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IR NEWS

Today's newsletter is coming out a day early, as I'll be out of the office Friday and Monday, January 18 and 21. **For this week only**, since I won't be available for office hours on Monday, I will instead have office hours on Wednesday (January 23) from 3-4pm. I will still have office hours from 10-11am on Thursday, as usual. As always, please feel free to email me at traci@andrew.cmu.edu to set up an appointment outside of office hours.

IR PROGRAM EVENTS

See Prof. Skinner on C-SPAN2 This Weekend!

An interview with Dr. Kiron Skinner, director of the international relations program, will be featured this weekend on C-SPAN2. Dr. Skinner and three co-authors, including Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, recently published the book *The Strategy of Campaigning*, which examines the careers of Ronald Reagan and Boris Yeltsin. Dr. Skinner's interview will be featured on C-SPAN2's "After Words" program at the following times:

Saturday, January 19, 9:00pm
Sunday, January 20, 6:00pm
Sunday, January 20, 9:00pm
Monday, January 21, 12:00am
Monday, January 21, 3:00am

In addition to her role directing the IR program, Dr. Skinner is an associate professor in the Department of Social and Decision Sciences and the Department of History, with a courtesy appointment to the Heinz School.

OTHER EVENTS

Policy Forum: Global Issues & Policy Implications for the Pittsburgh Region Featuring Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr.

Friday, January 18, 2008
12:00pm – 1:30pm
The Rivers Club, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant St

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh in partnership with Leadership Pittsburgh, Inc. presents Global Issues & Policy Implications for the Pittsburgh Region. This is the first in a series of Policy Forums with our region's leaders. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA) Member, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will be the featured speaker.

Reservations required by January 16 – no refund for cancellations after that date. For details or reservations, see <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/>.

Town Meeting: "What Mainstream Media Don't Tell Us About Iran/Iraq"

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

7:30pm – 9:30pm

Carnegie Library Lecture Hall

SCOTT RITTER was one of UNSCOM's most senior weapons inspectors in Iraq between 1991 and 1998, after having served for eight years as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. As a Marine, he conducted arms inspections in the former Soviet Union, and provided analysis of Iraq's missile capacity to General Schwarzkopf in the 1991 Gulf War. "The important thing to know about Scott Ritter is that he was right." - Seymour Hersh

AMBASSADOR EDWARD PECK served as Chief of Mission in Iraq and Mauritania, Embassy officer in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt; Deputy Director of the cabinet Task Force on Terrorism at the Reagan White House; Deputy Coordinator of Covert Intelligence Programs at the State Department; and Liaison Officer to the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. With two tours of active duty as a paratrooper, he served from Private to 1st Lt.

Q&A and book signing by Mr. Ritter will follow their talk. Copies of "Target Iran" and "Waging Peace" will be available for sale. Ambassador Dan Simpson, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editor will moderate.

Sponsored by: Carnegie Mellon University, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Consortium of Educational Resources on Islamic Studies, Thomas Merton Center, American Friends Service Committee, Global Studies Program at the University Center for International Studies, Center for International Legal Education, and University Center for International Studies

Lecture: "Dragon Awakening: Economic Relations between the Russian Far East and China"

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Vasilina Babina, Amur University. For more information, contact Stacey

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Lecture: "Advocacy in Japan: The Challenge of Development NGOs"

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

12:00pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Among non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in international development today, advocacy towards the donor societies is increasingly becoming an important part of their work. While Japan has been no exception to this trend, NGOs are experiencing various challenges in promoting advocacy. The talk will draw on Hottokenai Sekai no Mazushisa Campaign (Don't let it be, world poverty), the most recent and perhaps the most successful advocacy campaign to date in Japan, and to explore what those challenges are.

Presentation by Ms. Aya Okada (Master student in GSPIA) as part of the Global Studies Graduate Student Research series. Bring your lunch. Drinks will be provided. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Cultural Event: The Transformative Power of the Desert: A Liturgical-Musicological Approach to Orthodox Christian Asceticism

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Rev. Fr. Stelyios Muksuris, M.Litt., Ph.D. (cand.); Musical Performance by The Byzantine Choir of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh..

For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Does That Include Women Too?"

