

International Relations Program Newsletter Week of March 16-23, 2007

Events

Sharing Sovereignty - 50 Years of the EU

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

3:00-4:30 pm

Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union

The University of Pittsburgh

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome, a panel discussion.

Four Deputy Chiefs of Mission from the Embassies to the U.S. of Denmark, France, Luxembourg, and Slovenia will offer their views on sharing sovereignty in the EU.

Dream Catcher: How a Remote Community is Making Healthcare a Reality

Dr. Luther Castillo

6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Lecture Hall 2, Scaife Hall (Medical School)

University of Pittsburgh

Educated in Cuba, raised in Ciriboya, Honduras, Dr. Castillo is one of many physicians who are returning to their home communities in hopes of making a positive impact on the high morbidity and mortality rates there. Dr. Castillo is featured in the recently released documentary, *Salud!* Central Administration, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Gateway Medical Society and Global Links. For more information, contact Kathleen Hower - khower@globallinks.org

Black Gold-Wake Up and Smell the Coffee

Thursday, March 22, 2007

11:30 a.m.

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This movie provides the most shocking expose of commodity trading on film today and offers a compelling introduction to the "fair trade" movement galvanizing consumers around the globe. Please bring your lunch! We will provide "fair trade" coffee and cookies.

Inaugural Suresh Konda Memorial Lecture in Information Security Policy and Management

Steve Ryan, Technical Director, National Security Agency's Threat Operations Center

Thursday, March 22nd

12-1:30 p.m.

Hamburg Hall, Room 1000 (auditorium)

CMU

Steve Ryan is the Technical Director of the National Security Agency's Threat Operations Center. He has worked in various fields at the National Security Agency since 1984, beginning his career developing cryptographic products used to secure voice, data and network communications. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island, he is also a graduate of the NSA's three-year Senior Technical Development Program.

What is it Now?: An ethnographic study of defense simulations-in-the-making

Sharon Ghamari-Tabrizi, author

Thursday, March 22, 2007

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Giant Eagle Auditorium, Baker Hall A51
CMU

The Giler Humanities Lecture. Ghamari-Tabrizi earned a doctorate in 1993 from the University of California at Santa Cruz in the social studies of science and technology. In 1996-98, she was a post-doctoral fellow in the history of cold war science and technology at Carnegie Mellon. Her first book was *The Worlds of Herman Kahn: The Intuitive Science of Thermonuclear War* (Harvard University Press, 2005). In 2003 the National Science Foundation awarded her a grant to underwrite two years of ethnographic fieldwork to explore the cultural and social meanings of the production of military simulations and war games against the background of America's media-saturated society.

Film and talk with Mose Levinson, filmmaker

Friday March 23, 2007

3:45 - 6:00 pm

Giant Eagle Auditorium, Baker Hall, Adamson Wing, Rm A51,
CMU

Mr. Levinson will show clips from his multicultural documentary project focusing on Jewish and Muslim youth of the Israeli social periphery, "True to Life: Stories by Ramla Youth," as well as of his documentary "5 Days," chronicling the evacuation of Jews from the Gaza Strip by Israeli forces in the summer of 2005.

**Globalization, Diversity, and Inequality in Latin America:
The Challenges, Opportunities, and Dangers**

Friday, March 23, 2007

9:30-5:00pm

Bigelow Room, Pittsburgh Athletic Association ((4215 Fifth Avenue)
University of Pittsburgh

Please go to http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/events/gap_conference.html for more details.

Announcements**SURG/FELLOWSHIP Deadline is March 21st**

"What's Your Idea?" Make a contribution. Work with a mentor. Follow a passion. Develop an idea. Solve a problem. Create, build, perform. Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG) are open to* ALL *undergraduates in any discipline, freshmen-seniors. Grants are available of up to \$500.00 for single entries and up to \$1,000 for group entries to cover such things as the costs of supplies and materials, time on laboratory equipment, or travel to another city for data.

