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IR PROGRAM FAST FACTS

Have you ever wondered what schools and departments IR additional majors and minors come from? In a reflection of the interdisciplinary nature of the program, **the current group of 59 declared students represents all undergraduate schools at CMU**, as well as the intercollege Science and Humanities Scholars Program (SHS).

While the majority of IR students have primary majors in H&SS, a full third of the students come from other schools at CMU. The program's student body includes one SHS student (1.7 percent of the total IR population), two computer science students (3.4 percent), and three students each from CIT, MCS, and the architecture program in CFA (5.1 percent each). The leader among non-H&SS schools is Tepper, whose eight business students compose 13.6 percent of the IR student body.

Even though two-thirds of IR students hail from H&SS, even those students represent a diverse range of disciplines. The Department of Social and Decision Sciences (SDS) boasts the greatest number of IR students, with 19 additional majors or minors. However, students also have primary majors in economics, English, history, information systems, modern languages, and psychology. Several students have extended their interdisciplinary pursuits by majoring in the Ethics, History, and Public Policy program or by creating a student-defined major.

Our current students truly embody the interdisciplinary nature of the program and enrich it with their diverse personal and intellectual backgrounds.

EVENTS

Panel Discussion - World AIDS Day Program

Friday, November 30, 2007

3:30-5:00 p.m.

G-23 Auditorium, Parran Hall, University of Pittsburgh

"A Quarter Century of HIV"-Dr. Ron Stall, followed by question and answer session.
"Faith Based Care Response to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa"-Dr. Sandra Quinn, and Dr. Stephen Thomas, followed by question and answer session.

Lecture - No Man's Land: Central Europe and the Symbolic Geography of the Avant-Garde

Friday, November 30, 2007

12:00pm - 1:00pm

139 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Ty Miller, University of California, Santa Cruz. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor - 412-648-7407 crees@pitt.edu.

Film - The Age of AIDS (a PBS Frontline film)

Saturday, December 1, 2007

1:00pm - 3:00pm

G-23 Auditorium, Parran Hall, University of Pittsburgh

"Before we knew what it was, it was already with us. Before we knew how to halt it, it was with the world. AIDS-an epic story of scientific battles, political indifference, moral dilemmas and the perseverance of the human spirit."

Panel Discussion- "HIV/AIDS-Keeping it Real"

Saturday, December 1, 2007

3:30pm - 5:30pm

G-23 Auditorium, Parran Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Panelists scheduled include representatives from Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, Persad Center, Inc., Minority Health Specialist, HIV programs Educator, and Persons living with HIV/AIDS. For more information, contact ghsa@pitt.edu.

Cultural Event - Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 2, 2007

12:00pm - 4:00pm

All Nationality Rooms & Common Room at Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

All Nationality Rooms will be open and decorated for the Holidays. Student guides (from Quo Vadis) in ethnic dress will make presentations in each Nationality Room. Includes ethnic performances every 15 minutes beginning at noon. Various ethnic foods, crafts and gifts will be on display. For more information, contact Susan M. Langer - 412-624-6150.

Lecture - Nationalist Politics and Everyday Ethnicity in a Transylvanian Town

Monday, December 3, 2007

4:00pm - 5:00pm

3703 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Roger Brubaker, UCLA. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor - 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture - The Question of Bosnian Identity

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Karol Kujawa, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor - 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture - Former Colonies: Local or Universal

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

4:00pm

501 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Known in English through his essays in New Left Review and books from Verso, Roberto Schwarz is one of the most important Brazilian literary critics. He has held a Guggenheim Fellowship and served as Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor in Latin American Studies at Harvard. Schwarz's wide-ranging perspective on national culture was shaped by the double displacement of exile, first as a Jew from Austria to Brazil in 1938, and then as a leftist from Brazil to Paris in 1969. He returned to Brazil in 1978 and became Professor of Literary Theory at the University of Campinas, Sao Paulo, where he now is emeritus. He took an M.A. in Comparative Literature from Yale in 1963 and completed his studies at the University of Paris during his exile. Schwarz's "attempt to approach aesthetics from a leftist point of view" develops a powerful argument concerning Machado de Assis. He explores the narrative consequences of the persistent gap in Brazilian society between liberal ideology (based on free market) and its local, degradation, by the reality of forced labor (slavery). This incompatibility in turn is put in play through the system of patronage (clientismo), the socio-economic relationship between plantation owners and the educated stratum. This complex of interrelations is written deep in the rich idiosyncrasy of Machado's prose. For more information, contact CLAS - 412 648 7392, clas@pitt.edu.

