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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

Teleconference: "The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression"

Thursday, November 20, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

H&SS Dean's Conference Room (Baker 154R)

Join the Global & International Relations Program for a teleconference with Amity Shlaes, Senior Fellow for Economic History, Council on Foreign Relations; author, *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression*. Pizza and beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Global & International Relations Program and the Department of Social and Decision Sciences.

OTHER EVENTS

Lecture: “Murder, Real and Represented: The ‘Caso Cogne’ and Contemporary Italian Narrative”

Friday, November 14, 2008

5:00pm

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Pitt’s Department of French & Italian and Literatures presents the Nicholas C. Tucci Lecture by Dr. Ellen Nerenberg entitled “Murder, Real and Represented: The ‘Caso Cogne’ and Contemporary Italian Narrative.” Ellen Nerenberg is Associate Professor of Romance Languages & Literatures and Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Wesleyan University. Her primary fields of interest include 20th and 21st century Italian Literature, cinema and cultural studies. She is co-editor of *Writing Beyond Fascism: Cultural Resistance in the Life and Works of Alba de Cespedes* (Fairleigh-Dickinson U P, 2000) and the author of *Prison Terms: Representing Confinement During and After Italian Fascism* (U of Toronto P, 2001), for which she received the 2001 Howard R. Marraro prize, awarded biannually by the Modern Languages Association for the best book published in North America on an Italian subject. Prof. Nerenberg’s current project carries the working title “Making a Killing” and explores the representation in Italian cultural expression and the media of three cases of homicide in Italy since 1989. A reception will be held in the Croghan Schenley Room following the lecture. For more information, contact Monika Losagio: (412) 624-5221, losagio@pitt.edu.

Cultural Event: “Vadim Astrakhan”

Saturday, November 15, 2008

6:00pm

Connan Room, University Center

For the first time ever: English translations of the greatest Russian singer/poet/cultural icon, the author of over 900 songs. Cost: \$8 with Student ID in advance, \$10 at the door. For more information, contact Yevgeniya Monisova: 617-571-9894, jenia@cmu.edu.

Lecture: “Path to an International Career”

Monday, November 17, 2008

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Room 111, Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

Pitt Law alumnus James Stockstill will speak about his path to an international career, including the activities he participated in as a J.D. student and the career options that led him to his current position. Mr. Stockstill currently works as a Project Coordinator for MSF (Doctors without Borders) and has served in Ethiopia, Sudan, Nigeria, and Nepal. There will be a question and

answer period following Mr. Stockstill's presentation. For more information, contact Gina Clark: 412-648-7023, glclark@pitt.edu.

Lecture: Reading from "The Adoption Papers"

Monday, November 17, 2008

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Power Center Ballroom, Duquesne University

Humour. Gender. Sexuality. Sensuality. Identity. Racism. Cultural Difference. When do any of these things come together to equal poetry and fiction? When Jackie Kay's part of the equation. Jackie Kay won many awards for her first collection of poetry, *The Adoption Papers* (1991), about the experience of being transracially adopted (she is Nigerian and Scottish by birth, and was raised by a white couple in Glasgow). She has continued to publish both prose and poetry, and won the Guardian Fiction Prize, for her first novel, *Trumpet* (about the family left behind by a transgender person). In addition to writing for adults, she has also written poetry and fiction for children, including the prize-winning *The Frog Who Wanted to Be an Opera Singer*. In 2007 she was named the British Book Awards Decibel Writer of the Year for her book of short stories, *Wish I Was Here*, which is mostly about GLBT/Queer folk. Her most recent work is *The Lamplighter*, a radio play commissioned by the BBC to mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. For more information, contact Marianne Novy: mnovy@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "What Will it Really Take to Realize the Universal Declaration of Human Rights? Human Rights Work on the Ground"

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

12:00pm

3610 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Lecture by Lyn Beth Neylon JD; LL.M.; Legal and Gender Specialist. Ms. Neylon oversaw women's legal rights projects in Benin and Rwanda from 2004 until January 2007. She was the Associate Director of the Washington Kurdish Institute, and previously ran a human rights consulting business in Washington, DC, working with NGOs and government agencies on a variety of human rights issues. Ms. Neylon will describe how working in almost any field can be turned into human rights work, based on her personal experience and people she has known, both inside and outside the United States. She will talk about the everyday, on-the-ground work of implementing human rights, and examples of what works, and what doesn't. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "HIV/AIDS in Malawi"

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

12:00pm - 1:00pm

Scaife Hall Lecture Room , School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh

Mara Banda, a longtime HIV/AIDS activist from Lilongwe, Malawi, will be sharing her experiences as an HIV-positive woman living and operating a community-health organization in Malawi. After nearly succumbing to the disease herself, Ms. Banda founded Paradiso House

Home-Based Care, a community health organization tackling the effects of HIV/AIDS in rural Lilongwe. Paradiso has gained renown within Malawi and cooperates with several international groups. The organization has expanded its programs, which now include orphan care, youth and women's support groups, community outreach, and care for patients bedridden by AIDS and tuberculosis. For more information, contact Sesi Aliu: sesi.aliu@gmail.com.

