

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

March 2, 2009

Breaking News: Iranian Comedian Maz Jobrani to Perform: Persian Cultural Association (a CSUC student club) and the Middle Eastern Studies Program will be hosting a celebration of Noruz, the Persian New Year on Sunday, March 8th at 4:30pm at CSUC, Bell Memorial Union building. The highlight of the event will be a performance by the famous and funny Maz Jobrani who is a stand up comedian from the "Axis of Evil Comedy Tour" as well as films such as *The Interpreter* and TV programs including *Knights of Prosperity*. All proceeds will benefit the club and the Associated Student Multicultural Council. Tickets for CSUC students are \$2 per person and the tickets for all others are \$10 per person. Tickets will be available in the BMU on Tuesday March 3 and Thursday March 5 from 10am to 2pm, or can be purchased at Azad's Martial Arts at 313 Walnut Street/Nord Ave #150. (Faculty: please announce this event in your classes. All students, staff, faculty, and community members welcome.)

[More information](#)

EVENTS

- [International Forum: Presented by visiting Pakistani university students](#), Tues Mar 3, 5-5:50pm, Plumas 102
- [Anthropology Forum: Fieldwork in Morocco](#), Thurs Mar 5, 4pm, Ayres 106.
- [Cultural Dialogues: Asia](#), Fri March 6, 12-1pm, Faculty/Staff Dining Room
- [University Film Series, Beauty and the Beast \(La Belle et la Bête\)](#), Tues Mar 10, 7:30pm Ayres 106
- [Lecture: Building Communities in Africa](#), Wed Mar 11, 3:30-4:30pm, Langdon 303

CAMPUS INTERNATIONALIZATION

- **Simon Study Abroad Bill Introduced February 25, 2009**, On the day after President Barack Obama urged Congress to join him in making education a cornerstone of the nation's efforts to "build a new foundation for lasting prosperity," Senators Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) and Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) introduced the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Foundation Act of 2009. It will establish an innovative program to dramatically increase participation in quality study abroad programs and make sure such experiences are universally available to U.S. students from all backgrounds.
- **Anthony Graybosch, Philosophy**, spoke on Vasilij Grossman's romanticism at the second international conference on Grossman's novel *Life and Fate* in Torino, Italy February 21, 2009.
- **Byron Wolfe, Communication Design**, is a recipient of a 2009 Lantis Professorship to complete work already begun on re-photographing the sites of Eadweard Muybridge's nineteenth century photographs of the Guatemalan countryside and inhabitants as part of a study of landscape change.
- **Two CSU, Chico Faculty have been selected for 2008-2009 Professional Achievement Honors for their international work:**
 - **Sara Cooper, Foreign Languages and Literature**, is the recipient of a Modern Languages Association (MLA) Florence Howe Award for outstanding Feminist Scholarship in Foreign Languages. Since 2006, Dr. Cooper has published seven articles in major journals, a translation of a short novel from Spanish, and has presented three papers at MLA and six papers at international meetings. Recognizing her work on Cuban humor and graphic novels,

Dr. Cooper has been invited to deliver the keynote address at the 7th annual Conference on Comics and Graphic Novels at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

- **Stephen Lewis, History**, received the Hubert Herring Book Award for his book, *The Ambivalent Revolution: Forging State and Nation in Chiapas, Mexico, 1910-1945*. Dr. Lewis co-edited another book in 2006, his third book is under contract with Duke University Press, he was awarded a Davis W. and Helen E.F. Lantis University Professorship to finish his fourth book, and he has published four major articles or chapters in peer-reviewed journals and books in the last three years. In addition, Dr. Lewis' work with students is exemplary – serving as chair of five graduate MA committees and a member of an additional five in the past three years, as faculty advisor for both the History Honor Society and the Chicano Fraternity, Gamma Zeta Alpha, and as Coordinator of Latin American Studies.
- **CELT Seminars: Faculty are invited to [register online](#) for the following seminars:**
 - **Cultural Dialogues: Asia:** All faculty are invited to bring their lunches and participate in a panel discussion led by students and faculty from Asia on the topic of culture and communication. Friday, Mar 6, 12:00-1:00pm, Faculty/Staff dining room.
 - **Culture and Interpersonal Dynamics:** Explore the cultural and interpersonal dynamics of Middle Eastern and Asian cultures, presented through case studies. 10:30am-12:00pm, MLIB Studio A. 10:30am-12:00pm, MLIB Studio A. Offered Wed Feb 18 and repeated Offered Wed Mar 25 and repeated Thurs Mar 26.

OPPORTUNITIES

- **[Faculty Opportunity: Serve as policy specialist at U.S. embassy](#)**, The EPS Program provides fellowships to US scholars and professionals for up to eight weeks to serve US Embassies as policy specialists on a chosen topic and pursue their own research project independently. EPS Grant covers the cost of travel and housing and provides a living stipend. Eligible locations include Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Deadline April 6, 2009.
- **[Study Abroad in Thailand, June 2009](#)**, Students can earn 6 units of GE theme C credit; participate in a village homestay; learn Thai cooking and language; explore markets, temples, and more. Information sessions will be held. Information sessions on Friday March 6 or Friday March 13, 3pm, Plumas 203.
- **[Grant: International Sports Programming](#)**, Notice seeking applications for projects designed to reach out to youth and promote mutual understanding by increasing the professional capacity of those who design and manage youth sports programs in select countries in Africa, East Asia, the Near East and North Africa, South Central Asia, Europe, and the Western Hemisphere. Deadline March 23, 2009.
- **[Grant: Ghana Grants & Reporting Accountability to Improve Literacy](#)**, Notice seeking applications to improve educational quality, particularly early grade literacy, in Ghana by improving the capacity of lower-level units (district, circuits, schools) to manage for results and by assisting community groups in holding them accountable. Deadline March 27, 2009.
- **[Grant: Mainstreaming of Human, Social, and Civil Rights Project in Russia](#)**, Notice seeking applications for implementation of Mainstreaming of Human, Social, and Civil Rights Project in the Russian Federation. The intent of this project is to increase the observance of fundamental human rights in Russia and contribute to creating the conditions that will sustain and extend their observance. Applications are due April 6, 2009.

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