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## GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

### History Department Announces New Major in Global Studies

The Department of History is pleased to announce a new major in Global Studies. The new B.A. in Global Studies contributes to the university's focus on internationalization and is designed to help students understand the specific character of the present period of world history in relation both to the past and to emergent trends and challenges. An interdepartmental major, Global Studies is based in the Department of History but also draws faculty from the departments of English, Modern Languages, and Philosophy. Coursework on transnational processes, regional and local cultures, and contemporary global issues as well as advanced language studies (and, ideally, direct experience abroad), will make the B.A. in Global Studies an attractive choice for those who wish to pursue advanced graduate study or careers in law, teaching, government, business, and international development.

The B.A. in Global Studies provides an interdisciplinary humanities-based alternative to the Global Politics major that was established in Fall 2008 by the Department of Social and Decision Sciences. Global Studies is available as both a primary and an additional major. Beginning in Fall 2009, several new courses specifically designed for this new major, including "Introduction to Global Studies" (79-275), will be offered regularly.

For more information, contact Traci Sebastian, the Global Studies academic advisor, at [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu).

### Spend Fall Semester in Washington DC!

Carnegie Mellon undergraduates from any course of study who would value first-hand policy experience are invited to apply to American University's Washington Semester Program (WSP). Through this semester-long program, students live, work, and study in Washington D.C., coming into direct contact with political, business and community leaders.

Students accepted to WSP are eligible to apply for *Friedman Fellowships*, which help defray the costs of a semester in Washington. In addition to their internships and coursework through WSP, Friedman Fellows will participate in special events and activities designed to complement their work and studies.

Grants of up to \$3,000 are available.

For more information, visit <http://www.cmu.edu/govrel/friedman/washington-semester.html>, or contact Traci Sebastian at [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu).

## GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

### Learn More About Majors in the Department of Social and Decision Sciences

Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Porter Hall 223D (SDS conference room)

The Department of Social and Decision Sciences (SDS) is hosting an information session for students who want to learn more about the various SDS majors available. Advisors will be on hand to discuss the Global Politics major, as well as the majors in Decision Science and Policy & Management. Students who have yet to declare a primary major, or those who might be interested in declaring an additional major or changing majors, are invited to attend. Pizza and drinks will be served.

### **Lunch Discussion: Careers in the State Department**

Thursday, April 2, 2009

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Baker Hall 154r (H&SS College Conference Room)

\*RSVP by Friday, March 27, 2009\*

Considering a career with the State Department? What better way to learn what's involved than by talking with a career diplomat! Join us for a lunch discussion with Mr. Robert Dry, Diplomat-in-Residence for the U.S. Department of State.

Since September 2008, Mr. Dry, a career United States diplomat, has served as Diplomat-in-Residence at the City College of New York. In this position, he encourages U.S. citizens in several states to pursue internships and careers in the U.S. Department of State and the Foreign Service. He also will teach a course in contemporary foreign policy at CCNY.

Prior to New York, Mr. Dry served as Counselor for Environment, Science, Technology and Health/Nonproliferation Regimes at the American Embassy in Paris. He advanced negotiations on climate change and promoted collaboration between the United States and France in advanced energy technologies, including fourth generation nuclear systems and fusion. In international health, he advanced collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services and French biomedical research organizations, including Inserm and Institut Pasteur. Working with French security authorities, he developed a U.S.-France collaborative counterterrorism program to enhance the protection of civilian nuclear facilities and the transportation of nuclear materials.

From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Dry served as long-term 'Chargé d'Affaires' or Acting Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission at the American Embassy in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, and was responsible for obtaining unfettered access to Omani military facilities for U.S. armed forces to stage the war in Afghanistan ('Operation Enduring Freedom'). From 1999 to 2001, as Economic Counselor at the American Embassy in Hanoi, Mr. Dry served as the Ambassador's principal adviser to conclude the final normalization work between the United States and Vietnam.

Previous foreign assignments include Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; Jakarta, Indonesia; Guangzhou, China; and Baghdad, Iraq. Mr. Dry also served as Country Desk Officer for Saudi Arabia and Yemen; Financial Analyst, Office of International Investment; and International Judicial Assistance Officer, Bureau of Consular Affairs, all in the Department of State in Washington.