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8:30pm

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Lecture: “To Intervene or Not to Intervene: International Ethics and National Interests in Humanitarian Atrocities”

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

12:00pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Pinar Gozen, doctoral candidate in the School of International Studies, University of Trento, Italy, will present a lecture on her research conducted while a visiting scholar at the European Union Center of Excellence, European Studies Center. For more information, contact Sandra Hall: 412 383-7694.

Lecture: “Millennium Development Goals in Peru and Ghana: Programs for International Development Targeting Education and Teacher Training in Peru and Ghana”

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

12:00pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This research is currently being conducted as part of the Tools for International Development Course at GSPIA, August - October 2008. Beatriz Maeireizo is an MBA candidate in the Katz Business School at the University of Pittsburgh. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Film: Global Governance/Global Economy Film Series

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

7:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

30,000 protesters took to the streets in Washington DC on April 16, 2000. They called for immediate debt cancellation and the closure of the World Bank. The meetings and protests are seen through the eyes of two South Africans. In the Bank, finance minister Trevor Manuel, champion of South Africa's conservative economic policy and chair of the IMF/World Bank board. On the streets, Soweto activist and African National Congress member, Trevor Ngwane, joined the protesters. Through the oft-humorous adventures of the Two Trevors we get a unique inside picture of the commanding heights of the world economy, and of the protest movement that has emerged to challenge those commanding heights. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Fighting AIDS in Malawi"

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Room G23, Parran Hall, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh

Mara Banda, a longtime HIV/AIDS activist from Lilongwe, Malawi, will share her experiences as an HIV-positive woman living and operating a community-health organization in Malawi. A question and answer session will follow her talk. For more information, contact Sesi Aliu: sesi.aliu@gmail.com.

Lecture: "Northern Dimension and the Black Sea Synergy: An Assessment of EU Russia Regional Cooperation and Energy Relations"

Thursday, November 20, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Ekaterina Turkina, PhD candidate from Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, will present. For more information, contact Karen Launtanen: kal70@pitt.edu.

Lecture: "Gasoline; Ethanol; Food...Choose Two"

Thursday, November 20, 2008

6:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Pat Atkins, CEO, Atkins 360 L.L.C. Sustainability Consulting will discuss how in today's volatile market place it is often difficult to determine which choices are best in terms of the overall impacts on society. The fuel/food conundrum is a good example. This discussion will attempt to describe some of the consequences of choices and some of the reasons behind those consequences. No firm answers will be provided, but with luck a few horizons may be expanded. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Fellowships for Summer Critical Language Study

Kathryn Davis Fellowships for Peace: Investing in the Study of Critical Languages. *Full scholarships for intensive language study at Middlebury Summer Language Schools in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese and Russian.*

Fellowships will cover the full cost of a summer of language study from beginner to graduate in Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, Portuguese, and Russian at the Middlebury College Language Schools during the summer of 2009. Each individual grant covers the full comprehensive fee (tuition, room, and board) for one summer at the Middlebury Language Schools, plus a stipend to assist in defraying program-related expenses. One summer of intensive immersion language at Middlebury is the equivalent of a full year of language study taken during the regular academic year. (Applicants who are interested in transferring academic credit should check with their home institution regarding transferability.)

The Davis Fellowships are merit-based and intended for exceptionally qualified individuals with demonstrated interest in one or more of the following areas: international, global, or area studies, international politics and economics, peace and security studies, and/or conflict resolution. Individuals in other fields, including working professionals, are also encouraged to apply if their field of expertise requires them to study one of the critical languages listed above. There are additional Davis Fellowship opportunities available through Middlebury's affiliate, the Monterey Institute of International Studies. Please visit www.miiis.edu/finaid/fellowships_for_peace for more information.

To qualify for consideration for one of the Davis Fellowships, please submit, *POSTMARKED by February 2, 2009 (although individual language programs may have earlier deadlines)*:

- The application and three copies of the application essay.
- A completed application to the Language School to which you are applying. In some cases (Arabic) the deadline for admission to the School is earlier than the deadline for the Davis Fellowship. Interested applicants must meet all school-specific deadlines in order to be considered for a Davis Fellowship.

