louis. Klier, a writer, filmmaker and dissident who was expelled from the GDR in 1988, will discuss the problems of German integration from her personal perspective as artist and activist. Now based in Berlin, Klier works to influence German unification through essays and documentary films that capture the perspectives of both East and West.

Joining Klier on the panel will be Dr. Joyce Mushaben, associate professor of political science and a fellow in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis, an expert on German unification, and KETC television producer Jim Kirchherr, a former broadcaster for Radio Liberty.

The program, a collaboration of the Center for International Studies and the Goethe Institut of St. Louis, begins at 5:30 p.m., and will be followed by a reception at 7:15 p.m. Though the event is free of charge, reservations are required. Call Mary Ann Sommer at 314-516-5974.

A centerpiece in plans to develop German studies at UM-St. Louis is a professorship in communication studies. The Hüls Corporation gift will enable the University to continue this project by hosting a visiting professor from Germany during Spring 1998.

Hüls President and CEO, Jurgen Biangardi, expressed the hope that the Corporation's gift will encourage the establishment of the

professorship and act as a stimulus for further German studies program enhancement.

"Because of Hüls Corporation's rich German heritage, the company is pleased to be able to help generate interest in the study of Germany and strengthen local support for these programs," said Biangardi.

German studies programs for 1997-98 will include new German cinema at the 1997 St. Louis Film Festival and a seminar series at UM-St. Louis on the Euro-currency and its impact on the economics and politics of Europe.

EXPERTS EVALUATE 20TH CENTURY IN LATIN AMERICA

The Honorable Alvaro deSoto, assistant secretary general of the United Nations and the Honorable Eduardo Stein, foreign minister of Guatemala, will be the featured speakers at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Latin American Studies. *Evaluating the 20th Century Experience in the Western Hemisphere: Looking Back and Looking Ahead* is the theme of the meeting, which will be held Thursday, October 30 and Friday October 31 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and Saturday, November 1 at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

deSoto, who was the chief mediator in the negotiations that ended the civil conflict in El Salvador, will open the program at 7:30 p.m. October 30, speaking on *Building Peace in the Hemisphere*. Stein, who is playing a key role in promoting regional integration and implementation of Central America's peace accords, will be speak at the luncheon at UM-St. Louis on November 1 at 12:30 p.m.

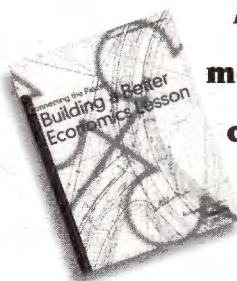
The non-student, pre-registration conference fee, which includes two luncheons, is \$40. For registration information, call Dr. Phil Kelly at 316-341-5238. For program information, call Dr. Richard Millett at 618-692-3650.



Freya Klier, artist, political activist and co-founder of the East German peace movement, will speak at an October 2nd program on the integration of Germany.

FACULTY & STAFF PROJECTS

BUILDING A MULTINATIONAL UNIVERSITY: UM-ST. LOUIS PARTNERSHIPS SUPPORT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORM WORLDWIDE



As we approach the new millennium, one of the most profound global trends is the liberalization of social, economic and political systems.

These articles focus on UM-St. Louis staff working with the reformers

who are addressing these challenges in countries around the world.



Building a Better Economics Lesson

"Why have our command economies failed? Why are market economies succeeding? And what are the implications for economic education in elementary and secondary schools?" For the last five years, the UM-St. Louis Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education has been helping school and university teachers in the countries of the former Soviet Union, Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic states address these questions.

Part of Continuing Education and Outreach in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Center's mandate is to increase the quantity and enhance the quality of economic education in the St. Louis region's pre-collegiate schools. Center Director Dr. Sarapage

McCorkle, Associate Director Mary Suiter and Assistant Director Barbara Flowers have achieved national recognition for their skill as teacher trainers. Their award-winning economics curricula are used throughout the US. Now McCorkle and Suiter are sharing with an international audience innovative strategies for teaching how market economies work. To date they have made eight trips to work with over 100 educators from fourteen countries.