A graduate of the University of Glasgow in Scotland with an MA in British Legal History and Classical Arabic and Islamic Studies, Mr. Dry also received a JD degree from the National Law Center at George Washington University in Washington, DC, where he is a Member of the Bar.

As lunch will be served, we ask that you please RSVP for this event to [traci@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:traci@andrew.cmu.edu) no later than noon on Friday, March 27, 2009.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

### **The 6th CMU International Film Festival: Laughter Across Borders**

Friday, March 20 – Saturday, April 4, 2009

Join us for free laughs, films and food!

The Modern Language Student Advisory Council (MLSAC) at CMU is delighted to bring to you the 6th CMU International Film Festival, a series of films organized under the theme of "Laughter Across Borders." Eight films will be shown to the community, each one coming from one of the linguistic communities taught and studied in the Modern Languages Department at CMU: Italian, German, Chinese, Russian, Hispanic, French, Japanese, and Arabic.

Can laughter create unity and harmony across cultures and nations? We surely believe so. This year's theme will be explored through the unique experiences faced by individuals in their respective cultures. All films are subtitled in English and screened at McConomy Auditorium, Carnegie Mellon University. Everyone is welcome!! The event is open to the community and admission is free.

\*\* Films will begin at 6:30 pm except for April 1st , when the start time will be 7:30 pm.

For more details, visit <http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/org/filmfestival/about.html>.

This event was organized by the Modern Language Student Advisory Council (MLSAC) and the Department of Modern Languages, and funded by the Department of Modern Languages. Additional funding, food and beverages are also provided by generous donors including the Office of International Education, and Student Affairs at CMU, The Enrico Biscotti Company and La Mendocina.

### **Workshop: "Global Crises, Global Solutions"**

Saturday, March 21, 2009

9:00am - 12:00pm

3800 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

As the new president begins his term in power, what are the most important global crises that we will have to face and what are some possible solutions to those crises? Accelerating climate change, financial instability, migration, outsourcing, pandemics, corruption, and protectionism are challenging crises that transcend cultural and national boundaries. Such crises are complex

and often poorly understood, leading to discussions of public policy based on misunderstandings, faulty information, or oversimplification.

The Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) and the Global Studies Program of the University of Pittsburgh are offering an educational program titled “Global Crises, Global Solutions.” Spread over five three-hour weekly sessions between March 21st and April 18th, this program will help us better understand these challenges by leveraging the collective knowledge of a team of doctoral students of GSPIA to shed light on the questions and issues at hand, while keeping in mind the local connection.

“Global Crises, Global Solutions” will offer participants a unique opportunity for cooperative engagement with budding academics as well as fellow participants from the Pittsburgh community to discuss these pressing global challenges and share insights on what has and has not worked in attempting to solve them. To register contact Veronica Dristas at [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Understanding Culture, Religion, and Society in the Middle East: Diverse Perspectives” (Part II)**

Monday, March 23, 2009

4:30pm

Adamson Wing, 136A Baker Hall

How do dialogue and advancement occur in an environment where cultures and beliefs are sometimes at odds?

Yossi Klein Halevi, born in America and now an Israeli citizen, sought to understand whether faith could serve to heal rather than intensify relations in the Middle East, and began a journey to pray and meditate with “Christian and Muslim fellow believers.” At Carnegie Mellon, a diverse institution where science and technology know few barriers, Mr. Halevi will draw on his experiences and interviews to speak about how religion and culture help us to understand, and eventually resolve conflict. Mr. Halevi will also discuss the changing political landscape of the Middle East with recent elections in Israel and the current status of regional diplomatic relations. Mr. Halevi is a writer and Senior Editor at The New Republic, and contributes to the Los Angeles Times, New York Times, and Washington Post.

Part of the University Lecture Series, co-sponsored by Tartans for Israel.

