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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.

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

Lecture: “Bosnian Islam: A Paradigm of European Islam?”

Friday, November 7, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Zilka Spahic-Siljak is a Professor at the Center for Interdisciplinary Post-Graduate Studies at the University of Sarajevo and Project Coordinator for research on gender and education at the Transcultural and Psychological Foundation in Sarajevo. She received her BA in Islamic Studies from the University of Sarajevo and doctorate from the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Novi Sad. Professor Spahic-Siljak’s publications include “Women, Religion, and Politics” and other books and articles. Her teaching and research focuses on gender, politics and religion in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Southeastern Europe. Dr. Spihac-Siljak has received grants from Oslo University and Arizona State University, and the University of Pittsburgh is proud to announce that she will be offering two courses as a Visiting Professor for the Department of Religious Studies in the spring 2009 term. For more information, contact Anna Talone: ant28@pitt.edu.

Event: Debate-a-Thon

Friday, November 7, 2008

UC Kirr Commons (UC Black Chairs)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

International Relations Organization – Model United Nations in collaboration with Student Activities, presents the first ever...DEBATE-A-THON!

Come out and express your opinions in a fun and light debate on the most recent topics in the following categories:

Social

Political

Economic

Teams of two can be formed or you can debate on your own, for or against your chosen topic.

Participate and get a FREE Dozen Cupcake!

Questions or Concerns? Email: cmuiro@gmail.com

Cultural Event: Polish Festival

Sunday, November 9, 2008

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Cathedral of Learning, Commons Room, University of Pittsburgh

The Polish Festival will be featuring ethnic foods, Polish dances, demonstrations and crafts. For more information, contact 412-624-6150.

Lecture: “The End or the Return of the Balkans? Serbia, FYROM, Kosovo, Bosnia, and Montenegro”

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Dimitris Keredis, Associate Professor of International Relations at the University of Macedonia lectures. For more information, contact Karen Launtanen: kal70@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Historicizing Contemporary African Migrations”

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Room 4130 WWPH, University of Pittsburgh

Historicizing Contemporary African Migrations; discussing the changing face of intra-Africa migration in the light of geopolitical and security considerations, growing informalization of economies, violations of migrants’ rights, and other related issues. Dr. Manuh is professor and director of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana, Legon, and Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Science. Her specializations include contemporary African migrations, women’s rights and empowerment issues, African higher education, and development issues. For more information, contact Macrina Lelei: 412-648-2058, macrina@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Atlantic Divisions and the Resurgent Bear: U.S.-European Security Relations After Bush and Georgia”

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

4:00pm

Room 3911, Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Mike Winnerstig is currently a deputy director of research at the Swedish Defense Research Agency in Stockholm. He has been a researcher and teacher at the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University, and has received fellowships at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany, Aberdeen University, UK, and Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. His research, which has been published as two monographs and numerous articles, is focused on

transatlantic relations, US foreign policy, and NATO issues. For more information, contact Beverly Brizzi: 412-624-7884, brizzi@gspia.pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Witness in the Holy Land: Palestinian Christians Under Occupation”

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

8:30pm

244A Cathedral of Learning

Maria Khoury, Ed. D. is the author of Christian children’s books and *Witness in the Holy Land*, a publication reflecting personal experiences under Israeli military occupation. She and her husband, the Honorable Mayor David Khoury, have helped boost the Palestinian economy with investments in the Palestinian beer, “Taybeh” and in fair trade bottling of Taybeh Olive Oil. For more information, contact Jonas: joeskillet@riseup.net.

Lecture: “Girls’ Education: Key to Development in Africa”

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Kakenya Ntaiya will focus on the impact girls’ education has on development in Africa; more specifically benefits to the economy, education, women’s health and the health of their family. We will also discuss how education empowers girls to achieve their full potential in life. The second part of the discussion will focus on barriers to girls’ education. Girls’ education has dominated international debate for several decades. These include the 1990 World Conference on Education for All (EFA), the 1994 Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) and the 2000 United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Of the six goals of EFA, two of them specifically address the need for educating girls: the need to ensure that all children by 2015 have access to compulsory primary education of good quality particularly girls in difficult circumstance and those from ethnic minorities; and to eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary schools by ensuring girls fully and equally have access to good quality education by 2015 (The World Bank Group, 2008). At the end of our conversation we will be able to answer this critical question: How successful have these commitments been? For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Confronting Gender-Based Violence in Africa: Legislative Actions and Inactions”

