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EVENTS

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

Lecture: "Pittsburgh and China: Building and Sustaining Economic Opportunities"

Monday, March 10, 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 sixth and final lecture, entitled "Pittsburgh and China: Building and Sustaining Economic Opportunities" will be presented by Sky Foerster, President, World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh, and Roger Cranville, Senior Vice President of Global Marketing, Pittsburgh Regional Alliance.

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

Lecture: "Progressive Loyalism in the 1970s: The Search for Common Ground"

Monday, March 17, 2008

1:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Tony Novosel's, History Department, University of Pittsburgh talk will focus on the Ulster Volunteer Force and its political representatives, the Volunteer Political Party, and the Progressive Unionist Party and examine their search for "common ground" and speculate on why that search failed.

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

Lecture: "China's Water Woes"

Monday, March 17, 2008

7:30pm

University of Pittsburgh Law School, Room 107

A lecture by Jennifer L. Turner, PhD, Director, China Environment Forum at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. - Taming the rivers, greening the deserts, and providing water for China's mushrooming cities - "water is crucial to the continued success of China's economic boom. But is there enough? Learn about problems and solutions, policies and pitfalls in this crucial development area. China's "water woes" may turn out to have a significant impact on American prosperity.

For more information, contact kcarlitz@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Wooden Ships and Seaways to Empire: Why Maritime Matters are a Key to Western European History”

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This talk will broadly survey the place and historical development of European sea power in the Atlantic World and beyond, focusing primarily on the role of wooden ships during the early modern period in Europe, Africa and the Americas. I will consider the various historical catalysts for European exploration and colonization, which led to global trading networks, empires and an unprecedented diffusion of cultures and technology. Themes will include early exploration, shipbuilding and navigation technology, cultural exchanges consequent to colonization, importance of fishing and whaling industries, piracy and privateering, and Europe's development of global trading networks. The talk will focus on the role of "wooden ships and seaways to empire" during the fifteenth to eighteenth centuries. During this period, Western Europe's maritime powers developed a unique economy and culture that depended on seaborne enterprise. I will argue that, for students of western European history, achieving a nuanced appreciation of maritime matters is key to understanding the economies, politics and policies of most early modern Western European states.

Dr. Walker is an Assistant Professor of History, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: (412) 648-8517, kal70@pitt.edu.

Panel Discussion: “U.S.-China Relationship and its Implications for Pennsylvania”

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

11:00am – 12:00pm

Teplitz Moot Courtroom, Pitt Law Building, Ground Floor

U.S. Senator Robert Casey will moderate a discussion of the true nature of the U.S.-China relationship and its implications for Pennsylvania. Panelists will include Professor William Keller, Professor Thomas Rawski, Dr. Sasha Gong, and Professor Wenfang Tang (invited). The panelists will take questions from the audience at the end.

This event is free and open to the public. REGISTER at www.ridgway.pitt.edu. For details please visit our website or call Patricia Hermenault at 412-624-7396.

Lecture: “A Portuguese New Christian Physician at Czarina Catherine’s Court: Antonio Nunes Ribeiro Sanches and Intellectual Links between Portugal and Russia during the Enlightenment”

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Antonio Nunes Ribeiro Sanches stands out as one of the most important Portuguese enlightened medical innovators. He was an active advocate, too, for royal measures directed toward opening

Portugal's intellectual environment in the eighteenth century. Two of his influential publications addressed the problem of Portugal's backwardness in the field of medicine. Ribeiro Sanches fled Lisbon due to Inquisition persecution in 1726 and came to London, where he stayed for a short time before moving on, furthering his medical studies in Paris and Leiden before becoming the personal physician of Czarina Catherine of Russia. As an expatriate, Ribeiro Sanches would wield a powerful influence in the movement for Portuguese medical reform, which he exercised from Paris, Saint Petersburg and other locations in northern Europe. He was an active participating member of the Academie des Sciences de Paris, the Academy of Sciences of St. Petersburg, the Royal Society of London, and the Academia Real das Ciencias de Lisboa. While resident in St. Petersburg, Ribeiro Sanches began a systematic exchange of scientific books and other learned texts between imperial libraries in Russia and certain university and royal libraries in Portugal. Dr. Timothy Walker is an Assistant Professor of History, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

For more information, contact Stacey Kronander: (412) 648-7407, slk34@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Global Issues Lecture Series: Brain Drain: A Search for Equitable Global Solutions”

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

4:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

The human capital flows from poor to rich countries have complex implications for development. The growing shortage of health workers in particular is devastating for poor countries, but tackling the brain drain requires treating the root causes such as the institutional failure that drives the most talented out. We will explore potential solutions from the international community to promote equitable migration policy and development. Lecture by Dr. Thuy Bui, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

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

Discussion: “Great Decisions: European Union at 50”

Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Reception - 5:30pm; program – 6:00pm - 8:00 p.m.

Rivers Club, One Oxford Centre, 301 Grant Street, Downtown Pittsburgh

Having reached the 50th anniversary of the great experiment in European integration, it is time to take stock of the united Europe. What have been the successes and what needs to be improved? What's the future of EU integration and its changing demographics?

