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GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

Funding for Spring Semester in Washington: The Friedman Semester Program

As part of a bold vision on the part of Cynthia Friedman to expand the Friedman Internship to a semester program, a new opportunity for students interested in Washington, D.C. has emerged. **For the first time ever, students participating in the Washington Semester Program at American University may apply for a Friedman Internship in the spring of 2009.**

The Milton and Cynthia Friedman Internships Washington DC program was created in 2000 through a generous gift from Cynthia Friedman, currently a trustee of the university, in memory

of her husband, an alumnus of Carnegie Mellon. The grants encourage and support the participation of undergraduate and graduate students in policy-related internships located in the nation's capital. They are designed to foster significant work experiences that complement students' academic work and assist them as they make career and graduate education decisions.

Applications for the program are available online within the Office of Government Relations web site. All applications are returned by the December deadline and reviewed by a panel of faculty and staff members who award an average of ten grants of up to \$3,000 each year. For Washington Semester Program students, funding may be used to offset housing or other program costs.

Friedman interns work on substantive projects, develop professional skills and benefit from the personal attention of a supervisor at their organization. In addition to their professional duties, Friedman interns attend exciting events, both educational and social, presented by influential and effective politicians, academics and leaders from the nonprofit sector. With Dr. Kiron Skinner's involvement, semester students will also be linked to the Heinz School's Washington DC program, which this past semester has given students access to high-level representatives from the State Department, USAID, think tanks, the Washington Post, and other DC-based institutions.

All Carnegie Mellon undergraduates from any college or school who have a strong academic record and would value the opportunity to spend a semester gaining firsthand policy experience in a public or private sector in Washington, D.C., are invited to apply.

Two applications are required:

1. The Washington Semester Program (www.american.edu/washingtonsemester/)

This application is on-line and is submitted directly to the WSP at American University. Before applying, students should contact Carnegie Mellon's WSP representative, Connie Angermeier, Coordinator of Student Programs, Social and Decision Sciences (cla2@andrew.cmu.edu).

2. The Friedman Internship Program (www.cmu.edu/govrel/internships/index.html)

The deadline for submission is December 5, 2008. Although it does not specifically list spring 2009, please use this application when applying for next semester.

The Friedman Internship Program will be having an information session on October 28 to discuss both the semester and the summer program; please see "Announcements: Scholarships/Fellowships" for details.

GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

Lecture: "How Race Affected the Presidential Election"

Marcus Mabry, International Business Editor, The New York Times

Thursday, November 13, 2008

4:30pm – 5:45pm

Porter Hall 100

Award-winning journalist Marcus Mabry joined The New York Times as the International Business Editor in July 2007, where he directs coverage of international news for the Times' Business Day section, and manages the section's foreign correspondents around the world.

Before joining the Times, Mabry worked at Newsweek for 19 years, covering business and international affairs and serving as Chief of Correspondents and the Senior Editor of Newsweek International.

He is the author of *Twice As Good: Condoleezza Rice and Her Path to Power*, and of the memoir, *White Bucks and Blackeyed Peas: Coming of Age Black in White America*. Mabry is a frequent television commentator on politics, world affairs, and public opinion in both English and French.

OTHER EVENTS

Performance: "Disshera-Diwali-Dhoom" with Shaoni Mitra

Friday, October 24, 2009

8:00pm

Graduate School of Public Health Auditorium (Hall G23), University of Pittsburgh

Shaoni Mitra, winner of the famous Indian music contest TVS Sa-Re-Ga-Ma, is an immensely gifted singer. She has won numerous awards and accolades for her outstanding performances. Shaoni sings a wide variety of songs from the latest Hindi pop numbers to the melodious oldies with amazing perfection. Trained in Indian Classical Music, Shaoni also sings Geets, Ghazals and Bhajans with great authority. After a number of immensely successful concerts in various cities in India, Qatar, UK, and France, she is now touring the US. Her performances in Columbus, San Diego, Dallas, Chicago and Iowa City have been greatly appreciated. During her Pittsburgh performance, Shaoni will be accompanied by Debashis Ghosh, an eminent keyboard artist and music composer in his own right. For more information, contact Aloka or Jay: (412) 302-8176, alokamitra@yahoo.com.

Lecture: "The Last Soviet Dreamer: Encounters with Leonid Potemkin"

Monday, October 27, 2008

1:00pm - 3:00pm

3703 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Jochen Hellbeck, Associate Professor of Russian History at Rutgers University. For more information, contact Anna Talone: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean Region: An Italian Outlook"

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

4:00pm

Conference Room S120, Thomas E. Starzl Biomedical Sciences Tower, University of Pittsburgh

Ambassador Paolo Pucci di Benisichi was appointed Counsellor of State by the President of the Italian Republic September 7, 2007, in recognition of his extensive career in the diplomatic service for Italy. He served as the Italian Ambassador to Spain from 1988 to 2002. For nearly two decades, Ambassador Pucci di Benisichi headed various Italian delegations reviewing security, arms control and cooperation in Europe. In addition to his professional activity in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Council of State, Paolo Pucci di Benisichi is Professor of Theory of International Relations at the Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (Guido Carli Free International University for Social Studies), Rome, and is the author of several essays on politics and international relations. For more information, contact Susan Corrigan: corrigans@upmc.edu.

