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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Safe journey to anyone traveling, and enjoy the days off. The end of the semester is in sight!

IR PROGRAM EVENTS

Lecture: One Journal, Many Voices: Racism and Race Relations in Contemporary Cuba and Beyond

Dr. Juan Antonio Alvarado Ramos, Editor-in-Chief of *ISLAS*

Monday, November 26, 2007

Reception: 6:00pm; lecture: 6:45pm
Baker Hall, Adamson Wing (136A)

The International Relations Program and the Department of Modern Languages welcome Dr. Juan Antonio Alvarado Ramos, who will lecture on race relations in Cuba. Dr. Alvarado Ramos was born and educated in Cuba, and has dedicated more than 25 years of his life to the study of the Cuban people and their culture. Since 2005, Dr. Alvarado Ramos has worked as Editor-in-Chief of ISLAS, the official publication of the Afro-Cuban Alliance, Inc, a non-profit organization founded by two African-American women who wanted to build a communicative bridge between African Americans and black Cubans. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

OTHER EVENTS

Debate: "Debating the Status of Detainees in the 'War on Terror'"

Friday, November 16, 2007

4:30pm - 6:30pm

Teplitz Memorial Courtroom, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, 3990 Forbes Avenue

The Pitt Law Chapters of the National Lawyers Guild and the Federalist Society are hosting a debate: "Debating the Status of Detainees in the 'War on Terror.'" Marjorie Cohn, activist, President of the National Lawyers Guild, and Professor of Law at Thomas Jefferson University will lead the National Lawyers Guild side of the debate; Michael Lewis, a former naval officer and currently an Assistant Professor of Law at Ohio Northern University will lead the Federalist side of the debate. Elena Baylis, Associate Professor of Law at Pitt Law will moderate the debate. The goal is to have a lively and wide ranging debate on a substantive and urgent contemporary issue, and to provide a forum for the views of all members of our community. We invite all members of the community to be present and actively participate. For more information, contact rmr6417@pitt.edu.

Lecture: Action Research in Multi-Stakeholder Resource Management: Experiences from the El Angel Watershed in Northern Ecuador

Friday, November 16, 2007

12:00pm - 1:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Susan Virginia Poats is an anthropologist with a strong commitment to conservation and sustainable development. After earning a PhD at the University of Florida in 1979, she did a postdoctorate at the International Potato Center, CIP (Lima, Peru) focused on

social and cultural influences on potato consumption. Returning to UF in 1983, she worked in a farming systems research project with actions in West Africa. In 1990, she and her family moved to Ecuador, where she worked as a research advisor for the cassava program of the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT). In 1994, she turned her path towards environmental issues. Her work focuses on natural resource management through participatory action/research and community conservation with a gender focus. Using conceptual and methodological tools drawn from the social sciences, she collaborates with conservationists in their work with women and men in local communities, and in creating multi-stakeholder alliances for natural resource conservation, largely in the context of Andean watershed management. Susan was the director of the IDRC-Canada funded MANRECUR Project Collaborative Management of Natural Resources in Andean Watersheds in Northern Ecuador (1999-2005). She is currently the director of the Community Conservation Project, supported by the MacArthur Foundation. She is a founding member and current president of Corporacion Randi Randi, an Ecuadorian NGO, and serves on the Board of Directors of CONDESAN, an Andean consortium for sustainable development, based at CIP-Lima. For more information, contact Adriana Maguina-Ugarte - 412-648-7391, amaguina@pitt.edu.

Lecture: Health Transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa: Why it won't happen without the women

Friday, November 16, 2007

3:00pm- 4:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Three of the Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) are related directly to health: reducing child mortality; improving maternal health; combating the spread of killer diseases. This lecture presentation will focus on the challenges facing countries in Africa in the health sector, particularly the need to build national health systems that promote healthier people, living longer lives. The message is that the health transition in SSA will begin to happen only when Africa begins to recognize the importance of the role that women play in both the household economy and national economic development. Both of these roles have direct implications for health transition. Presenter: Dr.Ravi K. Sharma Department of Behavioral and Community Health Services Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. For more information, contact Macrina C. Lelei - 412-648-2058, macrina@pitt.edu.

