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EVENTS

Focus the Nation: Green Democracy Political Forum

February 1, 2008

2:00pm - 4:00pm

David Lawrence Hall, Room 120, University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh, Carnegie Mellon University, La Roche College, Duquesne University, and Chatham University have invited city, county, state, and national civic leaders to engage in a Green Democracy political forum. Student representatives will open the forum with statements about what each campus is doing to address climate change. Civic leaders will then speak about their commitments to combat climate change. Representative Mike Doyle and Councilman Bill Peduto are among the attendees. Questions and comments will be entertained from the audience.

Performance: Attack Theatre: Preserve and Pursue Dance Event

Friday, February 1, and Saturday, February 2: 8:00pm

Tuesday, February 5, and Wednesday, February 6: 7:00pm

The New Hazlett Theatre, Allegheny Square East, Northside

A dance event featuring the world premiere of newly commissioned scores by esteemed Japanese composers Somei Satoh (Tokyo) and Miyuki Ito (Nagoya) and Attack Theatre Music Director Dave Eggar. Ancient myths collide with contemporary images while classic sounds and high-energy physicality coalesce in a passionate look at modern life. Please join us and experience Attack Theatre's expansive choreography, stunning visual imagery, and compelling live music. Cost: \$20 advance/\$24 at the door, \$15 for students. Special tickets are available for the opening night reception and performance for \$40. For more information, contact Attack Theatre: 412-441-8444, <http://www.attacktheatre.com> <<http://www.attacktheatre.com/>> .

Film: Reel Voices from the Middle East: "Umm Kulthum: A Voice like Egypt"

Friday, February 1, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

A documentary about Egypt's (and the Arab world's) legendary superstar, a singer-performer in a category all her own: Umm Kulthum, perhaps the greatest singer who ever lived. Omar Sharif narrates while we are shown bits of her life story, interviews, live performances, and the Egyptian public's reaction to this legend, coming from all levels of Egyptian society For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Higher Education in China: Tradition and Adaptation"

Monday, February 4, 2008
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.

The second lecture, entitled "Higher Education in China: Tradition and Adaptation," will be presented by W. James Jacob, Acting Director of the Institute for International Studies in Education (IISE) and Visiting Assistant Professor; John Weidman, Former Director of IISE, Chair of the Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, and Professor of Education and of Sociology.

For more details and to register, visit www.winchesterthurston.org <outbind://31/www.winchesterthurston.org> or call 412.578.7523.

Lecture: "Musings on the Saffron Revolution: Is There Hope For Burma?"

Tuesday, February 5, 2008
7:00pm
4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Burma, also called Myanmar, has been ruled by secretive, xenophobic military juntas since 1962. Last August and September, an overnight rise in fuel prices of up to 500% propelled a few brave citizens again to the streets. When the protestors were arrested, hundreds of thousands of monks took the helm, demanding the government address the country's ills. This time the world saw the protests and crackdown via images sent through the Internet by citizen journalists. In this primarily Buddhist country, the regime once again, had no compunction of using violence against its unarmed citizens, including highly revered monks. Ms. Aung-Thwin, director of the Burma Project/Southeast Asia Initiative of the Open Society Institute, will discuss the fall out of the so-called "Saffron Revolution" and the prospects for a genuine political transformation in Burma. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Profanations of Cuban Identity in Jose Lezama Lima"

Wednesday, February 6, 2008
12:00pm - 1:00pm
4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Juan Duchesne-Winter (Professor of Latin American Literature, Hispanic Languages and Literatures). Jose Lezama Lima is, perhaps, Cubas most important

writer of the twentieth century. He maintained a richly ambiguous relationship with the revolutionary experience. Some discourses do categorize meaning, others tend to displace it. Jose Lezama Lima's patient poetical alchemy acted as a mode of waiting, resisting, and then displacing many social and political categories, including those fixated by political dogma. In times of transition for Cuba, and of probable emergence of new cultural imaginaries in this magnetic pole of the Caribbean, Lezama's writing may provide interesting metaphors for what he called another way of conducting the Republic. For more information, contact CLAS: 412 648 7392, clas@pitt.edu.

Information Session: Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

5:30pm – 6:30pm

College of Fine Arts, Room 211

The Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program cultivates a cadre of professionals to embark on a lifelong path of service. We draw on Dr. Albert Schweitzer's ethic of "Reverence for Life" and his vision that a wealth of idealism and altruism exists that can be tapped as a powerful instrument against the problems facing the poor and underserved. The Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program addresses the health needs and well-being of underserved and vulnerable populations throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area. Fellows receive a \$2,000 stipend. The program is open to all disciplines and all schools.