**Lecture: “Food, Identity and Korean Diaspora”**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

1:00pm - 2:15pm

4217 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture by Dr. Young Rae Oum. Food is an important part of an ethnic or national identity, and many forms of identity narratives utilize food and cuisine. Korean Americans often play the role of native informants and represent Korean cuisine to Western audience as exotic, different, and lacking. In this lecture, the narrative strategies used by Korean Americans and the impact of such

discourses will be discussed. For more information, contact Kiely Houston: 412-648-7426, [khouston@pitt.edu](mailto:khouston@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Nusantara/Nanyang/Southeast Asia: Public Enactments of Religious Belief”**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

3:00pm - 4:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Dr. Ricardo D. Trimillos is Chair of Asian Studies at the School of Hawaiian, Asian & Pacific Studies and Professor in Ethnomusicology at the Music Department, both at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. Trimillos will give a talk on religious festivals and rituals of Southeast Asia. For more information, contact Kiely Houston: 412-648-7426, [khouston@pitt.edu](mailto:khouston@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Las Luchas Feministas y La Nueva Constitución Política en Bolivia”**

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

3:00pm

232 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

(in Spanish with English translation) Aymara/Bolivian feminist, lesbian activist, poet, and founding member of Mujeres Creando and Asamblea Feminista, Julieta Paredes will address the challenge of a radical feminist agenda in the Evo Morales era. Her talk will discuss burning issues in contemporary Bolivia - Communitarian feminism, Asamblea Feminista, the New Political Constitution of the Bolivian State, and the building of a revolutionary Estate different from the Western liberal model - the Communitarian Estate. Reception to follow in 1309 CL. For more information, contact [clas@pitt.edu](mailto:clas@pitt.edu).

**Film: “El Exilio de Gardel”**

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, 650 Schenley Drive, University of Pittsburgh

Dir. Fernando Solanas - Argentina, France – 1985. For more information, contact [amigoscinelatinoamericano@gmail.com](mailto:amigoscinelatinoamericano@gmail.com).

**Film: “Occident”**

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

8:00pm – 10:00pm

Alumni Hall 343, University of Pittsburgh

“Occident” is a bitter comedy about the people who want to emigrate from Romania, and about those who stay behind. The movie has a rich, interesting structure: there are three different stories - a week long in the film - that cross, interconnect and happen in the same period. The characters influence each others lives, sometimes even without knowing. Main characters from one story become secondary characters in another story. At the same time, scenes from the first part of the movie bring unexpected facts when seen the second or the third time. The stories do

not have just one ending: the first story ends in each of the third parts in a different point, suggesting radically different solutions for the characters. The way in which the director fits time and links events together often produces thematically unexpected results.

**Lecture: “How to Hide a Religion: Dissimulation as a Transformative Process in the History of a Modern Secretive Shin Buddhist Association”**

Thursday, March 26, 2009

12:00pm - 1:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

A lecture by Clark Chilson, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, University of Pittsburgh

For more information, contact Jennifer Murawski: 412-383-3062, [jennm@pitt.edu](mailto:jennm@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “The Death of Empire: British Cemeteries in Alexandria, Egypt, 1827-1972”**

Thursday, March 26, 2009

1:30pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Shane Minkin, PhD candidate in the joint History and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies program at New York University will discuss how the British cemeteries in Alexandria, Egypt, once stood as an equalizing space for the foreign and local populations of a cosmopolitan, colonial city. Following the end of empire, however, the cemeteries became symbols of the exclusion of foreigners and an increasing nativist ideology in the newly independent national state. This talk explores this struggle between conflicting understandings of who the living are and who has rights to land in the evolving political and social environment of a colonial and post colonial city. For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Portraying War and its Aftermath: A Personal Perspective”**

Thursday, March 26, 2009

6:00pm

113 Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

As a documentary director, writer and videographer, Ed Robbins will be sharing his personal experiences shaping stories within situations of war and crisis from a human story point of view. He will also discuss efforts to disseminate the growing flood of images from inside war torn situations. Examples will be drawn from his work in Iraq, Pakistan, Syria, Jordan and Afghanistan.

Ed Robbins is a multi-award winning director, writer, producer and videographer with 20 years experience. He has directed/written and often filmed numerous national and international documentaries on a wide range of topics. He has worked across America and in countries that include Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Iraq, India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Syria. 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](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Film: “The Great Global Warming Swindle”**

Friday, March 27, 2009

3:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

“The Great Global Warming Swindle” is a documentary film that argues against the scientific consensus that global warming is “very likely due to the observed increase in anthropogenic (man-made) greenhouse gas concentrations.” The film, made by British television producer Martin Durkin, showcases scientists, economists, politicians, writers, and others who are skeptical about the scientific theory of anthropogenic global warming. The program’s publicity materials assert that man-made global warming is “a lie” and “the biggest scam of modern times.” For more information, contact Veronica Dristas: 412-624-2918, [dristas@pitt.edu](mailto:dristas@pitt.edu).