Lecture: “Printing a Pogrom: Violence and Print Communities in Interwar Romania”

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

4:00pm - 6:00pm

3703 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture in the European Colloquium Series, presented by Roland Clark, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History. For more information, contact Anna Talone: 412-648-7407, crees@pitt.edu.

Student Activity: Development Solutions Organization Mixer

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

4:30p – 6:00p (if you can't make all of it, feel free to drop in at the end to socialize!)

Location TBD

Interested in development work in India? Then come to DSO's third mixer THIS Wednesday to hear:

- * Association for India's Development (AID), a global NGO,
- * Professor Rahul Tongia, School of Computer Science,
- * Fellow Students,

Discuss their experiences of working in India and internships and programs where students can get involved! Food will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact rajitk@andrew.cmu.edu. For more information about DSO, see “Announcements: Miscellaneous.”

Film: “Eu, Tu, Eles”

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Dir. Acdrucha Waddington (Brazil-2000). 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. For more information, contact amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com

Luncheon/Discussion: “Brazil – U.S. Relations, Bilateral, Regional & Global Agendas”

Thursday, October 30, 2008

12:00pm - 1:45pm

The Rivers Club, One Oxford Center, 301 Grant St., Downtown Pittsburgh

Discussion with His Excellency, Antonio Patriota, Ambassador of Brazil to the United States

Brazil is among the world’s fastest growing economies, and its global role is changing as well. Central to its foreign policy is its leadership within South America as well as its relationship with the U.S. Regional stability, economics and trade, and environmental and energy issues are all at the forefront of the country’s increasingly important international agenda.

Prior to assuming his current role, Ambassador Patriota served as Under Secretary General for Political Affairs in Brazil’s Ministry of Foreign Relations. He was promoted to Ambassador in December 2003 and served as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Relations. His prior service including assignments as Deputy Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization in Geneva, as Political Counselor at Brazil’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, Head of the Economic Section of the Brazilian Embassy in Caracas and as Political Counselor at the Brazilian Embassy in Beijing.

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

Film: Global Governance/Global Economy Film Series: “Breaking the Bank”

Thursday, October 30, 2008

7:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Breaking The Bank is an independent account of the April 2000 protests against the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. Drawing on the hard work of eight activist production groups and scores of volunteer videographers, this 74-minute documentary is filled with dramatic, inspiring footage from the streets of DC. Scenes of confrontation with police are intercut with the protests, puppets, and the passionate actions of thousands upon thousands of protestors. Breaking The Bank goes beyond the activists’ slogans and corporate media’s sensationalism to achieve an in-depth examination of the issues behind the protests. Included are segments on: IMF/World Bank policies and international militarism, ecologically devastating development projects, food production, and poverty within the “First World.” For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “National Security Policy: Challenges for the New Administration and Congress”

Thursday, October 30, 2008

7:30pm

Room 1500, Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

William Danvers' work focuses on public policy issues, and he has an extensive background in domestic and international economic policy. During the Clinton Administration, Mr. Danvers was Senior Director for Legislative Affairs at the National Security Council and a Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information visit: www.ridgway.pitt.edu or call Beverly Brizzi at 412-624-7884.

This event is co-sponsored by the National Security Network and the University of Pittsburgh's University Center for International Studies (UCIS).

Short Course: "India Today"

Friday, October 31 – Sunday, November 2, 2008

As global citizens, students need to have a working knowledge of other countries which are important in shaping the corporate, social and political world. As a rising state in the world economy, India's status in the business and in world affairs is shifting.

This short course will explore how these three factors interact in India and in the perceived position of India as a world economy. It will explore questions such as:

- To what extent has India's capacity to innovate and education been able to keep up with the industrial growth in recent years?
- Are the industrialized countries losing their monopoly on innovation? To what extent are the fears that they are, well-founded? Is this a zero-sum game?
- What are the major impediments to India's economic and business growth?
- (Compare and contrast policy debates, environmental impacts etc of economic growth between those of the U.S. and India)
- (What does the economic growth mean for:
 - An economically well-off American citizen? An American of lower economic status?
 - An affluent Indian citizen? A poor Indian citizen?)
- What are the current and future challenges of multinational firms in developing countries and what needs to happen to move towards the path of overcoming these?

The course will open with two keynote lectures on Friday evening on an overview of the issues. This will be followed by 3 or 4 two- hour instructional lectures on Saturday on the various themes by experts in the fields. Sunday morning will be a discussion of two case studies and a panel discussion by the speakers on future challenges, and some possible projections/ recommendations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Program Representatives on Campus

The study abroad programs listed below will have representatives visiting Carnegie Mellon. Feel free to visit their tables in the University Center, or contact the Office of International Education at goAbroad@andrew.cmu.edu, to set up a time to meet.