Great Decisions discussion groups are facilitated small-group sessions designed to promote informal give-and-take among participants in exploring all sides of an issue.

As a guide to discussion, we use the Foreign Policy Association's (FPA) annual Great Decisions book, which highlights eight global and regional policy issues with background and arguments

from various sides to stimulate discussion, debate, and a better understanding of the challenges facing policy makers.

Cost includes the series, a copy of the FPA Great Decisions book, and light refreshments: \$115 (Member Series Discount); \$155 (Non-Member Series Price).

Individual Sessions do not include Great Decisions book: \$25 (Member Individual Session); \$35 (Non-Member Individual Session).

The Great Decisions 2008 book may be purchased at a Council discount for \$20.

Please visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/greatdecisions.jsp> for more information, or to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: SURG/SURF Applications Due March 17

Summer Research Fellowships

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) are open to ALL undergraduates interested in any form of research. Awards are available of \$3500 for ten weeks of full-time summer research on campus in any field of study. Summer Research Fellowships are very competitive. Students may work alone or in a group, but must apply for the Fellowship as an individual - no group awards are available. NEW 2008 APPLICATION Requirements. See web for more information: www.cmu.edu/uro/

Summer SURG/Fall SURG

Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG) are open to*ALL*undergraduates in any discipline, freshmen-seniors. Grants are available of up to \$500 for single entries and up to \$1,000 for group entries to cover such things as the costs of supplies and materials, time on laboratory equipment, or travel to another city for data.

The deadline for Fall/Summer 2008 SURG and Summer 2008 Fellowship proposals is **March 17th, 2008 at 5 PM.**

Apply online at www.cmu.edu/uro/. We strongly recommend that you review a draft of your proposal with the URO Director, Stephanie Wallach, prior to the deadline. To make an appointment e-mail Stephanie Wallach (sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu) or Jen Weidenhof (jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu).

Make a contribution. Work with a mentor. Follow a passion. Develop an idea. Solve a problem. Create, build, perform. APPLY for SURG/SURF

Reminder: H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grant Applications Due March 19

H&SS encourages students to find and undertake interesting internship opportunities for their summer employment. We understand that many of these opportunities are unpaid, or, at best, provide minimal pay. Yet it is often these very positions that provide students with first-rate, challenging work experiences that are invaluable in helping them define and move forward to their career goals.

We have instituted the H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grants Program to make it more possible for students to take advantage of less remunerative, worthwhile internship opportunities. Grants of up to \$2,000 per internship are available.

Undergraduates with primary majors in H&SS, BHA and SHS and strong academic records are eligible to apply. Current sophomores and juniors will receive preference. NOTE: Graduating seniors are not eligible to compete. Students are expected to find their own internships; preference is given to students who find positions in government or non-profit agencies.

For more details and application instructions, see www.hss.cmu.edu/internshipgrant. The application deadline is March 19, 2008.

Reminder: Friedman Internship Program Applications Due March 19

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. The program provides a stipend, as well as educational and social programming. (Students must secure their own internships and housing.)

For more information, visit <http://www.cmu.edu/govrel/internships/> or contact Victoria Poprocky, Administrative and Internship Coordinator, Office of Government Relations, at 412-268-6697.

Internship/Fellowship Opportunity: International Development Correspondent

Combine your two passions: International Development and Journalism

Are you a student or recent graduate interested in a career in international development? Consider becoming an International Development Correspondent for The Development Executive Group.

We are accepting applications on a rolling basis for positions in our offices in Washington, DC (Dupont Circle), Manila, Tokyo, and Barcelona.

The Development Executive Group (www.DevelopmentEx.com) is one of the most innovative and fast-growing companies in international development. Serving more than 100,000 international development professionals from around the world, The Development Executive

Group is a social enterprise founded at Harvard University in the year 2000 with a mission to bring efficiency to international development and humanitarian relief. Today, we are a 60-person company with offices in Washington, DC, Manila, Tokyo, and Barcelona. For entrepreneurial, motivated, and energetic professionals, we offer tremendous opportunity for personal and professional growth.

We have created the International Development Correspondent Program to provide students or recent graduates with the opportunity to gain valuable experience researching and writing on international development topics. Your work, if accepted, will be published on www.DevelopmentEx.com, one of the most popular international development websites.

Fellowships include a monthly stipend and are full-time positions for a period of 3 to 6 months. Past Fellows have usually been students or recent graduates of graduate programs in international development or journalism, or related fields and have some experience in both fields.

There are also unpaid internships available on a full- or part-time basis for undergraduates or recent graduates of under-graduate programs interested in journalism and international development. Work-from-home arrangements are not available at this time.

For more information, or to apply, please visit

<http://www.developmentex.com/controller/RecruitingController.srvt?action=openJobDetailNoLogin&opportunityId=38055>.

Scholarships for Fall 2008 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 from colleges and universities 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 the Bridging and Morgan Stanley scholarships and downloadable application forms are available at <http://www.colorado.edu/ealld/atj/Bridging/scholarships.html>.

