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## GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

### **Global Health Fellows Program Information Session**

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

12:00pm – 1:30pm

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The Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP) is a partner organization of USAID that recruits fellows and interns for the USAID Bureau for Global Health.

Susan Masse, Deputy Director for Recruitment, Outreach, and Special Initiatives at GHFP, will be on campus to discuss the program, share insight into starting a career in global health, and host a Q&A session. The session will be tailored toward students from the Global and International Relations Program and the Health Professions Program.

For more information about the program, please visit [www.ghfp.net](http://www.ghfp.net).

## OTHER EVENTS

### **Seminar: “Beyond Chinggis Khan: Mongol Connections with the World of Islam”**

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

5:30pm - 8:30pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

This is the sixth seminar presented by the National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA), the Asian Studies Center (UCIS), and the World History Center at the University of Pittsburgh. Our guest speaker will be Professor Johan Elverskog, Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He specializes in the history of Inner Asia and is the author/editor of six books. His most recent works are the following: “The Pearl Rosary: Mongol historiography in 19th century Ordos” and “Biographies of Eminent Mongol Buddhists.” Professor Elverskog’s recently completed project (under review) is “Buddhism and Islam on the Silk Road: A History of Cross- Cultural Exchange.” Following Professor Elverskog’s presentation and the Q&A period (about one and one half hours total), NCTA teachers Pam Burrett (Mt. Lebanon schools) and Adel Fougnes (Pittsburgh schools) will share their teaching experiences while in Mongolia last summer. In addition they will recommend and demonstrate teaching materials appropriate for secondary classes. For more information, contact Patrick Hughes: [pwhughes@ucis.pitt.edu](mailto:pwhughes@ucis.pitt.edu).

### **Lecture: “The Management of Cultural Heritage in China”**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

12:00pm

Hamburg Hall 1000

Lecture by Luca Zan, Professor of Management in the Faculty of Economics at the University of Bologna (Italy). The subject of Zan’s research project – carried out in 2005-2008 – is the analysis of the managerial aspects of change in the processes of archaeological discoveries, restoration, museum definition and access to cultural heritage in Luoyang City, China.

### **Luncheon Discussion: “Diplomacy in a Transformed World”**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

12:00pm - 1:45pm

The Duquesne Club, Founders Room, 325 Sixth Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh

Throughout the presidential campaign, candidates all agreed on the importance of diplomacy in achieving America’s strategic objectives. But it is — as the National Intelligence Council reminds us in its recent Global Trends 2025 report — a “Transformed World.” As the Obama Administration charts its course in foreign policy, how should we understand the changing dynamics of contemporary diplomacy?

John Hulsman returns to Pittsburgh with his co-author, Wess Mitchell, to discuss their newly released book, *The Godfather Doctrine: A Foreign Policy Parable*, published by Princeton University Press. John C. Hulsman is the Alfred von Oppenheim Scholar in Residence at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin. He is also a contributing editor to *The National*

Interest. A. Wess Mitchell is Co-Founder and Director of Research at the Center for European Policy Analysis, a Washington, DC-based policy institute dedicated to the study of central Europe.

For more information, or to register, visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org/>.

**Lecture: “Why The Violence? A Discussion About Greek Politics and Society”**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

2:00pm – 3:30pm

4130 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Achilleas Mitsos and Dr. Despina Alexiadou will present together on Greek politics and society. For more information, contact Karen Lautanen: [kal70@pitt.edu](mailto:kal70@pitt.edu).

**Film: “La ultima cena”**

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Dir. Tomas Gutierrez Alea - Cuba – 1976. For more information, contact [amigoscinelatinoamericano@gmail.com](mailto:amigoscinelatinoamericano@gmail.com).

**Lecture: “Will India and China Dominate the 21st Century Global Economy?”**

Thursday, February 26, 2009

12:00pm - 1:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture by Lee Branstetter, Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University. Economists in the public and private sectors have forecast that China and India could both become larger economies than the United States over the course of the 21st Century. China could overtake the U.S. in absolute economic size within two to three decades. What is the theoretical and empirical basis for these predictions? Are they credible? And if China and India do eclipse the U.S. in economic size, does that pose any threat to Americans’ economic well-being? For more information, contact Jennifer Murawski: 412-383-3062, [jennm@pitt.edu](mailto:jennm@pitt.edu).

**International Film Festival: “Faces of Realism”**

Thursday, February 26, to Sunday, March 8, 2009

Faces of Realism, the 2009 Carnegie Mellon International Film Festival organized by The Humanities Center, brings award winning contemporary films, discussions and receptions to the Melwood Screening Room, McConomy Auditorium at CMU and the South Side Works Cinema from February 26th through March 8th, 2009. To reserve tickets (payment not required) and for the complete list of film summaries, filmmaker bios and event descriptions, go to <http://www.cmu.edu/faces/>.

Faces of Realism, CMU International Film Festival Schedule:  
<http://www.cmu.edu/faces/newsletter.html>

**Film: “A Closer Walk”**

Friday, February 27, 2009

3:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

“A Closer Walk” is the first film to depict humankind’s confrontation with the global AIDS epidemic. The film’s director and producer, Robert Bilheimer, is an Academy Award nominee for his film “Cry of Reason,” a profile of the South African anti-apartheid leader Beyers Naude. “A Closer Walk” was conceived with the late Jonathan Mann, architect of the World Health Organization’s response to global AIDS. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “The Overextended American Military – Prospects for our Future”**

Thursday, March 19, 2009

7:15pm – 8:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Lawrence Korb, former GSPIA Dean, will address the US military – its state of readiness, its overextension, what this means for national security and the future of America and the world – and how the next President should deal with these critical issues.