In 1996 the National Council on Economic Education (an association of university-based centers that promote pre-collegiate economics education), invited McCorkle, Suiter and a colleague to develop a new program, *Train the*



In this simulation game, economics professors from Estonia who are producing "friendship beads," learn how the choice to protect workers' health and safety with gloves and masks reduces productivity.

Writer, for the International Education Exchange Program (IEEP). IEEP, which operates under the US Department of Education, helps countries introduce the teaching of market economics and democratic political systems in pre-collegiate schools.

In Fall 1996 McCorkle and Suiter spent a week in Poland instructing university professors in content and pedagogy for training classroom teachers. Fourteen faculty who completed the first program participated in the October 1996 *Train the Writers* class. This program trained the economics educators in how to write lessons with "active learning" approaches. Suiter and McCorkle led a US team that wrote a teacher resource manual for the program, *Connecting the Pieces: Building a Better Economics Lesson*. Participants learned multidisciplinary, skill-building and active learning approaches, as well as how to generate and field test "great teaching ideas."

When the class meetings ended, they wrote lessons on their own, which were critiqued and refined via e-mail by the US instructors. The ten best writers won a trip to Washington D.C. last Spring, where they visited educational,

NATIONAL IDENTITIES IN EAST ASIA

Forging National Identities in East Asia is the theme of the 1997-98 Colloquium Series sponsored by the Joint Center for East Asian Studies of UM-St. Louis and Washington University.

The lectures are free of charge and are held on Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 p.m. The colloquium site alternates between January Hall room 30 at Washington University and Social Science and Business Building room 331 at UM-St. Louis. For more information call Washington University at 314-935-4448 or UM-St. Louis at 314-516-5753.

Colloquium topics for 1997 are:

+Sept. 11New Memories in Meiji Japan: Exorcizing Ghosts, Finding Childhood

+Oct. 16Social and Political Changes in Postwar Taiwan
(A part of the *Midwest Taiwan Studies Seminar*)

*Oct. 23Colonial Korea: The Role of the Media

+Nov. 13Majority/Minority Identities in China:
The Curse of Path Dependency



+at Washington University
*at UM-St. Louis

FACULTY & STAFF PROJECTS

cultural and political institutions and learned to structure student learning around a field trip.

The next time *Train the Writers* is offered, McCorkle and Suiter will take a dozen US teachers, who will work alongside teachers from the former Soviet bloc in writing new economics lessons.

Meanwhile, McCorkle expects that *Building a Better Economics Lesson* will also meet the needs of many teachers in the US. She explained, "A lot of teachers have wonderful, creative ideas. We are offering a structure to harness that creative energy, so their work can be shared with others."

higher education, DeGregorio has developed University satellite centers in St. Charles and Jefferson counties that are providing new educational and career opportunities for over 1200 students

His election expertise, says DeGregorio, actually goes back to his student days, when he worked in campaigns for Kit Bond and John Ashcroft. Later, he served for eight years as Director of Elections for St. Louis County. His sweeping reforms of the election system included updating the voting procedure to an electronic, computerized one and transforming the patronage jobs on the Election Board into civil service positions.

DeGregorio does international election consulting through the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, a Washington-based, non-profit, non-partisan NGO that helps emerging democracies hold and institutionalize



free and fair elections. Funding often comes from the US Agency for International Development.

DeGregorio recruited, trained and supervised the US contingent of the 500-person delegation sponsored by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to observe Albania's second attempt at free and fair parliamentary elections. He describes vividly the challenge of conducting elections that had been demanded by the OSCE as the price for restoring order in Albania in the wake of a nationwide anarchy. The collapse of pyramid investment schemes had led to riots that cost over 1500 Albanians their lives. "There was indiscriminate shooting every night. Security was always my number one concern," said De Gregorio.

He prepared the forms his team used to report on both the voting and counting process. Observers were asked to report on any voter intimidation; if voter IDs were checked; if voters' thumbs were free of ink prior to voting and then had ink applied after voting; if ballot boxes were properly sealed, etc.