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

4:00pm - 6:00pm

WPU Kurtzman Room, University of Pittsburgh

Confronting Gender-Based Violence in Africa: Legislative Actions and Inactions which highlights examples from Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana of using law to address the issue of gender-based violence in Africa, noting the similarities and differences. Dr. Manuh is professor and director of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana, Legon, and Fellow of the Ghana Academy of Arts and Science. Her specializations include contemporary African migrations, women’s rights and empowerment issues, African higher education, and

development issues. For more information, contact Macrina Lelei: 412-648-2058, macrina@pitt.edu.

Film: “Cenizas del Paraiso”

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Dir. Marcelo Pineyro (Argentina-1997). 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

Lecture: “From Nationalism to ‘Third Worldism’: The Changing Self Image of Catholics in Hungary and Italy During the Cold War”

Thursday, November 13, 2008

3:00pm- 5:00pm

3703 Posvar Hall

Sponsored by: European Studies Center, European Union Center of Excellence

Arpad von Klimo, DAAD Visiting Professor, will present this lecture. For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: 412-648-8517, kal70@pitt.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Writing Contest

TransitionsAbroad.com, the website born of Transitions Abroad Publishing, Inc., hosts an annual student writing contest for all currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate students, students who have graduated within the past year, and students currently on leave from school.

For this year's contest, the winning student submission will be awarded \$500 in cash, the second place winner will be awarded \$150, and the third place winner \$100. In addition, the winners will be featured in the April Webzine dedicated to study abroad and educational travel.

All winning pieces will be published on the TransitionsAbroad.com website. Runner-up winners will be awarded \$50 and will also be published on TransitionsAbroad.com.

The contest deadline is March 1, 2009, with no entry fee. Winners will be chosen on or about March 15th, 2009, and notified by phone, mail, or e-mail by April 1, 2009, for publication by May 1, 2009, or at such time as all winners have received and cashed payment.

Submissions that have been published at home institutions during the current academic year are also qualified.

Our contest is unique in covering the gamut from educational student travel, volunteering, internships, short-term work, and traditional study abroad via U.S.-based programs as well as direct enrollment in foreign institutions.

For more information, please see <http://transitionsabroad.com/information/writers/student.shtml>.

Women Abroad Lunch

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, University Center

Recently returned study abroad students and students considering study abroad are encouraged to attend this interactive lunch designed to address issues specific to women while abroad. RSVP is required to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu by November 10th. Lunch will be provided.

Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation for Spring 2009 Study Abroad

The study abroad pre-departure orientation is REQUIRED for students studying abroad for credit. Students studying abroad for the spring of 2009 should attend a pre-departure orientation this fall. You will NOT receive study abroad credit unless you attend ONE pre-departure session. Please attend - even if you have not yet been accepted. You must attend the full two hours of the orientation. If you have not yet been accepted but think you may be going abroad, attend to be sure you get the orientation.

This orientation will prepare you for both cultural and practical issues regarding study abroad. You will get all the paperwork you need to register for study abroad.

Pizza and drinks will be served.

Please RSVP to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu for ONE pre-departure orientation- please put the date of attendance in the subject line and your name in the body of the message.

Predeparture dates for the Fall 2008 semester:

- Wednesday, November 12th, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter Room, UC
- Monday, November 24th, 5-7pm, Peter Room, UC
- Thursday, December 4th, 5-7pm, McKenna Room, UC

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

For scholarships/fellowships related to study abroad, please see "Announcements: Study Abroad."

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS

Clinton Global Initiative University Invites Student Applications

The Clinton Global Initiative, a nonpartisan initiative of the William J. Clinton Foundation, is accepting student applications for the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) 2009 meeting.

CGI U is dedicated to the distinct potential that young people and higher educational institutions have to make a difference on their campuses and around the world. President Clinton will host the second annual meeting of CGI U at the University of Texas at Austin, February 13-15, 2009. Building on the success of CGI U 2008 in New Orleans, the meeting will bring together young leaders, university presidents, and activists to address pressing global challenges in the areas of education, energy and climate change, global health, human rights and peace, and poverty alleviation.

