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GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

World Affairs Trivia Competition—Deadline on Monday!

The World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh is celebrating its fifth year of WorldQuest! Join us on October 14, 2008, for an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition. Flex your competitive muscles while also promoting Pittsburgh's diverse international communities!

If there is enough student interest, the Global and International Relations Program will sponsor a team to compete at WorldQuest. Last year's winners were a team from Pitt's University Center for International Studies—time for some friendly neighborhood competition!

Visit http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/nu_upload/WorldQuest-Prep.ppt to learn more and see sample questions.

Students interested in participating should contact Traci Sebastian at traci@andrew.cmu.edu by Monday, September 15, 2008.

Teleconference: “How to Leave a Stable Iraq”

Thursday, September 18, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Baker Hall 232Q (Statistics conference room)

Join the Global & International Relations Program IR program for a teleconference with Stephen Biddle, Senior Fellow for Defense Policy, Council of Foreign Relations. Pizza and beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Global & International Relations Program and the Department of Social and Decision Sciences. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

OTHER EVENTS

Lecture: “Cuba: la desaparicion de la homosexualidad”

Friday, September 12, 2008

3:00pm

Room 244A, Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Jose Quiroga is Professor of Latin American literature at Emory University. His research focuses on contemporary Latin American and Latino literature and culture, gender and queer studies, contemporary Cuba and the Caribbean, Latin American poetry, and the relationship between visual and literary texts. He is the author of *Cuban Palimpsests* (University of Minnesota Press, 2005), *Tropics of Desire: Interventions from Queer Latino America* (New York University Press, 2001), *Understanding Octavio Paz* (University of South Carolina Press, 2000) and, in collaboration with Daniel Balderston, *Sexualidades en Disputa* (Buenos Aires: Ricardo Rojas, 2005). He is also co-editor of two book series at Palgrave Macmillan and a member of the MLA Committee on the Literatures of Peoples of Color in the United States and Canada. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Connie Tomko - connie@pitt.edu

Films: Three Rivers Film Festival: “Global Lens 2008”

Friday, September 12, 2008 – Sunday, October 26, 2008

Harris Theater - 809 Liberty Ave

About Global Lens: One of the most lauded touring festivals of contemporary international film, Global Lens 2008 is presented by Three Rivers Film Festival. The non-profit group Global Film Initiative organizes the series to encourage filmmaking in countries with developing economies and emerging film communities. This year, Global Lens boasts 10 films from four continents, selected for their authentic voice, cinematic accomplishment and unique cultural perspective. All subtitled.

For films and times, visit <http://pghfilmmakers.org>. Cost: Individual - \$7 Student/senior - \$6.

Lecture: “The Future of Human Rights”

Sunday, September 14, 2008

6:00pm

McConomy Auditorium

"William Schulz, the director of Amnesty International USA, has done more than anyone in the American human rights movement to make human rights issues known in the United States." - New York Review of Books, June 2002.

Bill Schulz is the former U.S. director of Amnesty International. He is noted as an excellent speaker and book author. A discussion period and reception follows his lecture.

This lecture is free and open to the public. Gourmet pizza and cookie reception to follow

Lecture: “What Does It Take to Start a University of Your Own: The Story of the Asian University for Women in Bangladesh”

Monday, September 15, 2008

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Newell-Simon Hall 1507

Pizza and drinks will be served at this joint seminar from TechBridgeWorld and Women@SCS.

Kamal Ahmad serves as the President and CEO of the Asian University for Women Support Foundation. Educated at the Phillips Exeter Academy, Harvard College, and the University of Michigan Law School, Mr. Ahmad has combined a career in private transactional law practice and international development. He focused on corporate mergers and acquisitions as well as U.S. federal securities laws while at the New York offices of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (1996-2000) and the London office of Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw (2001-2002). He has also worked with the World Bank, the Rockefeller Foundation and UNICEF.

In 1998 he helped launch the World Bank/UNESCO Task Force on Higher Education and Society and co-directed it with Professor David Bloom of Harvard University. As a freshman at Harvard College, he founded and directed the Overseas Development Network – a consortium of campus organizations devoted to international development. As a teenager growing up in Bangladesh, he founded a series of primary schools for working children in Dhaka.

