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Vira Heinz Scholarship Award Winner

Congratulations to International Relations student Emily Ferris, who has been awarded a Vira I. Heinz Scholarship for Women in Global Leadership. These scholarships are available on a competitive basis to Carnegie Mellon University women for summer study abroad. Emily, a sophomore Professional Writing and International Relations major, will be using this support to study Arabic in Beirut this summer at a intensive language program. Congratulations, Emily!

EVENTS

Film: Invisible Children Documentaries

Saturday, December 6, 2008

6:00pm – 9:00pm

104 David Lawrence Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Invisible Children Documentaries: Join One Life, One World, One Peace for an Invisible Children documentary double feature on Saturday, December 6. The documentaries will be shown from 6PM to 9PM and pizza and other refreshments will be served at intermission. The Invisible Children documentaries tell the story of the effects Africa’s longest running war has had on a generation of children in Northern Uganda who have never known peace and what each

one of us can do to bring it to an end. Join us for a fun and meaningful evening and join the movement for peace in Northern Uganda. For more information, contact 1world1peace@gmail.com.

Cultural Event: Holiday Open House

Sunday, December 7, 2008

12:00pm - 4:00pm

Cathedral of Learning, Commons Room

We invite you to visit the 27 Nationality Rooms adorned in traditional holiday decorations shown by guides in ethnic dress. Enjoy performances from different cultures, taste the foods from different countries, view craft demonstrations, and shop in the ethnic marketplace and the Nationality Rooms gift shop. For more information, contact Nationality Rooms Office: 412-624-6150.

Film: "Cleopatra"

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Preceded by a closing reception at 6:45pm. Directed by Eduardo Mignogna (Argentina-2003). 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

Film: African Film Series: "AFRO@DIGITAL"

Thursday, December 11, 2008

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

4130 WWPH, University of Pittsburgh

The film begins with a provocative question: Why speak of new technologies on a continent which wakes up and goes to sleep to the terrorism of poverty? In other words, how can Africa escape the logic of poverty and unequal development by making sure that digital technology does not pass it by, become an agent of neo-colonialism or marginalize it still further? As Nigerian filmmaker Ola Balogun warns: We must ask what the purpose of this technology is and what type of technology is most appropriate to us...technology is not a value in itself. For more information, contact Macrina C. Lelei: 412-648-2058, africast@pitt.edu.

Discussion: "Slave Ship to Human Rights"

Thursday, December 11, 2008

7:30pm

Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill

“Slave Ship to Human Rights” - a forum with Marcus Rediker, Chair, University of Pittsburgh Dept. of History, and respondent Martha Richards Conley, co-coordinator of the Pittsburgh chapter of Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. This year Marcus Rediker’s book, *The Slave Ship: A Human History*, received the George Washington Book Prize and awards from the American Historical Association and the Organization of American Historians. The event commemorates the 60th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights and the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. For more information, contact Marianne Novy: mnovy@pitt.edu.

Cultural Event: Japanese Tea Ceremony

Saturday, December 13, 2008

2:30pm - 3:30pm

University of Pittsburgh Book Center

The art of the Japanese tea ceremony was perfected by tea master Sen-no-Rikyū in the late 16th century, and after his death, the art of chado was passed down through the generations. Sen So’oku, the oldest son of the current grand tea master of the Mushakouji Senke school, is the fourteenth generation tea master of Sen-no-Rikyū’s descendants. Join us to learn more about the history and art of tea ceremony from one of the world’s foremost experts! To guarantee admission, please RSVP to Jennifer Murawski by email or phone no later than Thursday, December 11th, 2008. For more information, contact Jennifer Murawski: 412-383-3062, jennm@pitt.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

New Summer Internship Experience from TechBridgeWorld

iSTEP: Innovative Student Technology ExPerience is now recruiting students for summer 2009!

Are you interested in a paid internship opportunity that uses technology to positively impact developing communities?

The challenges that developing regions face are significant and technology innovations have not been utilized to the full benefit of individuals in developing communities. This summer, take part in a unique internship program that allows you to work in a multidisciplinary team to conduct research projects in collaboration with partner organizations in developing communities around the world.

iSTEP (Innovative Student Technology ExPerience) will give you valuable real-world experience in applying your knowledge and skills for creative problem solving in unfamiliar settings. This summer, we will be selecting a team of six students to work on projects in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The application deadline is Thursday, December 18th and you will find out no later than Thursday, January 29th if you are selected for the internship program.

