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## **GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS**

### **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Happy Thanksgiving from the Global and International Relations Program! We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday, and safe travels.

The university is closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, in observance of the holiday. As a result, there will be no newsletter next week. We'll see you back here in two weeks!

# GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

## **Teleconference: "The Closing of the American Border"**

Thursday, December 4, 2008

12:00pm – 1:00pm

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

Join the Global & International Relations Program for a teleconference with Edward Alden, Bernard L. Schwartz Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, and author, *The Closing of the American Border: Terrorism, Immigration, and Security Since 9/11*. Pizza and beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Global & International Relations Program and the Department of Social and Decision Sciences.

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Lecture: "Enlightenment and Inspiring Decadence in the Court of Franz Josef the II"**

Friday, November 21, 2008

5:00pm

McConomy Auditorium

Dr. Herbert Lachmayer, Austrian scholar, will present a lecture as part of "Vienna Days," a collaboration between the Austrian Cultural Forum, the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, and Carnegie Mellon University to celebrate PSO music director Manfred Honeck's inaugural year in Pittsburgh.

### **Lecture: "The Georgian-Russian Conflict: History and Geopolitical Implications"**

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

12:30pm - 2:00pm

4217 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

For more information, contact 412-648-7407 or crees@pitt.edu.

### **Luncheon/Discussion: "Spotlight on Georgia, Conflict and International Relations"**

Thursday, December 4, 2008

12:00pm – 1:45pm

The Duquesne Club, 325 Sixth Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh

Fighting in Georgia's region of South Ossetia in August caused widespread destruction and forced the world to focus on long-simmering tensions between Georgia and Russia.

Now that the fighting has officially ended, what is to be done about the strained relations that remain? What does this mean for Georgia and Russia? What does this mean for relations between these countries and the United States?

His Excellency Vasil Sikharulidze was appointed as Ambassador of Georgia to the United States, Canada and Mexico in March 2006. Prior to his assignment in Washington, he served as Georgia's First Deputy Minister of Defense, responsible for policy and planning, international relations and legal affairs. He also served as Undersecretary of the National Security Council of Georgia and Head of the NATO Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

Ambassador Sikharulidze graduated from Tbilisi State Medical University, Faculty of Physician, and worked as a physician and psychiatrist prior to his career in public service.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **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](mailto: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.

Remaining predeparture dates for the Fall 2008 semester:

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

### **Global Engagement Summer Institute**

Partner with real communities, learn by doing, have the experience of a lifetime! Global Engagement Summer Institute 2009, in Argentina, India, or Uganda. Leadership training in international community development. Earn Northwestern University course credit this summer for designing projects with NGOs: microfinance, community development, youth and education, hygiene education, environment, social enterprise.

The Global Engagement Summer Institute (GESI) is a two-course summer study abroad program focused on community development in a global context and will send 60 students to La Plata, Argentina; Udaipur, India; or Jinja, Uganda. Students from around the country learn about international development, global engagement practices, project management, leadership, and the realities of contemporary Argentinean, Indian, or Ugandan life by connecting them with community based organizations to co-design and collaboratively implement a small-scale community development project. GESI starts with a 7-10 day training institute at Northwestern University in which students prepare for their project-based immersion by taking two courses—Intro to International Community Development and Theory and Practice of Community Consulting—as well as learning from guest speakers about the cultural, historical, political, and economic background of their country. Students then spend seven weeks in either Argentina, India, or Uganda living in homestays, working with a local non profit in a team of five, and participating in guest lectures and discussion with local experts and a Northwestern TA. The Foundation for Sustainable Development ([www.fsdinternational.org](http://www.fsdinternational.org) <<http://www.fsdinternational.org/>> ) will be in charge of overseeing student projects, setting up home stays, overseeing all orientation, cultural, health, and security concerns, and managing relationships with NGOs. GESI concludes with a 2-3 day comparative final summit in Chicago.

The Global Engagement Summer Institute program builds on Northwestern's successful Engage Uganda program, which has sent nearly 40 students to learn about team-based community development in Uganda over the last two years. It has been designed in collaboration with faculty from the Northwestern Asset-Based Community Development Institute, Engage Uganda faculty and staff, country- and issue- specific Northwestern faculty experts, and the Foundation for Sustainable Development, which has been a partner in our Engage Uganda program.

