

# International Relations Program Newsletter

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## INTRODUCTION

**Welcome to the 2007-08 IR Newsletter!** We're delighted to announce the return of the International Relations Program Newsletter for the 2007-08 academic year. We'll use this forum to keep IR students, faculty, and friends abreast of relevant goings-on at CMU and in the local community.

It's no accident that the newsletter's revival coincides with the arrival of the **new academic advisor for IR**--yours truly. My name is Traci Sebastian, and I'm delighted to be at Carnegie Mellon and in Pittsburgh. I look forward to working with many of you this year, and over the years to come. You can reach me by email at [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu); by phone at (412) 268-7082; or in my office in Baker Hall A60f.

I've sent an email under separate cover to **IR majors and minors; if you didn't receive that email, you're not in the system as a major or minor!** If you believe you should be listed as an IR major/minor (or would like to declare yourself as one), please let me know as soon as possible.

**Students**, now's the time to start thinking about spring 2008 registration (or, for those of you who plan to graduate this December, making sure that you're on track!). I have office hours this semester from 3-4pm on Mondays, and from 10-11am on Thursdays;

however, I strongly encourage you to email me to set up an appointment, to make sure that we have a block of time to devote exclusively to your academic issues.

## EVENTS

### **General John Abizaid, Former Commander, U.S. Central Command (July 2003–March 2008): "Strategic Challenges in the Middle East"**

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

10:30am - 11:50am

Rangos 1

Abizaid, the longest-serving commander of United States Central Command, was responsible for all military operations and activities in the Arabian Peninsula and the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, and Central Asia. He commanded units at every level, serving in the combat zones of Grenada, Lebanon, Kurdistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq, and served as director of the Joint Staff. An expert in Middle Eastern affairs, Abizaid was the highest-ranking Arab-American in U.S. history and named the current conflict "The Long War." He was recently named the first Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution. General Abizaid is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the International Institute for Strategic Studies. (Presented by the International Relations Program)

### **International Festival: "Global Exchange: Trade, Rights, and Welfare in a New World Economy"**

Thursday, November 1 - Saturday, November 3, 2007

The annual International Festival is designed not only to expose the CMU community to different cultures and traditions, but also to provoke thought and discussion on a wide range of pressing international topics. Through a series of workshops, lectures, performances, food, and films, this year's Festival will explore the topic of the world economy. Highlights include a keynote lecture by Charles Fishman, award-winning journalist and author of *The Wal-Mart Effect* (Friday, November 2, 12:30pm, Rangos Ballroom) and the Study Abroad Fair (Saturday, November 3, 10am-2pm, Wean & Hoch Commons). Please see <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/internationalfestival/> for a full listing of events.

### **Graduate School Resource Workshop**

Saturday, October 27, 2007

10:00am - 3:00pm

Margaret Morrison A14

Thinking about graduate school? Come explore your options at the Graduate School Resource Workshop! Activities include panel discussions with graduate students; tips on

writing a winning essay; and advice for achieving the standardized test scores you need. Light breakfast and lunch will be served. For details, contact [ewuraesi.arthur@gmail.com](mailto:ewuraesi.arthur@gmail.com).

### **Tartans Abroad Reception**

Saturday, October 27, 2007

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Carnegie Conference Room West, Warner Hall

This reception during Homecoming is for alumni and students who have studied, worked, lived or traveled abroad. Current students considering studying abroad are also welcome to attend.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Tartans Abroad Fund**

The Tartans Abroad Fund offers scholarships for work, volunteer, research, or special projects abroad during academic break periods including the summer, winter break and spring break. Funds are not available for students in their final semester of study. A maximum of 1/3 of the total expenses or \$2000 (whichever greater) may be covered by grants. Money is provided by the cohesive Carnegie Mellon fund which includes financial support from the dean of student affairs, the vice provost for education, college deans and OIE. For more information contact Emily Half at x8-5231 or visit <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html> <<http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html>> .

Deadlines: November 15, February 15 and April 15.

Application on <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/Tartans%20Abroad%20Fund%20App.pdf> <<http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/Tartans%20Abroad%20Fund%20App.pdf>>

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