- **IES Barcelona** – Oct. 29th, Cesar Alsina hosting a table in Wean Commons 11-2pm

Study Abroad Information Session

The Office of International Education is offering one final study abroad information session for the fall semester:

Wednesday, October 29 - Connan Room, UC, 5-6pm

If you have not already attended an info session, please plan to attend this session 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

Information Session: Friedman Internship Program

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Carnegie West Conference Room, Warner Hall, First Floor

We have scheduled our Friedman Information Session for students interested in the 2009 Summer Washington, D.C. Intern program.

We'll be there to share information about the Friedman Program, the application process, and placement assistance. Some of our previous interns will be there to share their DC Summer Internship experiences and to help answer any questions the students might have. Pizza, cookies, and soft drinks will be provided!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

Information Session: Friedman Internship Program (10/28)

Please see “Announcements: Scholarships/Fellowships” for details.

Pittsburgh Federal Career Day (10/29)

Interested in finding out about government jobs? Then come learn about opportunities with federal, state and local agencies.

Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: University of Pittsburgh – William Pitt Union

Representatives from over 70 departments and agencies will be attending.

To register, log into TartanTRAK and select “Events” from the top menu bar. Use the "Workshop" tab and select gov/next generation government careers: Pittsburgh Federal Career Day. RSVP at the bottom of this page to complete the registration process.

For additional information visit www.gspia.pitt.edu and go to Upcoming Events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

University of Pittsburgh Graduate School Fair

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

5:00pm - 7:00pm

William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh main campus

This event is ideal for undergraduates, recent graduates, or young professionals seeking a master’s degree or Ph.D. to prepare them for a career in the government, nonprofit, international business, or university sectors. All undergraduate majors are appropriate, but the event should be especially interesting for political science, economics, foreign language, social science, international studies, and business majors.

For more information contact 412-648-7640 or gspia@pitt.edu. Register at the door, or pre-register at <http://www.apsia.org/apsia/admissions/admissions.php>

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

Development Solutions Organization Seeks Members!

- * Do you believe giving back is important? Passionate about making a real difference in the world?
- * Are you looking for a dynamic community to network, grow, and contribute to? (We boast some of the most diverse and interesting people on campus.)
- * Want to be connected with premier opportunities (faculty, NGOs, student organizations; projects, research) in the realm of global development?

Then you should strongly consider joining DSO!

Development Solutions Organization (DSO) (<http://cmudso.org>) is an organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive set of resources to students passionate about serving developing communities in a wide range of countries. Although relatively new, we are a fast-growing organization (sponsored by Yahoo!) that is currently looking for board members, mentors, and mentees.

We form four types of partnerships:

- 1) Faculty: we maintain a list of 100+ faculty members from which we regularly pull research opportunities, speaking/social events, and news.
- 2) Student organizations: we actively partner with and consult others working in our realm. (Frequent joint socials/networking, funding, student outreach.)
- 3) NGOs: we funnel and provide ongoing support to projects from NGOs to students and student organization.
- 4) Students: we work with students individually (through initial 1-on-1 consultations, and then through mentoring) to figure out what they are passionate about, set concrete goals, and help them reach these goals by connecting them with the right faculty, student organizations, or NGOs.

We are looking for:

- 1) Board members (email eshao@andrew.cmu.edu): we will work with you 1-on-1 on career advancement (how DSO fits on your resume), professional training (every board member speaks with partners), and leadership skills. We are selective and care more about personality and passion than experience. Be prepared to work hard and play hard.
- 2) Mentors/mentees (email ajvelazq@andrew.cmu.edu OR go to <https://quartz.wufoo.com/forms/mentoring-application/>): combining mentors' experience and mentees' curiosity and enthusiasm for global development; we're creating solid relationships to ensure there's ample support for all individuals, regardless of experience, to get involved.

Lastly, initiatives for the upcoming year: (These change as we gain board members and poll the campus.)

- 1) Wishlist -- a dynamic web application that pairs volunteer opportunities with students based on personality and skill-set. [BETA launch, still adding more opportunities before public launch]
- 2) Mixers -- bring all the organizations/faculty in one area (eg. sustainability) together; each gives a 5 minute lightning talk, before breaking to socialize. [Bi-weekly]
- 3) Lecture series -- we have enough funding to bring speakers to campus. Help us by suggesting names you want to see! [1-4x per semester]
- 4) Knowledge base -- provide details on how to approach faculty, do good research, etc. Accompanied by a council of PhD and faculty advisors ready to answer uncovered questions. [Semi-assembled advisory board.]
- 5) Mentoring, case competition, stuco -- as described above or see our website at <http://cmudso.org>.

We are doing great things on campus and have a lot to offer that isn't explicitly stated in this email.

* If any of this sounds interesting, please drop me an email at rajitk@andrew.cmu.edu, no matter how short. I'll follow-up and we'll have a conversation. *

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