DeGregorio believes that the presence of the observer mission was critical to acceptance of the election results, in

ARMS AND ETHNOPOLITICAL CONFLICT

The relationship between acquisition of armaments and ethnopolitical conflict is the primary research focus of Dr. John Sislin, the 1997-98 Theodore Lentz Post-Doctoral Fellow in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies at



Dr. John Sislin

is hosted by the Center for International Studies and is teaching *Studies in War and Peace* and other courses in conflict resolution for the Department of Political Science.

Sislin's research involves analysis of arms acquisitions by ethnic groups and assesses the impact of arms acquisitions on the initiation, evolution, and termination of ethnic conflict. In addition, the project examines how arms impact ethnic conflict resolution and the possible success of arms control and security-building measures.

The post-doctoral fellowship is supported by the Lentz Peace Research Association, St. Louis, which was established in 1930, and is the world's oldest continuous operating peace research organization.

Sislin completed his Ph.D. in political science at Indiana University, Bloomington and served as a post-doctoral research fellow at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. He has taught at Southwest State University, Pennsylvania State University, Oakland University, and Indiana University, Indianapolis.

which the minority Socialist party increased their share of seats in Parliament from 12% to 69%.

In addition to monitoring elections, DeGregorio gives pre-election advice on everything from designing the actual signature-collection forms and voting ballots to writing model laws and regulations for conducting elections. He prizes these opportunities to "go to countries where people are striving to make their voices heard" and help translate "ideas that would be ideal for democracy into new institutions."

Election Reform a Key to Democratization

Since 1991 Paul DeGregorio, Director of Outreach Development and Research Associate in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis, has served as an official consultant, technical advisor or observer in elections



Above: Domestic and U.S. State department observers at a polling station in Durres.

Right: Italian FMP soldier keeps the peace.

in thirteen countries. This summer, he was the coordinator of the 100-person U.S. election observer mission sent to strike-torn Albania for the June 29 parliamentary election. DeGregorio sees each of these assignments as a chance "to make a difference in the world by helping to give people opportunities to choose their leaders through the ballot box, not by force."

An alum of UM-St. Louis, DeGregorio traces his passion for politics, interest in elections and commitment to participatory democracy to his political science courses with Dr. Terry Jones. In 1993, he returned to the University as Director of Outreach Development for Continuing Education. Charged with the mission of increasing access to

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

STUDENTS REPORT ON MISSOURI AFRICA PROGRAM

The first participants of the Missouri Africa Program returned this summer from a semester at the University of Ghana. The group, led by Dr. Patricia Holmes, assistant professor of communication, consisted of four students from UM-St. Louis, two from Central Missouri State University and one from Truman State University.

Michael Perkins, a UM-St. Louis history major, wrote of his experience:

"I feel more confident in myself and empowered tremendously as a result of my experiences in Ghana. I learned great things about the people there and what life is like for the average Ghanaian student. I now have additional family as a result of my journey and I must thank UM-St. Louis for making that possible."

... I enrolled in three history courses... I found all of the courses to be very stimulating

and a serious challenge. The instructors were very serious and the students very mature.

UM-St. Louis student Jacinta Watson wrote:

"Going to Africa has been the most rewarding achievement in my life thus far. It's provoked a more conscious sense of pride in myself. It was an educational and cultural experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life. In the near future I'll return to Ghana, knowing it is my home away from home."

The Missouri Africa Program will be offered again in the Winter and Fall semesters, 1998 and every Fall semester thereafter.

GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH SOUTH AFRICA

This year, UM-St. Louis is adding two important new dimensions to the University of Missouri's 11-year-old relationship with the University of Western Cape (UWC) in Capetown, South Africa. Eight students, the first from UWC to study at the University of Missouri, spent the 1997 Summer session at UM-St. Louis, taking courses in economics and business administration. Jeffrey Lever, senior lecturer in sociology at UWC, who is a visiting professor in the UM-St. Louis Sociology Department for the Fall semester, is the first UWC faculty member to teach a full semester course on a UM campus. Lever, who is an expert in trade unionism in South Africa, is teaching *Sociology of South Africa*.

