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EVENTS

Lecture: “Small Step, Big Leap: The Women of Shri Mahila Grih Udyog”

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

12:00pm

4217 WWPB, University of Pittsburgh

Speaker: Aruna Raman, Master in International Development 2010, University of Pittsburgh. Indians are remarkable in their spirit of entrepreneurship and devotion to quality. Started in 1959 by seven women who made papads (traditional Indian snack), the equitable ownership cooperative is now present in 17 Indian states, with 42,000 women members. Based on the principle of “housework being remunerative,” the creative business model has relied on a completely manual process, where women roll papads at home, convey them to branch centers, and receive compensation on the same day. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “Theories of Violence Revisited”

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

4:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Magid Shihade, UCIS Visiting Professor in Contemporary International Issues, will discuss mainstream common and dominant explanations of sectarian/ethnic conflicts and violence as they are often discussed in the academy, media, and the public. Through brief discussion of cases from the Middle East and beyond, the talk will assess the merits of such theories, and suggest an

alternative perspective that links modernity, colonialism, the state, and global structures/globalization to better understand such conflicts and violence in the Middle East and elsewhere. Reception to follow. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “The Answer is Blowin' in the Wind: Shifts in the Production and Distribution of War Photography Through 150 Years of Armed Conflict”

Thursday, January 22, 2009

6:00 pm

113 Barco Law Building

Lecture by Jennifer Saffron, Instructor in Film Studies and English at the University of Pittsburgh. Ms. Saffron’s lecture will address the changes in the production and distribution of war photography since the Crimean War. A special emphasis on current global conflicts will highlight the challenges in disseminating salient images of conflict, despite broad advances such as the Internet and real-time technology. Q & A will follow. This lecture is part of the spring Global Issues Lecture series, “Images of War: Representations of Conflict and their Impact on Public Discourse.” For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, dristas@pitt.edu.

Lecture: “The Future of US Nuclear Weapons Policy”

Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium 125, University of Pittsburgh

Presented by the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies—Ridgway Speaker Series.

GSPIA’s Ridgway Speaker Series will host a presentation by Dr. Charles Ferguson, who is the Philip D. Reed senior fellow for science and technology at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). He is also an adjunct professor in the security studies program at Georgetown University, where he teaches a graduate-level course titled “Nuclear Technologies and Security,” and an adjunct lecturer in the national security studies program at the Johns Hopkins University, where he teaches a graduate-level course titled “Weapons of Mass Destruction Technologies.” At CFR, he specializes in analyzing nuclear energy, nuclear nonproliferation, and the prevention of nuclear terrorism. He is the project director of CFR’s Independent Task Force on U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy. The Task Force is chaired by former Secretary of Defense William Perry and former National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft. He has worked as the scientist-in-residence at the Monterey Institute’s Center for Nonproliferation Studies (CNS). At CNS, he co-wrote (with William Potter) the book *The Four Faces of Nuclear Terrorism* (Routledge, 2005). He has also served as a physical scientist in the Office of the Senior Coordinator for Nuclear Safety at the U.S. Department of State, where he helped develop U.S. government policies on nuclear safety and security issues. After graduating with honors from the U.S. Naval Academy, he was trained as a nuclear engineering officer on a ballistic missile submarine. He holds a PhD in physics from Boston University.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

H&SS Study Abroad Scholarships

The Dean's Office for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to offer the following scholarships to encourage study abroad.

The Abel M. Bomberault Travel Fellowship

In memory of Abel M. Bomberault, class of 1956. Multiple scholarships of up to \$2,000 for H&SS, BHA, or SHS students for semester, full year, or summer study in a French-speaking country, with preference for France. Majors and minors in French will be given preference.

The Brona Stein Buerger Scholarship

These annual scholarships will provide up to \$2,000 to one or two H&SS, BHA or SHS students, from any class or major, to be used toward a semester or full year of study in an accredited program of education abroad. Current sophomores and juniors will receive preference. This award has been given in memory of Brona Stein Buerger, Margaret Morrison class of 1962.

The Hannah Estermann Bergman Travel Fund

This annual scholarship will provide up to \$1,000 to one H&SS student who is currently studying Spanish. Preference will be given to sophomores and juniors who are Modern Languages majors. This award has been given in memory of Hannah Estermann Bergman, Margaret Morrison class of 1946.

Alumni Travel Scholarship

Multiple scholarships of up to \$1000 are awarded each year to H&SS, BHA, and SHS students to be used toward a semester or full year of study in an accredited program of study abroad. Current sophomores and juniors will receive preference. These funds are generously provided by H&SS Alumni.

Funds from each of these scholarships may be applied to tuition, room and board, airfare to the country and/or book expenses for any accredited study abroad program.

Eligibility: To qualify for an H&SS Study Abroad Scholarship, students must be registered as a primary major in one of the H&SS academic departments or be enrolled in the BHA or SHS programs at the time of application.