For more information, visit [www.mycge.org](http://www.mycge.org) <<http://www.mycge.org/>> or contact Ryan Pederson ([ryan-pederson@northwestern.edu](mailto:ryan-pederson@northwestern.edu)), the Northwestern University Center for Global Engagement (CGE) Campus Director. All students must conduct a phone interview with CGE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

*For scholarships/fellowships related to study abroad, please see*

## ***"Announcements: Study Abroad."***

### **Morris K. Udall Scholarship Information Session**

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

4:30pm

Carnegie East Conference Room, Warner Hall (1st Floor)

Interested in the environment? Then you may want to attend this information session about the prestigious Udall Scholarship.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for sophomores and juniors in any discipline who have demonstrated a commitment a career related to the environment. A commitment is demonstrated through participation in and substantial contributions to one or more of the following: campus activities, research, internships, community or public service. This information session will give an overview of the award and the application process.

#### Scholarship Benefits:

- Up to \$5,000 for tuition, room and board, or other educational expenses.
- Four-day Udall Scholars Orientation in Tucson, Arizona with travel, lodging and meals provided. All Scholars are required to attend this event held August 5-9, 2009.
- Access to a network of environmental professionals.

#### Eligibility:

- Sophomore or junior level student (including 4th year students in a 5-year track).
- U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or U.S. permanent residents.
- A college grade-point average of at least a "B" or the equivalent.
- Committed to a career related to the environment as demonstrated by coursework, research, internships, or campus activities.

#### Application Process:

- Carnegie Mellon students must compete first in a campus competition.
- Campus Deadline: February 6, 2009
- Carnegie Mellon nominates 6 students to participate in the national competition.
- Application available online: <http://www.udall.gov> <<http://www.udall.gov/>>

If interested, please attend the information session and visit the website: <http://www.udall.gov> <<http://www.udall.gov/>> . If you cannot attend, but are interested in applying, please contact Julia Spencer ([julias@cmu.edu](mailto:julias@cmu.edu) or 8x9987) or the campus representatives Cliff Davidson ([cliff@cmu.edu](mailto:cliff@cmu.edu)) and Peter Madsen ([pm2n@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:pm2n@andrew.cmu.edu)).

### **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Graduate Scholarship Program**

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Graduate Scholarship Program enables the nation's next generation of leaders—students with exceptional promise and financial need—to achieve their dreams by pursuing graduate degrees at top colleges and universities across the country.

One of the largest scholarship programs in the nation, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship provides awards of up to \$50,000 per year for up to six years of study to deserving low-income college seniors and recent college graduates (who graduated within the past five years).

For full details see: <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/graduate-scholarships/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/ PUBLICATIONS**

### **Organization of American States Essay Contest**

The Summits of the Americas Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) in coordination with the National Secretariat for the Fifth Summit of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago extends its greetings and is pleased to announce the launch of the "Summit of the Americas Essay Contest", within the framework of the Fifth Summit of the Americas that will be held in Trinidad and Tobago on April 17-19, 2009.

The Essay Contest, directed to undergraduate or graduate students of the OAS Member States, will encourage post-secondary students of the hemisphere to focus on the themes addressed in the Draft Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain presented by the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago: *Securing our Citizen's Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security and Environmental Sustainability*, to be adopted at the Fifth Summit of the Americas.

The objective of this initiative is to raise awareness of the Summits of the Americas Process among youth, stimulating analytical ideas from college and university students regarding the key issues of the region, as well as encouraging the participation of different actors in the process in the formulation of ideas and recommendations about the central topics of the Fifth Summit. Essays will analyze the principal areas engaged in this theme: a) human prosperity; b) environmental sustainability; c) energy security; d) strengthening democratic governance and e) strengthening the Summits Process. These topics include some of the key priorities of the region, around which the leaders of the hemisphere will center their attention in efforts to make commitments that will improve the wellbeing of the citizens of the Americas. The Contest will motivate the youth of the Americas to analyze the region's challenges and formulate innovative solutions.

Essays will be accepted in the four OAS official languages (English, Spanish, French, or Portuguese). A qualified jury comprised by academics, high level specialists and experts of the member institutions of the Joint Summit Working Group, will evaluate the essays and determine the winners. The authors of up to the 7 best essays (ensuring geographical equity) will be awarded a plane ticket in economy class from their city of origin to the Fifth Summit of the Americas. The winners will participate as observers in the Summit and have their prize-winning essays published on the Summits of the Americas Secretariat website ([www.summit-americas.org](http://www.summit-americas.org) <<http://www.summit-americas.org/>> ) and distributed to OAS Member States during the Summit.

To assess your eligibility and participate, please review carefully the "Terms and conditions" at [http://www.summit-americas.org/V\\_Summit/essay/terms\\_conditions\\_en.doc](http://www.summit-americas.org/V_Summit/essay/terms_conditions_en.doc). The deadline for submission of essays is December 15, 2008. For additional information, please visit the Summits of the Americas Information Network at [www.summit-americas.org](http://www.summit-americas.org) <<http://www.summit-americas.org/>> .

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