

International Relations Program Newsletter

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EVENTS

Art Gallery Showing: "Understanding Inconsistencies within the Khmer Rouge Period of Cambodia, 1975-1979"

Through Saturday, March 1, 2008

University Center, near the Alumni Lounge

SURG Summer 2007 presents an art gallery showing by Eileen L. Morrison, a senior business administration and international relations major. During the three years and eight months that the Khmer Rouge was in power, an estimated 1-2 million people out of a population of 6 million died as a result of starvation, disease, and political killings. This exhibit highlights the stories of four survivors of the genocide.

Gallery showing February 25-March 1; discussion with exhibitor on March 1, 5:00pm, reception to follow.

Lecture: “La autoridad en una sociedad post-colonial: a partir del caso del Peru”

Monday, March 3, 2008

1:00pm

306 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

This Lecture is in Spanish. Gonzalo Portocarrero Maisch es Doctor en Sociologia por la Universidad de Essex, Inglaterra, Magister en Sociologia por la Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales de Santiago de Chile y Licenciado en Sociologia por la Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima, Peru. Ha sido Decano y Jefe de Departamento de la Facultad de Ciencias Sociales de la Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru. Actualmente se desempeña como Profesor Principal del Departamento de Ciencias Sociales de la Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru y como decano del Colegio de Sociologos del Peru. Es tambien miembro del Comité directivo de la Red para el Desarrollo de las Ciencias Sociales en el Peru. Entre sus publicaciones recientes se encuentran: Industrias Culturales (coeditor, 2007), Batallas por la memoria (coeditor, 2005), Rostros Criollos del Mal (2004), Modelos de identidad y sentidos de pertenencia en Peru y Bolivia (2001), Razones de sangre (1998). Ha dictado cursos de Literatura y Sociedad, Etnicidad y Mestizaje, Cultura y Comunicacion, Sociologia de la Corrupcion, entre otros. Recientemente ha inaugurado el programa de Maestria en Estudios Culturales en la Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru.

For more information, contact CLAS: 412 648 7392, clas@pitt.edu.

Fulbright Information Sessions

Monday, March 3, 2008

12:00pm, Peter/McKenna Conference Rooms (University Center, 2nd fl)

4:30pm, McConomy Auditorium (University Center, 1st fl)

Carnegie Mellon University Fellowships and Scholarships Office and University of Pittsburgh Honors College present U.S. Student Fulbright Program Information Sessions for the Fulbright and other IIE study abroad programs. All interested students (and faculty and staff) are welcome!

Program Director of the U.S. Student Fulbright Program, Walter Jackson, will describe this prestigious one year abroad program through which students can study, research, or teach English. He will also discuss other prestigious study abroad scholarships available through the Institute of International Education (e.g., NSEP, Gilman, Freeman-Asia, Critical Language Scholarships for Intensive Summer Institutes).

NOTE: Undergraduates can apply to each of the IIE Programs above, but only seniors, graduate students, and alumni can apply to the Fulbright Program. U.S. citizenship is required for all awards. Underclassmen are encouraged to attend one of these info sessions, however, to not only take advantage of the other IIE opportunities, but to plan in advance for Fulbright.

For more information about all of these awards, visit <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>

Contact Judy Zang (jzang@cmu.edu) for more information

Lecture: “China's Economic Boom: Where Is It Headed, What are the Consequences?”

Monday, March 3, 2008

7:30pm – 9:00pm

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 fifth lecture, entitled “China's Economic Boom: Where Is It Headed, What are the Consequences?” will be presented by Thomas Rawski, Professor of Economics and History, University of Pittsburgh.

For more details and to register, visit www.winchesterthurston.org or call 412.578.7523.

Lecture: “New Trends in Buddhism in Modern China”

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

12:00 pm

2628 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture by Professor WEI Dedong, Renmin University of China, and Postdoctoral Fellow, Baylor University, presented by the Department of Religious Studies. For more information, contact Linda Penkower: 412-624-5990, penkower@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Women's Voices in the Arab Diaspora”

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

12:00pm

2201 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Author playwright poet, Elmaz Abinader has won awards for her memoir, "Children of the Roojme" and her collection of poetry, "In the Country of my Dreams" as well as her plays, "Country of Origin", "32 Mohameds", and "Ramadan Moon". An accomplished performer, her work has been seen in over 20 countries. She is the co-founder of the Voices of Our Nations Arts Foundation (VONA) focused on supporting writers-of-color. Ms Abinader will read a little from her memoir and a little poetry and discuss how our current political atmosphere has created a global community with writers in the Diaspora, particularly focusing on women's works. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “The Undisputed Border, Shifting Liminalities: Bulgarian Turks Across the Bulgaria-Turkey Border”

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm
4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Hande Sozer, Anthropology. For more information, contact Stacey Kronandor: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Performance: Chinese Theatre Works presents Peony Pavilion

Thursday, March 6, 2008

8:00 pm

Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts Theatre, 111 Ninth St.

