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GLOBAL AND IR PROGRAM EVENTS

Commencement Reception

Thursday, May 14, 2009

5:30pm – 6:30pm

H&SS Coffee Lounge (Baker Hall)

The Global and International Relations Program is hosting a commencement reception in honor of our spring and summer 2009 graduates.

Friends and family are welcome. Please RSVP (with total number of guests) to Traci Sebastian at traci@andrew.cmu.edu by Monday, May 11, 2009.

OTHER EVENTS

Campus Book Drive for Africa

Through Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Want to do something amazing with that textbook you can no longer use and the bookstore can't buy back? We have a solution that benefits our campus, the earth, and students around the world! Seriously!

Be Green! Be responsible! Help out your fellow man by improving literacy in Africa while at the same time diverting these books from landfills.

Donate your unwanted college-level books published within the past 10 years (highlighting/writing in books is fine), and any books used in a college class to our book drive.

CMU student organization [FORGE](http://www.betterworldbooks.com) has partnered with Better World Books (www.betterworldbooks.com) to run a book drive that will benefit Books for Africa (www.booksforafrica.org) and we would love to have your support!

We have set up big green and orange collection boxes all over campus. These will remain up until May 12th. The locations for the 7 receptacles will be:

- 1 near the information desk in the UC
- 1 outside of the UC bookstore
- 1 on the first floor of Hunt near the newspaper dispenser
- 1 in Resnik outside of Carnegie Cafe
- 1 at the entrance to Morewood
- 1 at the entrance to Mudge
- 1 at the entrance to New House

Books collected will be put up for sale online to raise a sustainable stream of funding for Books for Africa or sent directly to Africa. If the books cannot be donated or sold, they are at the very least recycled. Book drives like this one have earned over \$1,700,000 for Books for Africa since 2003.

Thank you in advance for your help with our project!

Lecture: “Sustainable Agriculture in India”

Monday, May 11, 2009

6:00pm

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The Pittsburgh chapter of the Association for India's Development (AID) presents a talk by AID Jeevansaathi Kirankumar Vissa.

After working in the US for thirteen years and volunteering for AID, Kirankumar Vissa returned to India to work full-time in the area of agriculture as an AID Jeevansaathi. Kiran will talk about sustainable agriculture in India, describing the ongoing agrarian crisis, his work with the Center for Sustainable Agriculture to draft a farmers' manifesto, his study of the impact of genetically modified crops on Indian agriculture, and his efforts to establish a consumer cooperative in Hyderabad to promote healthy, pesticide-free organic produce.

For more information, contact: S.P.Arun (sparun@gmail.com).

Luncheon/Discussion: “An American Diplomacy for the 21st Century”

Thursday, May 14, 2009

12:00pm – 1:45pm

Duquesne Club, Main Dining Room, 325 Sixth Ave, downtown Pittsburgh

Discussion with Ambassador Marc Grossman, Vice Chairman, The Cohen Group; Former Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; Chairman, World Affairs Councils of America.

Allen H. and Selma W. Berkman Memorial Lecture on International Law and Politics.

Since 9.11, we have come to realize how fundamentally the world has changed, how the nature of America's power in the world has changed, and that our foreign policy needs to adapt to these new realities. What exactly does this mean? What role does diplomacy play in a world of globalized information, commerce, and even violence? How should we approach the diplomatic challenges facing the United States?

Prior to his retirement in 2005 after 29 years in the Foreign Service, Ambassador Grossman served as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, the third-ranking position in the Department. A Career Ambassador, his distinguished career included senior assignments as the Director General of the Foreign Service, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, and U.S. Ambassador to Turkey, as well as Special Assistant to the Secretary of State. A graduate of the University of California, he holds an M.Sc. degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Since 2005, he has been Vice Chairman of The Cohen Group, and, in January 2009, he became Chairman of the World Affairs Councils of America, the national association of which the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh is a member.

No refunds for cancellations after Tuesday, May 12th. Please advise in advance of any dietary restrictions. Visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org> for more details or to register.

Workshops: "The Politics of Development"

Sunday May 17, 2009 at 3:00pm

Monday, May 18, 2009, at 6:00pm

The Pittsburgh chapter of the Association for India's Development (AID) presents workshops on the politics of development, by Dwiji Guru & Sudha Nagavarapu.

