

International Relations Program

Week of January 12 - 19

Events

Welcome back!

You may not quite be ready for classes to begin. but -

CALLING ALL IR MAJORS!

Friday, January 19, 9-11 am

McKenna room, University Center

Breakfast served.

There will be a meeting for all International Relations majors - new majors are especially encouraged to attend to discuss courses, internships, your IR career, and the role of advising in the program.

International service-learning

Friday, January 19, 10-11 am

McKenna room, University Center

Breakfast served.

Come share the promises and pitfalls of alternative study abroad. Eric Hartman will share his five years' experience with the Pittsburgh-based global service-learning organization Amizade and give insights on how to travel, serve, and even find work in places around the world.

Two Temples, Three Religions, and A Tourist Attraction: Contesting the Sacred Space in China's Ethnic Borderland

Wednesday, January 17

12:00 pm

2628 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Come to talk by Xiaofei Kang, Assistant Professor of Chinese, Department of Modern Languages, Carnegie Mellon University.

University of Pittsburgh's Department of Religious Studies Brown Bag Lunch Colloquium. Coffee and cookies provide.

Announcements

NSEP Undergraduate Scholarships for Overseas Language Study

Application Deadline: January 30

So you've passed out of the 200 level in Spanish. But, do you want to learn Portuguese this summer? How about going to Tanzania next semester to learn Swahili or Arabic? Do you want to perfect that Russian? The National Security Education Program (NSEP) offers funding for US students to acquire skills and experiences in foreign areas of the world. They offer undergraduate scholarships of up to \$10,000 per semester, or \$8,000 for the summer. You have to have an on-campus interview. If you are interested, please contact Eva Mergner em43@andrew and Judith Zang (jzang@cmu.edu) immediately. Go onto www.iie.org/nsep.

Scholarship-Full Scholarships for 2007 Summer Courses in Critical Languages at the Middlebury College Language Schools

Application Deadline: February 15, 2007

These scholarships will cover the full cost of a summer of language study from beginner to graduate in Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian at the Middlebury College Language Schools during the summer of 2007. Application materials normally required for admission to the Middlebury Language Schools (available online at

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/applications/>) and the cover sheet found at <http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls> and brief essay (2-3 pp., double spaced) explaining the relevance of language study to your area of expertise, or field of study.

Internship -- The Hessen Global Studies Internship Program 2007 (June 30 to August 22, 2007 in Fulda/Germany in cooperation with the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Rhoen). Students have the possibility to: learn German and get to know the German culture; to combine academic outcome and practical as well as intercultural experiences in a short term program; earn credits; take part in a highly qualified program that bears the DAAD quality seal. Especially looking for highly qualified students in the field of social sciences, geography, cultural geography, sustainable tourism, educational sciences, pedagogy and related studies. For more information: www.hessen-global.de <outbind://4/www.hessen-global.de> .

Human Rights Delegations for Young Leaders -- Summer 2007

Application Deadline: January 26, 2007

Global Youth Connect, an international human rights organization, is pleased to announce that we are currently recruiting young leaders (ages 18-25) to participate in human rights delegations during the summer of 2007. Program locations include: Bosnia, Cambodia, Guatemala, Rwanda and Venezuela. Each delegation weaves together three core sets of activities: site visits to local organizations, hands-on fieldwork projects, and a cross-cultural human rights training workshop.

How to Apply: We invite interested young leaders to apply. For more information on the program details, costs, and application information, please visit our website: www.globalyouthconnect.org/participate

News Release

Iraq Study Group Report Available www.usip.org As coordinator of the Iraq Study Group's activities over the last eight months, the U.S. Institute of Peace is pleased to announce that a PDF copy of the report will be available for download at www.usip.org.

The study group, comprised of five Democrats and five Republicans, was created in March 2006 to conduct a forward-looking, bipartisan assessment of the situation in Iraq, its impact on the surrounding region, and consequences for U.S. interests. The study group was assembled at the urging of a bipartisan group of members of Congress and has been welcomed by President Bush.

The <http://www.usip.org/isg/about.html> Iraq Study Group is being coordinated by the United States Institute of Peace, with the support of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Center for the Study of the Presidency, and the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University.

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