For the online application and for more information on iSTEP, please visit <http://www.techbridgeworld.org/istep>.

Quick facts:

- * Open to undergraduates and graduates.
- * Open to students in both the Pittsburgh and Doha campuses.
- * Open to ALL majors!
- * iSTEP partner this year is the University Computing Centre Ltd. (UCC) based in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania.
- * 4 students will travel overseas to live and work in Dar es Salaam and 2 students will remain on campus (Pittsburgh or Doha). All students will work on projects in Dar es Salaam.
- * Each student will be paid a salary of US\$3,000 for their participation with the program.
- * Accommodations will be taken care of by the UCC for students in Dar es Salaam. Students remaining on campus may be eligible for an additional US\$1,000 to cover living expenses.
- * Preparations will involve logistical sessions as well as a Spring 2nd Mini course with 6 units of credit.

Employment Opportunities Conference (EOC) Coming in February

Thursday, February 5, 2009

12:00pm – 6:00 pm

University Center Gym and Rangos Ballroom

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 2 (Midnight)

The Career Center invites you to attend the Fifth Annual Employment Opportunities Conference (EOC) -- a job and internship fair for all students from all Carnegie Mellon colleges. The EOC is open to all currently enrolled degree seeking students of Carnegie Mellon University and Carnegie Mellon Alumni

Whether you are seeking a summer internship or a full-time employment opportunity, the EOC is an excellent job fair for you to attend. Over 65 “actively recruiting” organizations have already registered -- don't miss your chance to meet them.

For detailed information, log on to: <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/career/eoc/eocstu.cfm>

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH YOUR TARTANTRAK ACCOUNT: Login to TartanTRAK, select the “info sessions/events” tab, then select “Employment Opportunities Conference”
<https://cmu-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

New Master's Program in Global Studies at Brandeis University

The new Brandeis University Master of Arts program in Global Studies offers advanced interdisciplinary study of the processes of globalization and provides a broad perspective on global institutions and the complex ways that globalization affects specific regions and countries. Students focus on an area of concentration that addresses one of the following critical global issues: civil society and human rights; communications and media; culture and globalization;

global and regional governance; global environment; global health; immigration; social justice and gender. This expertise and skill development are valuable for those who seek careers in the public or private sectors, or for those who seek a solid basis and strong credentials for advanced training in relevant academic disciplines, such as anthropology, history, politics, sociology and the humanities. For more information, please visit the Global Studies website, <http://www.brandeis.edu/programs/global-studies>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS

Institute for Cultural Diplomacy's Young Leaders Programs

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) is pleased to announce four programs taking place in Berlin, February 2009. All programs are currently accepting applications.

The ICD is an international, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization focused on the theoretical and practical promotion of cultural exchange as a tool for improving relations in all areas. To learn more about our activity, please visit www.culturaldiplomacy.org.

The ICD Programs have been developed to facilitate intercultural exchange at the grass roots, civil society and political levels. They bring together Young Leaders from across the world for an analysis of cultural diplomacy, an exploration of the relationship between their cultures, and to create a sustainable network between likeminded individuals. Following the completion of the programs, the participants are encouraged to use this network to develop their own leadership initiatives in the field of cultural diplomacy.

The follow-up initiatives are supported by the ICD through an online forum and personal consultation, and allow the ICD principals of inter-cultural relations based on dialogue, understanding and trust to spread much further

The ICD Academy for Cultural Diplomacy (2 – 6 February 2009)

The ICD offers the Academy for Cultural Diplomacy to allow individuals of all backgrounds to gain an introduction in, or deepen their knowledge of, the field of Cultural Diplomacy. A diverse, inter-disciplinary curriculum featuring leading figures from the public sector, private sector and civil society will stimulate discussions of the salient issues in the field of Cultural Diplomacy today. The program is designed to complement more traditional academic studies in the area, as well as accommodate individuals from a professional background.