Dwiji and Sudha are activists and AID volunteers who have traveled extensively in India, visiting a variety of development projects and organizations. They will organize informal workshops on the politics of development. These workshops will cover one or more of the following topics, depending on the interests of the attendees: (1) Negotiating life from the margins - to develop an appreciation of the lives of the marginalized and oppressed communities; (2) Politics of Food & Agriculture - to understand the politics of food - its production, distribution and the associated livelihoods; (3) Health and Technology - to understand community-oriented health programs, the associated costs and technological issues related to healthcare in rural India.

For venue details and to RSVP, contact S.P.Arun (sparun@gmail.com).

Luncheon/Discussion: "A Global Business Dialogue"

Thursday, May 28, 2009

12:00pm – 1:45pm

Duquesne Club, Main Dining Room, 325 Sixth Ave, downtown Pittsburgh

Discussion with Michael C. Maibach, President & CEO, European-American Business Council

2009 John T. Ryan, Jr. Memorial Lecture, On the Occasion of the 78th Annual Meeting: A Global Business Dialogue – With Support From a Grant From the European Commission

The Trans-Atlantic relationship is the most important commercial partnership in the world. With 11% of the world's population, this market produces 60% of the world's GDP and 40% of its trade. Trans-Atlantic investment, innovation, and trade foster prosperity in Europe, the United States and the world.

But as the global marketplace changes — and global wealth shifts from West to East — will this US-European nexus still drive future trade, innovation, and competitiveness?

Michael Maibach is President & CEO of the European-American Business Council, based in Washington DC. He previously served as vice president for government affairs at Intel, where he came to be known as a leading spokesman for America's electronics industry on trade and technology, testifying frequently before the U.S. Congress and publishing widely on policy issues. Prior to joining Intel, Maibach served as a government affairs manager at Caterpillar, Inc. and served in government in both elected and appointed positions. Maibach earned a BA and MA from NIU, a BA from California State University, a BS from American University, and an MA from Georgetown University. He also serves on the national Board of Directors of the World Affairs Councils of America.

No refunds for cancellations after Tuesday, May 26th. Please advise in advance of any dietary restrictions. Visit <http://www.worldaffairspittsburgh.org> for more details or to register.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Study Abroad Photo Contest

Glimpse Magazine is accepting submissions for its April/May photo contest, "World Styles." We're asking students to show us what's fashionable in their host country for a chance to win a \$250 travel voucher, courtesy of STA Travel.

In the caption, they are asked to explain what you see in the photo, to tell the story behind the photo, and if applicable, to share any personal anecdotes relating to this particular fashion style.

You can check out the entries already submitted and see guidelines here: <http://glimpse.org/contests/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: CONFERENCES/PUBLICATIONS

Communication Symposium: “Global Teaching, Global Learning”

June 29 – July 1, 2009

Please join us for this year’s Communication Symposium on June 29, 30, and July 1 (Mon-Wed) and let us know you’re coming!

Our theme is “Global Teaching, Global Learning,” and our guest speakers (and expert resources!) include Jodi Crandall from the University of Maryland (UMBC) and Vivian Zamel from the University of Massachusetts in Boston (UMass Boston).

Visit <http://english.cmu.edu/research/symposium/index.html> for brief information about the symposium.

The schedule is still in process, but here is a brief overview.

On Monday June 29—Admissions in Doha & Pittsburgh, talk by Jodi Crandall, and afternoon discussions about how we understand and interpret “culture” for designing academic and metacurricular experiences.

On Tuesday, June 30—Talk by Vivian Zamel, discussions about how our pedagogies interact with multilingual students’ needs in the global teaching and learning context.

On Wednesday, July 1—Presentations and discussions about understanding literacy as developmental across the curriculum and across the 4 undergraduate years. Wrap up by Jodi Crandall.

If you have questions about the program, please email the symposium coordinator Danielle Wetzel (dfz@andrew.cmu.edu).

****Please send your RSVP to Emily McCall (emccall@cmu.edu), the Symposium Co-Coordinator.****

New International Security Journal

The University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School for Public and International Affairs, in conjunction with the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, is proud to present the inaugural volume of *The Bunker*, a journal that deals with past and current issues in international security studies. The journal is intended to be an outlet that provides current MA and PhD students the opportunity to publish their original research.

In the first edition of *The Bunker* we have essays that deal with a wide range of issues pertinent to security studies. This variety is crucial given the ever-changing nature of the field. It is hoped that the journal becomes an intellectual forum for the scholarly exchange of ideas.

Any comments or recommendations you have would be most appreciated. Please direct your comments to brizzi@gspia.pitt.edu.

To view the PDF version of the “The Bunker” go to www.ridgway.pitt.edu, or if you are in the Pittsburgh area, feel free to stop by our office and pick up a complimentary copy.

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