Roundtable – Trafficking in Southeast Asia

Wednesday, December 5, 2007

12:00pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Ms. Erin McGrath (PhD student- GSPIA) will briefly discuss the phenomenon of trafficking and its dynamics in Southeast Asia. She will then talk about her field experience interviewing Burmese trafficking victims on the Thailand-Burma border, and strategies used by Non-Governmental Organizations in the area to counter trafficking. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas - 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture - Climate Change, Sustainability, and Global Health

Friday, December 7, 2007

6:30pm

Posvar Hall 2500, University of Pittsburgh

You are invited to attend "Climate Change, Sustainability, and Global Health," keynote speech for the Global Health & Sustainable Development Symposium (under the Global Academic Partnership program), presented by Dr. Donald S. Burke, Associate Vice

Chancellor for Global Health and Dean, Graduate School of Public Health. For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/indiaconference.html>. For more information, contact Jennifer Murawski - 412-648-7426, jennm@pitt.edu.

Conference - Global Health & Sustainable Development: Pitt - India 2007 Symposium

Saturday, December 8, 2007

9:00am - 4:30pm

Mervis Hall 309, University of Pittsburgh

A symposium to identify and promulgate collaborative research, training, and curriculum development projects between the University of Pittsburgh, the MediCiti Institute of Medical Sciences (Hyderabad), the Administrative Staff College of India, and the University of Hyderabad in the areas of global health and sustainable development. This symposium will bring faculty from the institutions mentioned above as well as their principal collaborators at other institutions together to identify mutual interests, interdisciplinary strengths, opportunities for programmatic interface, additional funding sources, and to agree on initial pilot research and training programs. For more information and a complete schedule of events, please visit: <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/indiaconference.html>. This event is free and open to the public; advance registration required. For more information, contact Jennifer Murawski - 412-648-7426, jennm@pitt.edu.

Cultural Event - Cuerdas featuring Cuarteto Latinoamericano w/EntreQuatre

Monday, December 10, 2007

Performance 8pm, pre-concert talk w/musicians 7pm

Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave, Oakland

Mexico's Cuarteto Latinoamericano is the world's leading proponent of Latin American music for string quartet. EntreQuatre, a virtuoso guitar quartet from Spain, joins the Cuarteto for this concert. The music they will perform is filled with the vibrant sounds and colors of Spain and Latin America, making it utterly unique and different from traditional Western classical music. <http://www.pittsburghchambermusic.org> ; cost: \$35 regular, \$15 students. For more information, contact Christopher McGlumphy, Executive Director, Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society - 412-624-4129, christopher@pittsburghchambermusic.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Chance: Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation for Spring 2008 Study Abroad

On Wednesday, December 5, 2007, the Study Abroad Office will be offering the final pre-departure orientation for spring 2008 study abroad from 5-7pm in the McKenna Room of the UC. As the Study Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation is **REQUIRED** for students studying abroad for credit, any student who has not yet attended a session should plan to attend this one

This orientation will prepare you for both cultural and practical issues regarding study abroad. You will get all the paperwork you need to register for study abroad. Pizza and drinks will be served. You must attend the **full two hours** of the orientation. If you have not yet been accepted but think you may be going abroad, attend to be sure you get the orientation.

If you plan to attend this session, please RSVP to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu <mailto:goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu> and include the date of attendance in the subject line. For all questions contact Eva Mergner, Senior Coordinator for Study Abroad and Exchange Programs at em43@andrew.cmu.edu <mailto:em43@andrew.cmu.edu>

Department of Homeland Security Scholarship and Fellowship Program

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announces program guidelines for the 2008 competition cycle of the DHS Scholarship and Fellowship Program. Eligible undergraduate and graduate students must be studying in a homeland security related science, technology, engineering or mathematics field.

All applicants are expected to apply using the online application. The deadline for submitting an application is January 7, 2008, 11:59 p.m. Complete information is available online at <http://www.orau.gov/dhsed/>.

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