International Week celebration will expand horizons

Sacramento State’s Office of Academic Affairs invites the campus community to join in the celebration of International Week, April 21-24. All events and activities are free. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to urge their students to attend as many of these events as their class schedules permit.

Referring to International Week, University Provost Frederika “Fraka” Harmsen cited a line from St. Augustine, a theologian and Bishop of Hippo from 396 to 430 C.E.: “The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only one page.”

“Preparing students for success and eventual leadership in the global economy is the single most important task facing U.S. education,” Harmsen says. “The answer to most of the world’s major problems, from environmental concerns to communicable disease, lies squarely in the hands of an educated citizenry – people across professional, socioeconomic, ethnic and religious lines with greater knowledge and understanding of world regions, languages and problems.”

Here is the schedule for International Week 2014:

**Monday, April 21, 11 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (University Union):** The second annual One World End-of-Year Celebration on the theme “Global Perspectives on Migration.”

- 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m., Redwood Room: Student Symposium on Migration. Students from across the campus will present their perspectives on migration.
- 1:30-2:45 p.m., Ballroom III: Faculty Panel. Faculty representing very different disciplines and perspectives will discuss how migration fits into their academic and creative work, and answer questions from the audience.
- 3-4:15 p.m., Ballroom III: Keynote panel discussion on “Perspectives on Migration.” The panel will include James Allen, professor emeritus of geography, California State University, Northridge; Debra DeBondt, CEO of Opening Doors Inc., a Sacramento-based nonprofit serving refugees and victims of human trafficking; and Carlos González Gutiérrez, the consul general for Mexico in Sacramento.
These three distinguished speakers will present their very different perspectives on migration in terms of what it means both locally and globally. Following the presentations will be a moderated question-and-answer session with the audience.

**Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (University Union, Redwood Room):**
“International Language Learning Tables and Cultural Varieties.”

Sit for a few minutes at a language table; for every language you learn, you’ll get a keepsake pin; light refreshments are available. For additional information, contact Professor Kazue Masuyama at kmasuyama@csus.edu.

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 24-26 (University Union, Redwood Room):**
The Center for African Peace and Conflict Resolution presents the 23rd annual Africa & Diaspora Conference.

The conference theme is “Rethinking Ethnic & Religious Relations in Africa.” This event is open and free to the campus community. For more information, review the conference program at www.csus.edu/org/capcr. You may also contact Professor Ernest Uwazie at uwazieee@csus.edu or (916) 278-6282.

**Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m.-noon (University Union, Redwood Room):**
The U.S. Department of State presents “Careers and Opportunities in the U.S. Foreign Service.”

Steve Browning, diplomat in residence for the North West Division of the United States, will conduct information sessions on internships and careers with the State Department. For additional information, contact Professor Marlyn Jones at marlyn@csus.edu.

**Thursday, April 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Library Quad):**
The Office of Global Education presents its annual Study Abroad Fair. For additional information, contact Janis Silvers at silversjj@csus.edu.

**Thursday, April 24, 2-4 p.m. (Alpine Hall, Room 114):**
The Department of Humanities and Religious Studies and the Asian Studies Program will sponsor an event with Tibetan monk Khenpo Nima Rinphoche, which will include a thanka painting demonstration. For additional information, contact the Asian Studies Program at asia-01@saclink.csus.edu.

**Saturday, April 26, 6-9 p.m. (University Union, Hinde Auditorium):**
Environmental Studies and Hima Mesopotamia present a panel discussion on “Rejuvenating the Uprooted,” followed by a reception in the Orchard Suite. The event will feature music by Sambhanda and three panelists: Professors Thomas Krabacher, Michelle Stevens and Kevin Wehr. For more information, contact Michelle Stevens at stevensm@saclink.csus.edu.

For further information about International Week at Sacramento State, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at (916) 278-5933.
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