Dr. Korb was Assistant Secretary of Defense under President Reagan from 1981-85, where he administered about 70% of the US Defense budget. He is now Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and Senior Advisor to the Center for Defense Information. He was previously Senior Fellow and Director of National Security Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, and for 4 years Council Vice President and holder of the Maurice Greenberg chair. Dr. Korb served on active duty as a Naval Flight Officer and received the Defense Department’s Distinguished Public Service medal. He has been Raytheon’s Vice President of Corporate Operations, the University of Pittsburgh’s Dean of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, and Senior Fellow at Brookings. He authored more than 20 books and 100 articles on national security issues, has appeared more than 1,000 times on major television shows and has written more than 100 op-ed pieces in the Washington Post, New York Times and other leading publications.

This event is cosponsored by GSPIA’s Matthew B. Ridgway Center and the National Security Network and is open to all students, staff and the general public.

For more information visit [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu) or call 412-624-7884.

**Conference: “Conflict, Human Security and Energy: African Reactions to the New US Africa Command”**

Friday, March 20, 2009

8:00am – 4:30pm

Assembly Room, William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

The Africa Command is intended to provide a unified focus for U.S. security concerns and defense activities in Africa and the goal of the AFRICOM leadership is to develop an inter-agency pattern of security cooperation on the continent by emphasizing diplomatic and development efforts to foster human security (the so-called “Three Ds of Development, Diplomacy and Defense). Conceptually, this “whole of government” arrangement is intended to be mutually beneficial—to the US and African countries. However, for this initiative to be effective, it requires a better understanding, a strengthened partnership and a more significant input from African leaders.

In spite of a number of efforts to explain this initiative, both legitimate concerns and misconceptions regarding the intent and scope of AFRICOM operations persist. This resistance should be seen within the context of the new Obama administration. These range from realistic security concerns to broad conspiracy theories, mistrust of U.S. intentions, and in some cases erroneous characterizations. This conference and research project will complement other ongoing public policy and research efforts by providing detailed African and American insights from military, socio-economic, government, civil society and regional/sub-regional perspectives.

In addition, this conference will (a) provide an analytical overview of, and (b) identify the policy implications of African views toward AFRICOM for both the U.S. and Africa. Presenters will discuss strategies for African countries to put forward their views about these developments. There are three interconnected issues that are often discussed within the context of the AFRICOM debate: support for anti-terrorism activities, energy security, and U.S. competition with China and India for African markets and raw materials.

Co-sponsored by GSPIA, Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, Ford Institute for Human Security, University Honors College, African Studies Program, and the University of Pittsburgh’s Office of the Provost. Mr. McDonald’s lecture is sponsored by the Professor Saul M. Katz Lectureship on Economic and Social Development.

The conference is free, but registration is requested. Register today at [http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu/africa\\_registration.asp](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu/africa_registration.asp). For more information visit [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu) or call 412-624-7884.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **Study Abroad Speed Networking**

Wednesday, February 25th, 2009

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Connan Room, UC

A new opportunity for returned study abroad students and students interested in learning more about study abroad to interact, share stories and ask questions in a fun “speed dating” atmosphere.

## Study Abroad Information Session

Thursday, February 26th, 2009

5:00pm – 6:00pm

McKenna/Peter Room, UC

General information sessions for students interested in study abroad. Returnees will be on hand to talk about their experiences.

## The Mary Ellen Crannell Naylor Study Abroad Award

The MECN Study Abroad Award is a \$600 award for one Carnegie Mellon student each academic year who plans to study in Europe in a cultural immersion program. Completed applications packets are due to OIE (Warner Hall 3rd floor) by 5pm on Monday, March 2nd. Guidelines and application materials may be found at

<http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

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

### SURG/SURF Proposals Due March 18

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) are open to ALL undergraduates interested in any form of research. Awards are available of \$3500 for ten weeks of full-time summer research on campus in any field of study. Summer Research Fellowships are very competitive. Students may work alone or in a group, but must apply for the Fellowship as an individual - no group awards are available.

Summer and fall Small Undergraduate Research Grants (SURG) are open to\*ALL\* undergraduates in any discipline, freshmen through seniors. Grants are available of up to \$500 for single entries and up to \$1,000 for group entries to cover such things as the costs of supplies and materials, time on laboratory equipment, or travel to another city for data.

The deadline for Fall/Summer 2009 SURG and Summer 2009 Fellowship proposals is March 18th, 2009 at 5 PM.

Apply online at [www.cmu.edu/uro/](http://www.cmu.edu/uro/). We strongly recommend that you review a draft of your proposal with the URO Director, Stephanie Wallach, prior to the deadline. To make an appointment e-mail Stephanie Wallach ([sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:sw4s@andrew.cmu.edu)) or Jen Weidenhof ([jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:jweidenh@andrew.cmu.edu)).

Make a contribution. Work with a mentor. Follow a passion. Develop an idea. Solve a problem. Create, build, perform. APPLY for SURG/SURF!

### 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](http://www.hss.cmu.edu/internshipgrant).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS**

### **.ORG Pittsburgh NonProfit Career Fair**

Thursday, March 19, 2009  
11:00am – 3:00pm  
University Center

Are you looking for a job or internship in the nonprofit sector? If so, this is the event for you! Job seekers can distribute resumes and speak with organizational representatives about current and future employment and internship opportunities in the nonprofit sector.

To register, log into TartanTRAK and select "Infosession/Events" from the top menu bar. Use the "Workshops" tab and select .ORG Pittsburgh NonProfit Career Fair. RSVP on the right side of the page to complete the registration process.

See <http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/pghnonprofitfair/> for employer information.

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