Further info: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_icdacademy_introduction

Enquiries: academy@culturaldiplomacy.org

Europe Meets Latin America: A Forum for Young Leaders (9 – 13 February 2009)

The relationship between Europe and Latin America, whilst strong in certain areas, can be further strengthened to the benefit of both. Important areas for consideration include Europe's role in the economic development of Latin America, and the cooperation of the two regions on global issues. Cultural Diplomacy can help by facilitating sustainable cooperation between

Europe and Latin America based on an understanding and awareness of the respective cultures, and the challenges faced within each region. Europe Meets Latin America: A Forum for Young Leaders will bring together young leaders from the two areas for a consideration of the bi-regional relationship, and to look at how it can be supported by Cultural Diplomacy.

Further info: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_emla_introduction

Enquiries: emla@culturaldiplomacy.org

Cultural Diplomacy in Europe: A Forum for Young Leaders (16 – 20 February 2009)

Cultural Diplomacy in Europe: A Forum for Young Leaders (CDE) has been designed to bring together young, influential people from Europe and across the world to explore the need for, and practice of, Cultural Diplomacy within Europe. Though increasingly integrated on a political level, cultural divides in Europe can be seen on both the intra- and inter-national levels. CDE will examine the origin and development of these divisions, and consider the impact they have on economic, political and societal relations on the continent. Through carefully selected case studies and workshops, the CDE will then encourage the participants to explore the role Cultural Diplomacy can play in addressing these cultural divisions.

Further info: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_cdie_introduction

Enquiries: europe@culturaldiplomacy.org

Cultural Diplomacy in Africa: A Forum for Young Leaders (23 – 27 February 2009)

Cultural Diplomacy in Africa: A Forum for Young Leaders (CDA) was developed to fill the urgent need for cultural diplomacy on the African continent. There are a range of serious challenges confronting Africa today, from violent conflict to HIV Aids. In addressing these problems the individual African states must work closely and constructively with each other, and also with external influences. CDA will consider how Cultural Diplomacy can help to strengthen relations between different cultural groups within Africa, will highlight and look at examples of initiatives that currently exist in this area, and will encourage discussions on the role that external influences can, and should, place in the development of Africa. The Forum will produce a dynamic, informed group of individuals with the desire and necessary skills to organize their own follow-up initiatives in this area.

Further info: www.culturaldiplomacy.org/index.php?en_program_cda_introduction

Enquiries: cda@culturaldiplomacy.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

Attention Grad Students: Alternative Break Trip Advisors Wanted!

If you are an energetic, enthusiastic person who likes to perform community service, travel, and work in groups, and feel great about what you do. Then join Alternative Break. Alternative Break is a student-managed organization, which endeavors to provide service-learning experiences to the Carnegie Mellon community. Alternative Break accomplishes this goal by planning student trips that involve participating in experiential service-learning opportunities, pre-departure educational sessions, academic credit, and outreach sessions to share these experiences with the larger campus and regional community.

This Spring Alternative Break is going to San Pedro de Casta, Peru to volunteer in the town through the non-profit organization, Globe Aware. This trip will focus on Education and Native Andean Culture. The proposed trip dates are March 6 to March 13. Participants will volunteer for one week performing various activities that could include teaching basic computer and English skills at the community center, helping construct a new building to house an early childhood education program, or working in a tree nursery to combat deforestation.

The second trip this Spring is to St. Bernard's Parish, Louisiana. It is a parish right outside of New Orleans. We will be working with the St. Bernard Project. The trip will focus on rebuilding, both homes and people's lives, to help restore some hope in New Orleans. We will have the opportunity to work directly with the homeowners to help them get a life back, starting at their home. Our efforts will bring them closer to getting the city they have always known and loved back. The proposed dates are March 8 through March 15.

As a Trip Advisor your responsibilities are to assist the two trip leaders in running the trip smoothly and safely as to make the trip as enjoyable and productive for all participants. Prior to the trip, a Trip Advisor is expected to attend the weekly pre-departure meetings (1-2 hours a week) and demonstrate a growing relationship with the trip leaders. Trip Advisors must be a Carnegie Mellon graduate student, faculty, or staff.

For all inquiries please contact Carlton Reeves, President, Alternative Break, at Altbreak@andrew.cmu.edu.

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