**Lecture: “Clash of Civilizations or Islamo-Christian Civilization?”**

Friday, March 27, 2009

4:00pm

104 College Hall, Duquesne University

Keynote presentation for the CERIS Undergraduate Research Symposium. Richard W. Bulliet is Professor of Middle Eastern History at Columbia University where he also directed the Middle East Institute of the School of International and Public Affairs for twelve years. Born in Rockford, Illinois, in 1940, he came to Columbia in 1976 after undergraduate and graduate work at Harvard and eight years as a faculty member at Harvard and Berkeley. He is a specialist on Iran, the social history of the Islamic Middle East, and the 20th century resurgence of Islam. His most recent book before *The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization* (2004), a brief interpretation of the current crisis, was *Islam: The View from the Edge*, published in 1994. His earlier books include *The Patricians of Nishapur* (1972), *The Camel and the Wheel* (1975), *Conversion to Islam in the Medieval Period* (1979), *The Earth and Its Peoples: A Global History* (co-author, 1997), and *The Columbia History of the Twentieth Century* (editor, 1998). In 2005 he published a history of human-animal relations with the title *Hunters, Herders, and Hamburgers*, and his latest book, *Cotton, Climate, and Camels in Early Islamic Iran: A Moment in World History*, is scheduled to appear later this year. He has also published four novels set in the Middle East. For more information, contact [ceris@pobox.com](mailto:ceris@pobox.com).

**Film: “Secret Sunshine”**

Friday, March 27, 2009

6:00pm

4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

*Secret Sunshine* (2007) is a drama directed by Chang-dong Lee. In this somber Korean drama, a young mother and widow, Shin-ae, moves with her young son, Jun, from Seoul to a small town called Miryang following her husband’s death. Having given up on her career as a concert pianist when she married her husband, she starts up a piano school, but soon it begins to feel like the polite people who inhabit her new home aren’t as friendly as they seem on the surface.

Judgmental whispers and disapproving gossip begin to reach Shin-ae’s ears, and pressure to join the Christian cult that thrives in the town begins to mount. She’s hesitant until an unimaginable

tragedy alters her life forever, setting Shin-ae on a dark path of withdrawal from society as a whole. For more information, contact Dr. Ebru Turker: 412-624-5562, turker@pitt.edu.

**Lecture: Inaugural Lecture on Exemplary Leadership**

Thursday, April 2, 2009

3:30pm – 5:30pm

Pittsburgh Athletic Association Ballroom

The Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership proudly presents the Inaugural Lecture on Exemplary Leadership with Coleen Rowley, Former FBI Agent and Time Magazine 2002 Co-Person of the Year

In May of 2002, FBI Agent and Minneapolis Division Legal Counsel Coleen Rowley brought some of the FBI's pre 9-11 lapses to light and testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee about the endemic problems facing the FBI and the intelligence community. Rowley's memo to FBI Director Robert Mueller in connection with the Joint Intelligence Committee's Inquiry led to a two year long Department of Justice Inspector General investigation that was cited in the 9-11 Commission Report.

Ms. Rowley was one of three whistleblowers chosen as persons of the year in 2002 by TIME magazine.

This event is open to the public and free to attend. To make a reservation, please contact ethics@gspia.pitt.edu, or call 412-648-1336.

**Lecture: “Lessons in Leadership from JFK and LBJ for America’s New Commander in Chief”**

Thursday, April 2, 2009

7:00pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, 650 Schenley Dr., University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh’s Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies will present a lecture by Gordon Goldstein titled “Lessons in Leadership from JFK and LBJ for America’s New Commander in Chief.” Goldstein is the international security advisor to the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Strategic Planning Unit.

Goldstein will discuss the importance of understanding why and how U.S. presidents take the country to war and lessons that can be learned from the past. In his recently published book *Lessons in Disaster: McGeorge Bundy and the Path to War in Vietnam* (Times Books, 2008), Goldstein offers insight into the presidential mindset during one of the most critical foreign policy decisions in U.S. history.

Goldstein received his bachelor’s, master’s, Master of Philosophy, and PhD degrees in political science and international relations from Columbia University. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Goldstein’s articles on international affairs have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, and *The Washington Post*.

