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## **International Relations Program Newsletter** **Week of May 4- May 11, 2007**

**Faculty:** See two faculty opportunities under "announcements"

**Students:** I'm available for a few hours each day next week if you want to drop by **242-C Baker Hall** and ask any IR-related questions. **Study for those exams! Write those papers! Enjoy the sun and flowers!**

### **Events**

#### **Meeting of the Minds**

Wednesday, May 9

10-5 at the University Center

Welcome to CMU's annual campus-wide research symposium! Students from all disciplines present their research--posters, art installations, performances, oral presentations, films, readings. It is an amazing celebration of undergraduate research on our campus. At 2:30 in Kirr Commons of the UC, bagpipes will play and we will gather to hear President Cohon, Provost Kamlet, and Vice Provost Nair say a few words. There will also be a drawing of those who are participants in Meeting of the Minds for I pod Shuffles. Refreshments will be served. At 5:00, an Awards Ceremony in McConomy Auditorium will take place for many of the competitions under way during the day.

All of our students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend Meeting of the Minds and celebrate our campus and the undergraduate research that takes place here.

#### **SILK SCREEN Asian American Film Festival**

Friday, May 11 – Sunday May 20

The Silk Screen Film Festival showcases contemporary Asian and Asian-American films. This multi-day Festival celebrates the vast diversity of the Asian creative spirit, and features a Red Carpet Gala, Asian music concerts and discussion

sessions with prominent filmmakers and actors. Come and be a part of the excitement!

For more information, contact 724-969-2565 [info@silkscreenfestival.org](mailto:info@silkscreenfestival.org)

At various locations throughout Pittsburgh <http://www.silkscreenfestival.org/>

## Announcements

### **New Course!** 80-136 **Social Structure, Public Policy, and Ethics**

Taught by new Philosophy professor, Nicole Hassoun Tuesday-Thursday  
10:30-12pm

This course helps students to think about the ethical and moral dimensions of social policies, economic policies and ways of structuring political and other institutions. The course is not based on individual decisions but rather on collective action, especially through the state. The course proceeds through discussions of concrete examples, and general moral perspectives, economic principles, or rational dilemmas will be extracted from the cases. For each example, we will examine how legal and empirical considerations interact with ethical considerations. The issues discussed vary from year to year. This year the course will focus on world poverty, environmental problems, and globalization.

**Attention faculty:** CMU is a member of the Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS). CERIS is pleased to announce a call for applications for faculty from CERIS member institutions to participate in Islam, the West, and the Muslim World, a short-term study program. This short term study program includes a five week study tour in Egypt (Luxor, Alexandria, and Cairo) from June 24 – July 22, 2007. The program is funded through the Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad Program at the U.S. Department of Education.

The program is organized into five segments:

- I. Pre-travel Directed Study (April 21 – June 15) and Workshop (June 9, 2007)
- II. Four Week In-Country Study Tour in Egypt (June 24 – July 22)
- III. Post-travel Curriculum Development Workshop (September)
- IV. Curriculum Dissemination, Teacher Workshop Deliberations and Public Presentations (October 2007 – 2008)
- V. Sustained International Electronic Exchanges (post July 22)

A complete description of the program is posted at [www.ucis.pitt.edu/global](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global) <<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global>> , the University of Pittsburgh's Global Studies Program web site, where program announcement, applications, and reference forms can be downloaded.

**Attention faculty and administrators:** The Fulbright Hong Kong General Education Program (FHKGEP) is a Traditional Fulbright Program for US Scholars, which is designed to support Hong Kong universities as they prepare to introduce new four-year undergraduate degree programs in 2012. More than twenty awards will be granted between 2008 and 2012. Early application is encouraged. Please visit the Hong Kong General Education Initiative website: <http://www.hkgei.org> <<http://www.hkgei.org/>> or the Hong Kong American Centre website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/hkac> for more information about the goals and objectives of the program.

Please visit the Council of International Exchange of Scholars website: [http://www.cies.org/award\\_book/award2008/award/Bui8133.htm](http://www.cies.org/award_book/award2008/award/Bui8133.htm) to view the official Fulbright (FHKGEP) Awards Announcement.

For further information about how to apply for an award, please visit <http://www.cies.org> <<http://www.cies.org/>> or contact David Adams at CIES: [dadams@cies.iie.org](mailto:dadams@cies.iie.org) or 202.686.4021

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