The University of Missouri and UWC have cooperated in faculty exchanges and curricular development programs since 1986, when the University of Missouri South Africa Educational Program Committee,

under the authorization of the UM Board of Curators, selected a partner university in South Africa as part of an educational initiative to aid black South Africans. The agreement between the two universities was the first of its kind between a historically black South African university and a US university.

The program has received numerous grants that have supported the short-term exchanges of 233 faculty members--133 from UWC and 100 from the four UM campuses. With the first



FRENCH EXCHANGE OFFERS SMALL TOWN LIFE

As part of a new exchange agreement, two UM-St. Louis students will spend the 1997-98 academic year at the Université Catholique de l'Ouest (UCO) working toward their B.A. degrees in French. Before attending the regular university classes at UCO, the students will participate in a special four-week introductory course at the university's *International Center for French Studies*. One student from UCO will study English at UM-St. Louis during the 1997-98 academic year.

UCO is located in the city of Angers in the Loire Valley sightseeing region. The students chose Angers over other UM-St. Louis exchange programs in France because of the French studies center and the opportunity to live with a family. Also, as a smaller town, Angers offers a lower cost of living and an easier adjustment for

foreign students.

Last spring UM-St. Louis signed an exchange agreement with the UCO and the École Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers (ESSCA). UCO offers courses in a wide variety of disciplines. ESSCA is a business school and provides internship opportunities for its students, so it is an ideal location for UM-St. Louis students who want to continue their business studies while improving their French language skills.

Students from UM-St. Louis and the two French institutions can pay the regular tuition to their home institution and study for a semester or year at the overseas host university.

An informational meeting about the new exchange will be held at 3:00 p.m. on November 5 in room 301 of the Social Science and Business Building.

From the Study Abroad Coordinator,
Peggy Dotson. For information call 314-516-6497.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

JAPANESE STUDENTS SURF THE WEB

The Center for International Studies was host to 28 students from Toyo University Junior College (Toyko, Japan) for an English language and internet program this summer. The students arrived on July 28 and spent three weeks on campus at UM-St. Louis taking classes in basic English language, the use of e-mail and how to explore the World Wide Web.

During these three weeks they also had the opportunity to learn about St. Louis through a guided tour led by Mrs. Yoshiko Mitchell, who is a leader of Japan-related cultural groups in St. Louis and wife of UM-St. Louis History Professor Richard Mitchell. The students visited many of St. Louis' cultural and educational institutions and took a day trip to Hannibal, Missouri, the home of Mark Twain, one of America's best-known writers in Japan.

For the fourth week of the program, the students put their classroom learning to the test and lived with local families, including several UM-St. Louis faculty and staff members. The World Affairs Council, People to People International and Friendship Force played a key role in organizing many of the family placements.

The new summer program is an extension of the existing relationship between Toyo University and UM-St. Louis. For the past two years, UM-St. Louis has been receiving

graduates from Toyo University Junior College who wish to complete their baccalaureate degrees at UM-St. Louis. UM-St. Louis has also been exchanging students with Toyo University. The 1997-98 academic year will be the second year in which Toyo and UM-St. Louis have exchanged students for a year of study. During the Fall 1997 semester, nine Toyo students will be taking classes at UM-St. Louis as part of these two programs.

This is the first year that the Center has offered the Toyo summer program. For Toyo students who are considering a one year period of study or completing their baccalaureate degrees at UM-St. Louis, the summer program will be an especially valuable introduction to the University.

Top: Jeffrey Lever is teaching this semester in the Department of Sociology at UM-St. Louis in the first semester-long faculty exchange between the University of Missouri and the University of Western Cape in South Africa.

Above: UM Curator Mary Gillespie and UM Vice President for University Outreach and Extension Dr. Ron Turner meet the first exchange students from the University of Western Cape, South Africa.

student exchange and the first semester-long, UWC faculty visit, the UM South Africa Exchange Program takes important, new steps toward realizing its full potential.



Japanese students attending a new summer program at UM-St. Louis pose for a photo at the top of the Gateway Arch.