The deadline for early decision applications is November 7, 2008. The final deadline for applications is December 12, 2008. Attending CGI U is free, and travel assistance is available for those who qualify. CGI U actively seeks a range of students who have a variety of experiences, interests, talents, and goals.

In order to attend, all students must make a commitment to a new, measurable plan for addressing a specific problem on their campuses or around the world.

Visit the CGI website at <http://www.clintonglobalinitiative.org/> for complete program information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

Be a Board Member at a Fast-Growing, Sponsored Student Organization

Are you interested in global development? Want to be part of one of the strongest, quickest growing (2 months old) organizations on campus?

Consider a “career” with Development Solutions Organization (DSO):

- * Vision drives implementation: we want to become THE network in global development. Our aggressive timeline includes expanding to a second campus next semester.

- * Implementation actually happens! We aren't stagnant: board members regularly put in 10-70 hours a week.

- * Engagement is high: weekly events bring in average 70+ students/faculty audiences. (Proof at: <http://flickr.com/photos/poleris/sets/>)

Even though we're a young organization, we've accomplished a lot:

- * Professional designer works pro-bono, former Deloitte consultant sits in on board meetings, technical team includes Google/Microsoft interns.

- * Completely funded by Yahoo! and three other sponsorers.

- * Partnered with big names such as Peace Corps, TechBridgeWorld, IDG.

- * Board members get business cards, t-shirts for marketing efforts.
- * CRM system with over 600 faculty/NGO/student contacts. We meet and consult with tons of people 1-on-1.
- * Again, we're only 2 months old!

This is a unique opportunity:

- * Be on the ground floor of something BIG.
- * Meritocracy: if you have the skills and passion, you'll have the title. (ie. We have a freshman on our Upper board.)
- * Culture: we're tight (socialize outside of work) and inclusive (we're REALLY friendly).
- * Professional development: we run just like a corporation. I guarantee you'll have a LOT to talk about. Resume reviews and professional training available within the board & from Yahoo!/Deloitte.

- * Join our mailing list @<<http://www.cmudso.org>>

We're hiring! Board positions available. E-mail us. <inquiries@cmudso.org>

We do a lot. Seriously. You'll want to be able to say you were part of this.

FOR FACULTY

Fourth International Conference on the Arts in Society

July 28-31, 2009

Venice, Italy

The International Conference on the Arts in Society and the International Journal of the Arts in Society provide an intellectual platform for the arts and art practices, and enable an interdisciplinary conversation on the role of the arts in society. They are intended as a place for critical engagement, examination and experimentation of ideas that connect the arts to their contexts in the world - in studios and classrooms, in galleries and museums, on stage, on the streets and in communities.

The 2009 Arts Conference will coincide with the Venice Biennale, and will be held in conjunction with featured exhibitions and programs. The occasion of the Venice Biennale provides an opportunity for the Conference to serve as a node in the larger phenomenon of fairs, festivals, and their networks. As such, the Arts Conference aims to discover what values, instincts and common ground may exist within the arts and their practices and sites of reception around the world. Your participation shapes the Conference itself.

The theme of this year's Conference is Art and Transnationalism. It focuses dialogue on the arts and art practices that may be situated within the context of international art expositions, festivals and biennials which are engaged with the transnational production of art and its global distribution networks. The scope is deliberately broad and ambitious. Our times demand nothing less than interdisciplinary and holistic approaches. The breadth of the Conference and the

Journal, however, are without prejudice to finely grained discussion of specific, local and grounded practices.

In addition to a roster of international main speakers, the Arts Conference will also include numerous individual paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by artists/practitioners, teachers and researchers. We invite you to respond to the Conference Call for Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the fully refereed International Journal of the Arts in Society. If you are unable to attend the Conference in person, virtual registration options are also available which allow you to submit a paper for possible publication in the Journal.

The deadline for the next round in the call for papers (a title and short abstract) is 14 November 2008. Future deadlines will be announced on the Conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of the Conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at the Conference website - <http://www.Arts-Conference.com/>.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and hope that you will be able to join us in Venice in July 2009.

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