Mr. Ahmad was named as “one of the 20 outstanding undergraduates of the nation” by *Time* magazine in 1987. The Paul G. Hoffman Awards Fund, created to honor the first Administrator of the United Nations Development Program, gave him a UN Gold Peace Medal and Citation Scroll for his “outstanding contribution to national and international development.” In 2002, the World Economic Forum based in Davos, Switzerland elected him as a “Global Leader for Tomorrow.”

For more information about the Asian University for Women , visit www.asian-university.org.

Lecture: Address by Pierre Vimont, French Ambassador to the United States

Monday, September 15, 2008

1:00pm

Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

His Excellency Pierre Vimont, French Ambassador to the United States, will give a public address.

Lecture: Global Issues Lecture Series: “Great Products that Create Tremendous Impact: Choosing Fair Trade”

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

5:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Carmen K. Iezzi, executive director of the Fair Trade Federation, will introduce Fair Trade and the opportunities that consumers have to find great products which also create tremendous positive changes in the communities of small artisans and farmers. This lecture is part of the fall Ethics and the Global Consumer series, and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: Thomas Friedman: “Pittsburgh and the Changing Global Economy”

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

8:00pm

Heinz Hall, 600 Penn Avenue

Three-time Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist and author, Thomas Friedman, will be the keynote speaker for the launch of the Pittsburgh Middle East Institute. He is an expert on the Middle East, globalization and the Green Revolution. His forthcoming book is *Hot, Flat, and Crowded*.

For tickets, visit the Heinz Hall box office or call 412-392-4900.

Film: “Casa de Areia”

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

By director Andrucha Waddington (Brazil, 2005). Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano Fall 2008 Film Series Today Latin American film is among the best in the world. All this and more will be part of the Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano 2008 Fall Series named "Historias minimas" (Short Stories), with a special homage to Argentina for its outstanding film production. Also look out for a selection of unique films about women. Some films are adult in nature and may not be appropriate for young audiences. Free and open to the public. For more information, visit <http://www.amigosdelcinelatinoamericano2008.blogspot.com> or contact Martha Mantilla - amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com

Conference: "Pittsburgh and the Middle East Gulf States: Forging Lasting Ties"

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

7:30am – 10:45am

Duquesne Club, 325 Sixth Avenue

Discover the growing opportunities for our region in developing partnerships with the Gulf States and elsewhere in the Middle East – in business, education, health care, service industries, and cultural exchange. Learn about this increasingly important part of the world and how to operate in it. Join us for breakfast and enlightening presentations and panel discussions.

Keynote speaker: John Zogby, President & CEO of Zogby International & renowned pollster, introducing us to the region, its people, and their view of the world and of us.

Panel Discussion to follow:

Moderator: Glen Meakem, Co-founder & Managing Director, Meakem Becker Venture Capital
Ambassador David Aaron, Director, RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy
Charles Bogosta, President, UPMC International & Commercial Services Division, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin, President, Middle East Institute, Washington D.C.

Anton Germishuizen, Director and Vice President, Burt Hill

Mark Kamlet, Provost & Senior Vice President, Professor of Economics & Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University

Her Excellency Huda Ezra Ebrahim Nonoo, Ambassador from Bahrain to the U.S.

For details or to register, visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/programs.jsp>.

Lecture: A Talk by Flor de Margarita Perez Perez

Thursday, September 18, 2008

12:00pm - 1:00pm

4130 Wesley Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Margarita, wife, mother of six, and grandmother of four, Tzotzil-Maya weaver, small store owner, and Zapatista organizer, will talk about the pressures, as well as joys, that she experiences as a leader in the movement to bring democracy to Mexico and free her indigenous community from corruption and exploitation by the Mexican government. Margarita has been at the forefront of the establishment of autonomous government in the township of Chenalho, Chiapas, Mexico's governance which incorporates traditions and the world view of the Tzotzil-Maya and helps her

community grapple with the difficulties of extreme poverty as they compete with the impact of NAFTA to sell their products (corn, coffee, weavings) on the 21st Century world market. For more information, contact Carol Jean McGreevy-Morales - morales@shadysideacademy.org

Workshop: Salsa Lessons

Thursday, September 18, 2008

9:15pm - 10:15pm

Galleria, 1st Floor Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Free and open to the public. Students are invited to learn how to dance Salsa with instructor Marlon Silva in preparation for the dance held at the Festival!! Other dates include September 25. For more information, contact Luz Amanda Hank: 412 648 7394, lavst12@pitt.edu.