Chinese Theatre Works, featuring performers and musicians from the Chinese mainland and Taiwan, presents "Wandering in the Garden and Waking from a Dream," from China's beloved Ming dynasty opera Mudan ting (The Peony Pavilion). Come and see lovers joined in a surreal dream episode, then rudely awakened to reality. Exquisite costumes, makeup, singing and dancing, accompanied by virtuosos on traditional instruments. Tickets may be purchased via ProArtsTickets by calling 412-394-3353 or online at <http://www.proartstickets.org>. Cost: \$10 students/seniors, \$25 general public, \$5 child. For more information, contact Katherine Carlitz: 412-648-7371, kcarlitz@pitt.edu.

Film: "Maquilapolis - City of Factories"

Thursday, March 6, 2008

8:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Film Details: Dir. Vicky Funari & Sergio de la Torre, 2006; presenter: Lizardo Herrera, Hispanic Languages & Literatures. The Center for Latin American Studies, the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, and the Eduardo Lozano Latin American Library Collection are sponsoring Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano Film Series - New Millennium. All films in the series were produced in the last decade and focus on contemporary issues from throughout Latin America including Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, and Costa Rica. Each film will be introduced by a specialist or by the director. Several receptions will be held throughout the series in order to facilitate discussion about the various themes. Some films may not be suitable for younger viewers. For more details, visit <http://amigosdelcinelatinoamericano2008.blogspot.com> or contact amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com.

Lecture: "Institutional Proliferation and the Dilemma of the Unclean Slate"

Friday, March 7, 2008

12:00pm

3430 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The speaker is Daniel W. Drezner, Associate Professor of International Politics, The Fletcher School, Tufts University. This lecture is part of the Research in International Politics (RIP) Speaker Series.

Performance: Erhu and Lap Dulcimer Concert

Sunday, March 9, 2008

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, First Floor

A concert featuring Mimi Jong on the erhu, a Chinese two-stringed instrument, and Jeff Berman on the lap dulcimer, an Appalachian stringed instrument. Folk instruments of two cultural traditions met in Pittsburgh. The meeting drew two musicians together, each introducing his and her own musical heritage to the other. Together they explored the unknown of the known traditions, crossing the familiar mountains and rivers of the unfamiliar territories. They eventually found a universal language of expression without words. Mimi Jong and Jeff Berman will share this musical adventure, taking you on the "Journey to the West" and the "Journey to the East." Bon Voyage! This performance is part of the Sunday Afternoon Music Series. For more information, contact 412-622-3151

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Programming Internship at CMU

The Office of the Dean of Student Affairs and the Office of International Education are currently seeking to hire a student to serve as the International Programming Intern for a one-year commitment. The intern is responsible for assisting in the implementation of programs and projects. Those projects include the International Festival, the Study Abroad Fair, and the Study Abroad photo contest/gallery/note cards. The intern will support the organization and scheduling of the Vira I. Heinz summer study abroad scholarship application process and prospective student outreach. The intern will also be instrumental in developing new initiatives focusing on international and global issues at Carnegie Mellon.

The successful candidate will have strong organizational skills, time management skills, be self-motivated and creative. The intern will also have a strong commitment to creating a dynamic and engaging campus climate committed to diverse and global perspectives.

The intern will work approximately 10-12 hours per week depending upon job responsibilities and time of year. The internship will run throughout the academic year; however, an ideal candidate will be available for part or most of the summer of 2008. The internship is a paid position.

Please see the attached application for more information or to apply for the position. Please contact Emily Half (ehalf@andrew.cmu.edu) with any questions.

Study Abroad Writing Contest

"Abroad View," the global education magazine for students, is hosting its annual writing contest. Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate study abroad students, and students who have graduated within the past year, are invited to submit compelling stories for one of three contest categories: Personal Journeys, Inspiration, and Viewpoint. Winning submissions will be awarded

a cash prize of \$150 and published in “Abroad View.” All other submissions will be further reviewed for magazine and online publication. The deadline is April 2, 2008. Send your entry to editors@abroadviewmagazine.com.

More detailed guidelines for each of the categories are available at www.abroadview.org/initiatives/writingcontest.htm:

Freeman Awards for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA)

Summer 2008 Awards cycle: Deadline - Wednesday, March 5, 2008 (for student applications & adviser endorsements)

Fall 2008 & Academic Year 2008-09 Awards cycle now open: Deadline - Wednesday, April 2, 2008 (for student applications & adviser endorsements)

The Freeman-ASIA Program aims to increase the number of U.S. undergraduates who study in East and Southeast Asia by providing them with the information and financial assistance they will need. Award amounts range from \$3,000 for a summer program, a maximum of \$5,000 for a semester/quarter program to a maximum of \$7,000 for an academic year program.

For more information, eligibility requirements, and the online application, please visit: <http://www.iie.org/freeman-asia>

LGBT Summer Study Abroad Program

This course presents a unique opportunity to study the process from domestic political activism to international policy awaits you in summer 2008. International human rights attorney, Mark Bromley, and director of study abroad at UM, Michael Ulrich, have designed an innovative course that will take you from the national headquarters of organizations in Washington D.C. to the United Nations in Geneva and ending with an international festival and conference in Stockholm.