Summer Research Fellowships are open to ALL undergraduates interested in any form of research. Awards are available of \$3000 for ten weeks of summer research on campus in any field of study. Students may work alone or in a group, but must apply for the Fellowship as an individual - no group awards are available. The deadline for Fall 2007 SURG and Summer 2007 Fellowship proposals is **March 21, 2007 at 5 PM**. Apply online at www.cmu.edu/uro/. We strongly recommend that you review a draft of your proposal with the URO Director,

Stephanie Wallach, prior to the deadline. To make an appointment e-mail Stephanie Wallach (sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu) or Jen Weidenhof (jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu).

The **Washington, D.C. office of the Council on Foreign Relations** is currently looking for interns. The Council's Washington Office accepts applications for spring, summer and fall internships. Please be sure to indicate which semester you are applying for in the subject of your email. Summer internships are full-time commitments, Monday – Friday, and run from June through August. Please go to the Council website at www.CFR.org for more information.

Qualified candidates should email a resume and cover letter INCLUDING POSITION NAME, DAYS AND TIMES AVAILABLE TO WORK to the Internship Coordinator at humanresources@cfcr.org. Founded in 1921, the Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, national membership organization and a nonpartisan center for scholars dedicated to producing and disseminating ideas so that individual and corporate members, as well as policymakers, journalists, students, and interested citizens in the United States and other countries, can better understand the world and the foreign policy choices facing the United States and other governments. A modest stipend is offered upon completion of the internship.

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

Fall 2007/Academic Year 2007-2008

Deadline: April 3, 2007

The Gilman International Scholarship Program provides awards of up to \$5,000 for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving federal Pell Grant funding at a 2-year or 4-year college or university to study abroad for up to one academic year. A limited number of \$3000 Critical Need Language Supplements are available for students studying a critical need language for a total possible award of \$8000. The application and eligibility information can be found on the Gilman website at <http://www.iie.org/gilman>

The Basics of Arabic. This is a weekly, informal, non-credit introduction to Modern Standard Arabic, offered during two sessions on Sundays running March 25th – May 27th. The first session is from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., the second one is from 12:30 pm – 2:00 p.m. Participants may choose the schedule that is more convenient for them and must stay in the chosen time throughout the course. The basics of the language including the alphabet, its basic sound patterns and writing system, along with basic grammar elements and language production (written and spoken) will be presented. There will be no syllabus, homework or book required for class. Course handouts will be provided via email or in class. The cost is \$ 20.00 per person, per session, limited to 15 people to insure individualized attention. Course will be taught by a native speaker of Arabic and current instructor of Arabic at the University of Pittsburgh. Please contact the instructor if you are interested.

Instructor Name: Khalifa Lahniche

Instructor Contact: Lahniche@gmail.com

Course Location: CMU, Baker Hall, Room 235A

Oxfam America is currently accepting applications for their **student leadership program the CHANGE Initiative**. The CHANGE Initiative aims to develop capable and confident young leaders, who are active agents for positive social change. Oxfam is looking for a diverse group of undergraduate students - rising sophomores and juniors - committed to social justice issues.

Students must have an interest in global issues including mining; Fair Trade Coffee, hunger, and/or international trade, and be willing to carry out campaigns on their campuses and in their communities. Applications are due April 1, 2007. Apply online at www.oxfamamerica.org/change. If you have any questions please call 800-77-OXFAM ext. 2464 or email CHANGE@oxfamamerica.org.

Summer course to be held at the **Graduate Institute of International Studies** (the HEI)

of the **University of Geneva**. This is a 4 week course, starting in July, covering the law, economics and policy of the world trading system and each week will be taught by both a lawyer as well as an economist. We are located just next door to the World Trade Organization, and will be drawing on these experts as well as those from other institutions in the city and abroad through various forms of educational activities. We will have lectures for 4 hours in the morning, followed by tutorials in the afternoons. We will also have organized activities (such as visits to the WTO and other important institutions). On some evenings, there will be lectures and debates with trade negotiators and academics. Participating students will be eligible for ECTS academic credits and can find out more on the website: www.heisummer.ch.

EuroScholars is a unique study abroad program whereby students have the opportunity to conduct research at a high caliber institution in a chosen field of study while taking a language and culture class. Twelve different European universities are participating as host institutions for the exceptional students in this program. Go to <http://www.euroscholars.eu/> for more information.

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