Dinner and Lecture: “Debating Conflict and Peace in Islamic Theology”

Sunday, September 21, 2008

6:00pm

William Pitt Student Union, University of Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh Dialogue Foundation & The Consortium for Educational Resources on Islamic Studies (CERIS) invite you to attend the second annual Iftar Dinner with Guest Lecture by Dr. Zeki Saritoprak, Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies at John Carroll University.

*Iftar refers to the evening meal for breaking the daily fast during the Islamic month of Ramadan. (Please note Dr. Saritoprak will present prior to the breaking of the fast at 7:20 PM)

Professor Saritoprak holds a Ph.D. in Islamic Theology from the University of Marmara, Turkey, where he also earned his B.A. in Divinity and master’s degree in Islamic Theology and Philosophy. Additionally, Saritoprak attended Al-Azhar University in Cairo for several years while conducting research for his dissertation. He is the founder and honorary president of the Rumi Forum for Interfaith Dialogue in Washington, D.C. Saritoprak has conducted research and taught courses at Harran University Turkey, Georgetown University, the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

Please RSVP by September 15, 2008 to events@pghdialogue.org

Lecture: “The Big Squeeze: Tough Times for the American Worker”

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

4:30pm -6:20pm

Gregg Hall (Porter 100)

Steven Greenhouse has been the labor and workplace correspondent for The New York Times since 1995. He has covered business, economics, and foreign affairs for the Times and has been a correspondent based in Paris, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

His new book, THE BIG SQUEEZE, takes a fresh, probing, and often shocking look at the stresses and strains faced by tens of millions of American workers as wages have stagnated,

health and pension benefits have grown stingier, and job security has shriveled. Going behind the scenes, Steven Greenhouse tells the stories of software engineers in Seattle, hotel housekeepers in Chicago, call center workers in New York, and janitors in Houston, as he explores why, in the world's most affluent nation, so many corporations are intent on squeezing their workers dry. We meet all kinds of workers: white collar and blue collar, high tech and low tech, middle income and low income; employees who stock shelves during a hurricane while locked inside their store, get fired after suffering debilitating injuries on the job, face egregious sexual harassment, and get laid off when their companies move high-tech operations abroad. We also meet young workers having a hard time starting out and seventy-year-old workers with too little money saved up to retire.

The book explains how economic, business, political, and social trends - among them globalization, the influx of immigrants, and the Wal-Mart effect - have fueled the squeeze. We see how the social contract between employers and employees, guaranteeing steady work and good pensions, has eroded over the last three decades, damaged by massive layoffs of factory and office workers and Wall Street's demands for ever-higher profits. In short, the post-World War II social contract that helped build the world's largest and most prosperous middle class has been replaced by a startling contradiction: corporate profits, economic growth, and worker productivity have grown strongly while worker pay has languished and Americans face ever-greater pressures to work harder and longer. Greenhouse also examines companies that are generous to their workers and can serve as models for all of corporate America: Costco, Patagonia, and the casino-hotels of Las Vegas among them. Finally, he presents a series of pragmatic, ready-to-be-implemented suggestions on what government, business, and labor should do to alleviate the squeeze.

This lecture is part of the University Lecture Series.

Lecture: "Toward a More Peaceful World"

Thursday, September 25, 2008

4:30pm

Adamson Wing Auditorium, 136A Baker Hall

Harriet Mayor Fulbright is President of the J. William & Harriet Fulbright Center, a non-profit organization which serves to advance the work of Ms. Fulbright's late husband, Senator J. William Fulbright, and to continue her own lifework. The purpose of the Fulbright Center is to promote world peace and nonviolent means of resolving conflicts through international collaborations and education programs. The Fulbright Center partners with higher education institutions and interested individuals — students, teachers, scholars, and leaders — throughout the world in a range of services from assisting in building enriched study abroad programs to actively engaging higher education institutions in international peace making. Her lecture will focus on the growth and strength of the Fulbright Program and international education as a whole. It will emphasize its importance and give specific examples of those whose lives were transformed by study abroad. She will also discuss some international programs that have created greater international understanding, laying the groundwork for a more peaceful world.

