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

**Students:** Next week I'm available for a few hours Monday, Wednesday and Thursday around 10:30 in the morning if you want to drop by **242-C Baker Hall** and ask any IR-related questions. **Check my sign up sheet on my door**. I will **not** be in the office the week of May 21-25, but then I'll be in again for the last week of May. If you're around and want to chat about your program, this is a good time!

Take a look at a feature of the IR website called **faculty profiles**. This semester, we're profiling Professors Jon Klancher, from the English department, and Caroline Acker, History. Both teach courses that count towards the International Relations major. Click on the website address and go to *faculty*, then *faculty profiles*. <http://www.cmu.edu/ir/>

## **Events**

### **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/>

### **Paulo Lugari honorary lecture**

Friday, May 18th

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: Adamson Wing, Baker Hall

Paolo Lugari, a civil and environmental engineer who in the 1970's founded the Gaviotas community in Colombia, South America, will receive a doctor of science and technology during the Commencement Ceremony on May 20. Lugari has developed Gaviotas into a model village for social, economic and environmental sustainability through the use of several technologies, such as hydroponic greenhouses that recycle waste from rice farms, biogas electricity generators, solar energy collectors, and water collection and purification systems. The sustainability technologies and processes employed in Gaviotas are remarkably simple and therefore very effective. Please learn more at [www.friendsofgaviotas.org](http://www.friendsofgaviotas.org)) Contact: Deborah LangeSteinbrenner Institute for Environmental Education and Research Western Pennsylvania Brownfields Center Porter Hall 111 Carnegie Mellon 5000 Forbes Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412) 268-7121 [dlange@cmu.edu](mailto:dlange@cmu.edu)

## Announcements

### **Post Graduate Opportunities with City Year**

City Year Greater Philadelphia unites young adults ages 17-24 from diverse backgrounds for a challenging year of full-time service and leadership development. Members work primarily in the city's most under-resourced schools where they take on multi-faceted roles providing academic support, leading and innovating education programs, and serving as role models to youth. The service experience provides young adults with a unique opportunity serve as an advocate for social change in our community, nation, and world. City Year has been featured in the Princeton Review's "Best Entry-Level Jobs" as one of 112 companies recommended as great places for new grads to work. **For more information:** [philadelphia@cityyear.org](mailto:philadelphia@cityyear.org) or visit [www.whyiserve.com](http://www.whyiserve.com) <<http://www.whyiserve.com/>>

**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. This year the course will focus on world poverty, environmental problems, and globalization.

**New Course!** 79-380 **Experiencing Globalization**  
Tuesday - Thursday 6:30 – 7:50 p.m. Professor Roger Rouse, History

The global marketing strategies of firms such as McDonald's and Coca-Cola... the use of offshore production plants and sweatshops by firms such as Nike and The Gap...the struggles over fair trade coffee... the rapid growth in international migration...new forms of "exotic" tourism ...the dramatic increase in material inequality around the globe. These are some of the most prominent symptoms of major changes that have been taking place in the working of the world since the late 1960s. Such changes are often referred to under the general heading of "globalization." How should we think about these changes? What is the relationship between their economic, political, and cultural dimensions? And, above all, how do people around the world experience them? We will explore these issues by focusing on the ways they are being addressed by socio-cultural anthropologists, historians of the present, documentary film-makers and others. We will consider the varied approaches these analysts employ. And we will explore how the challenges posed by globalization are encouraging them to re-conceptualize their objects of study and revise their modes of research. While illustrating and illuminating important developments in the social sciences, this course is also meant to make it easier for you to recognize and engage the significant shifts that are taking place in the world around you, the relationships and processes that connect your daily lives to the lives of others elsewhere in the world, and the urgent contemporary debates about the current and future organization of these connections.

**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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