This lecture is cosponsored by the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies and the National Security Network. The Ridgway Center is part of Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs.

For more information, visit the Ridgway Center's Web site [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu) or contact Beverly Brizzi at 412-624-7884 or [brizzi@gspia.pitt.edu](mailto:brizzi@gspia.pitt.edu).

**Conference: "General Matthew B. Ridgway and the Korean War"**

Friday, April 3, 2009

8:30am – 5:00pm

121 David Lawrence Hall, 3942 Forbes Ave., University of Pittsburgh

The University of Pittsburgh will host a daylong conference examining General Matthew B. Ridgway and his influence as a principal U.S. military leader during a crucial tipping point of the Cold War.

Sponsors for the event include Pitt's School of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, Asian Studies Center of the University Center for International Studies, and the World History Center, as well as the U.S. Dept. of Education and the Korean War Veterans Association—Ridgway Chapter.

The event is free and open to the public, though registration is requested. For more information or to register, contact Dianne Dakis at [dakis@pitt.edu](mailto:dakis@pitt.edu) or 412-648-7367 or visit [www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/ridgway](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/asc/ridgway).

Ridgway assumed command of the 8th Army in Korea on December 26, 1951. He was put in charge of an army in full retreat but, by resolution and sharp decisiveness, he turned defeat into victory in what many critics have called one of the greatest turn-arounds in recent military history. On April 11, 1951, he was appointed Allied Commander in Chief of the UN Command in Japan, succeeding General Douglas MacArthur. In May, 1952, he was named Allied Supreme Commander in Europe succeeding Dwight D. Eisenhower. He was appointed Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army on August 15, 1953.

Ridgway retired on September 15, 1955, and lived in Pittsburgh until his death in 1995. His financial contribution led to the creation of the Ridgway Center for International Studies at Pitt. Established in 1988, the Ridgway Center for International Security Studies addresses the new security challenges facing the United States and the international community. Located in Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, the Ridgway Center's focus is on research, education and training, and outreach.

**Conference: "The EU and NATO in the 21st Century: Security Collaborators or Competitors?"**

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

8:00am

Pennsylvania Room, Pittsburgh Athletic Association, 4215 Fifth Ave.

The University of Pittsburgh will host a one-day conference to discuss how the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are coping with evolving defense and security environment in Europe and their impact on transatlantic relations with the United States.

Both the EU and NATO face significant challenges in international security operations at present, largely as a result of the rise of insurgencies and terrorism. The conference will discuss the EU and NATO's options for addressing change and modernizing tactics.

The conference will feature four sessions of discussion focusing on transatlantic security from European and American perspectives. Speakers include, Frédéric Bozo, professor of contemporary history at The Sorbonne; Eric Remacle, head of the political science department and director of the Bernheim Chair for the Study of Peace and Citizenship at the Université libre de Bruxelles; and Ambassador Kurt Volker, U.S. permanent representative to NATO.

The conference is sponsored by Pitt's European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies Center, University Center for International Studies, Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, and the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs as well as by the European Commission.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, visit [www.ridgway.pitt.edu](http://www.ridgway.pitt.edu) or contact Beverly Brizzi at 412-624-7884.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD**

### **Women Abroad Lunch**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

12:00pm - 1:30pm

McKenna/Peter Room, University Center

Recently returned study abroad students and students considering study abroad are encouraged to attend this interactive lunch designed to address issues specific to women while abroad.

Lunch will be provided.

If you are planning to study abroad this spring be sure to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet with other Carnegie Mellon women who have recently returned from abroad. The Women Abroad Lunch is an informal chat over lunch where you can discuss questions and concerns or simply satisfy your curiosity about what it is REALLY like to visit another country from a woman's prospective.

What cultural quirks should you be aware of...What about the people, food, safety, money exchange, night life...What about the guys...How are they different from your male friends at home...These and many more subjects of your choice will be discussed in a friendly informal atmosphere.

RSVP is required to [goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu) by Thursday, March 19th.

Sponsored by the Office of International Education. Contact [goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu](mailto:goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu) with any questions.

### **Mandatory Study Abroad Pre-departure Orientation**

The Study Abroad Pre-departure orientation is REQUIRED for students studying abroad for credit. Students studying abroad this summer, fall, or during the 2009-2010 academic year, *must* attend a Pre-departure Orientation this Spring. You will NOT receive study abroad credit unless you attend ONE pre-departure session.