OMAN OFFICIAL FINDS NEW STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES AT UM-ST. LOUIS

Yahya Al-Kiyumi, (third from right) the Cultural Attache at the Embassy of the Sultanate of Oman in Washington, D.C., visited UM-St. Louis in August. He consulted with (from left)

Education Dean Charles Schmitz, Nursing Dean Jerry Durham, Chancellor Blanche Touhill, Business Administration Dean Doug Durand, and Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Martin Sage on opportunities for Omani students to study at UM-St. Louis. Al-Kiyumi also discussed plans for UM-St. Louis to begin receiving Omani junior college graduates in Fall 1998.

Through an agreement with the Modern College of Business and Science, an Omani junior college established by UM-St. Louis alumnus Dr. Muneer Al-Maskery, (third from left) Omani students will be able to complete their baccalaureate at UM-St. Louis.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS/ EDUCATOR OPPORTUNITIES

FESTIVAL TO SHOW NEW FILMS FROM EASTERN EUROPE



Award-winning Eastern European films from the *Mediawave International Film/Video Festival* in Hungary will be presented at *The Best of Mediawave* video festival, November 10-12 at UM-St. Louis in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. *The Best of Mediawave* is part of the 1997 St. Louis Film Festival and is co-sponsored by the Center for International Studies, Center for the Humanities and Department of Communication at UM-St. Louis.

Dr. Rita Csapó-Sweet, assistant professor in the Communication Department and fellow in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis, has organized the event to "build a bridge between *Mediawave* and the St. Louis Film Festival, two culturally important institutions dedicated to cinema and to the work of fresh, innovative directors." "We have selected documentary, fiction, animation and experimental/art videos that present some of the most exciting new trends in filmmaking in post cold-war Eastern Europe," said Csapó-Sweet. For information about titles and show times, call Csapó-Sweet at 314-516-6663.

The *Mediawave International Festival* in Hungary was established six years ago to screen the work of independent filmmakers. It has become one of the most important international festivals for filmmakers in Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia. Says Csapó-Sweet, "These filmmakers are sometimes overlooked at larger, more market-driven Western film festivals."

"The goal of *Mediawave* is to present different streams of Eastern European film. As governments in these areas change and new cultural policies emerge from these regions, the festival directors have worked to establish a new, ideology-free cultural environment in which to view these remarkable films/videos."

Csapó-Sweet, who has studied painting, television and film in Hungary, teaches courses in communication; cinema; and video and television production at UM-St. Louis.

IMAGES OF ASIA: UNDERSTANDING CULTURES THROUGH THE ARTS

The Asian Art Society of UM-St. Louis and Washington University has announced a new lecture series that will use the arts as a key for understanding the cultures of Asia. The series opens on Tuesday, November 11 with an illustrated lecture by St. Louis Art Museum Educator Linda



Hendricks on *Images of China: Art as Key to Understanding Chinese Character and Culture*. Hendricks will use

turn-of-the-century photographs to place art objects in their cultural context. Held at 7:15 p.m. in the Friends Room of the St. Louis Art Museum, the lecture will be followed by a tour of the Museum's Asian art galleries. Reservations for the free program may be made by calling Debra Jones at 314-935-5156.

UM-St. Louis Asian art history teacher Julie Yuan developed the series for non-experts and for those who may be interested in and have some knowledge of either Asia or the arts. The series will continue in Spring 1998 with lectures that examine Japanese and Islamic cultures through their artifacts.

The November 11 program coincides with the Art Museum's special exhibit *Ancient Chinese Bronzes*.

The Asian Art Society is a non-profit, membership organization that promotes understanding and appreciation of Asian arts and cultures in the St. Louis community. For information call 314-935-5156.



EXPLORE THE WORLD!