For more information, please contact: Joan Haley, Program Coordinator, (412) 363-0185 ext. 26.

Lecture: "Walking Into a War Zone: Global Conflict in Images"

Thursday, February 7, 2008

4:00 pm

501 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Chris Hondros is an American Pulitzer Prize nominated photojournalist based in New York City. *Walking Into a War Zone* will chronicle Hondros's experiences from photographing in most of the world's major conflict zones since the late 1990s, including Kosovo, Angola, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Kashmir, the West Bank, Lebanon, Liberia, and Iraq. Hondros's photographic work and overseas experiences are frequently chronicled in the media, including profiles by CNN, the Boston Globe, NPR, Smithsonian magazine, and the Virginia Quarterly Review. His photography has appeared on the covers of magazines such as Newsweek and The Economist, and on the front pages of most major American newspapers such as The New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times. For more information, contact Jen Saffron: jensaffron@comcast.net.

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.

Film: Reel Voices from the Middle East: "Four Women of Egypt"

Thursday, February 7, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Amina Rachid was raised in a non-religious, Westernized, aristocratic household before embracing Socialism and fighting for social justice. Another deeply committed activist, Shahenda Maklad, a Muslim, was a student demonstrator in Egypt's national movement who lost her husband to a political assassination before pursuing political office herself. Her mentor, Wedad Mitry, a devout Christian, is a militant nationalist leader and author. Their friend, Safynaz Kazem, is a political journalist and strict Muslim. These four women are the subject of this impressive documentary exploration of opposing religious, social, and political views in modern-day Egypt. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Serving the Cause of Humanity without Hurting the Advance of Global Capitalism: Reflections on the Ending of the Atlantic Slave Trade"

Friday, February 8, 2008

4:30pm: refreshments; 5:00-6:30pm: lecture and discussion

Baker Hall A53, Steinberg Auditorium

The Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy (CAUSE), Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University, presents Dr. Joseph E. Inikori.

Joseph Inikori is professor of history, University of Rochester. He was previously head of the Department of History, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria. He is the author of Africans and the Industrial Revolution in England: A Study in International Trade and Economic Development (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), which won the 2003 American Historical Association's Leo Gershoy Award for "the most outstanding work in English on any aspect of the field of 17th- and 18th-century western European history," and also the 2003 African Studies Association's Herskovits Award. Before leaving Nigeria for the United States, he chaired a presidential panel charged with the

task of working out solutions to the problem of inter-group relations in Nigeria.

Abstract: That the Transatlantic Slave Trade was a major human tragedy - for those forcefully transported across the Atlantic and for the African societies from which they were seized - is accepted by everyone. In fact, trade in humans has always been regarded as morally reprehensible, as contemporary comments by religious leaders on the medieval slave trade from Western Europe to the Middle East show. Their seventeenth- and eighteenth-century counterparts expressed similar views on the Atlantic slave trade. It was the economic importance of the Atlantic slave trade and African slavery in the Americas to individual entrepreneurs and to regional and national economies that helped to sustain the trade for several centuries, the immense human catastrophe notwithstanding. The ending of the trade was, therefore, a major service to humanity. The lecture examines this important development in the context of the contribution of the Atlantic slave trade to the rise of global capitalism and discusses how the ending of the trade affected its continuing advance.

For more information, contact Nancy Aronson, Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy (CAUSE), 412.268.8928, or visit <http://www.hss.cmu.edu/cause/>.

Film: Reel Voices from the Middle East: "Mahmoud Darwich: As the Land is the Language"

Friday, February 8, 2008

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

When the great Arab poet Mahmoud Darwich recites his poems in Cairo, Beirut or Algiers (or even in Paris and London), packed crowds come to mouth the verse with him. This film, which follows Darwich from the Cisjordanian desert to Paris via Cairo and Beirut, tracing the path of his exile from Israel, sets out to understand this popular fervor and share the emotion distilled by Darwich's words and inimitable rhythm. It not only allows the viewer to appreciate his work in its totality, but also places it in a political, historical and cultural context. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Film: "Sand and Sorrow"

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium 125, University of Pittsburgh

<http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu/docs/town_meeting6.pdf>

The Ford Institute for Human Security is hosting a showing of "Sand and Sorrow," the highly praised HBO Documentary narrated by George Clooney on the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Darfur. Attendance is free to the public and no pre-registration is required. This seminal documentary has been commended for its success in accurately

underlining the complex issues associated with African refugee camps.