Gilman Scholarships for Study Abroad

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program fall 2008/academic year 2008-2009 online application now open. Deadline: April 15, 2008.

There has never been a better time to apply for a Gilman Scholarship! More scholarships than ever before will be awarded during the 2008-2009 academic year.

The Gilman International Scholarship Program provides awards of up to \$5,000 for U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad for up to one academic year. The program aims to diversify the kinds of student who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go. The program serves students who have been under-represented in study abroad which includes but is not limited to: students with high financial need, community college students, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, students attending minority-serving institutions, and students with disabilities. The Gilman Program seeks to assist students from a diverse range and type of two-year and four-year public and private institutions from all 50 states.

Eligibility: Students must be receiving a Federal Pell Grant at the time of application or at the time of study abroad and cannot be studying abroad in a country under a U.S. Department of State Travel Warning or in Cuba.

The Gilman International Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education.

For more information, full eligibility criteria and the online application visit: <http://www.iese.org/gilman>.

Global Service-Learning: History of the Holocaust, Summer 2008

Amizade Global Service Learning still has openings in its Auschwitz summer program, "History of the Holocaust." The summer program allows students to earn 6 credits while traveling in Germany and Poland to investigate the atrocities of the Holocaust and its profound effects on present-day society. Students work to gain insight on the devastating implications of the

Holocaust by engaging in academic seminars and visits to historical monuments as well as completing service work at the Auschwitz and Birkenau Historic sites.

The Auschwitz summer program will run from July 20th- August 10th, 2008. Students may find more information online at www.globalservicelearning.org. Please contact servicelearning@amizade.org with any questions or application inquiries.

Eric Breindel College and University Journalism Award (\$10,000)

The Eric Breindel Memorial Foundation is pleased to announce that applications for the "2008 Eric Breindel College and University Journalism Award," the nationwide undergraduate competition whose winning prize is unmatched by any institution in the country, are now being accepted.

The winner will secure a cash prize of \$10,000, as well as a paid internship of his or her choice at either *Fox News Channel* or the *New York Post*. In addition, residential housing in New York City will be provided for the winner for the duration of the internship position, if necessary. This is the third year that the Foundation has presented this prestigious journalism award specifically created for undergraduates.

The Eric Breindel Memorial Foundation will present the award to the undergraduate columnist, editorialist or reporter whose work best reflects the spirit of the writings by Eric Breindel: Love of country and its democratic institutions as well as the act of bearing witness to the evils of totalitarianism.

The award, created in memory of the *New York Post* editor and columnist, includes opinion journalism, news coverage and online articles. It is open to undergraduate writers and reporters of all political convictions and backgrounds, and submissions may include college newspapers, magazines or periodicals as well as college online articles published on accredited college institution Web sites. The award recognizes the editorial pursuit of freedom and American ideals. The winner is chosen from hundreds of applicants received from across the country and is announced at a reception in New York City in June. Last year's reception was hosted by Rupert Murdoch, Chairman & CEO, News Corporation, Lally Weymouth, Senior Editor of *Newsweek*, and Roger Ailes, Chairman of *Fox News Channel* and Fox Television Stations. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg gave remarks at the reception.

For an application or questions, please contact Germaine Febles at (212) 843-8031 or go online to www.ericbreindel.org.

Summer Internship at Australian Embassy (DC) and Consulate-General (LA)

Australian Education International, located at the Embassy of Australia in Washington, DC and Consulate-General in Los Angeles, is seeking summer interns. The interns will assist with basic event management, student enquiries, database tasks, administrative tasks and research. The successful candidates will have completed at least two years of college (with a min. GPA of 3.2), possess strong written and verbal communication skills, be proficient with Microsoft Office,

have the ability to work independently and in a team, have the ability to show initiative, and have a personal interest in the fields of international education, education policy, international relations, public relations and/or marketing. Previous work or study experience in Australia is a plus.

The Washington, DC internship runs from June to August. Interns are normally required to work 30 hours a week, including some evenings.

The Los Angeles internship is part-time (2-3 days/wk) and runs from June to August.

Both internships pay a stipend of between \$500-\$1000 per month.

The deadline for applications is 11 April 2008. Interested students should visit <http://www.usa.embassy.gov.au/whwh/Intern111.html> for instructions on how to apply. Completed applications should be emailed to info.northamerica@aei.gov.au.

FOR FACULTY

Academic Fellowship Anti-terrorism Training Program

The Foundation for the Defense of Democracies is accepting applications for its Academic Fellows anti-terrorism training program. This program provides university professors with a detailed understanding of the terror threat that faces our nation and sister democracies. Centered on a 10-day course taught in conjunction with Tel Aviv University, the program takes place entirely in Israel and runs June 9-June 20, 2008 (travel inclusive). Participants interact with academics, diplomats, military and intelligence officials, and politicians from Israel, Jordan, India, Turkey and the United States. They also visit military bases, border zones and other security installations to learn the practical side of deterring terrorist attacks. All expenses are paid by FDD. The final deadline for applications is March 31, 2008.

For more information on the program, please visit:
<http://www.defenddemocracy.org/programs/programs.htm>.

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