Film Screening and Discussion: "Last Best Chance"

Monday, November 19, 2007

3:30pm

Assembly Room, William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

U.S. Senator Bob Casey, Jr. (D-PA) will introduce the docudrama "Last Best Chance," directed by Ben Goddard. The film shows the threat posed by nuclear weapons and

materials around the world. Following the screening of the 45-minute film, Casey will moderate a question-and-answer session with a panel featuring Michael Hurley, a counterterrorism special advisor to the Nuclear Threat Initiative, and commentators from Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). For more information on the film, visit www.lastbestchance.org <<http://www.lastbestchance.org>> .

Study Abroad Scholarship Information Sessions

Carnegie Mellon University is hosting information sessions for two prestigious study abroad scholarships, featuring some remarkable guest speakers who will provide information and share their experiences with the scholarship programs.

Humanity In Action Information Session – Summer Study Abroad Opportunity

When: Wednesday, November 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: McConomy Auditorium, University Center, Carnegie Mellon University

RSVP: To Julie Brown at jhbrown@andrew.cmu.edu by Friday, November 23

Light refreshments will be served.

Senior HIA fellow, Maggie Whelan, will describe the award and application process, how to construct a competitive application, and the interview process if chosen as a finalist. Please read the Humanity in Action website and application materials **BEFORE** the info session. Come with questions! The scholarship is **for outstanding sophomore, junior, and senior US Citizens** who would like to participate in a month-long summer program on national and international human rights issues. Winners would participate in the program in one of these six cities: New York, Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Paris, or Warsaw. Travel costs and housing are paid for by the program. Students who attend the program qualify for a variety of internships and fellowships with various human rights groups. Visit the Humanity in Action website for more details: www.humanityinaction.org <<http://www.humanityinaction.org>> .

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships Information Session – Study Abroad Opportunity

When: Monday, December 3 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: McConomy Auditorium, University Center, Carnegie Mellon University

RSVP: To Julie Brown at jhbrown@andrew.cmu.edu by Wednesday, November 28

Light refreshments will be served.

Local Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair Richard Beck will describe the awards available, the application process, how to construct a competitive application, and answer questions. Two Rotary scholars will also be present to share their experiences and answer questions. For

undergraduate and graduate students (must have completed at least two years of university coursework or equivalent professional experience prior to beginning scholarship studies). 3-month, 6-month, 1-year, & 2-year scholarships for study abroad to promote international understanding. Visit the Rotary website for more details and deadline information: www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/rifdefault.aspx <<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/rifdefault.aspx>> .

Lecture: How Microloans and Cell Phones are Connecting the World's Poor to the Global Economy

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Margaret Morrison Hall, Room A14

Please join Carnegie Mellon's Institute for Social Innovation for a lecture featuring author Nicholas G. Sullivan. Nicholas Sullivan has written widely about technology and entrepreneurship, the impact of the information and communications technology revolution in the United States, and global development and investment. His most recent book, *You Can Hear me Now: How Microloans and Cell Phones are Connecting the World's Poor to the Global Economy*, "is a powerful proof of the roles that the private sector can play in economic development...and a must-read for all those who are concerned about eradicating poverty." -C.K. Prahalad, author of *The Fortune at the Bottom of the Pyramid*. To RSVP and for additional details, please email social-innovation@andrew.cmu.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Program: M.A. in International Law and Government, Georgetown University

Georgetown University's M.A. program in International Law and Government is designed to explore international law from both a legal and political perspective. Courses will familiarize the students with the fundamentals of international law and the foreign policy process in which international law is created and applied. Students will also be exposed to international relations theory and its applicability to international law. Course offerings have included: International Law; Political Challenges to International Law; Theory and International Law; International Law and War; International Environmental Law; Judicial Politics; International Law and U.S. Foreign Policy; Fundamentals of Political Theory; Negotiating Nuclear Nonproliferation; Transitional Justice, Rule of Law, and Democracy; International Criminal Law; International Legal Philosophy, Law and Global Society; International Organizations and Transnationalism; U.S. Foreign Policy Process; Intelligence Law; Genocide, Justice, and Reconciliation; International Political Economy; The Future of the International Legal Order.

The program is based at the Institute for International Law and Politics, which was established to promote teaching and research in the area of intersection between international law and international relations.

For more details about the Institute and the MA program, including admissions and degree requirements, please visit <http://iilp.georgetown.edu/>.

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