RESOURCE CENTER OPEN HOUSE

AN INVITATION FOR K-12 TEACHERS

Get ready for Geography Awareness Week, November 16-22 with free information and resource materials

WhenWednesday, November 5, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

WhereMissouri International Studies Resource Collection,
Room 349, Social Science & Business Building, UM-St. Louis

Reservations.....Space is limited. For reservations call Pat Mulligan at 314-516-5753.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Carla Cox **HILGERT** (Missouri London Program, Fall, 1988) is a teacher in Alton, IL. • Markus K. **BAUMAN** (exchange student to Stuttgart, AY 1993-94) works in Frankfurt, Germany as an attorney with Shearman and Sterling. • Brian **MOELLERING** (Business Internship in London, Spring, 1996) is a sales representative, Middle East and Africa, for Williams and Wilkins Europe, Ltd., London. • Mervyn T. **MILLER** (international studies certificate, 1988) lives in Jacksonville, Florida, where he is pastor of the Arlington Pentecostal Church. • Michelle **SCHILLER-BAKER** (int'l & Latin American studies certificates, 1980), who is the Executive Director of St. Martha's Hall in St. Louis and the Kathy J. Weinman Shelter for abused women and their children at UM-St. Louis, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the UM-St. Louis Department of Political Science in May, 1997. • Don **FLOTT** (int'l studies certificate, 1987) is Director of International Services at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. • Dr. G. Lawrence **TIMPE** (Graduate Certificate/int'l studies, 1989) is an Associate Professor of Political Science at St. Edwards University, Austin, TX. • Also an Associate Professor of Political Science is Dr. Timothy **WHITE** (int'l studies certificate, 1982), who teaches at Xavier University in Cincinnati. • Altis **DURANTE DE STROUP** (Latin American studies certificate, 1988) teaches Spanish in the Rockwood School District in St. Louis County. • Gordon **BARDOS** (European studies certificate, 1988) is serving as an information officer/analyst with Operation Joint Guard, Bosnia. • Isabelle **CORDONNIER** (exchange student from ESC-St. Etienne, France, 1994-95) works for J.P. Morgan Co. in London as a Trade Operations Assistant, Exchange Traded Products. • Steffen **HOESS** (exchange student from University of Stuttgart, 1994-96) has accepted a position as Product Management Analyst with Alliance Blue Cross-Blue Shield in St. Louis. • Seymour **KHALILOV** (exchange student from Azerbaijan, 1996-97) is a commercial assistant with the U.S. Department of Commerce in Baku. • Chrystalla **ELLINA** (exchange student from Université Jean Moulin, 1993-94) is completing a Ph.D. in political science at UM-St. Louis. • John **SNYDER** (Graduate Certificate/int'l studies) is professor of business/management at St. Charles County Community College.

October

through November 1 The **Astral Gallery**, which exhibits contemporary art from Australia, hosts the show *Jorg Schmeisser: Zustände (Changes III) and Other Recent Etchings*. For information: 314-776-0300; <http://www.australian-art.com>.

2 German artist and activist Freya Klier speaks at the program, **Freya Klier, An Artist as Political Actor: A Panel Discussion of Germany Before and After the Wall** to be held in the Summit Lounge of the J.C. Penney Conference Center at UM-St. Louis. (See cover article.) The 5:30 p.m. program is followed by a reception. Free of charge but requires a reservation. Call 314-516-5974.

9 The Resource Center Network invites educators to its annual **Education Resources Open House** at the Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, Kirkwood, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., where 20 local educational organizations will distribute information and free materials.

11-12 At **International Folkfest** 150 ethnic organizations present their finest traditions in food, fun and entertainment. Produced by the International Institute and held indoors at Queeny Park. Call: 773-9090.

22 The US Small Business Administration, Missouri Development Finance Board, State Treasurer's Office and UM-St. Louis Center for International Studies offer an **Export Finance Program**. Call the US Export Assistance Center at 314-452-3302 or the Missouri Development Finance Board at 573-751-8479.

24 The UM-St. Louis International Center for Tropical Ecology focuses its annual **World Ecology Day** on *The Rise and Fall of Large Rivers: Life in the Flood Zone*. Held in the J.C. Penney Conference Center, 8:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., the free, public program will address aspects of the ecology of the Amazon and Mississippi rivers. Includes exhibits 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call 314-516-5045.