Thursday, January 24, 2008

6:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The Global Issues Lecture Series presents a panel discussion on the significance and relevance of 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on the lives of women in the United States and around the world. Panelists include Janice Auth, GPS Board Member and Retired Executive Director of Pennsylvania Peace Links; Allyson Lowe, Ph.D. The Pennsylvania Center for Women, Politics and Public Policy; Alexis Miller, PA Women Work. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu

Lecture: "Understanding China: Five Essential Themes"

Monday, January 28

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Winchester Thurston School, 555 Morewood Avenue

Winchester Thurston School, partnering with the Confucius Institute of the University of Pittsburgh's Asian Studies Center, presents a free, six-part lecture series entitled "Great Wall - Terrible Towel: Understanding China, Connecting to Pittsburgh." Experts will provide an overview of China's history, culture, and current issues and an appreciation of why China is important to our region.

Join Winchester Thurston on Monday evenings at 7pm, starting Jan. 28 at WT's Shadyside Campus at 555 Morewood Avenue. The first lecture, entitled "Understanding China: Five Essential Themes," will be presented by Diana Marston Wood, Coordinator, National Consortium for Teaching About Asia (NCTA) University of Pittsburgh, Asian Studies Center.

For more details and to register, visit www.winchesterthurston.org <outbind://43/
www.winchesterthurston.org> or call 412.578.7523.

Information Session: Friedman Internship Program

Thursday, February 7, 2008

5:00pm

Carnegie East Conference Room, 1st Floor, Warner Hall

The Milton and Cynthia Friedman fellowship offers undergraduate and graduate students limited funding to enable them to take part in unpaid internships in Washington D.C, in government and non-profit organizations. Established by Mrs. Cynthia Friedman in honor of her husband Milton Friedman, a Carnegie Mellon alumnus, the intent of the Friedman Fellowship is to expose more students to working in the service of the nation in the capital. For details, contact Victoria Poprocky, Administrative and Internship Coordinator Office of Government Relations, 412-268-6697.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Justice Fellowships in Israel

The New Israel Fund and SHATIL announce the availability of applications for five 10-month paid Social Justice Fellowships for work advancing the goals of NIF, promoting social justice and democracy in Israel. Each Social Justice Fellow is selected from a competitive pool of talented, passionate young professionals or recent college

graduates. The Fellows work 32 hours a week for an Israeli grassroots NGO, and will receive training in leadership and community development. These Fellowships were initially established in memory of Nomi Fein and Richard Israel in 1997 and are designed to create a cadre of committed young leaders in the Jewish community.

Fellows will be provided with a stipend of \$12,000 (\$1,200 per month for 10 months). The Fellowships begin in September 2008. Strong conversational Hebrew or Arabic is required. The deadline for applications is **February 15, 2008**. Applications and more information can be found at <http://www.nif.org/fellowships> <<http://mail.nif.org/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://www.nif.org/fellowships>> .

Global Health Fellows Program

The application process for the Global Health Fellows Program summer 2008 Internship Program is now open. These paid internships are with the US Agency for International Development's Global Health Bureau in Washington, DC. We are seeking outstanding students and mid-career changers who are interested in pursuing careers in international development. These openings are an excellent opportunity to engage in substantive work with the largest government donor organization in the development field. We are also seeking to attract a diverse, talented group of individuals that will benefit USAID's Global Health Bureau as it moves into the future.

The application deadline is February 15, 2008 and the internships will run for approximately 10 weeks beginning May 27, 2008. For complete information, detailed internship descriptions and access to the online application process, *visit [**www.ghfp.net*](http://www.ghfp.net) <<http://www.ghfp.net>> <<http://www.ghfp.net/>> >. For general inquiries, email ghfpinternship@ghfp.net <<mailto:ghfpinternship%40ghfp.net>> .

The Global Health Fellows Program is a five year cooperative agreement implemented and managed by the Public Health Institute (PHI) in partnership with the Harvard School of Public Health, Management Systems International and Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. GHFP is supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID).

Fellowship Opportunity: Technology and Public Policy

The Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship, which includes one **\$5,000 grant for one student each year**, is part of the Tisdale Fellowship program, a summer internship available to undergraduate and graduate students. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who is interested in diversity and ethics issues, and in learning about high-tech public policy issues, can apply for this Fellowship.