For more information, contact Jessica Hand, 412.648.7434, jhand@pitt.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Study Abroad Providers on Campus

The Office of International Education is welcoming representatives from several study abroad program providers to campus over the next couple of weeks. To learn more about specific study abroad programs, visit their tables in the UC- Wean Commons between 11am-2pm on the following days:

Tuesday, February 5th - ISA

Tuesday, February 12th - Butler University

Wednesday, February 13th - Earlham's Border Studies Program

Friday, February 15th - Yonsei University (tentative)

Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan

The Bridging Scholarship program will award 50 scholarships to American students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan that begin in Fall 2008. Undergraduate students majoring in any field of study and attending any recognized exchange or independent program in Japan are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Recipients of Bridging Scholarships will receive stipends ranging from \$2,500 to \$4,000, depending on the length of their study program in Japan. The scholarships are funded by donations from U.S. corporations and foundations to the US-Japan Bridging Foundation. Since 1999, the Bridging Scholarship program has awarded more than 800 scholarships to students studying abroad in Japan. Most recently, 17 students received scholarships for the Spring 2008 semester.

The deadline for applications is April 7, 2008. Applicants will be notified of the results by May 30. Selection will be based on academic potential and financial need. The scholarships are administered by the Association of Teachers of Japanese.

In addition, Morgan Stanley will award two \$7,500 scholarships to undergraduate students who will be studying abroad in Japan during the 2008-2009 academic year and who have an interest in economics and international finance. Applicants must submit an essay on one of several designated public-policy topics together with an application for the Bridging Scholarship program.

Fall 2008 programs are those beginning between August and October 2008 and

continuing for at least three months. (Summer program participants are not eligible for Bridging Scholarships.) Students planning to study abroad in Japan beginning after January 1, 2009, should apply in October 2008 for the Spring 2009 scholarships.

Information on these scholarships and downloadable application forms are available at ATJ's Web site: <http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html>. Printed application brochures are also available.

United Nations Watch Fellowship

UN Watch is a non-governmental organization based in Geneva whose mandate is to monitor the performance of the United Nations by the yardstick of its own Charter, and promote human rights for all. UN Watch participates actively at the UN as an accredited NGO in Special Consultative Status to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). We are affiliated with the American Jewish Committee and stand in the forefront in combating anti-Semitism. For more information, visit www.unwatch.org <<http://www.unwatch.org/>> .

We are currently accepting applications for our one-year Richard and Rhoda Goldman Graduate Fellowship at UN Watch, to begin on September 1, 2008. The Fellowship is designed to train recent graduates as they begin their future career. Candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Native English speaker;
- University degree, and preferably one year of work or research experience;
- Strong understanding of international relations and the history of ideas;
- Commitment to the UN Watch mission, and demonstrable interest in promoting human rights, combating anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias;
- Superb writing ability, preferably demonstrated by publications;
- Qualities of initiative, intellectual curiosity and ability to work in a small, team-oriented environment operating under strict deadlines.

Responsibilities of a UN Watch Fellow include drafting speeches, op-eds, correspondence and press releases; monitoring meetings at the UN; attending and reporting on meetings with diplomats and UN officials; researching and fact-checking; website maintenance; and assisting with a range of administrative functions in the office.

The Fellowship is located in Geneva, Switzerland, and offers generous terms including annual stipend and accommodation in a studio apartment, with gross value of approximately \$42,000; health insurance; and travel to and from Geneva.

The deadline to submit applications is April 1, 2008. However, we will start processing applications on a rolling basis. For further information contact:

fellowship2008@unwatch.org <javascript:main.compose
('new', 't=fellowship2008@unwatch.org')>

Full-Tuition Scholarships, Siena School for the Liberal Arts

The Siena School for the Liberal Arts in Siena, Italy, is offering full-tuition scholarships for outstanding students interested in studying abroad in Italy during the Fall 2008 semester.

We are looking for students who are high academic achievers and who will really benefit from participating in an intensive program that immerses them in the Siena community and encourages them to think and create in a vibrant, multi-disciplinary context. To qualify for a scholarship, a candidate must be enrolled full time at a U.S. college or university and must submit a completed application to the Siena School for the Liberal Arts by March 15, 2008.

Each scholarship will cover full tuition and program costs (approximately \$12,400). Scholarship recipients are responsible for costs associated with room and board with an Italian family (about \$5,100), as well as airfare.