This lecture is part of the University Lecture Series.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Information Sessions

The Office of International Education is offering several study abroad information sessions in the upcoming months:

Tuesday, September 16 - Wright Room, UC

Monday, September 29 - McKenna/Peter Room, UC

Wednesday, October 29 - Connan Room, UC

**all three sessions will occur from 5-6pm*

Please plan to attend one of the three sessions above to receive general information regarding study abroad opportunities and process. Returnees will be present to talk about their experiences.

For more information about study abroad visit www.cmu.edu/studyabroad

Vira Heinz Scholarship Information Session

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Connan Room, UC

Information session reviewing the requirements and process for application for a summer scholarship program for women to study abroad between their sophomore and junior years.

Applications are due to OIE by November 3rd at 4pm. Application materials may be found at <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html>

Study Abroad in a Spanish Speaking Country

Thursday, September 25, 2008

5:00 – 6:00pm

McKenna Room, UC

On Thursday, September 25, from 5-6pm, there will be an information session in the McKenna Room (UC) focusing on Spanish speaking study abroad destinations. A faculty member from Modern Languages will also attend to discuss requirements for Spanish majors and minors.

Study Abroad Fair

Friday, October 10, 2008

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Rangos 2 & 3, UC

Students will be able to meet with representatives from a wide variety of work, volunteer and study abroad programs and opportunities. Over 30 organizations will be in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

Vira Heinz Scholarship Information Session

Please see “Announcements: Study Abroad” for details.

Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG)

Ideas bubbling? Research support is available! SURG Proposal Deadline: October 15, 2008.

Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG) are open to ALL undergraduates in any discipline, freshman-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 archives.

The deadline for Spring 2009 SURG proposals is Wednesday, October 15th at 5:00 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, well prior to the deadline. To make an appointment, e-mail Stephanie Wallach (sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu) or Jen Weidenhof (jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu).

Information Session: National Science Foundation Fellowships

The Fellowships and Scholarships Office (FSO) invites you to attend the National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Fellowship Information Session hosted by Dr. Susan Finger, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Professor. Dr. Finger will give you a clear sense of what NSF expects in the applications, guide you in submitting a competitive proposal, and help you understand what is needed for your referees to write you strong recommendations.

September 16, Tuesday
12pm-1:30pm.

Location TBA -(please keep checking the FSO website under News and Events for location details - <http://www.cmu.edu/fso/news/events.html>)

(RSVP is NOT required and pizza will be served; a not-to-miss event! Hope to see you all there!)

MORE ABOUT THE AWARD

NSF <http://www.nsfgrfp.org> supports its students through three years of graduate study (\$30,000 stipend plus \$10,500 Tuition allowance), helping them achieve research-based master's or doctoral degrees. Intended for students entering graduate school or in the early years of graduate school.

Deadlines (by subject area)

Due by 5 p.m. submitter's local time

November 3, 2008 (Monday): Interdisciplinary Fields of Study

November 5, 2008 (Wednesday): Computer and Information Science and Engineering

November 5, 2008 (Wednesday): Mathematical Sciences

November 6, 2008 (Thursday): Geosciences

November 6, 2008 (Thursday): Psychology
 November 6, 2008 (Thursday): Social Sciences (including public policy)
 November 7, 2008 (Friday): Life Sciences
 November 10, 2008 (Monday): Chemistry
 November 10, 2008 (Monday): Physics and Astronomy
 November 12, 2008 (Wednesday): Engineering

Scholarships for Study Abroad in Japan

The Bridging Scholarship program will award 20 scholarships to American students participating in study-abroad programs in Japan that begin in Spring 2009. 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 of \$2,500 or \$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 850 scholarships to students studying abroad in Japan. Most recently, 61 students from colleges and universities in 27 states received scholarships for study in Japan beginning in the Fall 2008 semester.

The deadline for applications is October 6, 2008. Applicants will be notified of the results by November 25. Selection will be based on academic potential and financial need. The scholarships are administered by the Association of Teachers of Japanese.

Spring 2009 programs are those beginning between January and April 2009 and continuing for at least three months. (Summer program participants are not eligible for Bridging Scholarships.) Students planning to study abroad in Japan beginning in Fall 2009 or for the 2009-2010 academic year should apply in April 2009 for the Fall 2009 scholarships.