To apply for one of these scholarships, applicants must provide:

- A copy of the official description of the chosen study abroad program
- One page essay on how the program will benefit the applicant
- Completed cover sheet – available online at www.hss.cmu.edu/studyabroad
- A white print of your CMU transcript.

Applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they qualify, but are only eligible to receive funding from one source.

Deadline for application: February 18, 2009

Submit applications to the Modern Languages Dept., Baker Hall 160.

Decisions will be announced via email by late March.

University of Pittsburgh Study Abroad Fair

Friday, January 30, 2009

11:00am – 3:00pm

William Pitt Student Union

Students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from a wide variety of work, volunteer and study abroad programs and opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

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

H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grants

The College of Humanities and Social Sciences wishes to encourage students to find and undertake interesting internship opportunities for their summer employment. We understand that many of these opportunities are unpaid, or, at best, provide minimal pay. Yet it is often these very positions that provide students with first-rate, challenging work experiences that are invaluable in helping them define and move forward to their career goals.

We have instituted the H&SS Summer Internship Opportunity Grants Program to make it more feasible for students to take advantage of less remunerative, worthwhile internship opportunities. Individual grants are generally \$1,000, but can be as high as \$2,000. The grant may be subject to federal, state and local taxes.

Undergraduates with primary majors in H&SS, BHA and SHS and strong academic records are eligible to apply. Current sophomores and juniors will receive preference. Graduating seniors are not eligible to compete.

Students should fill out an application form; submit a one- or two-page explanation of the internship and its importance to them; include a resume; offer a statement of financial considerations, including anticipated expenses and the financial implications of their taking an internship.

Deadline: March 19, 2009

H&SS Dean’s Office, Baker Hall 154

For more information and an application form, please visit www.hss.cmu.edu/internshipgrant.

State Department Fellowships

The State Department underwrites the Rangel and Pickering Fellowship Programs for undergraduate and graduate fellowships. These programs are designed to support interest in, and entry into, the Foreign Service by traditionally under-represented socio-economic and ethnic groups in the Department of State. The summer undergraduate programs are “for credit” courses hosted by Howard and Princeton Universities. For example, the six week Rangel program at Howard offers the “History of US Foreign Relations,” “Political Economy,” and “Writing” classes. Students receive tuition, travel, room and board, as well as a stipend. Program administrators pay close attention to these students taking them to visit U.S. agencies and Congress to meet foreign policy policymakers and practitioners.

Both the Rangel and Pickering programs also underwrite the full costs for graduate studies for motivated and talented students. Students are also assigned internships at the Department of State and an embassy or consulate overseas. On successful completion of the program, the student is eligible for entry into the Foreign Service, subject to passing the Foreign Service oral examination.

The deadlines for the coming year’s Rangel full time graduate and summer undergraduate programs are, respectively, January 23 and February 13, 2009. The Pickering graduate and summer programs deadlines are, respectively, February 3 and February 6, 2009.

Further information for these programs can be found at: www.woodrow.org (click on the foreign affairs drop down tab) and www.howard.edu/rjb/rangelprogram.htm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS

Foreign Service Officer Test

The next Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT) will be held during the period February 7 – 14, 2009. The procedure for registration is online and instructions can be found at <http://careers.state.gov>. Registration for the test can still be made in January. Students in their final year of study at CMU should consider registering for this test, the first step in the Foreign Service Officer Selection Process. Registration has been considerably simplified recently.

Teach Abroad with CIEE

CIEE Teach Abroad programs not only provide a forum for participants to immerse themselves in a local community, culture, and language while developing their teaching skills, but also allow recent graduates to gain international work experience that will enhance their resumes and pique the interest of future employers.

CIEE offers five programs for your upcoming graduates:

- Teach in Chile beginning in late February, apply by September 1
- VolunTeach Chile beginning in late May, apply by February 15 ~ *New Program!*

- Teach in China beginning in late August, apply by May 1
- Teach in Spain beginning in late September, apply by March 15
- Teach in Thailand beginning in mid-October, apply by June 15

It's not necessary to be a certified teacher, or to have teaching experience to be considered for CIEE programs! Eligibility requirements to teach abroad with CIEE include a bachelor's degree in any discipline, native English fluency, and a genuine interest to share experiences using creativity, inventiveness, and global and cultural savvy.

All CIEE Teach Abroad programs offer academic year teaching assignments, with Asia programs also offering a single semester option. CIEE staff negotiate a placement teaching English, a local stipend, and temporary housing. We provide pre-departure advising, visa advice, medical insurance, a comprehensive in-country orientation, and 24-hour support services.

Why CIEE? For more than 60 years, CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange has pursued its mission, "to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world." CIEE Teach Abroad programs are a smart choice for graduates interested in living this experience.

For more information, or to apply, visit <http://www.ciee.org/teach/>.

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/>

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