Please attend - even if you have not yet been accepted or have applied and are still deciding to go abroad. You must attend the full two hours of the orientation.

This orientation will prepare you for both cultural and practical issues regarding study abroad. You will receive all the paperwork you need to register for study abroad.

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.

Pre-Departure dates for the spring 2009 semester:

- Friday, March 27, 12-2pm, McKenna/Peter Room, UC
- Tuesday, April 7, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, UC
- Monday, April 20, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, UC
- Wednesday, April 29, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, UC

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS**

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

### **Fulbright Student Program Info Sessions**

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

The Fellowships and Scholarship Office invites you to attend two information sessions on the Fulbright Program for US Students presented by a Fulbright representative.

SESSION 1: U. Pitt Campus

1:00 PM

Frick Fine Arts Building, Room 125

SESSION 2: Carnegie Mellon Campus

5:00 PM

Margaret Morrison 103

Presented by Vijay Renganathan, Senior Program Manager, Fulbright US Student Programs, Institute of International Education.

The Fulbright Program offers grants to U.S. students for study, research, and English teaching assistantships abroad. Fulbright is largest U.S. international exchange program sponsored by the US Dept of State.

*Why should I attend?*

- Juniors, seniors, graduate students, and alumni, now is the best time to begin preparing your application to meet the September 17, 2009, campus deadline.
- Freshmen and sophomores are encouraged to attend and start investigating this prestigious opportunity.
- Students who will study abroad this summer and next year will benefit from advice regarding networking and finding institutional support which is required for application to the Fulbright Program.

*Eligibility for Current 2010-2011 Competition:*

- Current juniors (graduating 2010), seniors, current graduate students, or alumni
- US Citizenship required.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CAREERS/INTERNSHIPS**

### **WestPACS College Job and Internship Fair**

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

10:00am – 3:00pm

Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena, Cheswick PA

Seeking a job or internship?? All majors are welcome!!

Attend the WestPACS College Job and Internship Fair long with more than 120 companies, government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Park at the Pittsburgh Mills Mall and ride the FREE coach shuttle to the event!

Register Online at [www.westpacs.org](http://www.westpacs.org) by March 30th and your registration fee will be waived!

Candidates must bring a resume, College ID and wear professional attire.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS**

### **Abroad View Student Writing Contest 2009**

"Abroad View," the global education magazine for students, is hosting its 6th annual writing contest. Currently enrolled undergraduate and graduate study abroad students, and students who have graduated within the past year, are invited to submit compelling stories for one of four

contest categories: Crossing Borders, Immersion, International Relations, and Inspiration. Winning submissions for each category will be awarded a cash prize of \$100 and published in *Abroad View's* fall 2009 magazine, which is distributed to colleges and universities throughout the United States. All other submissions will be further reviewed for magazine and online publication. The maximum word count is 1,500 for all entries. The deadline for submissions is April 10, 2009. Please send your entry(ies) to [editors@abroadviewmagazine.com](mailto:editors@abroadviewmagazine.com).

Entries will be judged based on the strength of writing and demonstrated analysis and reflection on cross-cultural experiences.

More detailed guidelines are available at [www.abroadview.org/initiatives/writingcontest.htm](http://www.abroadview.org/initiatives/writingcontest.htm).

*Crossing borders:* What's your story about adapting to life in a new country? What challenges and highlights did you experience during your assimilation process abroad? How did you participate in the culture and community? What lessons did you give, what lessons did you learn?

*Immersion:* Study abroad is the ultimate opportunity to become more than just a tourist. We're interested in all stories related to immersion, whether your topic is language learning, cultural activities, academics, or your living situation abroad.

*International relations:* Relationships play a significant role in the study abroad experience. Explore the dynamics that developed with host family members, friends, local vendors...individuals with different cultural reference points. How did you embrace differences and work successfully (or unsuccessfully) at building bridges?

*Inspiration:* If studying abroad ignited your imagination, this is your creative outlet for poetry, reflections, funny stories, short fiction, and artwork. Illustrations and photos should be sent initially as low-resolution jpeg, Photoshop, or PDF files (high-resolution will be required for publication).

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