The Fellowship has two main elements:

(1) **Internship**: Fellows do an eight-week internship in the government relations office

of a leading high technology company or association. In the recent past, fellows have interned at such companies as Agilent Technologies, Hewlett-Packard, Philips Electronics and Infotech Strategies as well as associations such as the Business Software Alliance.

2) **Issues Seminar:** The issues seminar is a weekly lunch hosted by the different sponsoring companies and associations. Expert speakers lead discussions of current public policy issues in Washington, and the methods the high technology industry uses for effective advocacy. A new lecture on diversity and ethics has been added to the Tisdale Fellows' speaker series.

The Summer 2008 Fellowship runs from **June 16th – August 8th, 2008**. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a supportive and collegial environment in which a new class of public policy professionals will be mentored to help ensure that the high-tech industry continues to have highly capable and well-trained individuals in both policy advocacy and senior management positions. Students may find more information and apply at **www.tisdalefellowship.org** <<http://www.tisdalefellowship.org/>> . Questions? Contact Jonathan Tilley at info@tisdalefellowship.org <<mailto:info@tisdalefellowship.org>> or 202/986-0384. Complete applications should be turned in by February 15.

EMPOWER Program in Brazil

EMPOWER: Engineering for a Sustainable Future is a unique program which explores Brazil's approach to energy, including hydroelectric power and ethanol fuel.

The EMPOWER program is centered around a three-credit course from the University of Pittsburgh and includes nine days of site visits and plant tours in Sao Paulo and Foz do Iguacu, Brazil. The course can be completed online for students who are not in the Pittsburgh area.

The EMPOWER course will be offered during the summer term, with an international field trip to Brazil from August 7-17, 2008. The \$3800 (estimated) program fee includes:

- Tuition for the three-credit online spring semester course offered by the University of Pittsburgh
- Roundtrip international airfare between Miami and Brazil as well as travel within Brazil
- Hotel accommodations, breakfasts, transportation and cultural activities while in Brazil
- Visa fee and visa processing fee
- Medical insurance during the international portion.

Engineering or science students who are interested in issues of sustainability and clean power will be ideally suited for the program. Applicants should be juniors or returning

seniors (graduating seniors will be reviewed on an individual basis). U.S. citizenship is not required for the program. Application Deadline: Friday February 15, 2008.

Interested students should visit <http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/IntProgs/STEP/EMPOWER.htm> <<http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/IntProgs/STEP/EMPOWER.htm>> or contact techabroad@aipt.org <<mailto:techabroad@aipt.org>> with questions.

East Meets West: Biotechnology and Public Policy

This summer, join IAESTE United States and the University of Maryland to explore the theory and practices of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), and the ways in which TCM practitioners are applying modern technology and practices to enhance quality of delivery and effectiveness.

The program will be offered during the summer term, with an international field trip to Hong Kong and Guilin, China from June 26 - July 6, 2008. The \$3950 (estimated) program fee includes:

- * Tuition for the three-credit online summer term course offered by University of Maryland
- * Roundtrip international airfare between a U.S. gateway city and China
- * Hotel accommodations, all breakfasts and most lunches, transportation and cultural activities while in Hong Kong and Guilin
- * Visa fee
- * Medical insurance during the international portion.

Applicants should be sophomores, juniors or returning seniors majoring in Bioengineering, Biomedical Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or related fields and have an interest in Traditional Chinese Medicine. U.S. citizenship is not required for the program.

Application Deadline: Friday February 15, 2008. Interested students should contact techabroad@aipt.org and visit <http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/IntProgs/STEP/TCM.htm> <<http://www.iaesteunitedstates.org/IntProgs/STEP/TCM.htm>> .

ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship

For the second consecutive year, ThinkSwiss will select 15 talented and motivated U.S. students from all fields of study who apply for a research project at a Swiss university or research lab. The awardees will receive a **monthly stipend of \$700** for a period of up to three months. The ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship program takes place within the scope of the ThinkSwiss program. "ThinkSwiss – Brainstorm the Future" is a U.S.-wide program on education, research and innovation. It focuses on the exchange of expertise and know-how in academia and the business community in both Switzerland

and the USA. (www.thinkswiss.org <<http://www.thinkswiss.org/>>)

Additional information about the 2008 ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship can be found on www.thinkswiss.org/news.html <<http://www.thinkswiss.org/news.html>> . **The deadline for applications is March 31, 2008.**

Summer Internship: The Vilcek Foundation

The Vilcek Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, whose major mission is to heighten public awareness of the contributions of immigrants to the sciences, arts and culture in the United States. The Foundation bestows annual prizes to prominent foreign-born biomedical scientists and artists, who made outstanding contributions to society in the United States. In addition to awarding annual prizes in science and the arts, The Vilcek Foundation will also showcase the work of innovative artists, designers, filmmakers, and others, many of them immigrants who have yet to achieve critical or financial success, at its new headquarters at 167 East 73rd Street in New York City. For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118144-232> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118144-232>> .

International Development Writing/Blogging Internship

We are looking for an intern to add information to our new blog. If you are looking for an opportunity to publish your writing and have an interest in development, we want to hear from you. Please check out our blog at <http://econogroup.blogspot.com> <<http://econogroup.blogspot.com/>> . For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118242-162> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118242-162>> .

Summer Internship: Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Founded in 1968 in San Antonio, Texas, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) is the nation's leading, non-profit Latino civil rights organization. MALDEF is dedicated to protecting and promoting the civil rights of the more than 40 million Latinos living across the United States through advocacy, community education, and litigation. MALDEF currently focuses its efforts in the following program areas: education, employment, immigrants' rights, political access, and public resources equity. For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118236-225> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118236-225>> .

Amnesty International Summer Research Internship

The Research Department at Amnesty International USA is currently seeking both legal and non-legal interns with a strong background and interest in human rights to work on several US-based research projects. Several of these research projects are currently being developed as part of AIUSA's ongoing campaigns such as the stop violence

against women campaign, recognition of economic social and cultural rights and work around the United States' "War on Terror". In particular, applicants with strong backgrounds in women's rights, domestic violence, housing, health and immigration issues are encouraged to apply. For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118134-162> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118134-162>> .

Center for Democracy in the Americas Summer Internship

The Center for Democracy in the Americas (CDA) is devoted to changing U.S. policy toward the countries of the Americas by basing our relations on respect and dignity, recognizing positive models of governance in the region, and fostering dialogue particularly with those governments and movements with which U.S. policy is at odds. Our instruments for achieving this objective include leading fact-finding missions for U.S. delegations, working with U.S. policymakers on strategy, sponsoring and disseminating research, hosting events, and conducting public education and outreach via the news media and the internet. For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/117137-229> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/117137-229>> .

Summer Internships: Hostelling International-Chicago

Do you enjoy learning about hospitality, tourism, and working with international travelers? Are you outgoing? Hostelling International-Chicago is looking for unpaid interns to work for a minimum of 8 hours a week for a minimum of 8 weeks. Or to receive housing work 24 hours a week for 8 weeks. For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116450-2> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116450-2>> (volunteer programs coordinator); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116451-36> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116451-36>> (marketing and sales), <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116455-169> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116455-169>> (customer service/hospitality); <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116449-332> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/116449-332>> (education and youth outreach).

Summer Internship: Orphans International Worldwide

OIWW is one of only 2 orphans NGO's that are certified by the UN. We fundraise in the US and serve orphaned children in developing countries. We DO NOT arrange adoptions, we only support kids in their own countries, thru small family homes or in foster care arrangements. We work to assure that children in our program receive an education, English classes, health care, proper nutrition, and a peaceful and loving home. For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/117664-134> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/117664-134>> .

Summer Internships in Washington DC

The summer LIVE. LEARN. INTERN. program at Georgetown University is accepting applications for their spring deadline. The program runs from June 7 - August 2, 2008, and combines substantive internships, courses for academic credit, career development activities, site briefings and lectures led by prominent policy experts. For more information and an online application, please visit www.dccinternships.org <outbind://25/www.dccinternships.org> or contact Andrea Calderon, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at admissions@tfas.org or 1-800-741-6964. Students will be accepted in a rolling basis until the final deadline of February 25, 2008. Students applying by the priority deadline of January 25, 2008, are given preference in admissions and scholarship decisions. Substantial scholarship funding is still available.

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