The Siena School scholarships are designed to unlock the rich intellectual and cultural resources of the Siena community to a select number of highly motivated students interested in studying art, art history, language and linguistics or in pursuing interdisciplinary studies in the humanities. Scholarship recipients will work collaboratively with experienced and talented faculty members from Italy and around the world who provide students with intensive, hands-on learning experiences, help forge meaningful connections with the Siena community, and support students as they work to achieve their academic and personal goals.

The Siena School for the Liberal Arts website <http://www.sienaschool.com> contains a full description of the program as well as an application for Fall 2008.

Summer Internship: Team Darfur

Team Darfur is an international coalition of athletes committed to raising awareness about and bringing an end to the crisis in Darfur, Sudan. A campaign leading up to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, Team Darfur aims to educate the global public through the unique voice of elite athletes. Team Darfur brings together the world's Olympic and professional athletes to put international pressure not only on Sudan, but also on those countries that support the policy of inaction in the face of this dire humanitarian crisis. We all must ask ourselves: where will we be while the people of Darfur suffer?

Team Darfur is looking for Summer Interns to work with us in all aspects of our organization. This is an exciting opportunity for those interested in working on advocacy in the human rights field. Interns will help with the day to day operations of a small non-profit, assist with event planning and execution, and help coordinate larger campaigns. Interns will also assist with basic website updates, networking with other organizations, policy, and outreach research.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118477-10> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118477-10>> .

Summer Internship: Rapid Results Institute, East/West Africa

The Rapid Results Institute is looking for full-time interns to support international development work during the summer and fall of 2008. Based on the program's needs, interns will be assigned to support the implementation of projects focused on public health, education or rural development in Africa.

Our interns support capacity-building activities that mobilize a diverse set of community and government agents to tackle an urgent development challenge. Interns support these projects, using the Rapid Results Approach (RRA) a methodology that uses short-term, results-oriented projects to create greater participation and decision-making at the community level. As an intern, you will lead participatory workshops on the RRA for community stakeholders and Rapid Results teams. Additionally, interns will facilitate community-based goal setting, action plan development and M&E of individual Rapid Results teams. Interns also provide mentorship to local consultants supporting this work, while fostering cooperative partnerships with key implementers. As part of their job responsibilities, most interns will have the opportunity to interact with senior, mid-level and front-line government staff as well as community members and leaders. Depending on project needs, the intern will be asked to live in a rural or semi-rural setting.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118528-323> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118528-323>> .

Summer Internship: The US-Ukraine Foundation

USUF welcomes undergraduate and graduate students who have a wide variety of interests, such as international relations, public administration, political science, history, journalism, law, public health, web design, economics, and finance. The Foundation makes every effort to provide a mutually beneficial internship that is tailored to each intern's interests and the needs of the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118536-226> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118536-226>> .

Summer Fellowship: Reebok Human Rights Award/Amnesty International

The Reebok Human Rights Summer Fellowship offers students a unique opportunity to gain practical experience in the field of human rights. AIUSA is recruiting students aged 18 - 25 to spend summer 2008 working with organizations connected to Reebok Human Rights award winners or AIUSA. Postings are in the United States and abroad. Fellows receive funding of up to a maximum of \$2,500 to use towards air travel and other expenses. Applications are available online and due on March 4, 2008.

For more information and an application form visit: www.amnestyusa.org/reebok.

Summer Internship: World Service Authority

Undergrad/graduate students interested in educating about & promoting human rights & world citizenship are encouraged to apply for this 3 month, 15-20 hour per week internship (hours are flexible).

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118628-320> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118628-320>> (public relations and outreach), <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118627-287> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118627-287>> (organizational administration), or <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118625-220> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118625-220>> (world law)

Summer Internship: Women's Foreign Policy Group

WFPG believes that in a world with a growing number of conflicts and hot spots it is crucial to ensure that women's voices are heard and women leaders are fully engaged in finding new approaches and solutions. WFPG is committed to global engagement and the promotion of leadership, visibility and participation of women in international affairs. The Women's Foreign Policy Group advances women's leadership and highlights their contributions through international issues programs with women leaders as speakers and leadership development activities, including mentoring and internships.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118626-253> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118626-253>> .

Hunger Report Research Intern: Bread for the World Institute

Bread for the World Institute, a non-profit research and education organization on hunger and poverty issues, seeks a Hunger Report Research Intern to assist in collecting, analyzing, presenting data, writing and editing manuscripts and educational resources, compiling and producing statistical tables, and assisting with consultation

meetings for the hunger report. Must have solid research skills and be detail-oriented, computer skills, organized and have an interest in domestic and international hunger and poverty issues. This is a one-year stipended internship. Must be available to start on June 2, 2008.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118703-120> <<http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/118703-120>> .

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