27 The first annual *Mev Puleo Lectureship in Third World Theology* will be given by one of Latin America's leading feminist theologians, Sr. Ivone Gebara of Brazil. The free, public lecture and discussion on **The Role of Women in the Struggle for Liberation** will be held at the Salad Bowl restaurant at noon. Sponsored by the St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America. Call 314-721-2977.

30-November 1 The **Midwest Association for Latin American Studies** holds its annual conference on *Evaluating the 20th Century Experience in the Western Hemisphere: Looking Back and Looking Ahead*. Panels are held at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on October 30 and 31 and at UM-St. Louis on November 1. (See cover article.) For information call Dr. Richard Millett at 618-692-3650.

30-November 1 The Edison Theatre hosts the St. Louis premiere of the spectacular **Thang Long Water Puppet Theater of Vietnam** with performances at 8:00 p.m. on October 31 and 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. on November 1. Water puppet theater, with its stories of dragons, water buffalo and mythical creatures, was created 1,000 years ago in the rice paddy fields of the Red River Delta. This troupe of puppeteers and musicians playing traditional instruments offers a sixty-minute "special family event" for adults at \$23 and children at \$12. Call 314-935-6543.



November

5 The **Missouri International Studies Resource Collection** in the Center for International Studies at UM-St. Louis invites K-12 teachers to an Open House, 3:00-5:00 p.m. in room 349 of the Social Science and Business Bldg. Free information and resource materials on the theme of **National Geography Awareness Week--Explore the World! Geography Takes You Places**. Space is limited. For reservations call 314-516-5753.

10-12 The **Best of Mediawave** video festival at UM-St. Louis showcases award-winning Eastern European documentary, fiction, animation and experimental/art films from the **Mediawave International Film/Video Festival in Hungary**. Held in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. (See related article.) For titles and show times, call 314-516-6663.



10 In conjunction with *The Best of Mediawave* video festival, Dr. Rita Csapó-Sweet speaks on **An Eastern European Perspective on Independent Film and Video** in the free Monday Noon Series at UM-St. Louis. Sponsored by the Center for the Humanities and held in room 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center. Call 314-516-5699.

11 The Asian Art Society of UM-St. Louis and Washington University sponsors an illustrated lecture by Museum Educator Linda Hendricks in the Friends Room at the St. Louis Art Museum on **Images of China: Art as Key to Understanding Chinese Character and Culture**. The first in a series of programs on art as a key to understanding Asian cultures. Call 314-935-5156.

20 In a free program held in room 229 J.C. Penney Conference Center at UM-St. Louis, Steve Woolf, artistic director of the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, discusses the Theatre's Fall production **Ambition Facing Westward** about a 19th-century Croatian family's travels to America and Japan. Part of the Humanities Center's *Monday Noon Series*. Call 314-516-5699.



23-January 15 The **Worldways Children's Museum** invites children to make crafts and listen to special stories associated with the Christmas-time holiday of **La Posada**. Children can also dress up in Mexican clothing and explore a Mexican house and grocery store. Call 314-909-0497.

18 The **International Forum of the World Affairs Council of St. Louis** hosts a dinner honoring **St. Louis, Senegal**, a sister city to St. Louis. Call 314-727-9988.

20 The 7:15 p.m. lecture discussion program, **Istanbul, Ankara, The Hittite Empire, An Introduction to Cpadocia and their Influences on World Religions**, is part of an ongoing Biblical Traditions Revisited series at the Glendale Presbyterian Church co-sponsored by the Missouri Humanities Council. Call 314-966-3962.

December

8 The **UM-St. Louis Premiere Performances Chamber Classics** series presents pianist Rieko Aizawa in a 7:30 p.m. program at the Ethical Society. For information call 314-516-5818.



16 **Springboard to Learning** presents an **International Dance Festival** at the Missouri Botanical Garden Ridgway Auditorium. For information about the free event, call 314-534-4337.

27 **Kwanzaa, "Festival of the First Fruits,"** is celebrated at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Free with Garden admission. Call 314-577-9400.

The Center for International Studies at the University of Missouri-St. Louis works to promote faculty research in international studies, improve the methods of teaching international studies and increase interest in international affairs on campus and in the St. Louis community. For information contact the Center staff.

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