The specific focus of study will be the extension of existing human rights policies and practices to include greater freedom of sexual expression and identity. The course will draw upon the experiences of those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities but also to those from other groups seeking greater tolerance for individuals outside of traditional definitions of sexuality. Such direct access to important players in the American political system, country representatives to the United Nations and world renowned political activists is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Students may receive 3 credits in HONR, LGBT or UNIV for the experience. More information can be found at <http://www.international.umd.edu/studyabroad/5010> or by contacting Dr. Ulrich at mjulrich@umd.edu

A new \$750 scholarship has been announced for all eligible applicants. All admitted students will be awarded the scholarship and their program fee reduced to \$2700.

Political Science Summer Study Abroad Program in Moscow

The University of Iowa Office for Study Abroad, in collaboration with the world renowned Moscow State University for International Relations (MGIMO), offers a summer political science program which is open to non-University of Iowa students.

"Russian Politics and Foreign Affairs" provides students with a comprehensive and balanced curriculum that combines classroom instruction with field trips, language partnerships, and extra curricular activities. This program takes place in Moscow, a place where the Soviet past of Russia collides with capitalist future, offering students an excellent setting for studying Russian politics and foreign affairs. Students take two courses at MGIMO: "Russian Politics and Institutions in a Comparative Perspective" and "Russian Foreign Policy" (both taught by distinguished Russian professors in English), as well as a "survival" Russian Language and Culture course. Program participants receive seven hours of credit (3 s.h. for each lecture course and 1 s.h. of Russian language), issued on a University of Iowa transcript.

Excursions and cultural activities in and around Moscow will be organized throughout the seven week program. Sightseeing in Moscow includes the main square, called Red Square, which is bordered on one side by the Kremlin and on another by St. Basil's Cathedral. The Kremlin is a massive fort which has served as the seat of power for Tsars and Presidents. Inside its walls are government buildings and monuments of Russian church architecture.

Program dates for 2008 are May 24th to July 11th. Undergraduate and graduate students with a minimum 2.75 GPA and appropriate academic background are encouraged to apply. Although Russian language background can be helpful, it is not required. The application deadline is March 15th, 2008.

For more information, please see <http://international.uiowa.edu/study-abroad>

Summer Internship: Global Health through Education, Training, and Service

GHETS is recruiting interns (undergraduate or graduate students) who can commit 8-12 hours a week during the summer (May-August, exact dates flexible). Interns will assist with program coordination and administration in the GHETS office, which is easily accessible by MBTA commuter rail from Boston or Providence.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119467-306>.

Summer Internships: World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy

The World Federalist Movement - Institute for Global Policy (WFM-IGP) is an international citizens movement working for justice, peace, and sustainable prosperity. We call for the end of the use of force, through a world governed by law, based on strengthened and democratized world institutions. World federalists support the creation of democratic global structures

accountable to the citizens of the world and call for the division of international authority among separate agencies.

For available positions, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/org/81887-106>.

Summer Internships: Coalition for the International Criminal Court

The Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) is a project of the World Federalist Movement. The CICC is a network of over 2,000 civil society organizations from around the world, working together towards a common goal: the establishment of a fair, effective and independent International Criminal Court (ICC). The ICC is the first permanent Court with the mandate to bring to justice individuals who commit the most serious violations of international humanitarian law, namely genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. For further information about the Court and the work of the Coalition, visit our website at www.iccnw.org.

For available positions, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/org/36147-153>.

Summer Internship: Wheelock College Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation

During Summer 2008, undergraduate and graduate students from the Center's degree programs in Singapore and The Bahamas will be studying at Wheelock College as part of a Summer Immersion Program. The team at the Center will be working to make this the most vibrant and rich immersion experience possible. Interns will have a unique and exciting opportunity to interact with the visiting students in various ways, according to their skills and interests. We are seeking interns who are highly motivated, creative, and able to work with diverse groups of individuals on a variety of tasks. Interns can expect to work closely with the Director and other Center staff to welcome and collaborate with the visiting students as well as to support other efforts in which the Center is involved.

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119555-266>.

Summer Internship: Cultural Survival

Spend five intensive weekends of your summer raising awareness about indigenous rights, cultures, and concerns by staffing and promoting Cultural Survival's traveling Bazaars. Meet fascinating people from around the globe while you learn about fair trade principles, polish your public relations skills, and practice your activism, all in beautiful settings throughout New England.

For details, see <http://www.culturalsurvival.org/about/interns/index.cfm>.

Summer Internship: National Council for International Visitors

The National Council for International Visitors (NCIV) is a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3) whose mission is to promote excellence in citizen diplomacy, the idea that the individual citizen

has the right—even the responsibility— to help shape U.S. foreign relations, as our members phrase it, “one handshake at a time.”

For details, see <http://www.idealists.org/en/internship/119561-103>.

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