Applications for the summer language programs can be found at www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/applications
<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/applications/kwd.htm>

Spanish Ambassador Program

The Trade Commission of the Embassy of Spain is launching the "Study in Spain" campaign, directed to enhance the image of our country as a destination for American students, as well as to promote partnerships between Spanish and American education institutions.

As part of this agenda, we have developed a new program called "Spanish Ambassadors" through which we are recruiting students who might be interested in becoming the main Spanish

representative for their universities and colleges. We are looking for students who have a deep knowledge of Spain and its culture and who can offer the following profile:

- * Fluent in Spanish
- * Proactive personality
- * Motivated and committed for 1 or 2 years
- * With social skills
- * Interested in Spanish people and culture

We consider that this program would be very beneficial for these students as they will develop valuable skills such as leadership, event organization, responsibility, teamwork, and personal skills. At the end of their collaboration, the Embassy of Spain will issue an official diploma to each Student Ambassador which will grant added value to their student life and their resumes.

If interested, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail (miami@mcx.es) or call us (305-446-4387, ext 38 and 27).

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.”

Institute for Humane Studies Scholarship Program

For over forty-five years, the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University has dedicated itself to helping bright undergraduate and graduate students interested in individual liberty pursue their intellectual interests. Applications are currently available scholarships of up to \$12,000 for undergraduate and graduate students.

For more information about programs or to apply online go to: www.TheIHS.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

United Nations Internship Program for Junior Professional Fellows

The United Nations University Office at the United Nations, New York (UNU-ONY) recruits Junior Professional Fellows for two sessions each year running from August to January, and February to July. As an internship program, the "Junior Professional Fellows" reflects the high level of responsibility and opportunity given to those accepted into this programme.

The deadline for applications for the next internship session, running from February 1, 2009 to July 31, 2009, is November 30, 2008.

Candidates selected will be informed by the beginning of January 2009.

Qualifications required:

- ~ Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- ~ Advanced level of English or French required (spoken and written)
- ~ Ability to work with a team
- ~ Proficiency in Microsoft Office
- ~ Strong writing and research skills
- ~ Knowledge of at least two official UN languages desirable (preferably French or Spanish)
- ~ MA within relevant subjects preferred

The deadlines for handing in application materials are May 31 for session from August to January, and November 30 for session from February to July.

For more information and to apply online, please visit www.ony.unu.edu/internships.

Questions? Call or email your Career Consultant Debra Ignelzi (debraelgnelzi@cmu.edu) or Ray Mizgorski (raymond1@cmu.edu) at 412-268-2064.

Big Decisions: Undeclared, Undecided or Having Second Thoughts?

If you are among the many that are in the midst of trying to decide what to major in, narrow your career choices or explore your options, a trip to the Career Center may be just what you need. Whether you may simply need a bit more information or are experiencing doubts about your direction and what options are available for you, there are many things that can be done to help you make these big decisions and develop a satisfying career path.

Visit the Career Center website at: <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/career/successguides/> for the Success Guide on the “Road Map to Career Planning” (among others!). The “Road Map” guides you through the steps that will help make your college experience lead to a successful career path. Your consultant is here to support you with any step in this process. Call the Career Center today to schedule an appointment with your consultant at 412-268-2064.

“Live. Learn. Intern.” Summer Institutes in DC

June 6 – August 1, 2009

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Early deadline: December 5, 2008

Sponsored by The Fund for American Studies in partnership with Georgetown University, the Institutes combine substantive internships, courses for academic credit, career development activities, site briefings and lectures led by prominent policy experts.

Students will be accepted in a rolling basis until the final deadline of March 5, 2009. Students applying by the Early Deadline of December 5, 2008, will be given preference in admissions and scholarship decisions and will receive a 5% discount on their tuition balance.

- Internships – Competitive placements with top sites in D.C.
- Classes – Up to 9 transferable credits from Georgetown University
- Housing – Furnished on-campus apartments in the heart of D.C.
- Guest Lectures – With Washington’s top policy and industry experts
- Site Briefings – At the White House Complex, State Department, U.S. House of Representatives and Federal Reserve
- Leadership & Professional Development – Leadership, mentoring and career building activities
- Networking – Interaction with hundreds of other student leaders from around of the world
- Scholarships – Over half of all students receive full or partial funding based on merit and financial need

Four eight-week programs are offered in the following subject areas:

- Politics, Public Policy and International Affairs
- Journalism, Communications and Public Relations
- Corporate Business and Government Affairs
- Nonprofit and Community Service

For more information and an online application, please visit our website www.dcinternships.org or contact Haley Heieck, Recruitment and Admissions Assistant, at admissions@tfas.org or 1-800-741-6964.

for an informational brochure, visit <https://www.dcinternships.org/tfas/brochure/index.asp>.

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