Information on the Bridging 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

Department of Commerce Internship Opportunities

The Department of Commerce (DOC) announces opportunities for both summer and academic year paid internships. Currently, there are 4 internships open for the following majors and locations:

Desired Major	Year of Study	GPA	Location
Economics, Business Admin, Public Policy	Junior/Senior	Minimum 3.5 out of 4.0	Washington, DC
Communications/Government,	Junior/Senior	Minimum 3.5 out of 4.0	Washington, DC

Economics or Business Admin	Junior/Senior	Minimum 3.5 out of 4.0	Atlanta, GA
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Students interested in being considered for opportunities under the Department of Commerce Postsecondary Internship Program should directly contact Alicia Wells at Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) by e-mail at Alicia.Wells@orau.org or visit www.orau.org/doc to find out more about eligibility criteria, program benefits and the application form. Please note that all programs are open to any students who meet program eligibility criteria.

- Interns participate in on-site work experiences with DOC bureaus and offices in order to integrate academic theory and workplace requirements, gain relevant skills and knowledge, explore Federal career options, develop professional networks, and gain a greater awareness of the role of Federal agencies.
- Basic eligibility requires enrollment as an undergraduate or graduate student at two and four-year accredited educational institutions, as well as U.S. citizenship.
- Interns receive stipends as well as paid round-trip transportation expenses between their schools/homes and work locations. Most internships are in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area, but some assignments are available at locations around the United States, where Commerce regional and local offices are situated (see matrix above).
- Interns hosted under the Postsecondary Internship Program are not employees of the Department of Commerce; rather, they are affiliated with the sponsoring organization with which the Department collaborates to recruit interns.

FOR FACULTY

Call for Nominations: Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellowships

The Council on Foreign Relations is pleased to announce two fellowship competitions for 2009-2010:

The International Affairs Fellowship (IAF) - open to U.S. citizens, ages 27 to 35

The IAF in Japan, sponsored by Hitachi, Ltd. - open to U.S. citizens, ages 27 to 45

The aim of the fellowship program is to bridge the gap between analysis and action in foreign policy by supporting a variety of studies and active experiences in policymaking.

For more information on the IAFs, including the recently launched IAF in India sponsored this year by E.L. Rothschild through the ERANDA Foundation, visit www.cfr.org/about/fellowships

To nominate, please contact fellowships@cfr.org or 212.434.9489 by September 26, 2008.

Call for Papers: International Conference on “Israel/Palestine: One State or Two?”

Paper proposals are requested for an international conference addressing the question of whether a two-state solution or a single constitutional democracy in Israel/Palestine offers the most promising path to future peace and security in the region.

The conference aims to envision in specific terms the likely outcomes of the two state peace process as well as the possible constitutional dimensions of a future single state. Conference speakers will be selected to represent a range of opinion, including proponents of one and two state models for Israel/Palestine. The conference will provide an opportunity to question whether a one state option could ever achieve sufficient political support or adequately protect the rights and security of both national communities. Drawing on the experiences, both successful and otherwise, of other multinational constitutional democracies, the conference will explore the potential of a state shaped by federalism, equal citizenship and respect for linguistic, cultural and religious rights to protect the rights and security of its inhabitants and to serve as a political framework for the amelioration or even resolution of protracted conflicts. Similarly, the capacity of potential two-state solutions to promote democracy, human rights and self-determination will be evaluated. The conference will explore the ways in which multiple models might deal with seemingly refractory issues such as refugees, Jerusalem, and deep-seated and legitimate concerns about security and liberty.

The conference is being planned by legal scholars from York University and Queen's University but the conference itself is intended to be fully interdisciplinary in nature. The organizers have been assisted by an international advisory committee comprised of distinguished scholars and researchers. The conference aims to include contributions from scholars from disciplines such as law, political science, gender studies, geography, economics, and the arts, among others.

The conference will be held at York University, Toronto, Canada from June 22nd to 24th 2009.

Paper proposals should be no more than 500 words in length and should be submitted along with a biography or CV to onestateortwo@osgoode.yorku.ca by October 15, 2008. Applicants will be contacted by November 30, 2008.

For further information and the conference vision statement, please contact us at the above email address or visit the conference website at www.onestateortwo.com

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